

CITY OF VAN ALSTYNE

MINUTES

City Council Special Called Meeting

Van Alstyne Community Center

262 N. Preston Ave

January 22, 2018

4:30 P.M.

Members present: Mayor Larry Cooper, Teddie Ann Salmon, Brad Clough, Robert Jaska, Lee Thomas and Suzon Crowell.

Staff present: Jennifer Gould.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order. *Mayor Cooper called the meeting to order at 4:34pm.*
2. Invocation. *Recited by Mayor Cooper.*
3. Pledges of Allegiance. *US and Texas.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code (Open Meetings Law), the City Council may meet in a closed Executive Session pursuant to applicable laws.

4. All items below for Executive Session:

Pursuant to the following designated sections of Texas Government Code, Annotated, Subchapter 551, the Council will enter into executive session to discuss the following items:

- a) Section 551.074 [Personnel Matters to deliberate appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, compensation, resignation or dismissal] interviews of Interim city manager candidates and deliberation regarding scope of duties and appointment.
- b) Section 551.071 [Consultation with Attorney] regarding (i) rules/duties of the Interim City Manager and (ii) contract for purchase of property for municipal facilities adjacent to downtown public works facility.

Council recessed into closed session at 4:37pm.

Council reconvened into open session at 8:16pm.

OPEN MEETING

5. Consider and take any action necessary as a result of each item listed in executive session, including but not limited to:
 - a) Authorizing a city representative to explain duties and terms of employment to candidate(s) and make offer(s) to fill Interim City Manager position. *Teddie Ann Salmon advised that interviews will continue next week. No action taken.*
 - b) Authorize Mayor to execute revised Real Estate Sales Contract for purchase of property for municipal facilities adjacent to downtown public works facility. *No action taken.*

6. Consider and take any action necessary regarding appointment of Lee Thomas as the official spokesperson for the Mayor and City Council (not department heads) regarding the City of Van Alstyne until a permanent City Manager is selected. *Teddie Ann Salmon clarified that the original intent was to have Lee Thomas be the official spokesperson for the Mayor and City Council not the entire City. Teddie Ann Salmon made a motion to appoint Lee Thomas as the official spokesperson for the Mayor and City Council only, regarding the City of Van Alstyne until a permanent City Manager is selected. Lee Thomas seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Brad Clough clarified that this will be for media inquiries.*
7. Consider and take any action necessary regarding submission of documentation to the Grayson County District Attorney regarding the Mayor's Newsletter for January 2018. *Teddie Ann Salmon read draft minutes from the January 9, 2018 City Council meeting agenda item twenty-four. Teddie Ann Salmon made a motion to submit a letter along with the Mayor's newsletter for January 2018 to the Grayson County District Attorney. Suzon Crowell seconded the motion and the motion passed with Teddie Ann Salmon, Suzon Crowell, Robert Jaska and Lee Thomas in favor and Brad Clough abstaining.*
8. Consider and take any action necessary regarding purchasing an additional cellular device to be used for the purpose of video/audio recording City Council and other board meetings. *Sue Lynn Voight spoke to the need for a policy for operation of such devices and a City Facebook page. Mrs. Voight suggested that a Facebook page should be for information only and no comments should be allowed. Discussion was held regarding appropriate devices for the purposed of video/audio recording meetings. Staff will test devices on hand such as an iPad or Surface for functionality.*
9. Consider and take any action necessary regarding authorizing the City Clerk to launch a City of Van Alstyne Facebook page. *Discussion was held regarding the need. Lee Thomas suggested contacting the Public Information Officer at the City of Pflugerville regarding legal operations of a social media pages. Teddie Ann Salmon made a motion to table the item. Robert Jaska seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*
10. Adjournment. *Teddie Ann Salmon made a motion to adjourn at 8:35pm. Brad Clough seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*

Teddie Ann Salmon, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Jennifer Gould, City Clerk