

ALAMOSA CITY COUNCIL
Wednesday, June 16, 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 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present at roll call: Mayor Rogers, Councilors Greg Gillaspie, Charles Griego, Rusty Johnson, Josef Lucero, and Leland Romero. Councilor Marcia Tuggle was not present at roll call. A quorum was declared. Also present: City Manager Nathan Cherpeski, City Attorney Erich Schwiesow, and Deputy City Clerk Vickie Gardner.

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

Councilor Marcia Tuggle joined the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENT

A. Audience Comments

Erin Smith thanked City for its support in the annual book sale which made \$2600 and books are still being sold. The next book sales are during Early Iron and the Annual Holiday bazaar at the Methodist Church.

Linda Pardue, owner of Tasties hot dog cart, thanked Council for increasing the permitted days for transient vendor sales and asked for permission to set up in Cole Park during events such as the Sunday evening concerts.

Leon Moyer commented that the streets in the City are in good condition and thanked Council for paying attention to the needs of the City.

B. Follow-Up.

In response to the question at a prior meeting about employee's lunches when they attended a civic meeting, Mr. Cherpeski reported that the employee pays for their lunch, not the City.

Nathan Cherpeski stated that during an organized event the vendors go through the organizer. He will check with ALMA to see if they would like vendors during the Sunday evening concerts.

Council Tuggle suggested that the vendor issue be discussed under Council Comment.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS - None

CONSENT CALENDAR A. Council requested clarification on Alamosa School District, SLV Pizza, Psychological Dimensio, Xcel and non-departmental expenditures. It was moved by Councilor Griego and seconded by Councilor Tuggle to approve Consent Calendar A as presented. On the roll call the vote was ayes seven, nays none. The motion carried. Items:

- C. 2. a. May 2010 Expenditure Report
- C. 7. a. Minutes of Regular Meeting May 26, 2010
- C. 7. b. Minutes of Special Meeting June 2, 2010
- C. 8. a. May 2010 Monthly Reports

REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Presentations from Outside Agencies

1. Jamie Greeman, Ride the Rockies

Jamie Greeman reported on the activities that will be happening on Friday at the Alamosa Family Recreation Center when Ride the Rockies arrives. She also thanked everyone for all their help in making this a successful event.

2. Dennis Lopez, Underage Drinking Task Force

Dennis Lopez, Kristina Daniel and Liz Thomas gave some recommendations to Council to help prevent drinking by an underage person. He suggested implementing an Ordinance prohibiting adults providing alcohol to minors and an Ordinance requiring beer kegs be tagged when purchased.

3. American Legion, Cemetery Presentation

Vern Davis, Jack Rudder and James (Boggie) Romero presented Council with a plaque showing sections of the cemetery.

4. Community Resources and Housing Development Corporation Update. This item will be on the July 7, 2010 meeting.

C. Business Brought Forward by City Staff

1. Public Works

a. First Reading – Ordinance No. 13, 2010, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 21, Article V, Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City of Alamosa, Colorado, Modifying The Boundary Between The Commercial Business and Residential Medium Districts From Denver Ave to Alamosa Ave South of 7th Street

Don Koskelin explained that there was a potential development issue between CB and RM zones in the area bounded by Denver and Alamosa Avenues. This ordinance would recognize existing development patterns and provide a more compact business district.

It was moved by Councilor Romero and seconded by Councilor Lucero to introduce Ordinance No. 12, 2010 on first reading and set a public hearing thereon for Wednesday July 7, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. On the roll call the vote was ayes seven, nays none. The motion carried.

4. Parks/Recreation/Library

a. Accept the Tony Hawk Foundation Grant

Heinz Bergann explained the Tony Hawk Foundation approved a \$5,000 grant toward the construction of the new skateboard park.

It was moved by Councilor Griego and seconded by Councilor Tuggle to accept the Tony Hawk Foundation Grant. On the roll call the vote was ayes seven and nays none. The motion carried.

D. Committee Reports

Councilor Lucero reported that the Ranch Board is working with the Parks Department to get rid of the weeds on the Ranch. The grazing plan was submitted.

Councilor Johnson reported that a tour of the Ranch is being planned for Council and thanked Nathan Cherpeski for attending the Ranch Board meeting.

Councilor Tuggle reported that the Senior Citizens are planning a bus trip to Chicago. The City's funding of non profits was discussed and fund raisers are being considered.

Councilor Tuggle reported that the Recreation Board is working on the skate board park, the play ground in the park, and the Trails Guide. She informed Council that the number of participants in recreational programs is increasing and the Hershey track meet is one of the largest in the country.

E Staff Announcements

Heinz Bergann reported that a certified arborist will be here on Monday to look over the trees in Cole Park, Boyd Park, and downtown and make recommendations.

Nathan Cherpeski reminded Council that CML is next week. He asked Council if anyone would be able to volunteer at the rodeo to hand out awards on Friday. A tour of the ranch is being arranged with the Boy Scouts.

Chief Jackson reported the police department received The American Spirit Award for its partnerships in the law enforcement training center.

LOCAL LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY ACTIONS

A. Consent Calendar B

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

- B. 1. Special Events Permit, Colorado Mountain Club 8-21-10

COUNCIL COMMENT

After a discussion, Council directed staff to check with other communities to see how they are handling transient or mobile vendors and report back at a future meeting.

Councilor Johnson thanked City staff for setting up the booth at Summerfest on The Rio, which was a great success and should be done every year.

Councilor Romero reported that he is attending The Novela Project. He added that he stands behind his comment at the previous meeting regarding the citizens who signed the petition.

Councilor Gillespie asked if the water tower is still going to have two logos. Nathan Cherspski responded that the description of the two logos was in the Friday update.

Councilor Griego reported that the Broncos event in the park was very well attended and thanked staff for setting it up. The City was presented with a Bronco flag.

Councilor Lucero suggested that the model of the new City Hall complex be set up around town and have a Councilor present to answer questions.

Mayor Rogers commented on how nice the west side of town looked and reported that a private citizen is willing to purchase a statue of a horse for the fairgrounds if the City was willing to build a base.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Vickie L. Gardner, Deputy City Clerk

Kathleen J. Rogers, Mayor