

**City of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 21st, 2015
5:30 P.M.
Minutes**

- 1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of allegiance to the flags – Mayor Rangra called the meeting to order. Lana Covington said the invocation. Mayor Rangra led the pledge of allegiance to the flags.**

- 2. Determination of a quorum and proof of notice of the meeting – Mayor Rangra, Councilors Antrim, Salas, Fitzgerald, Gonzales and Stephens were present. The meeting notice had been posted at 12:30 P.M. on July 17th, 2015. City Manager Zimmer and City Secretary Taylor were also present.**

- 3. Presentations, recognitions and proclamations –**
 - A. Proclamation Keep Alpine Beautiful – Gold Star Affiliate. (A. Rangra, Mayor) – Mayor Rangra presented a certificate to Patsy McWilliams for her work with Keep Alpine Beautiful and earning a Gold Star Affiliate status. Patsy could not be present so the award was accepted by City Secretary Molly Taylor, on Patsy’s behalf.**

- 4. Reports –**

City Mayor’s Report - (A. Rangra, Mayor) – Mayor Rangra said at 11 AM today he met with the Brewster County Appraisal District Board. He said they were to talk about the budget, but they did not discuss it since it required a public hearing. He said he would talk about it at the next meeting. The Mayor said Stewart Ramser brought in quite a few new faces to Alpine last week. He said there was a showing of the movie Fandango which was made in and around Alpine and was shown nationwide in the 80’s. He said there were more than 100 people in attendance. He said the “new faces” enjoyed the movie and talked about how beautiful Alpine was. He said there were five main characters in the movie and three of the five were here in Alpine. He said everyone had a good time. He said he wanted to thank Stewart Ramser for what he did for Alpine. Mayor Rangra also said next week on Tuesday, there will be a community wide party for Ray Hendryx, who will be leaving Alpine. He said it will be at Kokernot Lodge from 6 PM to 8 PM in honor of all the good work that Ray has done for this community. He invited everyone to come and shake Ray’s hand and tell him thank you.

City Manager Report – (E. Zimmer, CM) –

- TDA Grant Update – Centennial Park Restrooms Conference Call/Meeting Completed (2/15/15)
Environmental Review Completed (4/15/15)**

Work in Front of Us:

- 1. Construction Contract Awarded & Executed (July)**
- 2. Construction – 50% project completed by (12/12/15)**
- 3. Construction – 75% project completed by (3/15/16)**
- 4. Construction – 90% project completed by (4/15/15)**

- **Streets Update**

Rain has been helpful for the ground, but slowed progress on paving activities.

Pothole remediation – balancing that work between street prep and paving.

Worked with County on first wave of paving last week.

Targeting rest of streets on Sul Ross over next two weeks – rain dependent.

Training with new Hot Patcher this week with Vendor.

- **Income Statement, Budget Variance, Specified Activity Report**

City Manager Zimmer went over the Income Statement, Budget Variance and Specified Activity Report for General Fund, Water Sewer and Sanitation, Airport, HOT Funds, and Gas Funds. He said all departments continue to manage within their expense budgets. Water and Sewer and Gas departments completed some proactive projects (payments made) in the June time frame. These were budgeted projects that needed to complete. He said the Finance Director and he continue to monitor Streets expense and will begin charging Fund 04 and 08 for their impact on the roads. Ad Valorem Revenues are within \$20K of annual projection. He said they will monitor checking account level (Specified Activity Report) for General Fund through remainder of fiscal year and into December 2015.

- **Budget Timeline Report –**

Tax Valuations projected out from Assessors office by July 25, 2015.

Proposed budget to be sent to Council (with different scenarios for revenue) by July 31, 2015.

Second Budget Workshop during first half of August.

Targeting final proposed Budget by second meeting in August.

May need one special meeting for all approvals.

- **Texas Railroad Commission Safety Evaluation Summary – City of Alpine, (May 2015)**

Damage Prevention Program Inspected by TxRCC from May 11-13, 2015.

Reviewed physical conditions, written procedures and records.

Texas Utilities Code, Section 121.201 and TEX. NAT. RES. CODE, Sections 117.001 and 117.011 reviewed.

No violations at this time.

Increasing continued awareness with Radio Advertising Campaign over summer months.

- **Parks and Pool Update**

- PARKS**

- Starting work at Kokernot Park 0-2 Playground Area.

- Weather has generated lots of mowing/weed eating at Parks.

- Large Baseball/Softball programs this year.

- Volunteer group attention at Baines Park.

- POOL**

- Good response from 3 Family Swim nights.

- Stormy weather has forced us out of the water several times, but only closed early 3 occasions.

