

**City of Alpine
Special City Council Meeting
Wednesday, July 1st, 2015
3:00 P.M.
Minutes**

- 1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of allegiance to the flags – Meeting was called to order at 3:20 P.M. Jo Beth McLeod 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 present. Mayor Rangra, Councilors Antrim, Salas and Stephens were present. Councilors Fitzgerald and Gonzales were both excused for their absence. A quorum was present. Meeting notice was posted at 10:00 A.M. on June 25th, 2015**

- 3. Presentations, recognitions and proclamations –**

- 4. Reports –
City Mayor’s Report -
City Manager Report –
City Staff Updates –**

- 5. Citizens Comments (on agenda items) – (limited to 3 minutes) –**

- 6. Public Hearings –**

- 7. 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being discussed separately unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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.)**

- 8. Information or Discussion items – (Citizens are allowed to comment – limited to 3 minutes – after being called upon by Mayor.) –**

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)

9. Discuss and Consider approving comments to be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on behalf of the City of Alpine concerning the proposed gas pipeline through Brewster County and not allow registration of the city for electronic filing. (A. Rangra, Mayor) –

Mayor Rangra said we are already one day late on this. Motion was made by Councilor Salas to accept the Resolution 2015-07-01. Motion was seconded by Councilor Antrim. No vote was taken on this motion. Mayor Rangra asked if there were any other agencies that regulated pipelines other than the State Agencies. Councilor Stephens said the State Agency must follow the Federal Code and that the State Agencies receive Federal Training. Councilor Stephens said there were some grammatical errors in the letter and Resolution. City Secretary Taylor said Councilor Antrim caught some grammatical errors in the documents. City Attorney McKamie said the City of Alpine is established to file any documents electronically with the FERC. Mayor Rangra said he is concerned about what they are doing in other places and who will be paying for the damages. Councilor Stephens said they do use X-70 steel that does comply with Federal standards. Mayor Rangra said he would like to have the answers coming from ETP. Councilor Stephens asked if the Mayor invited them. Mayor Rangra said the meeting is public and they should not need an invitation. Mick McKamie said he did not believe any other agency had jurisdiction. Mayor Rangra asked the City Attorney if he had any information from ETP concerning what kind of material would be going through the pipeline (methane or natural gas), what kind of pressure is going to be utilized and how many compression chambers will be there? City Attorney McKamie said his office had not undertaken to research this pipeline at all. He said his understanding was that they were to assist in filing comments with the FERC. He said it is not too late to send in comments. He said they are routinely considered in cases like this. Mayor Rangra asked if the City Attorney knew why the pipeline exploded close to San Antonio and Mick said he did not know. Motion was made by Councilor Salas to table this item on the Resolution until we have a full council (July 21st) and asked City Attorney McKamie to meet with Councilor Stephens to address issues including #2, #7, #3, the length of the pipeline and #4 – where the pipeline will be located and if and where it goes into Ft. Davis, Brewster County and National Parks since it is not specific. Councilor Salas said she only made a motion concerning the Resolution. She said she would like to make a motion to postpone the letter and Resolution until there is a full council. Councilor Antrim seconded the motion. Councilor Antrim asked Councilor Stephens to rewrite the letter and Resolution 2015-07-01 when the full council meets for council approval (July 21st). Councilor Antrim said she also wants to know about oversight. It was also discussed that the Council has 90 days to respond to ETP. Councilor Antrim said she has confidence in Councilor Stephens writing the Resolution and letter. Motion was made by Councilor Salas to postpone the Resolution and the letter and for Councilor

Stephens to rewrite the letter with the attachment of the Resolution and that this item comes back to be approved when a full council is present. Councilor Antrim seconded the motion. City Manager Zimmer said if we were a “party” to the suit, it would cost us about \$100,000 for full intervention on the part of the City of Alpine. Oscar Cobos said he was very concerned about this and that he thought the meeting was at 4:00 P.M. He said it is sad that this Resolution is being drug out. John Waters asked the Mayor if he had contacted ETP to ask questions. He said the City has held 5 public meetings on this subject and asked if the Mayor had exercised due diligence as the Mayor for ETP to come to the meetings. Mayor Rangra said he has not contacted ETP. Councilors Antrim, Salas and Stephens voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

10. Council Member Comments –

11. Executive Session –

12. Action After Executive Session –

13. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned upon the Motion of Councilor Salas and seconded by Councilor Stephens. Motion carried unanimously.

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).

I certify that this notice was posted at 10:00 A.M. on June 25th, 2015, 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.

Dr. Avinash Rangra, Mayor

Attest:

Margaret “Molly” Taylor, City Secretary

I, Margaret “Molly” Taylor, City Secretary, do certify that this notice was posted at 10:00 A.M. on June 25th, 2015, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Margaret “Molly” Taylor, City Secretary