

CITY OF VAN ALSTYNE

MINUTES

City Council Work Session Meeting

Independent Bank – Meeting Room

1270 W. Van Alstyne Parkway

Tuesday, August 19, 2014

6:30 P.M.

Members present: Mayor Teddie Ann Salmon, Billy Plake, Larry Cooper, Russell Moore, Timmerle Kelly and Robert Jaska.

Staff present: Frank Baker, Jennifer Gould, Julie Fort, Tim Barnes, Landon Smith, Caleb Thompson, Ashley Kennedy, Tracy Luscombe and Steve White.

AGENDA.

1. Call to Order. *Mayor Salmon called the meeting to order at 6:47pm.*
2. Discussion regarding the 2014 - 2015 Fiscal Year City of Van Alstyne General Fund Budget. *Discussion was held regarding the General Fund Budget. Fire/EMS Department Lt. Caleb Thompson addressed Council regarding the Community Paramedicine Program. Discussion was held regarding departmental needs and wants that would require an increase in the proposed tax rate. Robert Jaska expressed disfavor in raising the property tax rate over the previous year. Timmerle Kelly suggested increasing the property tax rate to add competitive benefits with Larry Cooper, Billy Plake and Russell Moore expressing agreement.*
3. Discussion regarding a proposed 2014 Tax Rate, set public hearing dates and take a record vote. *Larry Cooper made a motion to propose a 2014 tax rate of 0.612639 per \$100 of value. Timmerle Kelly seconded the motion and the motion passed with Larry Cooper, Timmerle Kelly, Billy Plake and Russell Moore in favor and Robert Jaska opposed. Mayor Salmon advising that public hearings on the tax rate will take place September 2, 2014 at 6:30pm at the Independent Bank – Meeting Room at 1270 W. Van Alstyne Pkwy and September 9, 2014 at 6:30pm at the Van Alstyne Community Center at 262 N. Preston Ave.*
4. Adjournment. *Robert Jaska made a motion to adjourn at 10:18pm. Larry Cooper seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*

Teddie Ann Salmon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jennifer Gould, City Clerk