- Goal is to provide a safe, clean pool where families and citizens can come out and have fun.

- Riley is doing a great job regulating the water this year.

- **SB394 Update**

- Relating to the use of supplemental environmental projects by a local government to come into compliance with environmental laws or remediate environmental harm caused by the local government.

- Shall approve a supplemental environmental project described by Subdivision (1) if the local government: (A) has not previously committed a violation at the same site with the same underlying cause in the preceding five (5) years, as documented in a commission order; and (B) did not agree, before the date that the commission initiated the enforcement action, to perform the project. The Commission shall develop a policy to prevent regulated entities from systematically avoiding compliance through the use of supplemental environmental projects.

- **TCEQ Enforcement Action Update**

- SB394 causing a review of current Enforcement Case.

- Targeting Purchasing one de-watering box immediately to help with new sludge remediation.

- Will utilize the \$45K in this year's budget for a Bar Screen and redirect those dollars towards the de-watering tanks. We need to be wasting more and this will streamline our operation.

- Continue to make headway and keep the lines open with TCEQ and our staff from elected officials.

Councilor Gonzales said he wanted to calm down a rumor. He said he heard the city was interested in closing a park. City Manager Zimmer said at the budget workshop the City Council discussed the volume of parks that the city had compared to other cities and how much it costs the city to upkeep all the parks. He said there were not a lot of people who attended the budget workshop. He said we would have the Parks Board look at the volume of parks we have, the cost associated with maintaining the parks and what is the right balance for Alpine. He said we can maintain dozens of parks but we need to budget accordingly. He said when you think about parks in

general, it is funded out of the general fund, which is paid for through ad valorem tax and sales tax. Councilor Gonzales said there was money allocated for those parks beforehand and wondered if we had spent all of that money. City Manager Zimmer said the Council talked about parks but not any specific park. Councilor Gonzales said “so you were just looking at the prospects of maybe reducing the number of parks and not picking any park out in particular”. Councilor Stephens said we were looking at what we had and how much money was allocated. Councilor Gonzales asked if there was money allocated for two parks, Pueblo Nuevo and American Legion. The City Manager said there was a dollar amount but there was never any money put in to a reserve account. Councilor Gonzales said there was money put aside at one time. Councilor Gonzales said he wanted to ask about the paving and the “hot box”. The City Manager said the “hot box” is here and they are going to do a demonstration next week. He said when TxDot mills up material they are required to give it to the county by law. So Hector is working with the county. He said we are going to start putting it down next week. Councilor Fitzgerald asked if the “hot box” was the same as the hot patcher. City Manager Zimmer said yes it was.

City Staff Updates - None

5. Citizens Comments (on agenda items) – (limited to 3 minutes) – None

6. Public Hearings – None

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.) -

A. Approve accounts payable. (E. Zimmer, CM) –

B. Approve Council Minutes of May 19th, 2015 Special Meeting, May 19th, 2015 Regular Meeting and June 2nd Regular Meeting. (A. Rangra, Mayor)

Motion was made by Councilor Salas, by Resolution 2015-07-05 to approve items 7A and 7B on the Consent Agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilor Gonzales. Motion unanimously carried.

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

- A. Tom Lancaster, Vice-Chair of the Parks Board will give a Parks Update. (E. Zimmer, CM) – City Manager Zimmer said Tom was unable to attend. He said the Parks Board will meet on the 23rd again.**
- B. Don Wetterhaur will do a Library Board readout. (E. Zimmer, CM) – Mr. Wetterhaur said he was the Director of the Library. He described the libraries services to the citizens of all ages. He said the city provides about 14% of the library's income. He said volunteers worked over 7,000 hours last year in the library. Councilor Salas thanked him for his service. Councilor Gonzales said he wanted to say the same thing. He said he enjoys being at the library.**
- C. Jan Moeller will do a Food Pantry readout. (E. Zimmer, CM) – Jan Moeller said the Food pantry was organized in 2009. She said the West Texas Food Bank was their provider. She said currently they distribute commodities to about 215 people each month which costs about \$880 per distribution. She said they can keep their costs down by food drives. She said they are 100% volunteer staffed. She said they have 25 to 30 volunteers. She said they need additional funds. She said they would also like to have their own space. She hoped they would continue to have the support of the City of Alpine. Councilor Stephens asked what the annual budget was and Jan said about \$11,000 a year.**
- D. Theresa Wallace will do a Sunshine House readout. (E. Zimmer, CM) – Theresa said she is the interim director for the Sunshine House. She said they are a meals on wheels provider and the Sunshine House has been operating since 1977. She said they are a Senior Citizen Center. She said they provide 35,000 meals a year. She said she hopes they will be able to continue relying on the City's support. Councilor Stephens asked if the Food Bank and the Sunshine House ever collaborated. Theresa said they were totally separate. She said they provided meals for the home bound and disabled. She said they also provided meals in their dining room from Monday through Friday for people who are able to get out and be more social. She said their service provides personal contact and meals for people who are not able to get out of their homes. Councilor Gonzales said they also have a quilting group who meets there and they also have a library where they pass out books. Theresa said that is thanks to the wonderful building that they are able to use. She said they also have computers available for seniors. Councilor Gonzales said the people who deliver meals are all volunteers as well. Theresa said they have 63 volunteers. Councilor Fitzgerald said he believes both the Food Pantry and the Sunshine House are extremely important. He said his wife participates in Meals on Wheels. He said Senator Uresti said we are the poorest County in Texas. He said it is definitely necessary for us to support these causes.**

