

CITY OF VAN ALSTYNE

MINUTES

City Council Called Meeting

Van Alstyne City Hall

152 N Main Drive

August 6, 2020

6:00 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: Lane Jones, Jennifer Gould, Tim Barnes, Judy Kimzey, Ryan Dockery and Amy Mathews.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order. *Mayor Atchison called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.*
2. Invocation. *Recited by Robert Jaska.*
3. Pledges of Allegiance. *US and Texas.*
4. Discussion regarding the Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021 City of Van Alstyne Budget. *Len McManus detailed an alternative water and wastewater rate proposal. Discussion was held regarding the impact to citizens and the proposed rates as compared to neighboring cities and providers. It was clarified that the alternate rate proposal is preferred over the original proposal.*
5. Discussion regarding a proposed 2020 property tax rate and take action to set a public hearing date, time and place regarding the property tax rate, and take a record vote. *Robert Jaska made a motion to propose a tax rate of \$0.584456 per \$100.00 of value for fiscal year 2020 – 2021, tax year 2020 and set a public hearing. The public hearing will be Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 6:30pm at Van Alstyne City Hall located at 152 N Main Dr. The final vote on the proposed tax rate should take place on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 6:30pm at Van Alstyne City Hall. Ryan Neal seconded the motion. The motion passed by record vote with Robert Jaska, Ryan Neal, Marla Butler, Lee Thomas and Katrina Arsenault in favor.*
6. Adjournment. *Ryan Neal made a motion to adjourn at 7:01pm. Robert Jaska seconded the motion and the motion unanimously.*

Jim Atchison, Mayor

Jennifer Gould, City Clerk