

**CITY OF VAN ALSTYNE**

**MINUTES  
City Council Meeting  
Van Alstyne City Hall  
152 N Main Drive**

**July 14, 2020  
6:35 P.M.**

**NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Governor Greg Abbott has granted a temporary suspension of certain rules to allow for telephone or videoconference public meetings in order to reduce in-person meetings that assemble large groups of people, due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) public health emergency. Pursuant to those rules, **City Hall will NOT be open to the public during the meeting.**

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Pursuant to the temporary Texas Open Meetings Act suspensions, a majority of the City Council may attend via videoconference and may not be present at the City Hall.

Members present: Mayor Jim Atchison, Ryan Neal, Marla Butler, Robert Jaska, Lee Thomas and Katrina Arsenault.

Staff present: David Ritter, Jennifer Gould, Tim Barnes and Amy Mathews.

#### AGENDA

1. Call to Order. *Mayor Atchison called the meeting to order at 6:58pm.*
2. Citizens Communications. *None.*

#### 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.*

3. Approval of minutes from the June 9, 2020 regular and June 23, 2020 special called City Council meetings.
5. Approval of an integrated camera system (in-car, body camera, and interview room) and 5-year service agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc.

*Robert Jaska made a motion to approve items three and five on the consent agenda. Lee Thomas seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*

#### REGULAR AGENDA (NON-CONSENT)

4. Passage of a resolution continuing Resolution No. 06-2020-01 and the Mayoral Declaration of a local state of disaster due to a public health emergency in response to the COVID-19 virus outbreak. *Marla Butler questioned the need to continue the disaster declaration. David Ritter clarified the Texas Disaster Act allowances if the declaration is continued. Jennifer Goud provided a brief detail of funding assistance with the declaration in place. Ryan Neal made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Katrina Arsenault seconded the motion and the motion passed with Ryan Neal, Katrina Arsenault, Robert Jaska and Lee Thomas in favor and Marla Butler opposed.*
6. Passage of a resolution setting a public hearing for August 11, 2020 at 6:30pm at Van Alstyne City Hall on the proposed annexation of certain property by the City of Van Alstyne, Texas being a tract of land located in Grayson County, Texas, being a 1.856-acre tract of land situated in the Ashley McKinney Survey, Abstract No. 851, City of Van Alstyne, Grayson County, Texas, as conveyed by warranty deed recorded in Instrument Number 2017-20715 of the Deed Records of Grayson County, Texas; and any right-of-way adjacent to said property; authorizing and directing the City Planner to have published notice of public hearing; and directing the preparation of a service plan. *David Ritter advised that as a matter of housekeeping staff requests approval changing the terms grant and granting to accept and accepting. Robert Jaska made a motion to approve the resolution changing the terms per Mr. Ritter. Lee Thomas seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*
7. Consider and take any action necessary regarding a resolution adopting the Van Alstyne Community Development Corporation's Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021 budget. *Rodney Williams presented the proposed fiscal year 2020 – 2021 Community Development Corporation budget. The Corporation currently has 300,000.00 in cash reserves and project revenues will be increased beyond what is provided per conversations with City Manager Lane Jones. Ryan Neal made a motion to approve the resolution adopting the Van Alstyne Community Development Corporation's Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021 budget. Lee Thomas seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*

8. Consider and take any action necessary regarding Fall der All hosted by the Van Alstyne Chamber of Commerce. *Marla Butler advised that the event will not be run by an event planning company and will likely be canceled. David Ritter clarified that because of Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-29 the event is considered canceled unless approved by the Mayor. No action taken.*
9. City Manager's Report. *Jennifer Gould provided the City Manager's report for the prior month.*
10. Mayor and Council Closing Comments. *Members of City Council thanked online participants and attendees, local businesses, encouraged stay local / shop local, thanked first responders and encouraged participation in the Police and Fire Department blood drive.*
11. Adjournment. *Robert Jaska made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24pm. Ryan Neal seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*

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Jim Atchison, Mayor

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Jennifer Gould, City Clerk