- E. Mike Scudder will give the West Texas Ambulance Quarterly Report. (E. Zimmer, CM)** – Mike Scudder said for the quarter April 1st through June 30th, they had 85 calls, and 52 were from the City. He broke down April, May and June. He said in the summer it slows down but in the fall it picks up again. He said he also had a new breakdown for the response time for calls and transports. He gave a breakdown of the airport transports and types of insurance coverage that the patients had. He described the difference between Basic Life Support and Advanced Life Support upon the request of Councilor Stephens. Councilor Gonzales asked if the ambulance service was still transporting to the airport. Mike Scudder said they have done that for a number of years. Councilor Fitzgerald said he appreciates the service they provide. Mike said July 1st was their 30th year of operation in the city and county. Councilor Salas asked if the flights out of Presidio had an impact on the ambulance service here. Mike said he had not noticed an impact yet. Mayor Rangra said they do a good job and they are really dedicated.
- F. Judge Eve Trook will give the Alpine Municipal Court Quarterly Report. (E. Zimmer, CM)** – Judge Trook said Municipal Court is actually a very quiet place now, very sedate. She said they have only the most recent cases on the docket. She said they have 2 to 6 bench trials each month and they see new cases that are either out of animal control or code enforcement. She said citizens pay their fines if necessary. She said it is really as uneventful as she believes a town this size should have. She said they occasionally have interesting issues that arise. She said she thinks it is better to run this way without a long back up of cases that provide unnecessary drama. Councilor Stephens said nice job. Councilor Gonzales said she was doing a good job. Mayor Rangra said he thanked all the speakers who took time out of their busy schedules to make presentations.
- G. Discuss Airport Resolution, Funds for Capital Project for taxiway and apron rebuild. (E. Zimmer, CM)** – City Manager Zimmer said he put this under information and discussion and it will appear again on the August 4th meeting for formal approval of the Resolution. He said we have talked this past year about the Airport rehabilitation for the taxiway and the apron rebuild for 19. He said we are now in cue for this project to commence with the engineering to commence this next fiscal year. He said the expectation of TxDot Aviation is for the City of Alpine to understand the financial implications and commit our 10% to fund this project. He said in the short term it will require less than \$30,000 investment on the engineering side. He said it is about a \$300,000 engineering project. He said we do have that money set in reserve, predicated on the land sales and the distribution of funds from previous asset sales. He said the bigger piece of it will be the additional \$290,000 that we will have to assimilate in a little over two years. He said what that will require is us budgeting \$100,000 a year to put aside so that when we get to the end of 2017, the funds will be due at the end of 2017

