

ALAMOSA CITY COUNCIL
Wednesday, August 18, 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 7:03 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.

Mayor Rogers asked for a moment of silence to honor the passing of Sgt. Faith Hinkley.

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

CITIZEN COMMENT

A. Audience Comments

Tawney Becker:

- Reported that the Farmers Market is experiencing another successful season.
- Invited Council to dinner in connection with the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area event. Dinner will be at 7:00 p.m. September 11 at the Bistro Rialto. Please RVSP to her within the next two weeks.

Leon Moyer:

- Thanked the City for pavement improvements.
- Said that numbers on police cars aren't visible.
- The Habitat request should be done by ordinance.
- The La Puente grant should also be done by ordinance.
- The City Clerk's proposed salary is fair, but the City Manager's compensation is excessive.
- Questioned the professional dues described in Item J of the City Manager's contract

Don Thompson:

- Asked Council for a work session to address bicycle and pedestrian issues, realizing that it may come after the budget is finished.

B. Follow-Up

Chief Jackson responded that all cars are marked on the back of each car, showing the team number plus the individual vehicle number.

Mr. Cherpeski noted that the professional organizations referred to in his contract are ICMA and CCCMA. These memberships are routinely budgeted.

Council set the work session requested by Don Thompson for October 20. This will require moving the scheduled "Fifth Wednesday" discussion to a later date.

CONSENT CALENDAR A. It was moved by Councilor Gillaspie and seconded by Councilor Griego 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. July 2010 Expenditure Report
- C. 4. a. Resolution No. 14, 2010, A Resolution Supporting the Grant Application for a Local Parks and Outdoor Recreation Grant from the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado for Funding to Construct a Skatepark in Cole Park
- C. 7. a. Minutes of Regular Meeting August 4, 2010
- C. 8. a. July 2010 Monthly Reports
- C. 8. b. City Manager Contract Revision
- C. 8. c. City Clerk Compensation Adjustment
- C. 8. d. Approval to act as Fiscal Agent for La Puente Grant

REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Presentations from Outside Agencies

1. Habitat for Humanity Request for Contract for Services

Marci Lierly presented the request for funding in the amount of \$1,486.88, representing the amount paid for City fees associated with the project at 1523 W. 7th Street.

Council discussed the procedural challenge of this request coming outside the regular non-profit cycle established by policy.

It was moved by Councilor Griego and seconded by Councilor Tuggle to enter into a Contract for Services with Habitat for Humanity in the amount of \$1486.88. On the roll call the vote was ayes four (Lucero, Romero, Tuggle, Griego), nays three (Johnson, Gillaspie, Rogers). The motion carried.

Staff will research a more appropriate way to address these requests in the future.

2. Arvin VanRy, Airport Board Update

Mr. VanRy reported that there is no major construction underway at the airport this year. Other airports are receiving funding, whereas Alamosa had its turn in the past. The parking lot improvement is in the planning stages. Passenger numbers are up in recent months, after several prior months of diminishing numbers. Great Lakes has been awarded the contract to continue under the federal subsidy. He reported on recent activities and general operations of the airport.

C. Business Brought Forward by City Staff

1. Public Works

a. First Reading Ordinance No. 14, 2010, An Ordinance Rezoning Lot 55, Alamosa Park Addition Lying Generally North of First Street and Bell Avenue As Portrayed on the Attached Exhibit A, in the City of Alamosa Colorado From Residential Light (RL) to Residential Medium (RM)

Planning Commission has recommended approval for this rezone. The property affected is on the northeast corner of First and Bell, and would allow construction of a duplex.

It was moved by Councilor Tuggle and seconded by Councilor Lucero to introduce Ordinance No. 14, 2010 on first reading and to set a public hearing for Wednesday September 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. The motion carried.

b. Tract 32 McClain Fink Subdivision Replat

1. Public Hearing

This replat would create two lots from one, allowing housing development by Habitat for Humanity. This creates typical sized lots similar to others in the area.

Mayor Rogers opened the hearing at 8:00 p.m. and asked for those wishing to speak on this matter. There being none, the hearing closed at 8:01 p.m.

2. Resolution No. 13, 2010, A Resolution Approving the Replat of Tract 32 McClain-Fink Subdivision, City of Alamosa, Alamosa County, Colorado

It was moved by Councilor Griego and seconded by Councilor Lucero to adopt Resolution No. 13, 2010. On the roll call the vote was ayes seven, nays none. The motion carried.

8. City Manager/Legal

a. City Complex Facility Update

Mr. Cherpeski told Council that the low bidder has indicated that the bid will be honored, with a change order for winter conditions likely. The estimated amount of this change order is \$10,000. The next step would be to finalize and market the Certificates of Participation. Response on the DOLA grant application is expected by the end of the week.

