

**City of Van Alstyne**

MINUTES

**City Council Meeting**

City Hall, 152 North Main Dr.

**Tuesday, June 14, 2022**

**6:30 PM**

*Members present: Jim Atchison, Ryan Neal, Marla Butler, Lee Thomas, Katrina Arsenault, and Dusty Williams*

*Members absent:*

*Staff present: Lane Jones, Jennifer Gould, Alex Glushko, and David Ritter*

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

*Mayor Atchison called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.*

**II. INVOCATION**

*Recited by Mayor Atchison.*

**III. PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE**

*U.S. and Texas*

**IV. CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS**

*None.*

**V. PRESENTATIONS**

1. Presentation of Proclamation for Disability Pride Month, July 2022.  
*Mayor Atchison presented the Proclamation for Disability Pride Month, July 2022 to Diane Windsor. Mrs. Windsor provided a brief history of Disability Pride Month.*
2. Receive the 2020 - 2021 fiscal year audit presented by LaFollett and Company, PLLC, and consider and take any action necessary regarding the audit.  
*Susan LaFollett presented the 2020 - 2021 fiscal year audit.*  
*Lee Thomas made a motion to accept the 2020 - 2021 fiscal year audit as presented. Marla Butler seconded the motion. Motion Carried 5 - 0*

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

3. Texas Gov't Code Section 551.071 [Legal Advice] regarding future development.  
*Council recessed into executive session at 6:53pm.*  
*Council reconvened into open session at 7:19pm.*

**VII. OPEN MEETING**

4. Consider and take any action necessary regarding Executive Session items.

*No action taken.*

## **VIII. 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.*

5. Approval of minutes from the May 10, 2022 regular and May 17, 2022 special called meetings.
6. Authorize purchase of holiday items for the Central Social District in the amount of \$90,209.16.
7. Approval of a resolution appointing a Municipal Court Judge.  
*Lee Thomas made a motion to approve items 5 - 7 listed on the consent agenda.  
Katrina Arsenault seconded the motion. Motion Carried 5 - 0*

## **IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS/REGULAR AGENDA (NON-CONSENT)**

8. Conduct a Public Hearing on an amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 46, "Zoning," Article V, "Administration," Division 1, "Committees and Commissions," Section 46-201, "Planning and Zoning Commission," by removing language that relates to term limits and by restructuring the expiration of terms. (Planning & Zoning Commission Term Limit Ordinance Text Amendment)  
*Mayor Atchison opened the Public Hearing at 7:22pm. Ryan Laing expressed favor for term limits for Planning and Zoning Commissioners. Dotti Izzi questioned the current language versus the proposed. Jim DuBois, as an existing Planning and Zoning Commissioner, expressed favor for the amendment as it takes a substantial amount of time to familiarize oneself and consistency on the Commission is important. There being no further comments, the hearing closed at 7:26pm.*
9. Consider and act on an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Van Alstyne, Texas regarding an amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 46, "Zoning," Article V, "Administration," Division 1, "Committees and Commissions," Section 46-201, "Planning and Zoning Commission," by removing language that relates to term limits and by restructuring the expiration of terms. (Planning & Zoning Commission Term Limit Ordinance Text Amendment)  
*Mayor Atchison opined that planning staff should be more robust with more historical knowledge before term limits are implemented.  
Ryan Neal made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Lee Thomas seconded the motion. Motion Carried 5 - 0*
10. Consider and act on an Ordinance amending Chapter 46, "Zoning," Article IV, "Parking, Loading, and Stacking," Section 46-161, "Parking Regulations," by amending subsection 46-161(b), entitled "Special off-street parking provisions, residential districts," and 46-161(k), entitled "Special off-street parking regulations," establishing and clarifying regulations, and

making certain grammatical and numerical changes that do not alter the nature, scope or effect of the existing regulations. (Parking Text Amendment)

*Katrina Arsenault clarified that the proposed changes benefit citizens which was not as clear in prior discussions.*

*Ryan Neal made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Lee Thomas seconded the motion. Motion Carried 5 - 0*

11. Consider and act on an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Van Alstyne, Texas regarding an amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 32, "Signs and Other Advertising," by revising Section 32-22, "Prohibited Signs," Section 32-23, "Nonconforming Signs," Section 32-29, "Definitions," and Section 32-30, "Criteria for Permissible Signs" and by adding new Section 32-31, "Permanent Signs Allowed in the Historic Downtown Overlay and the CBD District," Section 32-32, "Temporary Signs Allowed in the Historic Downtown Overlay and the CBD District," Section 32-33, "Permanent Signs Allowed in All Other Non-Residential Districts and the ETJ," Section 32-34, "Permanent Signs Allowed in Residential Districts and the ETJ," Section 32-35, "Miscellaneous and Temporary Signs Allowed in All Districts and the ETJ." (Sign Ordinance Text Amendment)

*Alex Glushko provided an overview of the proposed changes. Lengthy discussion was held regarding pole signs, monument signs and various other proposed changes. Ryan Neal suggested providing an incentive for removal of pole signs earlier than required.*

*Lee Thomas made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Ryan Neal seconded the motion. Motion Carried 5 - 0*

12. Consider and take any action necessary regarding appointment of a Mayor Pro Tem.

*Katrina Arsenault made a motion to appoint Lee Thomas to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. Marla Butler seconded the motion. Motion Carried 5 - 0*

13. City Manager's report.

*Lane Jones detailed activities of the prior month and provided a summary of the fiscal year 2023 budget process underway.*

14. Mayor and Council Closing Comments.

*Council members thanked staff and volunteers for their efforts. Mayor Atchison detailed his involvement in boards outside of Van Alstyne such as the Collin Grayson Municipal Alliance, Grayson County Metropolitan Planning Organization, Texoma Council of Governments and a meeting of Collin County Mayors.*

15. Adjournment.

*Dusty Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26pm. Katrina Arsenault seconded the motion. Motion Carried 5 - 0*

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Jennifer Gould, City Secretary