

City of Alpine

Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 18, 2018
5:30 P.M.
Minutes

1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of allegiance to the flags – Mayor Andy Ramos called the meeting to order. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers at 803 West Holland in the City of Alpine, Texas. Dick Zimmer gave the invocation. Mayor Ramos led the pledge of allegiance to the flags.
2. Determination of a quorum and proof of notice of the meeting – Councilor Curry, Councilor Escovedo, Councilor Fitzgerald, Councilor Stephens, and Mayor Ramos were present. Councilor Olivas was absent and excused. City Secretary, Cynthia Salas reported that the meeting had been posted at 1:00 P.M. on September 14, 2018. City Manager Jessica Garza, Megan Antrim, and Abel Hinojos were also present.
3. Presentations, recognitions and proclamations – (A. Ramos, Mayor) –
 - A. Recognitions:
 - John Kenney
 - Zach Austin
4. Reports –
 - City Mayor's Report – (A. Ramos, Mayor) – NONE
 - City Manager Report – (Jessica Garza, City Manager) – NONE
 - City Staff Updates –
 - A. Quarterly Report – Parks by Supervisor Robert Llanez.
 - B. Quarterly Report – Visitor Center by Ellen Melvin and Tourism Report by Director Chris Ruggia.
 - C. Monthly Report – August Monthly Revenue/Expense Report by Director of Finance Megan Antrim.
 - D. Quarterly Report – Investment Report by Director of Finance Megan Antrim.
5. Public Hearings – NONE
6. Consent Agenda – (Minutes, Financial reports, Department written reports, board appointments, etc.) – (Notice to the Public – The following items are of a routine and administrative nature. The Council has been furnished with background and support material on each item, and/or it has been discussed at a previous meeting. All items will be acted upon by one vote without being discussed separately unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon. The remaining items will be adopted by one vote.) –
 - A. Approval of minutes from City Council meeting on September 4, 2018. (J. Garza, City Manager)

- B. Approval of minutes from Special City Council meeting on September 10. (J. Garza, City Manager)
- C. Approval Quinton Sledge to be an alternate on the Building and Standards Commission. (R. Stephens, City Council)
- D. Approve Marbert Moore to the airport board for Ward 3. (J. Fitzgerald, City Council)

Motion was made by Councilor Stephen , by Resolution 2018-09-14, to approve consent as written. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.

7. Information or Discussion items –

- A. Quarterly Reports – Chamber of Commerce by Aaron Rodriguez.
- B. Quarterly Reports – West Texas Ambulance by Mike Scudder.
- C. Review procedure for Ordinance approval. (J. Garza, City Manager)

Action items to be accompanied by a brief statement of facts, including where funds are coming from, if applicable. (Action items limited to (up to) 10 per meeting.) (Citizens are allowed to comment – limited to 3 minutes – after being called upon by Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem. Citizens are required to state their name and the Ward in which they reside. Priority will be given to citizens of Alpine and those who own businesses or property in the City. Individuals who do not live in, or own businesses or property in the City limits of Alpine, will be allowed to speak if there is time available.) –

- 8. Discuss, consider, and take action to establish the City Council meeting dates for 2018/2019 Fiscal Year. (R. Stephens, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2018-09-15 to establish the City Council meeting dates for 2018/2019 Fiscal Year. Councilor Stephens proposed by Resolution 2018-09-15 for Council continues to meet twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month for the next fiscal year with the exception that Council have only one meeting in November, that being November 6 and one meeting in December that being December 4. The meetings in January would be on January 8, and January 15 2019. Meetings in September being in September 4 and September 17, 2019. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried. Councilor Stephens amended the main motion to include that the October 2 meeting start at 4:30 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion was unanimously carried.
- 9. Discuss, consider, and take action on the second reading of Ordinance 2018-08-10, abandonment of property of .05 acres of property at the intersection of N. Bird and the unimproved portion of platted, but not improved section Brown Ave. identified in tract No 1 in conveyance document of the City of Alpine recorded in Volume 143, Page 402 of the Brewster County Deed Record, Brewster County, Texas to Britt Pauls, 801 N. Bird St., Alpine, Texas 79830. (R. Stephens, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2018-09-16 to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2018-08-10, abandonment of property of .05 acres of property at the intersection of N. Bird and the unimproved portion of platted, but not improved section Brown Ave. identified in tract No.1 in conveyance document of the City of Alpine recorded in Volum 143, Page 402 of the Brewster County Deed Record, Brewster County, Texas to Britt Pauls, 801 N. Bird St., Alpine Texas 79830. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.

