

City of Alpine
Budget Workshop and
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 05, 2019
4:00 P.M.
Minutes

BUDGET WORKSHOP – 4:00PM

Agenda

1. Call to Order
 2. Determination of a Quorum and Proof of Notice of City Council Meeting.
 3. Workshop
 - A. Budget workshop for the City of Alpine. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)
 4. Adjourn
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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – 5:30 P.M.

Agenda

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. Dick Zimmer gave the invocation. Mayor Pro Tem Rick Stephens 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 were present. Mayor Ramos was absent and excused. City Secretary, Cynthia Salas reported that the agenda was posted at 5:00 P.M. on November 01, 2019. City Manager, Erik Zimmer, City Attorney Rod Ponton, Director of Finance Megan Antrim, and Abel Hinojos were also present
3. Public Comments (limited to 3 minutes per person).
4. Presentations, Recognitions and Proclamations – (A. Ramos, Mayor)
 - Certificate of Recognition – Randy Guzman, Gas Dept.
 - Certificate of Recognition – Chief Mark Scudder
5. Reports -
 - City Mayor's Report – (A. Ramos, Mayor) – None
 - City Attorney's Report –
 - Landfill update
 - Railroad crossing issues

- Municipal Court update

City Manager Report –

- 180 - Day Plan Update
- Utility Billing Update
- Air BnB Update
- Facilities Update

City Staff Updates –

- Scott Perry – Director of Public Utilities
- Megan Antrim – Director of Finance

6. Public Hearings – None

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being discussed separately unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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 October 15, 2019. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)

B. Approve Resolution 11-02-19 for closing of a portion of 5th Street (Hwy 118) between Holland and Avenue E for Art walk on November 22nd & 23rd, 2019. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)

Motion was made by Councilor Olivas, by Resolution 2019-11-01 to approve consent agenda as written. Motion was seconded by Councilor Betty Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.

8. Information or Discussion items –

1. Provide an update for the Brewster County Appraisal District. (R. Stephens, City Council)
2. Quarterly Report – County/City Engagement by liaison Councilor Curry.
3. Discussion of the attendance at the TML Conference in San Antonio, Texas, October 9-11, 2019. (R. Olivas, City Council)
4. Discussion on steps to have Alpine registered as the Texas Music Friendly Status. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)

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 to approve Letter of Engagement with Gibson, Ruddock, and Patterson LLC to perform a single audit for the City of Alpine for FY 2018-2019 and Letter of Engagement to perform audit for the City of Alpine Landfill FY 2019-2020 (E. Zimmer, City

Manager) - Motion was made by Councilor Curry, by Resolution 2019-11-03, to approve Letter of Engagement with Gibson, Ruddock, and Patterson LLC to perform a single audit for the City of Alpine for FY 2018-2019 and Letter of Engagement to perform audit for the City of Alpine Landfill FY 2019-2020. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo . Motion carried 4 to 0.

2. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action (according to Section 4.02 (a) of the City Charter) requesting City Councils consent of hiring for the department head position of Building Official. David Hale is being recommended as the Building Official. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Curry, by Resolution 2019-11-04, to take appropriate action (according to Section 4.02 (a) of the City Charter) requesting City Councils consent of hiring for the department head position of Building Official. David Hale is being recommended as the Building Official. Motion was seconded by Councilor Olivas. Motion carried 4 to 0.
3. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action to adopt Ordinance 2019-11-01, sale of property of 0.900 acres property of the 1000 Block West Lockhart Ave. (west of 14th street to the South Orient Railroad) and the unimproved portion of West Lockhart Ave; North of Lot 5, Block 1, Walton’s Second Addition to the City of Alpine, Brewster County, Texas to Ned. Allen.(E. Zimmer, City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Curry, by Resolution 2019-11-05 to adopt Ordinance 2019-11-01, sale of property of 0.900 acres property of the 1000 Block West Lockhart Ave. (west of 14th street to the South Orient Railroad) and the unimproved portion of West Lockhart Ave; North of Lot 5, Block 1, Walton’s Second Addition to the City of Alpine, Brewster County, Texas to Ned Allen. Motion was seconded by Councilor Betty Fitzgerald. Motion carried 4 to 0.
4. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action to approve Skyway Gardens Development Agreement and Plat. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)- Motion was made by Councilor Escovedo, by Resolution 2019-11-06, to take appropriate action to approve Skyway Gardens Development Agreement and Plat. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion carried 4 to 0.

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 on a matter for which it is the duty of the City Attorney’s duty to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Profession Conduct conflicts with this chapter. –

Motion was made by Councilor Olivas, by Resolution 2019-11-07 to move into executive session after a 5 minute break. Motion was seconded by Councilor Betty Fitzgerald. Motion carried 4 to 0. (7:42pm)

Motion was made by Councilor Escovedo, by Resolution 2019-11-08 to move back into executive session. Motion was seconded by Councilor Betty Fitzgerald. Motion carried 4 to 0. (8:49pm)

1. Conduct interviews for the Chief of Police. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)

Motion was made by Councilor Escovedo, by Resolution 2019-11-09 to reconvene the meeting on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 5:30pm. Motion was seconded by Councilor Betty Fitzgerald. Motion carried 4 to 0 (8:50pm)

Motion was made by Councilor Curry, by Resolution 2019-11-10 to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Councilor Betty Fitzgerald. Motion carried 4 to 0. (8:55pm)

Motion was made by Councilor Escovedo on September 6, 2019, by Resolution 2019-11-11 to reconvene and go back into executive session. Motion was seconded by Councilor Betty Fitzgerald. Motion carried 4 to 0. (5:30pm)

Motion was made by Councilor Curry , by Resolution 2019-11-12 to come out of executive session. Motion was seconded by Councilor Betty Fitzgerald. Motion carried 4 to 0 (8:08pm)

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).

12. Action – Executive Session –

1. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action if any for the Chief of Police. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)

Motion was made by Councilor Curry, by Resolution 2019-11-13 to appoint Robert Martin as Chief of Police for the City of Alpine. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Councilor Curry, Councilor Betty Fitzgerald, and Councilor Escovedo voted for. Councilor Olivas voted against. Motion carried 3 to 1.

I certify that this notice was posted at 5:00 P.M. on November 01, 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 5:00 P.M. on November 01, 2019, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Cynthia Salas, City Secretary