

**City of Alpine  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, April 1st, 2014  
6:00 P.M.  
Minutes**

- 1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of allegiance to the flag – Mayor Rangra called the City Council meeting to order. Mr. Zimmer gave the invocation. Mayor Rangra led the pledge of allegiance to the flags.**
  
- 2. Determination of a quorum and proof of notice of the meeting – There was a quorum present. Mayor Rangra, Councilors Bermudez, Davidson and Gonzales were present. Councilors Fitzgerald and Castelli were absent. The City Secretary said the notice had been posted at 5:15 P.M. on March 28th, 2014. City Manager Zimmer, City Attorney William “Mick” McKamie (remotely) and City Secretary Taylor were also present.**
  
- 3. Presentations, recognitions and proclamations –  
**A. Presentation of Posthumous Resolution in Memory of Manuel Payne. (A. Rangra) – Mayor Rangra said our former Councilmember Manuel Payne passed away. He said Manuel gave so much to the City of Alpine. He said he served as a Councilmember and on the Parks and Recreation Board. He said he was a good husband, father and grandfather. He presented Mr. Payne’s wife and daughter and granddaughter with a Resolution honoring Manuel Payne’s life.****
  
- 4. Reports –**  
  
**City Mayor’s Report - Mayor Rangra said he did not have anything to report.**  
  
**City Attorney Report – Mick McKamie said his firm had been helping the staff on some projects and had also been doing some research on some executive session items that the council will hear about tonight in executive session.**  
  
**City Manager Report – The City Manager said the website had been updated and launched our new website 6 or 7 weeks ago and we have the domain name of cityofalpine.com. He said we are still in the process of redirecting our old website domain. He said part of the delay on that has been the email migration since we have needed to move our email to a stronger platform and in talking with Glenn Losoya, we anticipate that will complete this week. He said eventually we will redirect the old domain address. He said one neat thing is that we completed all of this work in**

house. He said we probably could have spent \$15,000 or \$20,000 or \$25,000 dollars in development hiring an outside firm and instead we took an individual who is on staff and put together what is really a good quality product. He said it is superior to what we had in the past. He said another element that we are adding is feedback forms for the city manager. He said we are developing that for the website. He said why it is so important is we continue to have folks who want to feel comfortable about sharing items of concern or good things that are happening in the community along with the feedback form. He said we have a City Manager blog and we put our first post out yesterday and all of these are an effort to really help the community feel like they are more involved and more engaged in what we are doing and welcome their feedback. He said we are really trying to encourage a lot of questions. He said we find that we can give better information across the community if people feel comfortable in asking the questions. He said whether it is a code violation issue or ordinance issue, we want people to feel like they can call or go on line and ask questions. He said we are really working heavily to accomplish that.

He said on the public works side, our parks are really doing a nice job of greening up. He said we aerated all of our main parks and continue to put water down on them. He said the affluent water return has been established at a tank in Kokernot Park. He said we are currently dispensing that, primarily on the golf course but we are looking at the soccer fields next. He said we struggled with some of the watering on that last year and we have a very active soccer program and we want to make sure that we have good healthy grass down there for the kids to play on. He said we have also established our plan for opening the pool at the park. He said last year the pool opened the second week of June. He said this year we are looking at having the pool opened on Memorial Day weekend. He said when he first came into the City Manager role, there was some concern that we needed to do some tile work that was going to cost the city somewhere between 15 to 30 thousand dollars. He said he checked with Atlantis Aquatics and they said we did not need any additional tile work. He said we are still making sure that we do not have any crack or leakage issues but we feel very confident that the repair that they made last year is a 5 to 7 year repair. He said we want to do some painting in the bathrooms and do some cleaning and freshen it up. He said he does not have a plan of action for the kiddie pool this year. He said that will require a little bit of capital investment. He said we have that in our capital plan and we will start addressing that for the summer, 2015.

The City Manager said this weekend we have a couple of weekends for the Big Bend Food Festival coming up. He said Stewart Ramser sent him a draft brochure and they look to finalize that this evening or tomorrow. He said this is obviously a big event for the city.

