

City of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 21, 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 17, 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) –
 - Proclamation – Safe Digging Month for the City of Alpine.
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 –

- Report on current Texas Emergency Proclamation
- Report on current Emergency Proclamation for the Big Bend Tri-County, Marfa, and Presidio

City Manager Report –

- Coronavirus Update
- Utility and Utility Billing Update
- EMS Services

City Staff Updates –

- Tourism Report – Director Chris Ruggia
- Mid-Year Financial Report, COVID19 Financial Implications – Director of Finance Megan Antrim
- COVID19 update - Chief of Police Robert Martin

6. Public Hearings –
 - Public Hearing to obtain citizen’s comments on 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.

- Public Hearing to obtain citizen's views and comments on Ordinance 2020-03-03, establishing limited parking to 30 minute between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm on weekdays in the 100 block of West Ave E., located between 5th and 6th street on both of the North and South sides of the roadway, except on holidays.

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 April 7, 2020. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)
2. Approve ratifying Resolution 2020-01-04, for the signatories for all the accounts with West Texas National Bank to include safe deposit boxes for the City of Alpine. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-04-13 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. Update on Big Bend Regional Medical Center - Chapter 11 Reorganization Filing. (E. Zimmer,
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 on the second and final reading of Ordinance 2020-03-03, establishing limited parking to 30 minutes between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm on weekdays in the 100 block of West Avenue E., located between 5th street and 6th street on both of the North and South sides of the roadway, except on holidays. (R. Stephens, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-04-14 to approve the second and final reading on Ordinance 2020-03-03, establishing limited parking to 30 minutes between the hours of 8:00am to 5:00pm on weekdays in the 100 block of West Avenue E., located between 5th street and 6th street on both of the North and South sides of the roadway, except on holidays. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried.

2. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the second and final reading of Ordinance 2020-04-01, 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 2020-04-15, 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. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried.

3. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the first reading of Ordinance 2020-04-03, an Ordinance establishing the Transportation Committee for the City of Alpine.(E. Zimmer, City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-04-16, approve the first reading of Ordinance 2020-04-03, creating and establishing a transportation vision plan committee aimed at helping Council to have a better sense of transportation requirements for the future of Alpine. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried.
4. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on approving animal permits for one horse. Horse to be located at 1602 N. 7th in Alpine, Texas. Applicant is Bret Welch. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Curry, by Resolution 2020-04-17, to approve animal permits for one horse. Horse to be located at 1602 N. 7th in Alpine, Texas. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried.
5. 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 2020-04-18. 1) The City Council amend Ordinance 2020-03-06 an Emergency Ordinance instating Emergency measures due to a Public Health Emergency as presented to City Council this evening. 2) That the City Council approve the objective statement and tier response documents that were presented to Council this evening. 3) That City Council adopt tier level 3 for implementation going forward until such time is changed. 4) That City Council resolved to meet on April 29, 2020, to reassess the situation. 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) - 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 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)

12. Action – Executive Session – None

I certify that this notice was posted at 11:00 A.M. on April 17, 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:

Council minutes: 04-21-2020

Approved: 05-05-2020

Cynthia Salas, City Secretary

I, Cynthia Salas, City Secretary, do certify that this notice was posted at 11:00 A.M. on April 17, 2020, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Cynthia Salas, City Secretary