

City of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 18, 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. Michael Wallens 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 February 14, 2020. City Manager, Erik Zimmer, City Attorney Rod Ponton, and Abel Hinojos were also present
3. Public Comments (limited to 3 minutes per person) – Michael Lindroos
4. Presentations, Recognitions and Proclamations – (A. Ramos, Mayor) –
 - Certificate of Recognition – Dallas Escovedo – Class D operator for the Wastewater Department.
5. Reports -
 - City Mayor’s Report – (A. Ramos, Mayor) –
 - Community Health Trash Pickup
 - City Attorney’s Report - None
 - City Manager Report –
 - Wastewater Treatment Plant Tour – Alpine Christian School
 - Code Violations
 - Update on TCEQ and TCOLE Inspections, (WWTP, Landfill & Police)
 - IT and Software Update
 - Hot Funding Allocations
 - City Staff Updates –
 - Building Utility Report readout by Stephanie Ladesic
 - Municipal Court Report readout by Judge Sandy Stewart
 - Tourism Report readout by Tourism Director Chris Ruggia
6. Public Hearings –
 - Public Hearing to obtain citizens views and comments on Ordinance 2020-02-03, an Ordinance of the City of Alpine establishing a Music Advisory Board for the City of Alpine.
 - Public Hearing to obtain citizens views and comments on Ordinance 2020-02-02, an Ordinance of the City of Alpine establishing a Hotel Occupancy Tax Advisory

Committee, providing repealing and severability clauses; providing a Texas Open meetings act clause.

- Public Hearing to obtain citizens views and comments on Ordinance 2020-02-01, establishing a process for the issuance of a citation and a fine to Union Pacific for blocking 5th street intersection.

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.)

1. Approval of minutes from City Council meeting on February 04, 2020. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)
2. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the second and final reading of Ordinance 2020-02-03, establishing a Music Advisory Board for the City of Alpine. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)
3. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the second and final reading of Ordinance 2020-02-02, establishing a Hotel Occupancy Tax Advisory Committee, providing repealing and severability clauses; providing a Texas Open meetings act clause. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)
4. Approval of Dale Jenkins application to serve on the Beautification & Environmental Board for Ward 2. (R. Olivas, City Council)
5. Approval of Jeff Bennett’s application to serve on the Beautification & Environmental Board for Ward 3. (Betty Fitzgerald, City Council)
6. Approval of David Busey’s application to serve on the Beautification & Environmental Board for Ward 5. (R. Stephens, City Council)
7. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the second and final 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 2020-02-14 to approve consent agenda as written and presented. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion was made by Councilor Curry to amend and remove item 7 from the consent agenda and approve one (1) through six (6). Motion was seconded by Councilor Stephens. Motion unanimously carried.

8. Information or Discussion items - None

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.) –

7. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the second and final 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. – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-02-15 to approve the second and final 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. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.

1. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate to adopt Resolution 2020-02-10, authorizing the City of Alpine Police Department to participate in office of the Governor’s Homeland Security-State Security Program. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-02-10, to approve Resolution 2020-02-10, authorizing the City of Alpine Police Department to participate in office of the Governor’s Homeland Security-State Security Program. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.
2. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action to adopt Resolution 2020-02-11, authorizing the City of Alpine Police Department to participate in office of the Governor’s Justice Assistance Grant. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-02-11, to adopt Resolution 2020-02-11, authorizing the City of Alpine Police Department to participate in office of the Governor’s Justice Assistance Grant. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.
3. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action to adopt Resolution 2020-02-12, authorizing the City of Alpine Police Department to participate in the Operation Border Star Program. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) - Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-02-12, to adopt Resolution 2020-02-12, authorizing the City of Alpine Police Department to participate in the Operation Border Star Program. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.
4. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action to adopt Resolution 2020-02-13, authorizing the City of Alpine Police Department to participate in the Department of Justice’s C.O.P.S. Hiring Program (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-02-13, authorizing the City of Alpine Police Department to participate in the Department of Justice’s Program. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.
5. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2020-02-04, establishing the regulation of skill or pleasure coin-operated machine establishments. Providing definition; establishing authority to enforce; providing a penalty clause; providing for a severability clause; and providing for publication. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Curry, by Resolution 2020-02-16 to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2020-02-04, establishing the regulation of skill or pleasure coin-operated machine establishments. Providing definition; establishing authority to enforce; providing a penalty clause; providing for a severability clause; and providing for publication. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried.
6. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on accepting Racial Profiling Report by Alpine Police Department Chief Martin. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)- Motion was made by Councilor Curry to accept Racial Profiling Report by Alpine Police Department Chief Martin. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. 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 – None

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 – None

I certify that this notice was posted at 12:00 P.M. on February 14, 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 February 14, 2020, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Cynthia Salas, City Secretary