He said on this weekend, April 5<sup>th</sup>, we have the Texas Trash Off. He said we have six rolloffs situated out at 15 acres where the recycling center sits off cemetery road. He said the first 5 of them will be labeled, wards 1-5. He

said the sixth one will be for metals and scrap metals. He said we will try to do some separation on that as well. He said Patsy McWilliams interviewed with Ray this morning. He said we are going to meet here at City Hall on Saturday at 8 A.M. in the back parking area. He said Mr. Polonco will have some maps where we see some high trash and high illegal dumping throughout the community. He said we have started a little contest, so to speak, so if you live in Ward 5, you should put your trash in Ward 5 dumpster. He said you do not have to show up here at 8 AM on Saturday in order to participate. He said if you are late starting and if you have something else early in the morning, feel free to jump in your truck and drive around and help pick up trash. He said we are not accepting tires but we are looking at a plan for tire abatement in the next month or so. He said we are at capacity right now with all of the tires that we have. He said we are going to work through RGCOG with some grants to disperse the tires. He said on the code enforcement side, we have had 38 code violations and initiated 5 investigations. He said for permits, we were well over 30. He said we had high weeds and illegal dumping. He talked about the fire that occurred just outside of the city. He said concerning law enforcement, there were 12 arrests, 10 accidents, 468 calls, 911 calls – 51 and Municipal Court Citations were 23. He said concerning the water utilities department, waste water treatment plant, unfortunately one of our aerators has gone down. He said we have two aerators. He said our initial estimate was a \$75,000 repair but Virgil has that down to the \$25,000 to \$30,000 range. He said that allows us to do the work within our operating budget. He said that speaks to building our 5 year comprehensive plan that we need for improvement of our sewer infrastructure, not only within the city but out at the wastewater treatment plant. He said we have, what he would categorize as, some real stranded maintenance out there. He said we are putting together the comprehensive plan right now. He said in February of 2013 there was some dialogue between a 3 and ½ million dollar spend for a sewer interceptor project and a 2 million dollar spend for an EDAP project with a million dollars funded by the city. He said we are obviously in the process of revisiting that through this comprehensive plan but to him it has to be very detailed. He said we cannot come to the council or go the community and talk about spending this type of money without being very specific on how we are going to do it, how we are going to project manage it and what are the risks if we don't perform this project. He said from a maintenance perspective on the city, being here four and one half months now, the roads are important, but if you don't fix your sewer, it can bite you, quick. He said what we saw with the aerator was something with an old piece of equipment that went down. He said he is really pushing with Virgil to ensure that he and his staff develop a very solid plan. Councilor Bermudez asked if it would take five years to come up with a plan for the sewer. The City Manager said the charter calls out a five year capital plan. He said when he saw a bullet point that came out of 2012/2013, it had very round numbers on it that was not

comprehensive or specific. He said what he is looking for is the real detail as it relates to our infrastructure. He said when we talk about a sewer rebuild on the east side, some of that you might do in year one and some of that you might do in year two and how does that tie into your wastewater treatment plant and your capacity there. He said probably overall the project gets completed in 12 to 24 months if we choose to do it. He said he thinks about five year planning as to what you need to do short term and mid-term so that in five years from now you are healthy. He said we do not have thirty million dollars to spend on it, so for some of the stuff it may take us two or three or four years to get through as we get into the project. He said concerning the second bullet point it is a more formal response to TCEQ violations that have been noted from the end of last summer that we have been addressing. He said we have kind of been going back and forth with TCEQ on some of those items.

He said concerning the finance department, as you will see in the 180 day plan, our items have more than doubled. He said with that being said we have made significant progress on a lot of them. He said what we are really looking at, from an April perspective, is our account transition plan and our execution on that is outlined in the consent agenda. He said also in the month of May we are going to be updating our monthly reporting to really look at the absolute balances across our entire spectrum of accounts. He said he is feeling very good about that as we enter the May time frame as well. He said once again, higher visibility and higher clarity, to Councilors and the Mayor, as to the status of our financial reports. He said we are also addressing our contractors and vendors. He said in April, one of those high bar items is the power of purchasing. He said that was something that was put on the agenda last fall and we now have time to really dive into that and make sure that we make a good decision around it. He said he definitely wants to make sure that our council is on board with what we need to do in the RFP process.

