

City of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 04, 2020
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. Virginia Knab gave the invocation. Mayor Ramos led the pledge of allegiance to the flags.
2. Determination of a quorum and proof of notice of the meeting – Councilor Curry, Councilor Olivas, Councilor Betty Fitzgerald, Councilor Escovedo, Councilor Stephens, and Mayor Ramos were present. City Secretary, Cynthia Salas reported that the agenda was posted at 12:00 P.M. on January 31, 2020. City Manager, Erik Zimmer, City Attorney Rod Ponton, and Abel Hinojos were also present
3. Public Comments (limited to 3 minutes per person) – Charlotte Kahl, Old Spanish Trail Centennial
4. Presentations, Recognitions and Proclamations – (A. Ramos, Mayor) - None
5. Reports -
 - City Mayor’s Report – (A. Ramos, Mayor) – None
 - City Attorney’s Report -
 - City Manager Report –
 - Department Initiative / Goals
 - Leadership Update
 - City Policy / Procedures – updates and changes
 - City Property / Real Estate / Space Usage Update
 - City Staff Updates –
 - Finance Update by Director of Finance Megan Antrim
 - Building Official / Code Enforcement update by Director David Hale
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being discussed separately unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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. Approval of minutes from City Council meeting on January 21, 2020. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-02-02 to approve consent agenda as written and presented. Motion was seconded by Councilor Betty Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.

Council minutes: 02-04-2020
Approved: 02-18-2020

8. Information or Discussion items –
 1. Update on the Art Walk event from November 2019 by Keri Blackman. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)
 2. Texas Trail Conference readout. (R. Stephens, City Council, E. Zimmer, City Manager)

9. 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.) after being called upon by Mayor or Mayor Pro Term. Citizens are required to state their name and the Ward in which they reside. Priority will be given to citizens of Alpine and those who own businesses or property in the City. Individuals who do not live in, or own businesses or property in the City limits of Alpine, will be allowed to speak if there is time available.) –
 1. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action to approve Resolution 2020-02-01 to accept the donation to the Alpine Police Dept. for fifteen tactical vest, plus one entry shield from the Katy's Police Dept. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-02-01, to approve Resolution 2020-02-01 to accept the donation to the Alpine Police Dept. for fifteen tactical vest, plus one entry shield from the Katy's Police Dept. Motion was seconded by Councilor Olivas. Motion unanimously carried.**
 2. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the first reading of Ordinance 2020-02-03, establishing a Music Advisory Board for the City of Alpine (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-02-03 on the first reading of Ordinance 2020-02-03, establishing a Music Advisory Board for the City of Alpine. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.**
 3. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action on the first reading of Ordinance 2020-02-02, establishing a Hotel Occupancy Tax Advisory Committee, providing repealing and severability clauses; providing a Texas Open meeting act clause. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) - **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-02-04 on the first reading of Ordinance 2020-02-02, establishing a Hotel Occupancy Tax Advisory Committee, providing repealing and severability clauses; providing a Texas Open Meeting Act clause. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried.**
 4. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the first reading of Ordinance 2020-02-01, establishing a process for the issuance of a citation and a fine to Union Pacific for blocking the 5th street intersection. (R. Stephens, City Council) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-02-05, establishing a process for issuance of a citation and a fine to Union Pacific for blocking the 5th street intersection. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.**

10. City Councilmember Comments and Answers – No discussion or action may take place.

11. Executive Session - Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 (consultation with the City Attorney), and 551.704 - to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee –

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-02-06 to go into executive session and take a 5 minute break. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried. (7:11pm)

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-02-07 to come back into executive session. Motion was seconded by Councilor Betty Fitzgerald. (7:20pm)

1. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action in regards to personnel matters of the City Attorney. (M. Curry, City Council)

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), 551.074 (personnel matters).

12. Action – Executive Session –

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-02-08 to come back into open session. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried. (7:43pm)

1. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if any, in regards to the personnel matters of the City Attorney. (M. Curry, City Council)

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-02-09 to take no action. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried. (7:44pm)

I certify that this notice was posted at 12:00 P.M. on January 31, 2020, pursuant to Texas Open Meetings Act. (Texas Vernon's Annotated Civil statutes, section 551.043 Texas Government Code.) This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking space is available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the city secretary's office at (432) 837-3301 or fax (432) 837-2044 for further information.

Andres "Andy" Ramos, Mayor

Attest:

Cynthia Salas, City Secretary

I, Cynthia Salas, City Secretary, do certify that this notice was posted at 12:00 P.M. on January 31, 2020, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Cynthia Salas, City Secretary