beginning of 2018, we will have the funds due. He said looking at the current cash position we feel like we will still need to set aside \$100,000. He said they feel like most of the funds will have to come out of the general funds. He said we will continue to look at asset sales and will continue to direct those funds. He said we have a commitment to aviation in our community. He said we will have a new hangar base which should increase our fuel sales. He said we have plans to do a couple of fly ins a couple of times a year and really advertise our airport. He said the feds are distributing a large chunk of money to TxDot Aviation to distribute to all the airports over the state. He said the cities can hold over the funds for 4 years. He said our project will be 1.2 million dollars and TxDot would like the Airports who are not immediately using their funds to turn the funds back to them so that they can use them in another area. He said if we do not do this and be a "team player" the money will go back to the feds and they will distribute it to whatever state needs some funding. He said he thinks it is important to understand the commitment that TxDot Aviation is making to our Airport because we cannot fund this type of project out of our own entity funds. He said we are going to require other support from TxDot. He said we will have the Resolution at the August 4th meeting. Councilor Stephens asked what is going on with the emergency patch. City Manager Zimmer said it continues to get pushed out a little. He said he believes Mary Carmen called 12 vendors and we got one to come out and look at it, but he has yet to give us a price. He said we are now trying to work with TxDOT in El Paso to try to get them to strong arm some of these vendors. He said the challenge we are having is that no one wants to come out and do this small of a project because they find it very labor intensive. He said there is not a lot of profit to be made. He said they like the bigger projects. Councilor Gonzales said he wanted to ask a question about the asset sales and where the money went. City Manager said a few meetings ago we brought to council to put the assets from the gas company sale and the land auction and we pointed that at the fund for the airport renovations. He said any time we have any sort of asset sale in the future, whether it is an auction or a land asset then they would come back to council and make a recommendation as to what fund the money needs to go into. He said ultimately it is at Council's discretion. Councilor Gonzales said so the revenue from the asset sales goes to general fund but the City Manager is going to ask the Council if they want to put these funds into the Airport Funds. The City Manager said that was correct. Councilor Fitzgerald asked if we could pressure some of the guys that wanted to do the bigger project into coming in and doing the little project. The City Manager said this is a low dollar project and we are way out here. Councilor Antrim asked about the money that we have to return to TxDot. She asked if we could put that towards the \$100,000 that we need this year. City Manager Zimmer said if you get above \$100,000, we could

use some of those funds. He said what we will use if we get over \$100,000 is use the 2013 NPE bonds. He said once we are in cue for the 3.2 million, TxDot is guaranteeing that their 90% will be there. He said we will use whatever we have in the NPE fund at that time and they will supplement the rest. He said even if we do it this year and hand back the 2012 funds, we still could use 2013, 2014 and 2015.

H. Discuss limiting the amount of water sold for commercial purposes to any entity or its' subsidiaries not to exceed one acre foot per year at a rate to be decided by the City Council, to be modified by Ordinance to reflect this intent by the City Council of Alpine. (J. Gonzales) -

Councilor Gonzales said he has a question on this item. He said he went to the pipeline meeting and heard them say that they are going to need 80 million gallons of water. He said we are selling one million fourteen thousand gallons of water for an amount of \$25,000. He said they are paying 2.5 cents per gallon. He said he did not know what the intentions are of the city. He asked if we wanted to sell our most precious commodity which is water to the oil companies so that they can test their pipes or whatever. He asked where we needed to draw the line so that we are not putting ourselves in the jeopardy of not having water because we sold it all for a profit. He said the city is not meant to make a profit, we need to come out even. He said he would like to bring this up as an item and let the individual councilmen decide what they want to do as far as the price or the amount of water that we want to sell them because we are talking about something that is very important to every one of us. He said we do not want to exhaust the amount of water that we have. He said we do not have any assurance that will not happen to us and we are doing this to make a profit. He said this is just something to think about. He said he thinks this is an important item. He said he does not want to "give" the water away either. He said if we want to sell the water let's get it a little bit higher. Councilor Stephens said there are more than 20 businesses in Alpine that use more than 20 acre feet per year of water. He said he thinks we should ask the Environmental Advisory Board to take a look at this. He said our water tables are actually increasing in some areas. He said Sul Ross is one of our largest consumers. Councilor Gonzales said he is not trying to limit Sul Ross or anybody but he does think we need to look at it. Councilor Stephens said Councilor Gonzales should put together a Resolution so that the Council can come back and look at it. Councilor Gonzales said he would. Councilor Salas said on the amount of water that we have sold so far, has it put us in a critical position? City Manager Zimmer said no. Councilor Fitz asked what we used the money for, for the water that we