He said he also really wants to look at our spot rate purchasing on gas vs. something more extended. He said by the end of this month we will start putting some numbers together for council to review. He said he would ask people to address any questions to him or the finance director. He said they absolutely want to demonstrate clarity in what they are doing.

He said on the Human Resources side, we are very close to completing our organizational chart with specific employee duties. He said we are reorganizing some of our staff, for example taking Glenn Losoya out of Records Management and moving him to an IT roll supporting the city. He said these are needed changes that will help us, not only operate more effectively and efficiently but also at a lower cost. He said through this work that we are completing, it will allow us to make recommendations around the second half of the personnel policy which really focuses on job descriptions, pay raises and pay scales. He said we have to get that complete before we move into the main time frame when we start building the expense budgets in those recommendations for 2015. He said there is a

lot going on but he is glad to be here. Councilor Bermudez asked if anything was being done about spraying to keep down the amount of stickers at the parks. The City Manager said we have not sprayed that he is aware of in the last few days. He said he would have to ask Reilly what his planned option is. He said the biggest concern out there is the proliferation of gophers. He said what we found is when water goes down the hole and floods it, sometimes that works. He said sometimes it just pushes them to another part of the park. He said we do not want a child twisting or breaking their ankles. Mayor Rangra said he went to see the fire that occurred recently and it was outside the city. He said the people expressed a concern about fire hydrants. The City Manager said it was in our comprehensive plan concerning the areas that needed to be addressed and what were the immediate things. The Mayor said we need, perhaps, to have a City Map showing where the fire hydrants are and where they are not. He said also the City Manager mentioned about the gas rates. He asked if we were going to be talking about this, this month, or next month. The City Manager said he wanted to introduce that right now as something he was looking at because what we have seen over the last couple of months is an increase in the spot rates. He said we need to start asking ourselves if we need to lock something in for 24 or 36 months and make that recommendation to the council and should we move forward with that. He said the top thing for a resident, is because we are on a spot rate, they might see an increase in the following month. He said they might question why and the reason is because we buy in spot rates. Mayor Rangra said the reason for us using spot rate purchasing was because years ago the old gas company had a three year extended contract. He said we were paying a higher rate. He said after the contract expired it was decided to go with the spot rate. The City Manager said anytime you go through that, there is a certain level of risk analysis. He said collectively, we will have the council look at it and either go forth or continue on spot. He said he does not want to revisit it every three or four months. He said he would like to do it one time and then kind of get into the yearly process. Jim Jones asked about grant funding for the sewer treatment. The City Manager said as far as grant funding for sewer treatment we have not specifically looked at that. He said that will be something that we will address from a funding perspective. He said he is really looking at the complexity of the project right now. He said this thing has been engineered and reengineered for many years. He said this is what he has done for the last 20 years and he just needs some time to get through it and see what specifically we are going to do. He said a 3 ½ or 4 million dollar project is significant to the City of Alpine. He said we will start looking at the overall funding. He said what do you have as far as debt instruments today and what are your interest rates on those debt instruments and would it be worthwhile to refinance and try to drive your interest rate down. He said all of those things have to come into play for us to make the best decision. Bob Litton asked about tires and said we cannot take them to the landfill or recycling.

The City Manager said TDS takes the metal off for us. He said the piece that we do is crush the glass and shred the wood or brush. Bob also asked about the sewer plant. The City Manager said we are looking at what we need to address.

**City Staff Updates – None**

**5. Citizens Comments (on agenda items) –**

Dave Dumas – said he was president of the Alpine Chamber of Commerce. He said he would like to talk about item number 10. He said the Board of Directors and Executive Director have had time to review it and they are all in favor of it. He said they have a few things that they would like clarification on and they are setting up a process and a meeting with Erik to sit down and visit and clarify it.

**6. Public Hearings – None**

**7. Consent Agenda – (Minutes, Financial reports, Department Written Reports, board appointments, etc.) –**

- A. Approve accounts payable. (E. Zimmer, CM)
- B. Approve Council Minutes of February 4th, 2014. (A. Rangra, Mayor)
- C. Approve implementation plan for setting up separate checking accounts related to Enterprise Funds. Resolution adopted at City Council Meeting on October 22, 2013. (E. Zimmer, CM)

Mayor Rangra read items A, B and C to the Council. Motion was made by Councilor Davidson, by Resolution 2014-04-01, to approve all items of the Consent Agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilor Gonzales. Motion unanimously carried.

