

City of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 17, 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. Allen Christopherson 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 11:00 A.M. on September 13, 2019. City Manager, Erik Zimmer, City Attorney Rod Ponton, Abel Hinojos were also present
3. Public Comments (limited to 3 minutes per person).
4. Presentations, Recognitions and Proclamations – (A. Ramos, Mayor)
5. Reports -

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

City Attorney's Report –

- Lechuguilla update

City Manager Report –

- 180 Day Plan
- Human Resources and Staffing Update

City Staff Updates – None

6. Public Hearings –
 - A. Public Hearing to obtain citizen's views and comments on 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.
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being discussed separately unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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.)

A. Approval of minutes from City Council meeting on September 17, 2019. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-09-12 to move from consent to action items. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried.

8. Information or Discussion items –

1. Quarterly Report - 4th Quarterly Report from the Alpine Airport Advisory Board by Chair Marbert Moore.
 2. Quarterly Report – Tourism by Director Chris Ruggia.
 3. Discuss update on hiring for Department Heads. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)
 4. Discuss the progress of the Grant Policy & Procedures necessary for federal and state grand funding. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)
 5. Discussion of water for the Country Club. (L. Escovedo, City Council)
 6. Discuss the speed limit change on Gallego Ave in front of the Community Center. (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.) –

Approval of minutes from City Council meeting on September 17, 2019. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-09-13 to approve the September 3, 2019 minutes with corrections in executive session. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried.

1. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the second and final 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. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) - Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-09-14 to take appropriate action on the second and final 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. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.
 2. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action to approve the Alpine Casparis Airport Ramp Grant for FY 2019-2020. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-09-15 to approve the Alpine Casparis Airport Ramp Grant for FY 2019-2020 with \$15,000 being the portion for the City. Motion was seconded by Councilor Betty Fitzgerald. 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 attorney), and 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 2019-09-16 to go into executive session. Motion was seconded by Councilor Betty Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried. (7:39 pm)

1. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the compensation for Cynthia Salas while Interim City Manager. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)
2. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the Annual Performance Review for City Secretary, Cynthia Salas. (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 Code, Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney), 551.074 (personnel matters).

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-09-17 to end executive session. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried. (8:20pm)

12. Action – Executive Session –

1. Any action, if any, on the compensation for Cynthia Salas while Interim City Manager. - Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-09-17 on the compensation for Cynthia Salas while Interim City Manager of a lump sum of \$5000 and two (2) weeks paid vacation. Motion seconded by Councilor Betty Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.
2. Any action, if any, on the Annual Performance Review for City Secretary, Cynthia Salas. – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-09-18, to take no action. Motion was seconded by Councilor Betty Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.

I certify that this notice was posted at 11:00 A.M. on September 13, 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 11:00 A.M. on September 13, 2019, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Cynthia Salas, City Secretary