

**HOKAH CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES DECEMBER 20, 2008
SPECIAL MEETING**

1. MEETING OPENED BY PRESIDING OFFICIAL Mayor Martell at 10:00 a.m.
2. ROLL CALL COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Pfiffner, Christianson, Ross, Walther, Martell
3. CHANGES TO AGENDA. Administrator Blank suggests changing the order of the agenda due to the impending late arrival of the ALLTEL representative.
4. MOTION TO CONSENT TO AGENDA
5. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS Administrator Blank introduces Andy Bobrytzke from ALLTEL..
6. REVIEW OF PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION REGARDING ALLTEL ZONING APPLICATION. LANCE ROSS. Administrator Blank reports that the planning commission has met this morning to review the zoning application for the Alltel communications facility. Administrator Blank reports the lease area for the Alltel compound for the communications facility equipment would be 40' x 30' area that is directly south and slightly east of the current water reservoir located at 901 Birch St in the City of Hokah. Blank asks Council Member Ross what the decision was of the planning commission. Ross stated that the planning commission was unanimous in the issuance of the zoning permit for Alltel Communications to install the tower and supporting structures.
7. RESOLUTION # 2008-09. ALLTEL LEASE CONTRACT FOR COMMUNICATIONS SITE.
Administrator Blank reminds Council that by motion they have already agreed to enter into contract with Alltel Communications. Alltel requested that the City also provide resolution regarding entering into contract. Administrator Blank reads aloud the contents of the resolution. That language as follows:
Resolution 2008-09 relating to lease contract for communications site. Whereas the City of Hokah wishes to authorize a lease agreement with Alltel Communications LLC P.O. Box 2177 Little Rock, AR 72203 and establish the terms and conditions for the lease of real property consisting of approximately 1200 square feet of land to provide a source of electric and telephone facilities for the purpose of installing, removing, replacing, maintaining and operating at its sole expense a wireless communication facility or other electronic signal transmission device or technology including related antenna equipment and fixtures and accessory ground equipment. Whereas the City of Hokah has no objection nor does it wish to deny the lease agreement with Alltel Communications and has signed separate documentation called "communications site lease agreement" that details the rights and obligations of both parties relevant to said lease. Now therefore be it resolved that the City of Hokah does hereby approved the foregoing lease contract with Alltel Communications LLC. All members in attendance voting in favor the motion carried unanimously. This ends the reading. Mayor Martell asks for a motion to approve said resolution. Motion by Walther, second by Christianson, roll call all approve. Passed and enacted this 20th day of December 2008 bearing signatures of Mayor Martell and Councilmember's Cindy Pfiffner, Rita Christianson, Kevin Walter and Lance Ross.

8. SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTS. Administrator Blank now presents the lease documents for signature. Blank reports the documents require the signatures of the Mayor, and necessary Council Members. Administrator Blank asks Andy from Alltel to describe to the Council what the procedure will now be. Andy describes that the documents will be routed to Little Rock Arkansas for signature. He will then request a closing and issuance of the first months check for the lease contract ordered through Accounts Payable. He further states hopefully this will all take place before the end of the year. He further states they wish to begin construction in January of 2009, weather permitting. He further discusses the acquisition of Alltel by Verizon Communications, and related procedures. Mayor Martell states the City of Hokah is very pleased with this arrangement thus far and asks that Andy relay that information to his superiors.

9. ANIMAL CONTROL. CHIEF SCHULDT. Administrator Blank reports that there are numerous items in the Council packets regarding animal control. The first would be a two-page letter from Blank and Police Chief Schuldt discussing our current situation in regards to animal control. The second item in that packet would be a resignation letter from Joan Gaworski dated December 2, 2008. Next would be a three page letter and proposal from Canine Express. The following documents are an agreement between the City of La Crescent and La Crescent Animal Rescue. Finally, two pages of expenditure by department for this year and the preceding year for animal control costs. We recommend not replacing animal control position with an employee, but rather entering into a contract with either what La Crescent Animal Rescue or Canine Express. Chief Schuldt discusses the couple concerns he has regarding this area. Since what La Crescent Animal Rescue would charge approximately \$100 per animal, we would have to know the location of the animal was originally picked up if someone were to drop the animal off at the La Crescent Animal Rescue facility. Administrator Blank reports that for example a litter of kittens could be an expensive item if they were dropped off without our knowledge. We would like to keep the animals for a couple days, and failing to locate the owners(s) turn the animal over to animal control. Discussion regarding the procedures of each of the proposal submitters, and also holding a rabies and registration clinic. Both groups would like to assist, and solicit donations. Mayor Martell suggests a donation to La Crescent Animal Rescue. The Council agrees. Councilmember Christianson makes a motion to donate \$500 to the La Crescent Animal Rescue, and to enter into contract with Canine Express for services. Second by Pfiffner roll call all in favor. Christianson asks to send a letter with the donation to La Crescent Animal Rescue. Also discussion of holding a vaccination and registration clinic in the City of Hokah and that if La Crescent Animal Rescue would want to participate and/or Canine Express that would be fine.

10. ADJOURN by motion of Ross second by Pfiffner roll call all agree at 10:35 a.m.

Administrator

Mayor