**8. Information or Discussion items –**

**A. Update from TxDot (Chris Webber) and City Manager on pending road project for Avenue E and Highway 118. (E. Zimmer, CM) –** The City Manager said Chris has graciously offered to come and speak to the Council today about the project itself. He said we have sat down with Chris on the City side with our staff and department heads and with the TxDot contractor to ensure that we execute this as seamlessly as possible at least on the city side. He said Chris will give us a rundown on the project and then he will have a couple of things to add. Chris said the project will be from McDonald's to Tom's Triangle and it will be a complete rehabilitation. He said the second component will be 118 or 5<sup>th</sup> street from Reata to the bridge which is just north of the loop. He said that one is a little easier. He said he has had the opportunity to meet with Erik several

times already on this project. He said he sees a very good relationship between the City of Alpine and TxDot in the future. He said the project will cost 4.1 million dollars. He said they have a choice with projects like this of going really slow and spending lots of money. He said it can take 6 months to do a project like this and we do not want to do that to the community. He said our contractor is Kiewitt. Mr. Kiewitt said they were going to start in early May and they were going to be doing the North half of the street first and at one time there will be four cross streets that are going to be closed. He said as they are progressing through the job, the streets that are closed will be changed. He said they are going to provide all the shops and residents with 10 days notice. He said no traffic will be shut down but they will be rerouting traffic. He said they will be working 6 days a week from sun up to sun down. Pete Smyke said the stars in the middle of town got redone right in the middle of spring break and that upset some of the merchants in town. He said it was on Holland. He said we need to make sure that people are aware when stuff is going on. Chris said the problem they have is making something look open and inviting and safe while you are rebuilding everything. He said one weekend or week can make a huge difference for business owners here and they appreciate that. He said they are trying to get in and out the best way they can. Anita DeVries asked why local workers are not hired for these local projects. Anita said she wanted the opportunity to work. Mr. Kiewitt said they would rather hire as many local people as they could. Chris said TxDot makes sure that the contractor reaches the 7% DBE. The City Manager said one of the concerns on the city side was by Stripes of Town and Country. He said every time it rains it is a bath over there. He said they are going to look at the three intersections and address that in this project. He said it will be a benefit all around. He said it will also keep down some of our pothole repair process. He said our gas department has been given the go ahead to complete some projects that he has needed crossing these two roads. He said he has gotten two of the four done and he has a couple of more to do. He said he appreciates Chris for letting us go through and it keeps us from having to bore which is huge. He said the third part of this is the manholes that we have to replace because this is a state highway project and not a federally funded project. He said there are not dollars in it that alleviate our costs. He said between material and labor we have about \$28,000 in costs that will be associated. He said we are really working to make that within our budget for this year. He said as we get into our budget in the future we will really have to start addressing other external projects that will determine on how we spend money from a city perspective. Mayor Rangra said it is good to have projects like these, he said this is a four million dollar project. He said his concern is if we are going to hire some people locally for this job. Mr. Kiewitt said they are going to try to do that. Chris said there are people they can hire to cover for other people on the weekends.

**Action Items to be accompanied by a brief statement of facts, including where funds are coming from, if applicable. (Action items limited to 15 per meeting.) –**

