

**CITY OF VAN ALSTYNE**

**MINUTES**

**City Council Meeting**

Van Alstyne Community Center  
262 N. Preston Ave

**Tuesday, November 11, 2014  
6:30 P.M.**

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

Staff present: Frank Baker, Jennifer Gould, Julie Fort, Tim Barnes, Steve White, Caleb Thompson and Judy Kimzey.

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order. *Mayor Salmon called the meeting to order at 6:54pm.*
2. Citizens Communications. *Wendelyn Tilleman, Van Alstyne Chamber of Commerce President, addressed Council regarding a desire to have a monthly town hall meeting involving other entities and Council. The Chamber plans to work on hosting this event monthly or bimonthly for several months to promote communication. Mrs. Tilleman encouraged those interested to contact the Chamber of Commerce, City Hall or the Van Alstyne Leader for more information.*

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

3. None.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

4. Approval of minutes from the October 14, 2014 regular meeting. *Larry Cooper made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Robert Jaska seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*
5. Presentation of recognition to Charles Milner for years of service. *Chief Barnes presented Charles Milner with a plaque of recognition expressing gratitude for Mr. Milner's ten years of dedicated service.*
6. Consider and take any action necessary regarding authorizing the Mayor to sign the fiscal year 2014 audit engagement letter with LaFollett and Company PLLC. *Larry Cooper made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the fiscal year 2014 audit engagement letter with LaFollett and Company PLLC. Timmerle Kelly seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*
7. Consider and take any action necessary regarding an agenda request from Carl Cox, Road Master for Dallas, Garland and Northeastern Railroad, Inc petitioning Council to authorize a detour of FM 3133 traffic onto Martin Duke Road for a temporary closure of approximately 36 hours to replace the crossing panels, ties and rail. *Kenneth Mannka, a representative of Dallas, Garland and Northeastern Railroad, Inc., advised that this is a state funded project to improve the crossing at FM 3133. Mayor Salmon asked if the Van Alstyne ISD has been notified of the proposed closure and detour to which Mr. Mannka answered that TxDOT handles all notifications and signage. Larry Cooper asked if work would be done around the clock or only*

during the day to which Mr. Mannka answered that work would only be performed during the daylight hours, however closure would continue through the night and finalization of repairs would occur the following morning. Mayor Salmon asked if the schools would be notified of the closure and detour to which Mr. Mannka answered that he will ask TxDOT to provide notification. Timmerle Kelly made a motion to authorize City Manager, Frank Baker to take necessary action to authorize the requested detour for approximately 36 hours to replace the crossing panels, ties and rail at FM 3133. Larry Cooper seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Consider and take any action necessary regarding an agenda request from Joe Roper on behalf of the Pioneers of Texas 4-H, petitioning Council to waive the rental fee for monthly use of the Community Center. *Pioneers of Texas 4-H President, Caylan Vickers and Treasurer, Jacob Roper addressed Council and expressed the need for a waiver of due fees for use of the Community Center on one Sunday per month at approximately 1:00pm for one hour. Mr. Roper advised that the club is small and has a low budget while Ms. Vickers added that the club is interested in growing their membership in the Van Alstyne area. Larry Cooper asked if the group would be willing to adapt if their desired meeting dates and times conflict with other things scheduled at the Community Center to which Ms. Vickers answered yes. Mayor Salmon asked if the group's members are local to which a representative answered that members are from Tom Bean, Howe, Denison, Sherman and Van Alstyne. Larry Cooper made a motion to grant use of the Community Center to the Pioneers of Texas 4-H on Sunday at 1:00pm for approximately one hour as scheduling allows. Timmerle Kelly seconded the motion. Billy Plake advised that he would like to allow the group to meet at the Community Center with a standing deposit on file and waiving the rental fee on a temporary basis while the group looks for a permanent meeting location. The motion made by Larry Cooper and seconded by Timmerle Kelly passed unanimously.*
9. Consider and take any action necessary regarding deposit and rental fee exemptions for use of the Community Center. *Larry Cooper made a motion to let the exemptions stand as they are currently provided by prior City Council meeting minutes and allow Council to consider the waiver of due fees on a case by case basis. Timmerle Kelly seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*
10. Consider and take any action necessary regarding a resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign an Interlocal Agreement for the sale of 6,631,500 gallons of minimum take or pay water capacity in the amount of \$8,036.17 to the City of Melissa. *Frank Baker advised Council of the discussion held at a recent CGMA Board meeting on the topic of the sale of take or pay water adding that the water is being sold to Melissa at a rate \$0.71 less than member cities paid. Discussion was held regarding other possibilities for the City of Melissa in paying for the excess water taken. Mr. Baker recommended passage of the resolution and Interlocal Agreement as presented because while the difference in the sale price totals approximately \$1,000.00, the other member cities are going to approve the proposal and it is not in the best interest of the City of Van Alstyne to damage relations with neighboring cities. Robert Jaska made a motion to approve the resolution and Interlocal Agreement. Larry Cooper seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*
11. Consider and take any action necessary regarding authorizing the City Manager to sign a financial advisory agreement with First Southwest Company. *Frank Baker advised Council of the need for the proposed financial advisory agreement with First Southwest Company as it will aid in creative funding arrangements with new and potential developers. This would relieve current citizens from being burdened with the cost of development agreement costs. Timmerle Kelly made a motion to authorize the City Manager to sign the proposed financial advisory agreement*

*with First Southwest Company. Billy Plake seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*

12. Departmental Reports. *Jennifer Gould advised Council of the need for a special meeting to canvas the November 4, 2014 election results and advised that City Hall will be closed November 27 and 28, 2014 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Julie Fort expressed thanks to those able to attend the Open Meetings Act Training with the Grayson County District Attorney. Chief Barnes advised Council that three dispatchers on staff were awarded for their service. Steve White advised Council of several water leak repairs. Judy Kimzey advised Council that the Young Adult Specialist position has been filled by Jordan Zakarian and added that the Library Board is working to amend its bylaws and policies for Councils consideration in the near future.*
13. City Manager's Report. *Frank Baker advised Council of the West Nile Virus situation and that staff is working to clarify if a second spraying is needed and/or recommended in lite of the freeze. Mr. Baker expressed thanks to Charles Milner for is service to the City and congratulated him on his years of service.*
14. Mayor and Council Closing Comments. *Robert Jaska thanked Wendelyn Tilleman and Judy Womack for their time and efforts with the Chamber of Commerce and Keep Van Alstyne Beautiful adding that the annual Christmas Parade is planned for December 13, 2014. Timmerle Kelly expressed gratitude to Veterans for their service. Larry Cooper thanked all for participation in the recent town hall meeting, expressed thanks to Charles Milner for his service and added that Van Alstyne is an excellent Police force.*

#### 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.*

*Council recessed into Executive Session at 7:43pm with a six minute break.*

15. All items below for CONSIDERATION/ACTION:

- a) Recess into closed session pursuant to Chapter 551.071(1) and (2), Texas Government Code for: Consultation with Attorney regarding a former employee.

*Council returned to the Open Meeting at 8:21pm.*

#### OPEN MEETING

16. Adjournment. *Timmerle Kelly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21pm. Larry Cooper seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*

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Teddie Ann Salmon, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jennifer Gould, City Clerk