I. sold.

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 the first reading of revised Ordinance to update Ordinance 2014-08-01, an Ordinance setting the Rules and Procedures for the City Council meetings. (R. Stephens and N. Antrim) – Mayor Rangra said he thought they did a pretty good job on the ordinance. Councilor Stephens said that he and Councilor Antrim sat down and met a couple of times and worked to make some improvements. He said they tried to clean up some items that did not make sense. He said this included voting aye or nay. He said right now the citizens have three opportunities to speak at Council. He said they have moved all comments to the front at the citizens comments. Councilor Antrim said one other point was that we are disturbed by the personal attacks against council members and city staff and they added a clause that this would not be tolerated and if anyone persisted in that they would not be allowed to speak before the Council. Motion was made by Councilor Fitzgerald, by Resolution 2015-07-06, to accept the first reading of the revised Ordinance to update Ordinance 2014-08-01, an Ordinance setting the Rules and Procedures for the City Council meetings. Motion was seconded by Councilor Salas. Councilor Gonzales asked about an item which stated that all unfinished shall recess no later than the completion of the agenda items or at 9 PM. Councilor Stephens said if we are not finished with the agenda items by 9 PM, the Council will recess unless the Council votes to finish the meeting after 9 PM. Councilor Antrim said that item was not changed in this Ordinance. Angie Bermudez asked when the public could receive a copy of the Ordinance. City Manager Zimmer said the next meeting will have a public hearing on this Ordinance and a hard copy of the Ordinance will be available at City Hall. Joseph Goldman asked if this meant, with all citizens comments being moved to the front part, that citizens do not have the information that would be discussed at City Council. He said the citizens are limited in the amount of information since they do not get the backup information for the meetings. He said he believed that was why citizens got to ask questions both during action time and during discussion time. He said it seems to him that the council is keeping information away from the citizens by pushing everything up to the front. Councilor Stephens said he did not see it that way. Joseph asked if the information in the Council's book was available to all citizens before the meeting. Councilor Stephens said it was not available to all citizens before or after the meeting. Joseph Goldman said they discussed several items here that he had no knowledge of that were presented at the meeting. He asked if Councilor Stephens was saying that the council's information was the same as the citizen's information before the meetings. Councilor Stephens said no, he was not saying that at all. He said what he is saying is that what is in his book that the Council gets ahead of time is not generally given to the public. He asked if Joseph could give him an

example. Joseph said all the information that the City Manager presented was not available beforehand to him. Councilor Antrim said it was not available to them before the meeting either. Joseph Goldman also asked about the budget. Councilor Antrim said the Council did receive the updates to the budget. Joseph said he thinks by pushing the citizens comments forward to the beginning of the meeting, it essentially does not provide any information that is going to take place at the meeting for the citizens to comment on. Angie Bermudez said now that she is no longer a Councilor and is now a citizen, if we are going to discuss the citizens comments at the very beginning, that will not do us any good. She said what Joseph is trying to say is, when the Council is having their discussion items, and action items, they discuss all of the information that they have already been provided with, and that is where the citizens get to know what the council is talking about. Angie said as Councilor Fitzgerald remembers and Councilor Gonzales remembers, we fought for this for a long time, to let the citizens appear in a nice manner and be able to comment. She said this would be the way that the citizens would be able to tell the council if they were for or against the item and why. Councilor Antrim said the Citizens Comment follows the City Manager's report, the Mayor's report and the City Staff Update. She said it is not the first thing on the agenda. Joseph said that is not the procedure. Joseph said that is not the procedure we have right now. He said when a citizen gets up to say something he has to refer to an agenda item and not to what the City Manager says. He said he is talking about the agenda item information that the City Council has that the citizens do not have until it is discussed. Councilor Antrim said the Citizens Comments is on agenda items before we have gotten to the action items. Joseph said they are now saying that there won't be any other comments. Joseph said there won't be any other comments, is that correct? Councilor Fitzgerald asked Barbara Quirk from the City Attorney's office if she represented a lot of cities. She said yes and then he asked her if any other cities allowed three or four interventions during a meeting. He said this was a City Council meeting and not a town hall meeting. He asked if any other cities allowed multiple comments after the citizens comments time. Barbara said she had been representing cities for over 22 years. She said most cities just have the citizens comment at the beginning of the meeting. She said there are cities that do it differently and every city can do whatever they want but the purpose of the citizen comment section is to let the council know if citizens have particularly important or strong views about a subject that is going to be discussed on the council agenda. She said that is why the agenda is required to be posted in advance to give the public notice of what is going to be discussed. She said citizens who want to make comments will make them before the councilmembers discuss the item so that the council will be aware of the public opinion on the item. Barbara said this was a council who was elected by the citizens and the council is tasked by the citizens who elected the council to make the decisions. She

said generally speaking most cities do not have continual citizen input during the meeting and there is a very good reason for that. She said it really drags out the amount of time that it takes for a meeting and it results sometimes in cities not being able to consider every single item that they need to consider because they do not have enough time. She said the citizens elected the Council to make the decisions and it is important to have a citizens comments section at the beginning of the meeting before the councilmembers consider the items so that the council can be made aware by the citizens if they have a particular concern about an item that is on the agenda. Councilor's Antrim, Salas, Fitzgerald and Stephens voted in favor and Councilor Gonzales voted against. Motion carried.