- 9. Discuss and Consider Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation for review of plans for Tara Gaugler, 306 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, In Historic District. (E. Zimmer, CM) – The City Manager said the Council should have received Tara’s plans in their packets. He said the Planning and Zoning Commission had met last week for their normal meeting and talked some about this project and unanimously approved it. He said Tara’s project falls within code and ordinance requirements to build the project that she wants to build. He said we did have a couple of residents in this community voice their concern, concerning historic preservation. He said through the ordinance, there was some discussion about having an advisory board, which is the Planning and Zoning Commission, review the plans. He said there is not a call out in the ordinance to have it specifically recommended by council but in the spirit on how we operate as a city, we thought it would be good to have Tara to present it to the planning and zoning commission and they voted unanimously yesterday to support her project in regards to the historic district overlay. He said what we are asking for this evening is the support of the council as well for that project. Motion was made by Councilor Bermudez, by Resolution 2014-04 -02, to approve the plans for Tara Gaugler, at 306 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, in the Historic District of Alpine. Motion was seconded by Councilor Gonzales. Councilor Davidson said he had a question about the sewer and the water. The City Manager said both Virgil and Johnny have reviewed this site. Ray Hendryx asked what kind of project this was. The City Manager said the property itself was zoned R-3 so it is zoned for multi-dwelling units. He said it is at 7<sup>th</sup> and Gallego. Tara Gaugler said the project actually sits on 7<sup>th</sup> Street. She said there are two extra lots that sit on Gallego. She showed the Council the plans for each individual house and the courtyard. Carl Fleming said the vote from the Planning and Zoning Commission was unanimous. He said the Planning and Zoning Commission was going to have a workshop on May 13<sup>th</sup> concerning the Historic District. It was discussed that these properties would be rental properties. Motion unanimously carried.**
- 10. Discuss and Consider approving Contract between the City of Alpine and the Alpine Chamber of Commerce. (E. Zimmer, CM) – The City Manager said this was one of the holdover items. He said we were a couple of months without having an attorney and handed this over to Mr. McKamie who looked at it and made one or two minor modifications. He said we are looking to formalize the contract for the Chamber. He said the Visitor’s Center received \$72,000 a year for funding from our Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund and similar to that is the library where we established a couple of meetings ago, having the annual agreement in place is in order. He said the**

City Attorney has approved the contract. Motion was made by Councilor Bermudez, by Resolution 2014-04-03, to approve the contract between the City of Alpine and the Alpine Chamber of Commerce. Motion was seconded by Councilor Davidson. Councilor Gonzales asked about Mr. Dumas having a problem with the contract. Mr. Dumas said he did not have a problem with it, he just needed some clarification and they were going to meet with the City Manager to talk about that. Mayor Rangra asked about the cost of the contract. The City Manager said he believed it was a dollar lease and we own the building. Motion unanimously carried.

11. Discuss and Consider approving the update of the 180 day plan to include action items as a result of FY 2013 Audit. (E. Zimmer, CM) – The City Manager said post the audit review and acceptance two weeks ago the challenge was to take the findings within the audit and integrate those into the 180 day plan. He said through that he also wanted to ensure that the Council and the Mayor had an update on the status of the original 15 items in the plan. He said provided in their packet was the update on the original 15 items and then what the addition of the additional 26 items tied to the audit were. He said many of the items in the audit were already in motion. He said as you look through you will see completion on some of the items. He said one example was payroll and verbal notification not to be accepted for pay rate notification. He said when a new employee is hired you have a term sheet with the employee that identifies start date and pay rate. He said some of that process was already in place but we wanted to make sure that we committed it to paper. He said our finance team and city as a whole is doing good work and going through these items. Mayor Rangra asked about item 5. The City Manager said we will take a person from our finance department and look at specific account billings on a quarterly basis to understand if we are charging appropriately on the accounts relating to the water and gas department. He said we want to ensure that our billing is accurate. He said it won't be done by our billing department per se but it will be done by an individual on Megan's staff that will look at it. Mayor Rangra asked about item 13, concerning residential loans. The City Manager said the Community Development Agency and the loan program predate him. He said it very well could have been tied to the earthquake. He said there were some residential loans that as a city we were still carrying as a liability on the books. He said we wanted to basically go through those individually. Mayor Rangra also asked about item 19, Capital Assets. The City Manager said walking in as a City Manager his first question was when you buy something where is your delineation between expense and capital. He said every business should know that whether it is public or private. He said we need to categorize what is capital vs. what is just expense. He said you have to establish that threshold. The City Manager said if the lifetime of the purchase is under a year, you would want to expense it but primarily he wants to look at costs. Councilor Gonzales asked about #12. He asked if we were also doing that for general items, for example the old cars that we

have. The City Manager said we actually already have the asset list for the old cars. He said he just has to review that. He said this is a forward looking question. He said every year we should do an asset inventory. He said that is one of the items that Craig Gibson called out. He said it was on the meter side. He said we are going to start with the Enterprise units first and then it will cascade across the rest of the organization. He said a long time ago there was a bar code but definitely not current. He said that was a task that would take a longer time. He said that is not an overnight thing. Motion was made by Councilor Gonzales, by Resolution 2014-04-04, to approve the update of the 180 day plan to include action items as a result of FY 2013 audit. Motion was seconded by Councilor Davidson. Motion unanimously carried.

