

City Of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Thursday, July 6th, 2017
5:30 P.M.
Minutes

1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of allegiance to the flags. – Mayor Ramos called the meeting to order. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers at 803 West Holland in the City of Alpine, Texas. Jo Beth McLeod gave the invocation. Mayor Ramos led the pledge of allegiance to the flags.
2. Determination of quorum and proof of notice of the meeting. – Councilor Curry, Councilor Salas, Councilor Fitzgerald, Councilor Escovedo, Councilor Stephens and Mayor Ramos were present. City Secretary Cotton said the meeting notice had been posted at 9:30 A. M. on July 10th, 2017. City Manager Zimmer, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Antrim, City Secretary Cotton and Abel Hinojos were also present.
3. Presentations, recognitions and proclamations. – (A. Ramos, Mayor) – Mayor Ramos said he did not have any presentations tonight but he did want to recognize the Boy Scouts at the back of the room who were working on obtaining their community service badges.
4. Reports –

City Mayor's Report – (A. Ramos, Mayor) – Mayor Ramos said he did not have a report.

City Manager Report – (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – City Manager Zimmer gave the following report

SCADA Replacement Ignition –

Currently using a system called Wonderware

The vendor is a one-man operation out of the DFW area – he has several contracts in the area, but hard to get immediate assistance

Recent visible issues – tank overflow, etc...

New system with Ignition will allow for integration with Police and remote cameras we are installing

Cost of \$38K – contemplated in 5-year Capital Plan

Five Year Capital Plan –

Sent out to Council last week

Updated layout this year to include write-ups on key issues

Will discuss how components can be integrated into this years budget at the two workshops

Continue to try and implement portions into the FY2017-18 Fiscal Year spending

Copy of five year capital plan

Website Revisions Update

Moving to Revise Platform (<http://www.revize.com/>)

New website is set to launch in October

Primary Drivers for Change

Financial Transparency Stars

Notification Center with Text/Email alerts

Share This – Social Media integration

Enhanced Web Calendar

Link Buttons on Homepage

Integration with Bill Pay

Citizen Engagement Web Apps

City Staff Updates – None

5. Public Hearings – None

6. Consent Agenda – (Minutes, Financial Reports, Department written reports, board appointments etc.) – Notice to the public – The following items are of a routine and administrative nature. The Council has been furnished with background and support material on each item, and/or it has been discussed at a previous meeting. All items will be acted upon by one vote without being discussed separately unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon. The remaining items will be adopted by one vote.) –

A. Approve Council Minutes of June 20, 2017. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2017-07-01, to approve the Council Minutes of June 20, 2017. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried

7. Information or Discussion Items –

A. Vision Plan Readout results from Community meeting on June 21, 2017. (R. Stephens, City Council and E. Zimmer, City Manager) – Councilor Stephens said they were focusing on Economic Development. He said this information was on the website. He said there were 6 key Elements 1) To increase tourism 2) Improve Historic Buildings and encourage reuse 3) create a Special Events center which includes a Farmer’s Market 4) Enhance sidewalks and street crossings 5) Increase parking options and 6) Walkways – connect

Murphy Street and Sul Ross Campus to downtown district. Councilor Stephens said he was quite pleased with the turnout of over 70 people. He described how the Community meeting was conducted on June 21st. City Manager Zimmer said he engaged with the sub groups and feels it would be important to meet with them quarterly. He said he was also encouraged that over 70 people came, which showed a level of interest. He said he was impressed with the dialogue of the groups. Councilor Salas said she was encouraged since there were a lot of people there and the entire council was also there. Mayor Ramos said we need to pay attention to where construction is done and revisit our cross walks. Councilor Salas said we need the police to patrol more and slow down traffic. Councilor Fitzgerald said people run stop signs in town all the time.

B Training Plan for current and new Board and Commission members. (R. Stephens, City Council) - Councilor Stephens said the training plan would include, meeting expectations and explanations of duties, Robert's Rules and TOMA. He said these Board and Commission members are volunteers. He said the Board Chairs should set the meeting dates and make sure they have a quorum. He said if they do not have a quorum they need to change the meeting date. He said they need to discuss issues with the City Councilmember who appointed them. He said they need to work with the City Secretary to get all necessary information and coordinate with the city offices. He said we need to clarify the way the boards operate and help the boards to understand the board charters. He said they should be able to review all information before their meetings.