10. Discuss and Consider authorization of execution of document(s) waiving certain federal aviation funds apportioned to Alpine Casparis Municipal Airport and make them available to TXDOT Aviation for eligible projects under section 49 U.S. Code Section 47104(a). (E. Zimmer, CM) – The City Manager said we had discussed this previously under the information and discussion section. He said this would be the formal approval to sign the document releasing the funds. He said he included a copy of the document in the packets. Councilor Fitzgerald said he would much rather have the money go back to TxDot Aviation and sent to a Texas Airport rather than send it back to the feds and have it end up in Montana somewhere. He said he would rather have it in Texas. Councilor Gonzales said he would like to have the money spent here. Mayor Rangra asked if this was the same money that Congressman Rodriguez brought in, a half million dollars? City Manager Zimmer said we went through this discussion a year ago. Mayor Rangra said this is something different? The City Manager said the money had been allocated but we cannot use it. The City Manager said as he explained earlier that in 2017 we would require TxDot to kick in another 2.6 million dollars and we would be requiring other cities to support our renovation. Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2015-07-07 to authorize the execution of document(s) waiving certain federal aviation funds apportioned to Alpine Casparis Municipal Airport and make them available to TxDot Aviation for eligible projects under Section 49 U.S. Code Section 47104(a) to our City Manager. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Angie Bermudez said she agreed that the money should go back to TxDot because if we don't this money is going to go somewhere else, to another state and we do not want that. She said we know we do not have enough money to get anywhere near being able to use these funds so she agrees with this. Motion carried unanimously.
11. Discuss and Consider approving William Stief's hangar location and lease agreement for Hangar number 39 at the Alpine Casparis Municipal Airport.

The Airport Advisory Board recommended approval of the lease agreement and hangar plan and has forwarded them to the City Council for approval. (E. Zimmer, CM) – City Manager said he put the documentation that the Airport Advisory Board reviewed in the council’s packet. He said Mr. Stief is proposing to build a hangar at the airport and the Council has a map with that location. Councilor Fitzgerald said if the FAA and the Airport Advisory Board approved this already this is kind of a “no brainer”. Councilor asked if this was Dr. Stief who was at the hospital. City Manager Zimmer said yes, it was. Motion was made by Councilor Fitzgerald, by Resolution 2015-07-08, to approve William Stief’s hangar location and lease agreement for Hangar number 39 at the Alpine Casparis Municipal Airport. Motion was seconded by Councilor Stephens. Motion unanimously carried.

- 12. Discuss and Consider purchase of De-Watering Box for Waste Water Treatment Plant. Cost of unit will not exceed \$30,000 (including shipping, set-up and training) and will be spent from line item 0654-9001 from our Sewer Expense Budget. (E. Zimmer, CM) – City Manager Zimmer said we were discussing TCEQ enforcement actions earlier. He said we really need at least one de-watering box at this time to see how it handles our capacity. We may need another one in the future. Councilor Antrim asked if there would be any advantage to buying two at this time. The City Manager said we need to get one in and see if it works. He said we may be able to get by with one and be able to save that money. Motion was made by Councilor Fitzgerald, by Resolution 2015-07-09, to approve the purchase of a De-Watering Box for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The cost of the unit will not exceed \$30,000 and will be spent from line item 0654-9001 from our Sewer Expense Budget. Motion was seconded by Councilor Salas. Councilor Gonzales asked if we did have to buy a second dewatering box, would that be included in the budget. City Manager Zimmer said we would put the line item in the budget for next year. Motion unanimously carried.**

- 13. Discuss and Consider declaration of surplus of City owned property (as identified in Attachment “A” to the agenda) and setting Auction date of August 20, 2015. (E. Zimmer, CM) – City Manager Zimmer said we would like to have this auction set up. He said the Council has received a copy of the auction notice including the property to be auctioned. He said we will have three different viewing periods. He said the property will all be moved out to 15 acres before the auction. He said Molly has done quite a bit of research for these auctions and you will see that in the language. He said this will help us build up reserve dollars. Councilor Fitzgerald asked about whether or not the old orange or green fire truck would be sold that is not running right now. Mr. Scudder said we need some direction on that since both the city and the county own it. City Manager said we had to make sure the vehicles we are selling were owned by the city. Councilor Salas**

asked if we did not dispose of all of the items that were in the auction can we scrap these items? The City Manager said it could be sold for scrap. Councilor Stephens asked about the reams of paper. Megan Antrim said former administrations used to copy everything on that size paper. Motion was made by Councilor Salas, by Resolution 2015-07-10, to declare surplus of City owned property (as identified in Attachment "A" to the agenda) and setting Auction date of August 20, 2015. Motion was seconded by Councilor Antrim. Councilor Gonzales asked if there were other items that the city may sell besides what is listed here. The City Manager said yes, we will come back with more items. Motion unanimously carried.

