

CITY OF VAN ALSTYNE

MINUTES

City Council Work Session Meeting

Van Alstyne Community Center
262 N. Preston Ave

Monday, August 26, 2013

6:00 P.M.

Members present: Mayor Teddie Ann Salmon, Billy Plake, Kaaren Teuber, Jim Smith, Russell Moore and John Jennings.

Staff present: Frank Baker, Jennifer Gould and Steve White.

AGENDA.

1. Call to Order. Mayor Salmon called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.
2. Invocation.
3. Pledges of Allegiance. (*US and Texas*)
4. Discussion regarding the 2013 - 2014 Fiscal Year City of Van Alstyne Enterprise Fund Budget. Discussion was held regarding impact fees and what is required to change the fees currently in place. Frank Baker advised Council that changing the impact fees require an impact fee study adding that currently Council may reinstate the fees set by the ordinances currently in place. Discussion was held regarding contract services for the enterprise fund. Len McManus advised Council that an impact fee study is already provided for in the proposed budget. Russell Moore inquired as to the timeframe for mapping infrastructure to which Mr. McManus advised completion is expected by January 2014. Mr. McManus added they will reassess impact fees during the fiscal year as the mapping is the basis for the impact fee study. Discussion was held regarding utility rates and the possibility of budgeting for depreciation to establish a reserve. Kaaren Teuber expressed concern with increasing rates and suggested looking at cutting other places such as benefits, salaries, retirement and equipment purchases. Council directed staff to move secretarial position to part-time. Jim Smith, John Jennings and Russell Moore expressed satisfaction with the discussed increase in the base utility rate of seven percent. Council directed staff to provide documentation showing the percent of increase for each salary related line item. Mr. Baker discussed TRRA and the Texas Water Development Board loans.
5. Consider a proposed tax rate for fiscal year 2013 - 2014 and take a record vote. Jim Smith made a motion to propose a tax rate of 0.594869 per one hundred dollars of value for fiscal year 2013 - 2014. John Jennings seconded the motion and the motion passed with Jim Smith, John Jennings, Kaaren Teuber, Russell Moore and Billy Plake in favor.
6. Adjournment. Kaaren Teuber made a motion to adjourn at 9:07pm. Russell Moore seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Teddie Ann Salmon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jennifer Gould, City Clerk