

ALAMOSA CITY COUNCIL
Wednesday, January 20, 2010
Minutes of the Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Alamosa City Council was called to order on the above date by Mayor Kathy Rogers at 7:04 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present at roll call: Mayor Rogers, Councilors Greg Gillaspie, Rusty Johnson, Josef Lucero, Leland Romero, and Marcia Tuggle. Councilor Charles Griego previously requested to be excused. A quorum was declared. Also present: City Manager Nathan Cherpeski, City Attorney Erich Schwiesow, and Deputy Clerk Sharon DeHerrera.

AGENDA APPROVAL. It was moved by Councilor Tuggle and seconded by Councilor Lucero to approve the agenda as presented and to excuse Councilor Griego. On the roll call the vote was ayes six, nays none. The motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION. None.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

A. Proclamation – Census Awareness Year 2010.

Mayor Rogers read the proclamation and presented it to Barry Shiohita and Jowanda Villyard, who spoke about the Census.

CONSENT CALENDAR A.

Council asked for clarification regarding Cattails Gateway and the Board Appreciation dinner. Councilor Tuggle commended Jim Belknap for all his efforts on the auction web site. It was moved by Councilor Gillaspie and seconded by Councilor Lucero to approve Consent Calendar A as presented. On the roll call the vote was ayes six, nays none. The motion carried. Items:

- December 2009 Expenditure Report
- Minutes of Regular Meeting – January 6, 2010
- December 2009 Monthly Reports

REGULAR BUSINESS

C. Business Brought Forward by City Staff

8. City Manager/Legal

1. Medical Marijuana Discussion and direct staff.

Council discussed the various ways in which medical marijuana dispensaries may be regulated, and agreed by consensus to instruct staff to begin preparing an ordinance that would regulate this industry in a similar manner to Denver's ordinance. This ordinance would include zoning and licensing regulations. Staff will bring an ordinance to Council at a future meeting. A February 17, 2010 work session is planned for further discussion.

D. Committee Reports

Council Gillaspie said the Tree Board is concerned about the planned repairs on State Avenue, and asked about the removal of trees. Mr. Koskelin clarified that it has not been determined if the tree will be removed or if the roots will be cut back.

Council Gillaspie also inquired about the replacement of the curb and gutter. Mr. Koskelin indicated they are being replaced as needed.

E. Staff Announcements

Mr. Cherpeski made Council aware of a needed correction to the pay plan ordinance. The Ordinance contained an error on one of the pay ranges. This ordinance will be presented to Council at the next meeting.

Heinz Bergann talked about the Ice Festival and all agencies who contributed. He also talked about the skate park and invited the public to the Skate Park Forum this Sunday, January 24, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

Mrs. DeHerrera let Council know that the CML Starter books are in green folders and asked that they review it prior to the January 27, training. Also the March 10 date needs rescheduling, as two Councilors are unable to attend. The date was rescheduled for February 8, at 6:30 p.m.

IX. LOCAL LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY ACTIONS

A. Consent Calendar B

It was moved by Councilor Romero and seconded by Councilor Gillaspie to approve Consent Calendar B as presented. On the roll call the vote was ayes six, nays none. The motion carried. Items:

- Hotel/Restaurant License Renewal – Wize Apple's
- Club License Renewal –Elks
- Hotel/Restaurant License Renewal-Hunan's

COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilor Johnson thanked Heinz Bergann for the work on the Skate Park and the Ice Festival.

Councilor Lucero thanked Council and staff for the flowers and card that his family received during the loss of his sister.

Councilor Tuggle inquired if there were any complaints about the livestock on the ranch. Mr. Cherpeski clarified it was the City's insurance company inquiring about it.

Councilor Johnson reported on touring the marijuana dispensary and suggested that all Councilors take the tour.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Sharon DeHerrera, Deputy City Clerk

Kathleen J. Rogers, Mayor