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

8. **Discuss and Consider approving a Memorandum of Understanding concerning TCEQ requirements by designating Marshall McLean as representative for Brewster County to inspect all new, replacement and additions to any On Site Sewage Facility within Alpine city limits. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)**- City Manager Zimmer said installing a septic system requires an inspection after the work is done. He said any new septic system goes through our utility office. He said Marshall McLean is experienced in these inspections. He said the city's utility director is in favor of this. Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2017-07-02, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding concerning TCEQ requirements by designating Marshall McLean as representative for Brewster County to inspect all new, replacement and additions to any On Site Sewage Facility within Alpine city limits. Motion was seconded by Councilor Salas. Motion unanimously carried.
9. **Affirm and select Board and Commission members for vacancies on current Boards and Commissions. (R. Stephens, City Council)** – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2017-07-03, to appoint David Busey as the representative for Building and

Standards, Ward 5; appoint Carl Fleming and Dick Zimmer as the two at large members of the Planning and Zoning Commission; and add Robert Polanco as the City Employee member of the Grievance Committee and Judy Perry as the citizen member of the Grievance Committee. Motion was seconded by Councilor Salas. Councilor Escovedo said she was not comfortable having a city employee on the Grievance Committee and Councilor Stephens said that was the way it was in the Ordinance. Motion unanimously carried.

10. Discuss and consider approving a selection of Board and Commission Chairmen. (R. Stephens, City Council) – Councilor Stephens said the Council probably needed a short workshop on this. He made the motion, by Resolution 2017-07-04, to table this item until the next City Council meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.
11. Discuss and Consider approving a selection of Grievance Committee Members. (R. Stephens, City Council) – There was no action taken on this item since it had been taken care of in item #9.
12. Discuss and Consider selecting a date for training of all Board and Commission members regarding meeting expectations, Roberts Rules and the Texas Open Meetings Act. (TOMA). (R. Stephens, City Council) – Councilor Stephens said he would like to set a date for the training of all Board and Commission members. After discussion, motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2017-07-05, to set August 17th at 5:30 P.M. as the training date for all Board and Commission members regarding meeting expectations, Roberts Rules and the Texas Open Meetings Act (TOMA). Motion was seconded by Councilor Salas. Motion unanimously carried.
13. Discuss and Consider approving Resolution 2017-07-09 in support of retaining Amtrak Reservices in Alpine, Tx. (R. Stephens, City Council) – Councilor Stephens read the solution to the Council and gave the history of Amtrak. Councilor Fitzgerald said he believed Amtrak was very vital to our community. Mayor Ramos said Amtrak was vital to the elderly who cannot drive or travel in bad weather. Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2017-07-09 to approve the Resolution in support of retaining Amtrak services in Alpine, Texas. Motion was seconded by Councilor Salas. Motion unanimously carried.
14. City Councilmember Comments and Answers –
 - Councilor Escovedo – Thanked Councilor Stephens for attending the parade and thanked the Mayor for getting a limo for them to ride in.
 - Councilor Fitzgerald – Thanked everyone for being here and wished his wife, Betty, Happy Birthday tomorrow.
 - Councilor Salas – Thanked everyone for being here and thanked the boy scouts for their volunteerism
 - Councilor Curry – Thanked everyone for showing up.
 - Mayor Ramos -Thanked everyone and said it was a good agenda and thanked the scouts again.

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2017-07-06, to table the Executive Session item #15. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried.

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

A. Discuss appointment of City Prosecutor by City Attorney.

16. Action after Executive Session –

A. Take action, if any concerning discussion of appointment of City Prosecutor by City Attorney.

17. Adjournment. – There being no further action, 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).

I certify that this notice was posted at 9:30 A.M on July 10th, 2017, pursuant to Texas Open Meetings Act. (Texas Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes, section 551.043, Texas Government Code.) This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking space is available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's Office at (432) 837-3301 or fax (432) 837-2044 for further information.

Andres "Andy" Ramos, Mayor

Attest:

Erik M. Zimmer, City Manager

I, Erik M. Zimmer, City Manager, do certify that this notice was posted at 9:30 A. M. on July 10th, 2017, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Erik M. Zimmer, City Manager

