

City of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 16, 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. Fr. Fred Janacek 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 2:00 P.M. on July 12, 2019. City Manager, Jessica Garza, and Abel Hinojos were also present.
3. Presentations, recognitions and proclamations – (A. Ramos, Mayor) –
 - A. Keep Texas Beautiful Award for Sustained Excellence 2017-2019.
4. Reports –
 - City Mayor's Report – (A. Ramos, Mayor) –
 - A. Recognition for the restoration of the 1941 GMC Fire Truck
 - City Manager Report – None
 - City Staff Updates –
 - A. Monthly Report – April / May / June Monthly Revenue / Expense Report by City Manager Jessica Garza.
 - B. Report – Environmental Service by Adelina Beall.
5. Public Hearing - None
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being discussed separately unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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.) –

1. Approval of minutes from City Council meeting on July 2, 2019. (J. Garza, City Manager)

Motion was made by Councilor Escovedo, by Resolution 2019-07-14 to approve the consent agenda as written. Motion was seconded by Councilor Olivas. Motion unanimously carried.

7. Information or Discussion items –

- A. City Council review and discuss the Alpine Parks Master Plan V4-7-8-19 and Public Comments and Amendments for the Alpine Parks and Recreation Board in preparation for adoption of the Plan at the August 6, 2019 regularly scheduled City Council meeting. (R. Stephens, City Council)
- B. City Manager provide City Council with the results from, planned actions and future actions associated with the \$251,000 lump sum contract with Park Hill Smith and Cooper for a study, preliminary design, final design, bidding and negotiation phase and construction phase for the Waste Water Treatment Plant that was signed December 20,2018. (R. Stephens, City Council)
- C. City Manager provide an update on the milestones and actions aimed at completing PHSC water and wastewater contract that was approved by Council February 2019 and signed June 4, 2019, and the status of the contract with KSA for the road assessment including the schedule of milestones for the scope of work. (R. Stephens, City Council)
- D. City Manager provide the status of actions aimed at property owner issues that drove the need for Resolution 2019-06-03 regarding the disannexation of property requested by property owners on Old Marathon Road. (R. Stephens, City Council)
- E. City Manager present and discuss the preliminary 2019/2020 City budget and provide any updates to the key milestones on the City of Alpine 2019 Budget Calendar that was approved May 7, 2019. (R. Stephens, City Council)
- F. City Manager provide an update on the status of activities and actions relative to all of the duties of the City Manager delineated in Section 4.02 of the City Charter with emphasis on the following:
 - 1) Gaining advice and consent of the Council for appointment of the interim or permanent Finance Director, Public Utilities Director, Public Works Director, and Police Chief.
 - 2) Preparation and submittal of the annual budget and capital program to Council.
 - 3) Keeping the Council fully advised as to the financial conditions of the City at the end of the 3QFY19. (R. Stephens, City Council)
- G. Discussion on organizing a special workshop for City Council members and interested Alpine residents to consider possible changes and/or additions to monthly meeting agendas that allow Alpine residents opportunities for participating at future Council meetings. (R. Olivas, City Council)
- H. Update and review the progress on action number 3 of Resolution 2019-04-05 regarding the importance of truth and good faith in conducting City business (R. Stephens, City Council). Action item number 3 states that the City Attorney is directed to create a formal process for implementation of this Resolution or Ordinance for review and approval by the City Council. (R. Olivas, City Council)
- I. City Manager review with Council the by name list of when the 2018/2019 employee evaluations were due, when completed, and the reason for any delays, along with the pay changes that were made in 2018/2019. (L. Escovedo, City Council)

8. 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 approve Resolution 2019-07-10 regarding the collaborative improvement efforts for 2019 between the City of Alpine and Alpine Country Club to accompany the 2016 lease. (J. Garza, City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-07-10 to approve the Resolution regarding the collaborative improvement efforts for 2019 between the City of Alpine

and Alpine Country Club to accompany the 2016 lease. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried.

2. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve the Chart of Accounts for Fiscal Year 2020. (J. Garza, City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-07-15 to approve the Charts of Accounts for Fiscal year 2020. Motion was seconded by Councilor Betty Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.
3. Discuss, consider, and take action to authorize reimbursement of travel expenses for candidates to appear for interview with Council. (R. Stephens, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-07-16 to authorize reimbursement of \$5400 of travel expenses for candidates to appear for interview with Council. Motion was seconded Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.
4. Discuss, consider, and take action on Resolution 2019-07-11 to permit the City Manager to represent the City of Alpine on all matters concerning city government with local media and city residents. (R. Olivas, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Olivas, by Resolution 2019-07-11 to permit the City Manager to represent the City of Alpine on all matters concerning city government with local media and city residents. Motion not seconded. Motion failed.
5. Discuss, consider, and take action to appoint Councilor Curry as liaison between the City of Alpine and Brewster County. (R. Olivas, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Olivas, by Resolution 2019-07-17 to appoint Councilor Curry as liaison between the City of Alpine and Brewster County. Motion was seconded by Councilor Stephens. Motion unanimously carried.
6. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate actions relative to Resolution 2019-07-12 to change the City Attorney. (L. Escovedo, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Escovedo, by Resolution 2019-07-12 to change the City Attorney. Motion was seconded by Councilor Stephens. Councilor Curry, Councilor Escovedo, and Councilor Stephens voted for. Councilor Olivas and Councilor Betty Fitzgerald voted against. Motion was 3 to 2. Motion passed.
7. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate actions relative to Resolution 2019-07-13, to ensure that the City has in place the oversight necessary to ensure fiscal accountability and compliance with sound fiscal management actions because of the departure of the Finance Director. (R. Stephens, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-07-13 to ensure that the City has in place the oversight necessary to ensure fiscal accountability and compliance with sound fiscal management actions because of the departure of the Finance Director. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Councilor Curry, Councilor Escovedo, and Councilor Stephens voted for. Councilor Olivas and Councilor Fitzgerald voted against. Motion was 3 to 2. Motion passed.
8. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate actions to direct the City Manager to implement Resolution 2019-06-02 that was approved unanimously by City Council in order to accept shade structure for Baines Park from Big Bend Parks and Recreation for Kids, to be installed by the City within six months of receipt of the shade structure. (R. Stephens, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-07-18 to direct the City Manager to implement Resolution 2019-06-02 that was approved unanimously by City Council in order to accept shade structure for Baines Park from Big Bend Parks and Recreation for Kids, to be installed by the City within six months of receipt of the shade structures. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried.

9. 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 Betty Fitzgerald – No comment

Councilor Olivas – No comment

Councilor Curry – No comment

Mayor Ramos – No comment

10. 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), and 551.071(consultation with attorney regarding potential or contemplated claims against the City) Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074 – 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 2019-07-19 to go executive session. Motion was seconded by Councilor Betty Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried. (8:41pm)

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-07-20 that City Council extend its meeting beyond the 9:00pm time-limit set by Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried. (8:47pm)

- A. Ken Roberts provide an update to Council on the healthcare benefits program and Council deliberate and discuss strategies. (R. Stephens, 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, Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney), 551.074 (personnel matters)

11. Action – Executive Session –

- A. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate actions regarding healthcare plan. (R. Stephens, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-07-21 to take no action. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.
- B. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action relative to the employment contract of the City Manager, Jessica Garza, including possible reassignment, adjustment of duties, discipline or dismissal. (R. Stephens, City Council) – Motion was made Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-07-22 to take no action. Motion was seconded by Councilor Betty Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.

I certify that this notice was posted at 2:00 P.M. on July 12, 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:

Cynthia Salas, City Secretary

Council minutes: 07-16-2019
Approved: 08-06-2019

I, Cynthia Salas, City Secretary, do certify that this notice was posted at 2:00 P.M. on July 12, 2019, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Cynthia Salas, City Secretary