Troy Bernberg gave an update on the market, saying rates are still low. He encouraged Council to market the Certificates within the next month or so, and not wait for the November election. The City's financial condition will need updated and title work done. He recommended going to market as soon as the final financed amount is known. The current interest rate is 4.26%. This results in annual payments that are \$210,000 per year less than the maximum allowed by ordinance.

Counselor Schwiesow said that procedurally Council could either re-bid the project or award the bid already in place, assuming that bidder met all the conditions.

Mr. Cherpeski talked about the potential effects of the November ballot issues if passed. He also said that he needs confirmation of the Fire District's participation. Weather could be an issue. Mr. Koskelin echoed his preference for not moving forward with construction during the winter months, saying the costs go up and quality goes down.

An alternative budget that would accommodate the effects of the ballot issues will be presented at the second meeting in September. If passed, this will cause services to be cut regardless of whether a new building is underway or not.

It was moved by Councilor Tuggle and seconded by Councilor Romero to direct staff to move forward on the city complex project. On the roll call the vote was ayes seven, nays none. The motion carried.

E. Committee Reports

Councilor Lucero reported that the Ranch Board met, and vacancies need filled.

Councilor Johnson presented the request from the Tree Board to establish an Alternate seat. Council directed staff to prepare a Resolution to accomplish this change in structure.

In response to a question from Council, Mr. Cherpeski said that the Eagle Scout will make a presentation on the disc golf project at the next meeting.

Councilor Lucero reported that Development Resources Group did not meet; and that the Marketing Board will be considering a request from the museum.

Councilor Tuggle met with the Recreation Board, and told about the new fall/winter schedule, the new trail guide, and reported that a group is proposing a covered solar garage. This group will make a presentation at the next meeting.

Councilor Griego questioned the proposed climbing wall included in the draft budget. Mr. Bergann described this as a transverse wall that is 8 feet high and goes horizontal. It would be located in the multipurpose room. This is in the capital plan portion of the budget. The initial discussions on this arose several years ago, and may have not been communicated well to Council because of the transition in liaisons and board members.

Councilor Gillaspie reported that the Golf Board meets tomorrow. Counselor Schwiesow further explained that the engineering report is expected soon for the water issues. The actual work will need to be coordinated to minimize impact on the golf season. Discussion arose on the general structure of the golf operations, needed improvements and costs. Golf courses generally do not make money and require financial support.

Councilor Johnson reported on the Tree Board's desire to be involved in the landscaping plans for the new facility. A Tree Coalition grant enabled 26 trees to be purchased and asked Council's participating in planting. A schedule will be forthcoming.

F. Staff Announcements

Mr. Cherpeski reported that the Services Fair is scheduled September 22 from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the police training center. He asked for volunteers from Council to help with the food service at this event.

Mr. Cherpeski noted that he is available for additional tour of the disc golf site if needed. The September 1 meeting agenda will have a presentation from the Eagle Scout developing this project.

Mr. Bergann reported that the Maddux Dairy has been secured with locks and reinforcements. The pine needle scale will be treated in two parts, first with oil now, then insecticide in the spring. The Juniper in front of City Hall is a safety issue, blocking the sidewalk and traffic view. Council agreed by consensus to remove the tree. Two trees in Diamond Park are hazardous and will be removed, with four new ones planted.

Mr. Belknap showed Council a piece of fiber cable, and described the new connection underway in the area. Saturday's outage was caused by damage to cable in the Ft. Garland area, and is a good example of the need for redundancy.

Ms. Egbert pointed out an invitation from Adams State College to attend a Foundation Board reception and luau on August 26.

Mr. Cherpeski reported that the railroad will begin repair to the tracks on La Due this Monday.

LOCAL LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY ACTIONS

A. Consent Calendar B

It was moved by Councilor Tuggle and seconded by Councilor Gillaspie 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:

- B. 1. 3.2% Beer License Renewal – Pizza Hut

COUNCIL COMMENT

In response to a question from Councilor Lucero, Counselor Schwiesow said that the City does require water rights or payment in lieu of during an annexation.

In response to a question from Councilor Gillaspie, Mr. Bergann said that repairs to the Cole Park restroom were underway.

Councilor Romero thanked citizens for voting on 2A. Councilor Johnson added thanks to the Friends of the Library for their involvement.

Councilor Griego asked if Council would be considering a Resolution in opposition to Amendments 60 and 61 and Proposition 101. This will be done at the September 15 meeting.

Council expressed appreciation for the City Manager and City Clerk as these evaluations were concluded.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Judy A. Egbert, City Clerk

Kathleen J. Rogers, Mayor