CITY OF VAN ALSTYNE

MINUTES
City Council Special Called Meeting
Van Alstyne Community Center
262 N. Preston Ave

Tuesday, September 18, 2012
6:30 P.M.

Members present: Mayor Kim DeMasters, Jim Smith, Billy Plake, John Jennings and Kaaren Teuber.

Staff present: Frank Baker, Tim Barnes, Landon Smith, Jennifer Gould and Tracy Luscombe

AGENDA.

1. Call to Order. Mayor DeMasters called the meeting to order at 6:36pm.

2. Invocation.

3. Pledges of Allegiance. (*US and Texas)*

4. Citizens Communications. None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Conduct a Public Hearing to hear comments for or against the City of Van Alstyne fiscal year 2012 – 2013 budget. Mayor DeMasters opened the public hearing for comments at 6:37pm. There being no public comments the hearing closed at 6:38pm.

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.

OPEN MEETING.

6. Consider and take any action necessary regarding adopting the Economic Development Corporation fiscal year 2012 - 2013 operating budget.
   Jim Smith made a motion to adopt the Economic Development Corporation fiscal year 2012 – 2013 operating budget as presented. Kaaren Teuber seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Consider and take any action necessary regarding adopting the Community Development Corporation fiscal year 2012 - 2013 operating budget. Jim Smith made a motion to adopt the Community Development Corporation fiscal year 2012 – 2013 operating budget as presented. John Jennings seconded the motion and the motion passed with Jim Smith, John Jennings and Kaaren Teuber in favor and Billy Plake obstaining.

8. Consider and take any action necessary regarding an ordinance adopting the City of Van Alstyne fiscal year 2012 – 2013 budget.
   Billy Plake asked if any employees set to receive a pay increase in the 2012 – 2013 budget are going to receive said raise based on anything other than the salary scales to

which Mr. Baker said no. Jim Smith made a motion to adopt an ordinance adopting the City of Van Alstyne fiscal year 2012 – 2013 budget. John Jennings seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

9. Consider and take any action necessary regarding adopting an ordinance levying taxes for the 2012 Tax Year.
   Jim Smith made a motion to adopt an ordinance levying taxes with a rate of .744082 per $100 of value for the 2012 tax year. Kaaren Teuber seconded the motion. Mayor DeMasters took a record vote.
   Council members voted on the tax rate increase as follows:
   For:
   Jim Smith, Council Member
   John Jennings, Council Member
   Kaaren Teuber, Council Member
   Billy Plake, Mayor Pro-Tem
   Against:
   None.
   Absent:
   A.C. Mosby, Council Member

10. Consider and take any action necessary regarding ratifying, by vote, the property tax increase reflected in the budget mandated by Texas Local Government Code Section 102.007.
    Jim smith stated, "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .744082, which is effectively a 6.25 percent increase in the tax rate." Kaaren Teuber seconded the motion. Mayor DeMasters took a record vote.
    Council members voted on the tax rate increase as follows:
    For:
    Jim Smith, Council Member
    John Jennings, Council Member
    Kaaren Teuber, Council Member
    Billy Plake, Mayor Pro-Tem
    Against:
    None.
    Absent:
    A.C. Mosby, Council Member

11. Mayor and Council Closing Comments.
    Mayor DeMasters announced the resignation of A.C. Mosby and advised that at this time Council will not move to accept the resignation and will take time to carefully consider the position was what is legally allowable moving forward.

Pursuant to Section 551.0415 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council may report on the following items: 1) expression of thanks, congratulation or condolences, 2) information about holiday schedules, 3) recognition of individual, 4) reminders about upcoming city events, 5) information about community events and 6) announcements involving an imminent threat to public health and safety.

12. Adjournment. Jim Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50pm. Kaaren Teuber seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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Kim DeMasters, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jennifer Gould, City Clerk