12. Discuss and Consider approving contract for CAD, Records Management System (RMS) and Jail Management System (JMS). (E. Zimmer, CM) – The City Manager said most folks have read in the news that the County Sheriff was pushing to make a change with the software system, primarily around reporting. He said the Hill Country Software that the Sheriff was using was not producing the reports. He said they worked for the better part of last year with Jim and the Hill Country team and they just could not come to a resolution so with that the Sheriff's office decided to search for another vendor. He said they do have a Stone Garden Grant that covers the purchase of this and the purchasing on the County Sheriff's behalf. He said because we do have to tie in with the county there is a police department element to this. He said what we are looking at with this is approving our annual maintenance side to this new software which is \$3,600 for the CAD and \$3,700 for the Records Management. He said that is the obligation for the city. He said we are currently paying a maintenance fee to Hill Country and this is fairly equivalent to what we are currently paying for a similar type system. He said the county approved executing this back in March and then the second half of the document itself outlines what the city's commitment would be. Motion was made by Councilor Davidson, by Resolution 2014-04-05, to approve the contract for CAD, and Records Management System (RMS) and Jail Management System (JMS). Motion was seconded by Councilor Bermudez. Councilor Davidson said just for clarification it looks like our annual responsibility is \$3,600 a year for the CAD and \$3,700 a year for the RMS. The City Manager said that was correct and that was all on page 20 of the report. Councilor Davidson said this was not covered by the Stone Garden. The City Manager said that was correct. The amounts paid to Hill Country were discussed and this takes us up about a thousand dollars. He said we are getting a stronger support element. Ray Hendryx asked if the new contract would be with the county or with the software company. The City Manager said we are signing the contract with the software company. He said we will pay them directly. There was discussion concerning the signatures on the contract. The City Manager said one of the nice things is that Megan Antrim our Finance

Director used to be the grant administrator on the county side. He said from an education perspective we have a real leg up on having her on our team. Mayor Rangra asked if March 14<sup>th</sup> was when the City Manager heard about the contract. The City Manager said that was when he started talking specifically about this with the Sheriff's Department. Mayor Rangra asked how this was affecting the Municipal Court, since it was still using Hill Country Software. The City Manager said they would stay on Hill Country. Mayor Rangra asked the City Manager if he was happy with that. The City Manager said he was happy with that. He said he did not work with it every day so he is not a user but he does know in talking with Chief Scown and the Sargeant and Lieutenant about this and meeting with the Sheriff, he feels comfortable with it. Mayor Rangra said he knows we talked about it earlier but his concern still is that at one time the city and county were okay with Hill Country and he thinks that is the reason that we brought in the Hill Country Software for the City. He asked if this program was stong enough to meet our needs for years to come or will there be something in a year or two where we will have to go to something else. The City Manager said he asked the software company at what point they were going to move to a more cloud based solution. He said everything is moving that way. He said there are a couple of things that we need to think about as a city. He said in order to operate more in a cloud you have to have stronger connections to your businesses. He said we are operating off a simple DSL right now. He said there is not a whole lot we can do other than basic email and calendar management through the DSL server. He said as we continue to work with Big Bend Telephone and hopefully get them to deploy metro ethernet, we can start looking at meteor software solutions. He said we have to start thinking about conceptually 5-7 years down the road how to move everything out in the cloud and allow us to gain access through different devices. He said this is especially important for PD, law enforcement and code enforcement, having instant access whether they are in front of the terminal or they have a tablet or a smart phone. He said having the access allows them to make more robust and quicker decisions. He said he would tell the council that he cannot give them a response as to what this will look like 5 years from now because a lot of that will be predicated on how we can improve infrastructure in the City of Alpine. Motion unanimously carried.

