

City of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 7, 2020
5:30 P.M.
Minutes

1. Call to Order, and Pledge of allegiance to the flags – Mayor Ramos called the meeting to order. The meeting was held via Zoom Conference in the City of Alpine, Texas. 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 via zoom. City Secretary, Cynthia Salas reported that the agenda was posted at 11:00 A.M. on April 3, 2020. City Manager Erik Zimmer, City Secretary, Cynthia Salas, and City Attorney Rod Ponton also attended via zoom.
3. Public Comments (limited to 3 minutes per person) –
4. Presentations, Recognitions and Proclamations – (A. Ramos, Mayor) – None
5. Reports – Copies of the charts presented during the meeting are posted on the City website at <https://www.cityofalpine.com/Alpine%20City%20Council%20-%20CM%20Report%203-17-2020.pdf>

City Mayor’s Report – (A. Ramos, Mayor) – Update on the Coronavirus

City Attorney’s Report – None

City Manager Report –

- Coronavirus 2019 Updates: Hours of Operation, Budget, FEMA, Work from home.

City Staff Updates –

- Readout report by Animal Control Supervisor Jennifer Stewart
- Readout report by Director of Utilities Scott Perry
- Readout report by Director of Tourism Director Chris Ruggia
- Readout report by Chief of Police Robert Martin

6. Public Hearings –
 - Public Hearing to obtain citizen’s comments on Ordinance 2020-03-01, amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 26, Article II – Civic Center, providing repealing and severability clauses; providing a Texas Open Meetings Act Clause; and providing an effective date.
 - Public Hearing to obtain citizen’s views and comments on Ordinance 2020-03-04, an Ordinance for the placement of a No Parking signs inside the Old Town Square parking lot that is currently designated No Parking.
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being discussed separately unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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.)

Council minutes: 04-07-2020
Approved: 04-21-2020

1. Approval of minutes from City Council meeting on March 17, 2020. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)
2. Approval of minutes from Emergency City Council meeting on March 20, 2020. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)
3. Approval of minutes from Special City Council meeting on March 25, 2020. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-04-01 to approve item 1 and 2, and withdraw item 3 to take care of two clerical issues. Motion was seconded by Councilor Olivas. Motion unanimously carried.

8. Information or Discussion items –

1. Dialogue on Pan Handling in the City of Alpine. (R. Stephens, City Council) – **Councilor Stephens tabled this item.**
2. Discussion on emergency/fire lanes on 5th and Gallego Ave. in front of Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church. (L. Escovedo, City Council)

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.) –

Consent agenda item #3 – Approval of minutes from Special City Council meeting on March 25, 2020. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-04-02, correction under action item #2 it list the motion having passed unanimously but the vote was 5 to 1. The other is action item #3 the motion was proposed and seconded but there was no vote. Motion needs to reflect that the vote was 5 to 0. With those additions and edits, that City Council approve the minutes from the Special City Council meeting on March 25, 2020. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried.**

1. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the second and final reading on Ordinance 2020-03-01, amending the Code of Ordinance, Chapter 26, Article II – Civic Center; providing repealing and severability clauses; providing a Texas Open Meetings Act Clause; and providing an effective date. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-04-03 to approve the second and final reading on Ordinance 2020-03-01, amending the Code of Ordinance, Chapter 26, Article II – Civic Center; providing repealing and severability clauses; providing a Texas open Meetings Act Clause; and providing an effective date. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried.**
2. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the second and final reading of Ordinance 2020-03-04, an Ordinance for the placement of a No Parking signs inside the Old Town Square parking lot that is currently designated No Parking.(R. Stephens, City Council) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-04-04, to approve the second and final reading on Ordinance 2020-03-04, an Ordinance for the placement of a No Parking signs inside the Old Town Square parking lot that is currently designated No Parking. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried.**
3. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the first reading of Ordinance 2020-04-01, an Ordinance of the City of Alpine, Texas, amending the Alpine Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18 Building and Building Regulations; repealing conflicting Ordinances; providing a severability clause; providing a penalty not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00); providing an effective date .(E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-04-05, on the first reading of Ordinance 2020-04-01, an Ordinance of the City of Alpine, Texas, amending the Alpine Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18 Building and Building Regulations; repealing conflicting Ordinances;**

providing a severability clause; providing a penalty not to exceed five hundred dollar (\$500.00); providing an effective date. Motion was seconded by Councilor Betty Fitzgerald. Councilor Curry, Councilor Olivas, Councilor Betty Fitzgerald, and Councilor Stephens voted yes. Councilor Escovedo voted against. Motion was 4 to 1.

4. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on approving the Joint Election Service Contract between the City of Alpine and Brewster County for the November 3, 2020 election. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-04-06, to table this item closer to election date. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried.
5. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the first reading of Ordinance 2020-04-03, an Ordinance establishing the Transportation Committee. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-04-07 amend motion to table. Motion was seconded by Councilor Olivas. Motion unanimously carried.
6. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action if needed amending Ordinance 2020-03-06, an Emergency Ordinance instituting Emergency measures due to a Public Health Emergency for the City of Alpine. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-04-08 amending Ordinance 2020-03-06, an Emergency Ordinance instituting Emergency measures due to a Public Health Emergency for the City of Alpine to align with Brewster County. 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 an 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)

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-04-09 that City Council go into executive session. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion carried unanimously (7:48pm)

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-04-10 to come out of Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried. (8:00pm)

1. Discuss the purchase of property for the City of Alpine. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)

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 Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 (consultation with an 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)

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-04-11 to come back to open session. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried 4 to 0.

12. Action – Executive Session –

1. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action if any, on the purchase of property for the City of Alpine. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-04-12 to take no action. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried 4 to 0.

I certify that this notice was posted at 11:00 A.M. on April 3, 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 11:00 A.M. on April 3, 2020, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Cynthia Salas, City Secretary