

City of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 2, 2019
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. Lana Covington 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 Escovedo and Councilor Stephens and Mayor Ramos were present. Councilor Fitzgerald was absent and excused. City Secretary, Cynthia Salas reported that the agenda was posted at 10:00 A.M. on March 29, 2019. City Manager, Jessica Garza, Megan Antrim, Abel Hinojos were also present.
3. Presentations, recognitions and proclamations – (A. Ramos, Mayor) –
 - A. Happy April Birthday to the following employees:
 - Valerie Kettani
 - Dominique Rubio
 - Michael Maciaz
 - Adrian Fierro
 - Akeem Jackson
 - Eddie Molinar
 - Adelina Beall
 - Antonio Ybarra
 - Jovannie Gonzales
 - B. Proclamation – Safe Digging Month for the Gas Department for the City of Alpine.
4. Reports –
 - City Mayor's Report – (A. Ramos, Mayor) – None
 - City Manager Report – None
 - City Staff Updates – None
5. Public Hearings –
 - A. Public Hearing to obtain citizens views and comments concerning Ordinance 2019-03-01, an Ordinance of the City of Alpine, Texas amending Chapter 94, "Traffic and Vehicles, " of the Code of Ordinances, City of Alpine, Texas, to require a fee for requested Police escort services; providing that this Ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; providing a penalty clause; providing for publication in the official newspaper; and providing an effective date.
 - B. Public Hearing to obtain citizens views and comments concerning Ordinance 2019-04-01, an (Ordinance of the City of Alpine, Texas amending Chapter 18, "Building and Building Regulations," of the Code of Ordinance, City of Alpine, Texas by adding a new Article X, "Contractor Registration," to provide for the registration of contractors and setting fees for the registration of contractors; providing that this Ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; providing a penalty clause; providing for publication in the official newspaper; and providing an effective date).

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. Approval of minutes from City Council meeting on March 19, 2019. (J. Garza, City Manager)
- B. Approval of Resolution 2019-04-04 documenting the intent by Council on at the March 19, 2019 meeting to rename the ball field at Centennial Park for Mr. Val Lujan. (R. Stephens, City Council)
- C. Approval of Resolution 2019-04-03 that the City of Alpine will support and work with the Leisure and Outdoor Recreation program in the Department of Kinesiology and Human Resources at Sul Ross State University in developing parks-relation service learning projects. (R. Stephens, City Council)

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-04-03 to approve the consent agenda as written. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.

7. Executive Session – Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 Consultation with Attorney on a matter for which it is the duty of the City Attorney under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct conflict with this Chapter and requires discussion of the item in closed session).

- A. Receive feedback from the independent city management consultant concerning the issue brought before the City Council and/or deliberate the performance of the City Manager. (R. Stephens, City Council)

Motion was made by Councilor Olivas, by Resolution 2019-04-05 to move Executive Session to the end of the meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry.

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-04-06 that City Council extend its meeting beyond the 9:00pm time-limited set by Ordinance. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-04-12 to go into executive session. Motion was seconded by Councilor Olivas. Motion unanimously carried. (7:15 pm)

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-04-13 to get out of executive session. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion was unanimously carried.(9:21 pm).

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).

8. Action after Executive Session –

- A. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate actions relative to the employment contract of City Manager, Jessica Garza, including possible reassignment, adjustment of duties, discipline, or dismissal. (R. Stephens, City Council)

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-04-14 to stop the meeting and reconvene on Monday, April 8, 2019. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried. (9:25pm). Motion unanimously carried.

9. Information or Discussion items –

- A. Provide an update for the Brewster County Assessment District Board, including the potential change of fiscal year from the District with no planned financial impact to the taxing entities. (R. Stephens, City Council)
- B. City Manager provide a status and update on the accomplishments and palm for the remainder of the year as measured against the performance measures and \$1.1 million street budget that was approved for FY 2018-2019. (R. Stephens, City Council)
- C. Update on Sale of Tax Delinquent Properties. (J. Garza, City Manager)
- D. Discuss the need to conduct a City wide study to assess if residents within the established municipal boundary have access to city services such as SEWAGE, WATER and accessible roads to their properties. (R. Olivas, City Council)
- E. Discuss the need to conduct extended research regarding types and number of animal violations and citations issued per Ward (I.E. loose dogs/cats, animals attacking other animals, "Dangerous" animal issues, noise related incidents, etc....). (R. Olivas, City Council)

Details from this section are available on request.

10. 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, 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 action to adopt Ordinance 2019-04-01, an (Ordinance of the City of Alpine, Texas amending Chapter 18, "Building and Building Regulations," of the Code of Ordinance, City of Alpine, Texas by adding a new Article X, "Contractor Registration," to provide for the registration of contractors and setting fees for the registration of contractors; providing that this Ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; providing a penalty clause; providing for publication in the official newspaper; and providing an effective date). (R. Stephens, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-04-07 to table this item. Motion seconded by Councilor Olivas. Motion unanimously carried.
- 2. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve a policy through Resolution 2019-04-02 that the City of Alpine will utilize budget or average billing for gas and water services for those residents who wish to utilized balanced or average, and direct the City Manager to implement that policy within 30 days. (R. Stephens, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-04-08 to approve a policy through Resolution 2019-04-02 that the City of Alpine will utilize budget or average

billing for gas and water services for those residents who wish to utilize balanced or average, and direct the City Manager to implement that policy within 30 days with two exceptions, on the third line between the words gas and water services to start signing up, the same on the bottom paragraph to add the word start in front of sign. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.

3. Discuss, consider, and take action on the second and final reading of Ordinance 2019-03-01 of the City of Alpine, Texas amending Chapter 94, "Traffic and Vehicles," of the Code of Ordinances, City of Alpine, Texas to require a fee for the requested Police escort services; providing that this Ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; providing for a savings clause; providing a penalty clause; providing for publication in the official newspaper; and providing an effective date. (R. Stephens, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-04-09 to table this item. Motion was seconded by Councilor Olivas. Motion unanimously carried.
4. Discuss, consider, and take action to accept FY 2017-2018 Audit presented by Gibson, Ruddock, Patterson LLC. (J. Garza, City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-04-10 to accept FY 2017-2018 Audit presented by Gibson, Ruddock. Patterson LLC. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.
5. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve Resolution 2019-04-01, establishing a bikeshare program at the Visitor Center. (J. Garza, City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-04-11 consider the action potentially tabled item following discussion. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.

11. Councilmember Comments and Answers – No discussion or action may take place. – Individual Council member comments are available by request.

Councilor Stephens – No comment

Councilor Escovedo – No comment

Councilor Fitzgerald – Absent

Councilor Olivas – No comment

Councilor Curry – No comment

Mayor Ramos – No comment

12. Adjournment

I certify that this notice was posted at 10:00 A.M. on March 29, 2019, 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:

Council minutes: 04-02-2019

Approved: 04-16-2019

Cynthia Salas, City Secretary

I, Cynthia Salas, City Secretary, do certify that this notice was posted at 10:00 A.M. on March 29, 2019, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Cynthia Salas, City Secretary