13. Discuss and Consider granting permission to go to RFP for Electric Purchasing. (E. Zimmer, CM) – The City Manager said we are trying to take a more formal approach on this. He said last fall Deborah Pattison and Chuck Harrington were working on this with Priority Power Management. He said once we got through the audit we were going to take a deeper look at this. He said we are at that point now and also our current contracts expire at the end of May. He said instead of just going out and deciphering this he wanted to have the council's blessing that they do approve going out for RFP on this so we can collect multiple responses from multiple vendors. He said he has spoken with AEP who is a neutral third party to this. He said

Fred Martinez said there were some good options out there of multiple vendors. He said we are going to attack it that way and get a few folks in here. Motion was made by Councilor Davidson, by Resolution 2014-04-06, to authorize the City Manager to go to a request for proposals for Electric Purchasing. Motion was seconded by Councilor Gonzales. Councilor Gonzales said he would like to know that we are going to go out for bids. The City Manager said he wants to get at least 3 quotes in. Councilor Davidson said he also recommended that we also look at this process for our telephone services. Motion unanimously carried. Bennett Jones had questions about how this process would take place and the dates to be able to respond to this. The City Manager said he would see to it that Bennett got a packet.

14. Citizen's Comments (limit 3 minutes) This is the opportunity for visitors and guests to address the City Council on any issue. City Council may not discuss any presented issue, nor may any action be taken on any issue at this time. (Texas Attorney General Opinion JC-0169) –

Anita DeVries – said she wanted to say how thrilled she was that she was finally seeing a City Manager that fights for the city ordinances and knows what an enterprise fund is and how it is supposed to be operated and what a 5-year Capital improvements plan is and how it is supposed to be used. She said it sounds like the City Manager is trying to get the appropriate action items on the agenda so that the city can thrive. She said it is great to see that and it has been a long time coming.

Joseph Goldman – said he went to the water department and there was a person working with GIS. He said that person is no longer here but he wanted to know if that work was continuing. He asked if there was a plan to put that information on the geographic information system for Alpine.

15. Council Member's Comments –

Councilor Gonzales - said he thought we had a terrific meeting and discussed a lot of things.

Councilor Davidson – said he would like to recognize his recent interaction with the animal control people. He said they handled his problem very properly and professionally and courteously and picked up several stray cats.

Councilor Bermudez – said she needed to take the next four months off. Then she said April Fools!

Mayor Rangra – said he wanted to thank the audience for coming.

**Motion was made by Councilor Bermudez and seconded by Councilor Davidson to enter into executive session. Motion unanimously carried.**

- 16. Executive Session – Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney –**
  - A. Update on investigation(s) related to former City employees – W. McKamie, CA and E. Zimmer, CM (E. Zimmer, CM)**
  - B. Update on pending litigation – Scown Matter – W. McKamie, CA and E. Zimmer, CM. (E. Zimmer, CM)**
  - C. Update of pending litigation – Armstrong suit – W. McKamie, CA and E. Zimmer, CM. (E. Zimmer, CM)**
  
- 17. Action After Executive Session –**
  - A. Action, if any, related to update on investigation (s) related to former City Employees. (E. Zimmer, CM) – No action was taken on this upon the advice of the attorney.**
  
  - B. Action, if any, related to update on pending litigation – Scown Matter. (E. Zimmer, CM) – Motion was made by Councilor Davidson, by Resolution 2014-04-07, to direct the City Manager and the City Attorney to seek resolution for this and report back to the council on a monthly basis. Motion was seconded by Councilor Bermudez. Motion unanimously carried.**
  
  - C. Action, if any, relating to pending litigation – Armstrong suit. (E. Zimmer, CM) - No action was taken on this item upon the advice of the attorney.**
  
- 20. Adjournment – There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.**

**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).**

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Dr. Avinash Rangra, Mayor

Attest:

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Margaret "Molly" Taylor, City Secretary

I, Margaret "Molly" Taylor, City Secretary, do certify that this notice was posted at 5:15 P.M on March 28th, 2014, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

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Margaret "Molly" Taylor, City Secretary