

City of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 6, 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 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 August 2, 2019. City Manager, Jessica Garza, and Abel Hinojos were also present.
3. Presentations, recognitions and proclamations – (A. Ramos, Mayor)

A. August Birthdays

- Alonzo Baeza
- David Martinez
- John Aguilera
- Kirk Caughman
- Alexis Haymon
- Aaron Villanueva
- Phillip Workman
- Elisabeth Anderson
- Johnny Marquez

B. Recognition for the restoration of the 1941 GMC Fire Truck.

C. Grisell Gonzales – 20 years of Service – Finance Department.

D. Johnny Galvan – 25 years of Service – Airport Department

4. Reports –

City Mayor's Report – (A. Ramos, Mayor) –None

City Manager Report –

A. Update on staffing.

B. Update on street condition study & needs assessment for Water and Waste Water Improvements.

City Staff Updates –

A. Quarterly Report – Police Department / Animal Control by Chief Scown.

5. Public Hearing –

- A. Public Hearing to obtain citizen's views and comments concerning the Plat for the Lechuguilla project. Property Identification is 5.475 acre tract of land out of Section 102 in Block 9, G.H. & S.A. RY CO Survey being out of a 10.16 acre tract of land described in Book

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210 at Page 472 and being all of a 1.0 acre tract of land described in Book 324 at Page 164 both recorded among the Official Public Records of Brewster County, Texas. Property Owner is Skyway Gardens, Ltd.

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 July 16, 2019. (J. Garza, City Manager)
- B. Approval of minutes from Special City Council meeting on July 29, 2019. (J. Garza, City Manager)
- C. Approval of Official City Holidays for FY 2019/2020. (J. Garza, City Manager)
- D. Discuss and approve the proposed allocation of Hotel Occupancy Tax Funding for FY 2019/2020. (J. Garza, City Manager)

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-08-01 to approve the consent agenda as written in items A and B; to move items C and D to Action items. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried.

7. Information or Discussion items –

- A. Quarterly Report – Alpine Volunteer Fire Department by Assistant Fire Chief Mike Scudder.
- B. 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 appropriate action to hire a City Attorney. (R. Stephens, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-08-04 to take appropriate action to hire a City Attorney. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried.
2. Discuss, consider, and take action to appropriate actions for the first reading of Ordinance 2019-08-01, an Ordinance of the City of Alpine, Texas, expressing the voting role of the Council and Mayor in a vote to hire or terminate a City Manager, repealer, severability, effective date and notice of hearing. (R. Stephens, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-08-05 to take appropriate actions for the first reading of Ordinance 2019-08-01, an Ordinance of the City of Alpine, Texas, expressing the voting role of the Council and Mayor in a vote to

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- hire or terminate a City Manager, repealer, severability, effective date and notice of hearing. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried.
3. 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 by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-08-06 to take appropriate action relative to the employment contract of the City Manager, Jessica Garza, including possible reassignment, adjustment of duties, discipline or dismissal. Motion was seconded by Escovedo. Councilor Curry, Councilor Escovedo, and Councilor Stephens voted for. Councilor Olivas and Councilor Betty Fitzgerald voted against. Motion was 3 to 2. Motion passed.
 4. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate actions relative appointment of an acting City Manager. (R. Stephens, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-08-07 to take appropriate actions relative appointment of an Acting City Manager, Cynthia Salas will serve as Acting City Manager. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried.
 5. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate actions relative to authorizing Barbara Quirk, former City Prosecutor, to complete and/or transition the actions of 3 cases in work associated with the Alpine Municipal Court. (R. Stephens, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-08-08 to authorizing Barbara Quirk, former City Prosecutor, to complete and/or transition the actions of 1 case in work associated with the Alpine Municipal Court. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.
 6. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action regarding approval of the City of Alpine Parks Master Plan. (R. Stephens, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-08-09 to take appropriate actions regarding approval of the City of Alpine Parks Master Plan. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried.
 7. Discuss, consider, and take action to establish the City Council meeting dates for 2019/2020 Fiscal Year. (R. Stephens, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-08-10 to take appropriate actions to establish the City Council Meeting dates for 2019-2020 Fiscal Year. Motion was seconded by Councilor Betty Fitzgerald. Motion was table.
 8. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Proposed Budget. (J. Garza, City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-08-11 to take appropriate actions regarding the adoption of proposed Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget by adopting last Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget as the proposed budget for FY 2019-2020. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.

This items below were moved from consent agenda.

C. Approval of Official City Holidays for FY 2019/2020. (J. Garza, City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-08-02 to take appropriate actions regarding Approval of Official City Holidays for FY 2019/2020. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.

D. Discuss and approve the proposed allocation of Hotel Occupancy Tax Funding for FY 2019/2020. (J. Garza, City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-08-03 to take appropriate actions regarding allocation of Hotel Occupancy Tax Funding for FY 2019/2020. 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

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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 2019-08-12 to go executive session. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried. (8:19pm)

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-08-13 that City Council extends its meeting beyond the 9:00pm time-limit set by Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried. (8:28pm)

- A. Deliberate and discuss with the City Attorney on interpretation of terms of the contract between the City of Alpine and the Family Crisis Center. (L. Escovedo, 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 on the contract between the City of Alpine and the Family Crisis Center. (L. Escovedo, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-08-14 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 August 2, 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

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

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Cynthia Salas, City Secretary