14. Discuss, Consider and Select a representative of the City Council to meet with a representative of the Brewster County Commissioners as required by the City Council Resolution 2015-06-13. (R. Stephens) – Councilor Stephens said we had previously passed a resolution for the purpose of meeting with the County representative. He said we need to decide who the representative will be. Councilor Fitzgerald said he thought this was a good idea. Councilor Gonzales said he would like to volunteer. Councilor Fitzgerald said he also volunteered. Councilor Fitzgerald said if Councilor Gonzales wanted to do it, let him do it. Motion was made by Councilor Antrim, by Resolution 2015-07-11, to approve Councilor Gonzales as the representative of the City Council to meet with a representative of the Brewster County Commissioner as required by the City Council Resolution 2015-06-13. Motion was seconded by Councilor Salas. Joseph Goldman asked if the public will be aware of the information that is being Shared with the County. Councilor Stephens said any decision that the City would make would be made by the City Council. Commissioner Luc Novovitch said the idea is to have a channel for communication. He said the idea is to see what can be accomplished together and save money. He said it will be reported to the City Council and the Commissioner's Court. He said the possibilities are endless. He said there will not be any back room discussions on this. Motion unanimously carried.
15. Discuss and Consider that the City of Alpine Environmental Advisory Board will meet to discuss water conservation guidelines for the City of Alpine and that the Environmental Advisory Board will make a recommendation on water conservation to the City Manager not later than the end of October, 2015. (R. Stephens) – Councilor Stephens said his intent was that there has been significant dialogue about the water situation due to the Pipeline. He said he thinks there is an opportunity for the Environmental Advisory Board to meet and share information and come back with a recommendation to the City Council. He said there is a lot of information available on how much water the city uses, who the major users are, what is going on with well levels, well depths, quality of

water, and how they are re-percolated. He said on his two acres of land the only thing he uses is rainwater. He said he has 18,000 gallons of water storage. He said he does not use any city water for his outside water use. He said the only city water he uses is for internal consumption. He said he thinks there is an opportunity for all of us in the city to get a better sense of water utilization, what our available water tables are and the opportunity to conserve. He said having attended the Texas Municipal League Meeting about 6 months ago, on water conservation, about 70% of our water is used to irrigate outside. He said he thinks that is an example. He said we the City use about 22,000,000 gallons each year for our parks. He said Parks are a great thing to have so he is not pushing back on that but he thinks it is an opportunity for us to have a discussion on the long term. We use, as a city, between 1.2 and 1.8 million gallons of water a day. He said that is not endless and we have to watch and see what goes on. He said he thought it would be worthwhile to give our Environmental Board a chance to look at this. He said he knows they meet infrequently. He said this may also be an opportunity for us, the City Council, to make sure we have appropriate members on the Environmental Advisory Board. Councilor Fitzgerald said he believed it was a good idea to pursue this. Councilor Gonzales said the Environmental Advisory Board has not met in quite a long time. He asked if we needed to appoint new people or did Councilor Stephens feel comfortable with the people on the board who have not met in a long time. Mayor Rangra said we might contact the people who used to serve on the Board and see if they still want to serve as a courtesy to them. Mayor Rangra asked if Councilor Stephens meant the second meeting of October. Councilor Stephens said that gives him an opportunity to come back with this item in November. Motion was made by Councilor Fitzgerald, by Resolution 2015-07-12, for the City of Alpine Environmental Advisory Board to meet and discuss water conservation Guidelines for the City of Alpine and that the Environmental Advisory Board will make a recommendation on water conservation to the City Manager not later than the end of October, 2015. Motion was seconded by Councilor Salas. Sarah Kennedy Neely said she was a member of the BBCA. She said she is all for conservation and she does all she can to conserve water. She said this agenda item is coming up after water discussions about the pipeline. She said there will be some members of the BBCA who will think that they are now being penalized because we are selling so much water to other people and to Pumpco and now we as citizens have to conserve water. She said she used to live in Austin and knows all about conservation, when you can water and when you can't water. She said she has had a great discussion with Erik about water. She said the city is sending two different signals. She said that is the first thing she thought about. Councilor Stephens said this is not about the citizens but about the whole city of Alpine. He said everyone is using 515,000,000 gallons a year. Mayor Rangra said this will include everyone, including the commercial users. He said the sale of water is not just addressing the

