

ALAMOSA CITY COUNCIL
Wednesday, August 4, 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 7:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present at roll call: Mayor Rogers, Councilors Greg Gillaspie, Charles Griego, Rusty Johnson, Josef Lucero, Leland Romero, and Marcia Tuggle. A quorum was declared. Also present: City Manager Nathan Cherpeski, City Attorney Erich Schwiesow, and City Clerk Judy Egbert.

AGENDA APPROVAL. Jon Brownell was added under Board and Commission Business to give an update on the Ranch Board. It was moved by Councilor Griego and seconded by Councilor Gillaspie to approve the agenda as amended. On the roll call the vote was ayes seven, nays none. The motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENT

A. Audience Comments

Albert Salazar and Robert Ramirez asked the status of the railroad track repairs needed on La Due.

Leon Moyer:

- Spoke about the US Constitution
- Told Council the east door was not unlocked
- Asked for an update on the former Chamber building

Ruth Brown:

- Read a letter from Melva Warwick regarding the First Street greenwaste site.
- Said that recycling and composting are worthwhile, and encouraged Council to facilitate this.

Dorothy Brandt.

- Thanked Council members who visited the museum today, and invited others to do so.
- Told Council that the museum received a \$10,000 grant from El Pomar for completion of the garden enclosure.

B. Follow-Up

Mr. Cherpeski reported meeting with the railroad earlier this year, with La Due determined to be a top priority for repair needs. It is in the estimate stage right now, and the railroad hopes to budget for repairs next year. The City will repair the street following the repairs to the tracks.

The Chamber of Commerce sold its building to the railroad. There was a snag in the permit needed from Xcel, but the latest report is that the building would be moved August 10.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

A. Proclamation – Health Center Week August 8 – 14, 2010.

Mayor Rogers read the proclamation and presented it to Antonio Gurule and Chris Hunt, who spoke about the event.

CONSENT CALENDAR A. 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:

- Second Quarter Investment Summary
- Minutes of Regular Meeting July 21, 2010

A. Board and Commission Business – Ranch Board

Jon Brownell invited Council to tour the Ranch on Tuesday August 10 at 8:00 a.m. The group will meet at the Maddux Dairy and be there for the first 45 minutes or so before touring the area in consideration of proposals from the Boy Scouts for a disk golf and/or campground facility.

E. Committee Reports. None.

F. Staff Announcements

Ms. Egbert reported that voter turnout is already showing a strong response for the August 10 special election, with 25% of the City's registered voters having submitted ballots as of this morning.

LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY ACTIONS

A. Consent Calendar B

It was moved by Councilor Tuggle 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. Items:

- Tavern License Renewal – Bank Shot

COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilor Tuggle congratulated Alamosa for being chosen as the top overnight stop on Ride the Rockies.

Councilor Lucero reported that the rodeo's impact on the community was calculated at \$1.5 million; and asked if there are companies available to paint house numbers on curbs. Mr. Cherpeski replied that this is generally at the discretion of the homeowner, and there are fundraising groups that regularly offer this service. House numbers on the curb are not required by ordinance.

Councilor Gillaspie reported that weed cutting is in process at the Ranch.

Councilor Griego encouraged Council and the community to visit the museum; and reported that on Monday Council members and staff made a presentation for a \$2 million Mineral Impact grant application that would help fund a new city facility.

In response to a question from Council, Mr. Cherpeski said that the pedestal for the bull rider statue is in progress.

EXECUTIVE SESSION subject to CRS §24-6-402(4)(f) for Personnel Matters – Evaluation of City Manager and City Clerk

It was moved by Councilor Lucero and seconded by Councilor Tuggle to enter into Executive Session (7:36 p.m.) pursuant to CRS §24-6-402(4)(f) for Personnel Matters to evaluate the City Manager and City Clerk. On the roll call the vote was ayes seven, nays none. The motion carried.

When back in Regular Session, Mayor Rogers confirmed that the Executive Session was held solely for the stated purpose.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned immediately after conclusion of the Executive Session.

Judy A. Egbert, City Clerk

Kathleen J. Rogers, Mayor