

CITY OF VAN ALSTYNE

MINUTES

City Council Meeting

Van Alstyne Community Center
262 N. Preston Ave

Tuesday, June 9, 2015
6:30 P.M.

Members present: Mayor Larry Cooper, Billy Plake, Timmerle Kelly (*via Skype*), Robert Jaska and Russell Moore.

Staff present: Frank Baker, Jennifer Gould, Tim Barnes, Landon Smith, Steve White and Judy Kimzey.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order. *Mayor Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.*
2. Invocation. *Led by Larry Cooper.*
3. Pledges of Allegiance. *(US and Texas)*
4. Citizens Communications. *Judy Womack, with Keep Van Alstyne Beautiful presented Jesse Loftice with an award from Keep Texas Beautiful for collection of aluminum cans at Van Alstyne Middle School. Mrs. Womack also presented Stephanie Fernandez with a Texas State Educator Award for her efforts to help students understand the value of recycling, conservation and beatification.*

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. None.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

6. Approval of minutes from the May 12, 2015 regular City Council meeting and the May 12, 2015 work session meeting. *Billy Plake made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Robert Jaska seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*
7. Consider and take any action necessary regarding appointment of Chris Becherer to the Parks and Recreation Board. *Chris Becherer addressed Council and expressed his desire to serve and aide the improvement of the quality of life for residents. Billy Plake made a motion to appoint Chris Becherer to the Parks and Recreation Board of Directors. Robert Jaska seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*
8. Consider and take any action necessary regarding approval of the Library Technology Plan. *Judy Kimzey addressed Council and advised that the Library Board is required to maintain a Technology Plan for accreditation. The proposal is a 5 year plan that the Board has deliberated over and recommends approval. Billy Plake made a motion to approve the Library Technology Plan as proposed. Russell Moore seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*
9. Consider and take any action necessary regarding use of Government Capital Corporation funding previously approved in the amount of \$973,083.20 to purchase vehicles and equipment for the Public Works Department. *Steve White addressed Council regarding use of the remaining*

funds. Mr. White proposed the purchase of 263 radial read water meters which would get the City half way to a complete change out allowing for more accurate consumption charges, lower water loss and effective management of staff time. Additionally, Mr. White requested approval to purchase a sewer root and grease cutter. Russell Moore made a motion to authorize the purchase of the sewer root and grease cutter and 263 radial read water meters with the remainder of the Government Capital Corporation funds previously approved for the Public Works Department. Billy Plake seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

10. Consider and take action regarding awarding the construction contract for the repair/renovation of the Fire Department Personnel Facility in the amount of \$89,213.34 to LSR Commercial and authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for the same. *Len McManus addressed Council and advised of the project as agreed with the City's insurance carrier. Engineers recommend that the construction contract for the repair/renovation of the Fire Department Personnel Facility in the amount of \$89,213.34 be awarded to LSR Commercial. Billy Plake asked if the damaged structure had been leaking and if this would result in additional repairs and items to be replaced. Chief Smith advised that there has been heavy leaking adding that the major hurdle for the department will be securing temporary barracks. Billy Plake made a motion to award the construction contract for the repair/renovation of the Fire Department Personnel Facility in the amount of \$89,213.34 to LSR Commercial and authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for the same. Russell Moore seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*
11. Consider and take any action necessary regarding passage of an ordinance repealing ordinance No. 667 to correct a scrivener's error and rezoning a tract of land being a 0.337 acre portion of 2.647 acres of abstract no. 851 of the Ashley McKinney Survey (G-0851 McKinney Ashley A-G0851) more commonly known as 1363 S. Waco Street. *Mayor Cooper suggested correcting "if would have" to "it would have" in section 6. Russell Moore made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance with the correction suggested by Mayor Cooper. Billy Plake seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*
12. Consider and take any action necessary regarding passage of an ordinance establishing a "no truck zone" on Kelly Lane from St. Johns Drive to S. Dallas Ave. *Frank Baker advised Council that the City's legal counsel is still working to provide a concise ordinance document for consideration and requested that the item be tabled until the Special Called Meeting scheduled for June 17, 2015. Billy Plake made a motion to table the item until the June 17, 2015 meeting. Robert Jaska seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. (The Special Called Meeting planned for June 17, 2015 was later rescheduled for June 23, 2015)*
13. Discussion regarding inspection of rental homes by City. *Mayor Cooper advised that the City of Denison is working to adopt an ordinance that would require inspections of rental homes to insure they are safe to occupy. Reasons to consider such an ordinance are that rental properties are at a premium and may need to be periodically inspected to be sure the home is safe for habitation. The cost for the inspection would likely be paid by the property owner. Discussion was held regarding who would perform inspections and possible state regulations that do not allow the practice. Russell Moore advised that this is not an entirely new concept as it is done commercially when occupancy changes. Frank Baker stated that new and remodeled homes receive inspections to insure safety and are issued Certificates of Occupancy. The majority of City Council expressed an interest in hearing further research on the topic.*

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.

City Council recessed into Closed Session at 7:08pm.

14. All items below for Executive Session:

- a) Convene into executive session pursuant to Section 551.074[Personnel Matters] regarding a complaint filed by a former city employee.

City Council reconvened into Regular Session at 7:53pm.

OPEN MEETING

15. Consider and take any action necessary regarding appointing a person to fill the vacancy on City Council Place 1 created by Larry Cooper's forfeiture. *Mayor Cooper provided that applications were received by Mark Steele, Bo Mosby, Nancy Webb and Keith Hughes. Discussion was held regarding the appointment of a person to fill the vacancy. Russell Moore made a motion to table the item until the Special Called Meeting on June 23, 2015 at 6:00pm. Timmerle Kelly seconded the motion and the motion passed with Russell Moore, Timmerle Kelly and Robert Jaska in favor and Billy Plake opposed.*
16. Consider and take any action necessary regarding appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem. *Timmerle Kelly made a motion to appoint Billy Plake as Mayor Pro-Tem. Russell Moore seconded the motion and the motion passed with Timmerle Kelly, Russell Moore and Robert Jaska in favor and Billy Plake abstaining.*
17. Departmental Reports. *Steve White advised Council that the sewer main at North Preston and Shreveport is repaired and the department is working to catch up. Judy Kimzey advised that summer reading programs start Monday, June 15, 2015 at the Library at 10:30am.*
18. City Manager's Report. *Frank Baker advised Council that he and Mr. White met with Commissioner Whitmire to go over necessary pothole repairs which will be turned in to FEMA for reimbursement of the cost of damages due to the disaster declaration as a result of recent rain events. Mr. Baker added that all City departments, boards and commissions are working on the Fiscal Year 2016 budget and he will contact Council in the future to pole for availability and schedule workshops. The City will host a July 4th fireworks display at the High School 30 minutes after dusk on Saturday, July 4, 2015.*
19. Mayor and Council Closing Comments. *Robert Jaska commended the Public Works department for their efforts to get the sewer issues corrected at North Preston and Shreveport. Mayor Cooper expressed gratitude to those in attendance.*
20. Adjournment. *Russell Moore made a motion to adjourn at 8:22pm. Billy Plake seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*

Larry Cooper, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jennifer Gould, City Clerk