households. He said it is to address the issue in the entire region. He said we were discussing the make-up of the board and we may, perhaps, have to reconstruct the board. He said Councilor Stephens said, let's put BBCA people to work, since they have been involved in this, interested and vocal. He said here is their chance to have their say. City Manager Zimmer said prior to coming back to Alpine, the last four communities he lived in, all had specific water usage requirements. He said he thinks Alpine as a whole, whether you have a project like the ETP proposed pipeline or you just have common existence, through the next 20 to 25 years, these are good habits that we need to get into as a community. He said he thinks there is some great opportunity at the school district level, to engage our school district and really start working with our youth because we know that 80% of our population that graduates from Alpine stays here. He said he thinks it is a really good opportunity for us. He said anyone who has a keen interest in conservation and good ideas would be good on the board. Mayor Rangra said we are not looking at this to punish anybody. Ms. Callahan asked if the Environmental Advisory Board was a volunteer thing and could anybody join and how many people were on the board. City Manager Zimmer said there were six members so each of the elected officials appoints a member. He said they serve concurrent terms with the elected official's terms. Councilor Gonzales said we are asking the EAB to look at the situation and come back to us with a Resolution. He said whether the City Council accepts it or not depends on how the Council votes. The City Manager directed Ms. Callahan to the Charter and Ordinances on the website. He said the EAB has not met since he has served as City Manager. Joseph Goldman said there were some significant studies done in our area and he thinks it would be wise to have Dr. Kevin Urbanzyk to address the EAB concerning this. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Discuss and Consider approving the draft comments from the City of Alpine to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding the Trans Pecos Pipeline, LLC (FERC Docket No. CP15-500-000) and if approved ensure the comments are filed electronically using the "efiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov> and that the filing occur not later than July 23, 2015. (R. Stephens) – Councilor Stephens said at the special City Council meeting on the first of July, he was asked to draft the letter to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding the Trans Pecos Pipeline. He said he voted against the letter initially but has taken his responsibility seriously and put together four and one half pages of information that he believes is relevant. He said on the 5th of May, the Alpine City Council hosted it's first meeting, a special meeting, to talk about the pipeline. He said there was another meeting on the 2nd of June. He said on the 16th of June there was a pipeline issue on the agenda. He said there was an agenda item that ended in this action, writing a letter to the FERC. He said he was given the action to rewrite the letter. He said he proposes that this

letter be filed electronically. He said he proposes filing the letter no later than this Friday. Mayor Rangra said Councilor Stephens did a good and thorough job. Councilor Gonzales asked if we were going to send all four pages to the FERC. Councilor Stephens said no, just the letter. Councilor Antrim made a motion, by Resolution 2015-07-13, to approve the draft Comments from the City of Alpine to the FERC regarding the Trans Pecos Pipeline, LLC (FERC Docket No. CP15-500-000) and ensure that the comments are filed electronically by July 23, 2015. Motion was seconded by Councilor Salas. Councilor Gonzales asked if the Mayor would sign it or the City Manager. Mayor Rangra said we need to file it on behalf of the City. Ms. Neely said there was a limited number of letters that would be accepted. Ms. Callahan asked if she could get a copy of the letter. The Mayor said she could if the action passed. John Waters asked the Mayor about item #16. He said at the last special meeting on July 1st, he asked the Mayor if he had contacted ETP and the Mayor said he had not. John asked the Mayor if he had returned any of ETP's calls. Mayor Rangra said he had not received any calls from anybody at ETP. John said for the record that does not square with what Rick Smith from ETP told him. Mayor Rangra said he had not received any calls. Motion carried unanimously.

17. Council Member Comments –

Councilor Antrim – said she wanted to thank everyone for coming. She said she really appreciated the comments that were made by the EMS people, the Food Pantry, the Library and Sunshine House and she hopes that we will be able to continue these efforts in our community.

Councilor Salas – said she would also like to thank the people who spoke and gave reports and for the citizens.

Councilor Fitzgerald – said the people who came up and talked to us all represent very worthy causes. He said he appreciated all the volunteer work.

Councilor Gonzales – said he appreciated all of their hard work and coming here to report. He said he looked forward to meeting with the Brewster County Commissioners to see if they can work together. He said it has been a long time since we have had cooperation between the two entities. He said he would like to thank everybody for coming.

Councilor Stephens – said he agreed with everyone else's comments. He said it is great to see the volunteer activities that go on in Alpine. He said there is no question that we have some tough issues that we are working our way through. He said he looks forward to the continued dialogue.

Mayor Rangra – said he wanted to thank everyone and the Council. He

said it was a long agenda. He said he wanted to thank everyone who gave reports. He said contrary to what people believe this is a win-win situation for everyone. He said he wanted to thank all the people who came here to make reports and thanked the citizens for coming.

13. **Executive Session – None**

14. **Action After Executive Session – None**

15. **Adjournment – There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.**

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Dr. Avinash Rangra, Mayor

Attest:

Margaret "Molly" Taylor, City Secretary

I, Margaret "Molly" Taylor, City Secretary, do certify that this notice was posted at 10:30 A.M. on July 17th, 2015, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Margaret "Molly" Taylor, City Secretary