10. Discuss, consider, and take action on the second reading of Ordinance 2018-08-11, sale of property of .05 acres of property at the intersection of N. Bird and the unimproved portion of platted, but not improved section Brown Ave identified in Tract No. 1 in conveyance document to the City of Alpine recorded in Volume 143, Page 402 of the Brewster County Deed Record, Brewster County, Tx to Britt Pauls, 801 N. Bird Street, Alpine, Tx 79830 for the appraised value of \$2,600. (R. Stephens, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2018-09-17 to approve the second reading of Ordinance 201-08-11, sale of property of .05 acres of property at the intersection of N. Bird and the unimproved portion of platted, but not improved section Brown Ave identified in Tract No. 1 in conveyance document to the City of Alpine recorded in Volume 143, Page 402 of the Brewster County Deed Record, Brewster County, Tx. To Britt Pauls, 801 N. Bird Street, Alpine, TX 79830 for the appraised value of \$2,600. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.
11. Discuss, consider, and take action on a bid submitted by Jonny and Judy Vick for the purchase of R12482 being Lots 4, 5, and 6, Block 13, Shipman Addition, Alpine, Brewster County, bid amount is \$12,500.00.(J. Garza, City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2018-09-18 to take action on a bid submitted by Jonny and Judy Vick for the purchase of R12482 being Lots, 4,5, and 6, Block 13, Shipman Addition, Alpine, Brewster County, bid amount is \$12,500.00. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.
12. Discuss and Consider approving and adopting the 2018/2019 Tax Year Proposed Property Tax Rate for the City of Alpine, Texas by Ordinance 2018-09-06. A tax rate of \$0.534970 per \$100 valuation has been recommended for FY 2018/2019 budget, M & O is \$.494278,I&S is \$.040692. (J. Garza, City Manager)
 - a. Discuss and consider Ordinance 2018-09-06, an ordinance of the City of Alpine, Texas setting the Ad Valorem Tax Rate at \$0.534970 cents per \$100.00 valuation of property for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year; setting the tax rate for the Maintenance and Operations (\$.494278) of the municipal government portion of the Ad Valorem Tax Rate; and providing when taxes shall become due and when same shall become delinquent if not paid. –
 - b. Discuss and consider Ordinance 218-09-06, an ordinance of the City of Alpine, Texas setting the tax rate for the Debt Service (\$.040692) portion of the Ad Valorem Rate for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year; and providing when taxes shall become due and when same shall become delinquent if not paid.

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2018-09-19 that the property tax rate be set at a total tax rate of \$0.534970 which is effectively 3.7% increase over the effective tax rate by the adoption of Ordinance 2018-09-06 for fiscal year 2018-2019 which includes as part of the total tax rate \$.494278 for Maintenance and Operations and \$.040692 for the Interest and Sinking fund, the overall tax rate is not increasing for the last year. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald.
Councilor Stephens approved the motion as written.
Councilor Fitzgerald approved the motion as written.
Councilor Escovedo approved the motion was written.
Councilor Curry approved the motion as written.

13. Councilmember Comments and Answers –
 - Councilor Stephens – No comment
 - Councilor Escovedo – No comment

Councilor Fitzgerald – No comment

Councilor Olivas – No comment

Councilor Curry – No comment

Mayor Ramos – No comment

14. Executive Session – Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney), and Section 551.074 (personnel matters)

A. Update from the City Attorney on the appointment of Municipal Court Judge. (R. Stephens, City Council)

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2018-09-20 to move to executive session. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously passed. (7:02 p.m.)

NOTICE: The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed on the posted agenda, above, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney), 551.072 (deliberations about real property), 551.073 (deliberations about gifts and donations), 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (deliberations about security devices), and 551.086 (economic development.)

15. Action after Executive Session –

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2018-09-21 to come back into open session. Motion was made by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried. (7:15 p.m.)

A. Action, if any, concerning the interview and discuss appointment of Municipal Court Judge. (J. Garza, City Council)

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2018-09-22 that City Council appoint Sandy Stewart as the Municipal Court Judge for the City of Alpine Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried. Councilor Stephens amended the motion that the Municipal Court Judge salary would be \$1600.00 per month plus expenses with expectation that the court will occur 2 days per month. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.

13. ADJOURNMENT: 7:49 p.m.

I certify that this notice was posted at 1:00 P.M. on September 14, 2018, pursuant to Texas Open Meetings Act. (Texas Vernon's Annotated Civil statutes, section 551.043 Texas Government Code.) This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking space is available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the city secretary's office at (432) 837-3301 or fax (432) 837-2044 for further information.

Andres "Andy" Ramos, Mayor

Attest:

Cynthia Salas, City Secretary

I, Cynthia Salas, City Secretary, do certify that this notice was posted at 1:00 P.M. on September 14, 2018, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours proceeding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Cynthia Salas, City Secretary