

CITY OF VAN ALSTYNE

MINUTES

City Council Meeting

Van Alstyne Community Center
262 N. Preston Ave

June 12, 2018

6:35 P.M.

Members present: Mayor Steve Riley, Ryan Neal, Marla Butler, Robert Jaska, Lee Thomas and Suzon Crowell (*via FaceTime*).

Staff present: Lane Jones, Jennifer Gould, Ryan Dockery, Steve White, Judy Kimzey and Tim Barnes.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order. *Mayor Riley called the meeting to order at 6:44pm.*
2. Citizens Communications. *None.*
15. Consider and take any action necessary regarding approval of an ordinance adopting the Grayson County Thoroughfare Plan. *Clay Barnett detailed the process taken to create a county wide plan. Grayson County is asking that each member city adopt the plan. Commissioner Jeff Whitmire advised that various city thoroughfare plans were incorporated and the county connected the dots. It was clarified that adopting the Grayson County Thoroughfare Plan does not put anything in stone and Van Alstyne may make changes as desired and community those to the county. Robert Jaska made a motion to approve an ordinance adopting the Grayson County Thoroughfare Plan. Lee Thomas seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Conduct a Public Hearing regarding the 2017 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. *The Public Hearing opened at 6:49pm. Steve White detailed the report provided. There being no further comments the hearing closed at 6:52pm.*

CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed on the consent agenda allow the Council to approve all items together without discussion or individual motions. Items may be removed from the consent agenda on the request of any one member of the Council. Removed items will be discussed and action taken immediately after the consent agenda.

4. Consider and take any action necessary regarding minutes from the May 8, 2018 City Council regular meeting and the May 29, 2018 City Council special called meeting.
5. Consider and take any action necessary regarding approval of an ordinance amending Ordinance 816 amending the fiscal year 2017 – 2018 budget.
6. Consider and take any action necessary regarding amending the City of Van Alstyne Investment Policy.
7. Consider and take any action necessary regarding the appointment of Linda McConnell Daniels to the Van Alstyne Parks and Recreation Board.

8. Consider and take any action necessary regarding a preliminary plat of Thompson Farms, an addition to the City of Van Alstyne, Texas being part of the Thomas J. Paxton Survey, Abstract No. 953 & Leander Gibson Survey, Abstract No. 454 being a 108.376 acre tract. This property is generally located west of Jim Jones Rd and north of West Van Alstyne Parkway (FM 121).

Lee Thomas made a motion to approve items listed on the consent agenda. Marla Butler seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA (NON-CONSENT)

9. Discussion with Van Alstyne Economic Development Corporation (“VAEDC”) regarding Project Blue Flower. *EDC Executive Director Jodi Carr introduced Chris and Amber Larence of Vega Milling who will be locating their business in the Industrial Park.*
10. Consider and take any action necessary regarding appointment of a Mayor Pro-Tem. *Lee Thomas made a motion to appoint Robert Jaska as Mayor Pro-Tem. Ryan Neal seconded the motion and the motion passed with Lee Thomas, Ryan Neal, Marla Butler, and Suzon Crowell in favor and Robert Jaska abstaining.*
11. Consider and take any action necessary regarding authorizing the City Manager to institute the Police Department retention/compensation program. *Chief Tim Barnes addressed City Council and advised of the officer shortage in the prior eight to twelve months. A study was conducted and a plan developed to allow the Police Department to become competitive with regards to compensation to help retain personnel and recruit qualified applicants. Mayor Riley asked why the study was narrowed to three cities to which Chief Barnes advised that he worked with the City Manager to identify competitors. City Manager Lane Jones advised the proposed compensation plan is a huge step forward for the community. The proposal will have no impact on the current year’s budget because of understaffing thus far in the year. The impact to fiscal year 2019 will be minimized by phasing in new hires. Marla Butler made a motion to authorize the City Manager to institute the Police Department retention/compensation program as presented. Ryan Neal seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*
12. Consider and take any action necessary regarding an ambulance billing agreement with Emergicon and authorizing the City Manager to execute the billing agreement. *Chief Ryan Dockery addressed City Council and advised of the need for a change in the billing company. Ryan Neal asked what other cities or organizations use Emergicon to which Chief Dockery advised, Whitewright, Denison and Cooke County are a few he contacted when checking references. Suzon Crowell asked if there are performance measures in the contract to which City Manager Lane Jones advised there is a severance provision that allows for an exit with no notice requirement. Robert Jaska made a motion to terminate the agreement with AMB and authorize the City Manager to execute the billing agreement with Emergicon. Ryan Neal seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*
13. Consider and take any action necessary regarding the appointment of City Manager, Lane H. Jones to the Texoma Housing Partners Board of Directors. *Lee Thomas made a motion to appoint Lane H. Jones to the Texoma Housing Partners Board of Directors. Suzon Crowell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*
14. Consider and take any action necessary regarding authorizing staff to advertise for competitive bids for the Public Works building and site improvements on Spain Rd. *Lee Thomas made a motion to authorize the advertisement for competitive bids for the Public Works building and site improvements on Spain Rd. Suzon Crowell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*

16. Interim City Manager's Report. *City Manager Lane Jones provided a report detailing activities during the month of May. Mr. Jones also thanked Public Works staff for their tedious and dangerous work.*
17. Departmental Reports. *Jennifer Gould provided the Administrative Department statistics for the prior month, Chief Tim Barnes provided Police Department statistics for the prior month, Judy Kimzey provided the Library Department statistics for the prior month, Chief Ryan Dockery provided Fire/EMS Department statistics for the prior month, Steve White provided Public Works Department statistics for the prior month and Len McManus provided an update on various projects.*
18. Mayor and Council Closing Comments. *Mayor Riley thanked the City Manager and City Clerk for their help in transitioning into the position. Mayor Riley also thanked City Manager Lane Jones for how quickly he has moved on various projects. Suzon Crowell thanked boards for submitting minutes for inclusion in the meeting packets. Lee Thomas encouraged volunteerism on the various boards. Robert Jaska thanked volunteers for their service and advised of various events taking place in the City. Marla Butler encouraged involvement with boards and suggested posting board openings to be sure to inform those who may be interested. Ryan Neal thanked attendees for their patience as the new members get acquainted with procedures and Mr. Jones for his work on various projects.*

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.

19. 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 551.087 [Economic Development Negotiations] regarding the Van Alstyne Community Development Corporation ("VACDC") Project Barley.
- b) Section 551.074 [Personnel Matters to deliberate appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, compensation, resignation or dismissal] regarding the City Manager and employment contract.
- c) Section 551.071 [Consultation with Attorney] regarding i) the City Manager employment contract; ii) VAEDC Project Blue Flower; and iii) VACDC Project Barley.

City Council recessed into executive session at 7:34pm.

City Council reconvened into open session at 8:31pm.

OPEN MEETING

20. Consider and take any action necessary as a result of each item listed in executive session. *No action taken.*
21. Adjournment. *Mayor Riley adjourned the meeting at 8:31pm.*

Steve Riley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jennifer Gould, City Clerk