

**City of Alpine  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, December 8th, 2015  
5:30 P.M.  
Minutes**

- 1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of allegiance to the flags – Mayor Rangra called the meeting to order. Kay Jennings gave the invocation. Mayor Rangra led the pledge of allegiance to the flags.**
  
- 2. Determination of a quorum and proof of notice of the meeting – Mayor Rangra, Councilors Antrim, Salas, Gonzales and Stephens were present. Councilor Fitzgerald had an excused absence. The meeting notice had been posted at 2:15 P.M. on December 4th, 2015. City Manager Zimmer, City Finance Director Antrim and City Secretary Taylor were also present.**
  
- 3. Presentations, recognitions and proclamations – None**
  
- 4. Reports –**  
**City Mayor’s Report - (A. Rangra, Mayor) – Mayor Rangra reported on the Brewster County Appraisal District. He said Miss Flores was appointed as the interim chief appraiser last month. He said Alpine Housing Authority is also looking for an executive director. The Mayor said he had eye surgery last week to help correct his vision. He said concerning the Centennial Park Restrooms, he thinks we are ready to start the work. He said our local cable company is going to increase rates and he does not believe we have any jurisdiction over that.**

**City Manager Report – (E. Zimmer, CM)**

**The City Manager’s Report included the following information:**

- **HIDTA**
  - High Intensity Drug Trafficking Award – Federal Program. Multi-Agency Task Force
  - Fully Funded Grant – cover all employee expenses
  - We have one officer assigned and one analyst assigned. We’ve been participating well over 10 years.
  - Goal is interceding in drug trafficking for our area.
  - Undercover work results in asset seizure at times and we get a portion of those dollars back to the City of Alpine. We don’t budget those dollars annually, but use them for Vehicle and Equipment purchases typically (and some training)
  - City Manager showed a page of Pending Items as of 12/8/2015
  
- **AT&T Outages**
  - Two Major Fiber Cuts in the Midland-Odessa area over the past two

months

-911 – Tandem has been on the opposite side of the cuts each time

-Extended outages due to the nature of the Contractor Behavior

-Two Solutions Moving Forward

1) Back-up service with Verizon, TDS, MTZ or Big Bend Telephone for PSAP

2) Letter from County Judge and/or Mayor to Public Utilities Commission (PUC) demanding a relook at the redundancy in the area

-Rural nature of our area means providers need to rely on purchasing services from each other to address redundancy

- **SWAC Budget 16-17**

- Solid Waste Grants Program Public Meeting and Committee Meeting on Thursday December 10<sup>th</sup>

- Regional Funding Plan is item of most interest on the agenda

- \*Total Biennium Budget Recommendation is \$343,300 or half each year

- Scrapping of old tires, glass crushers have been items we've targeted in the past

- KAB Team will review opportunities tied to Litter and Illegal Dumping Cleanup

- Workshop in Marfa on February 1, 2016 with formal applications due by February 26, 2016 (noon)

- **TDA – Centennial Restroom Project**

- Texas Department of Agriculture will allow the City of Alpine to use non-competitive procurement procedures for installation of Restroom Project

- Texas Government Code Chapter 783

- \*(d)(4)(i) Procurement by noncompetitive proposals may be used only when the award of a contract is infeasible under small purchase procedures, sealed bids or competitive proposals and one of the following circumstances apply:

- \*(D) After solicitation of a number of sources, competition is determined inadequate

- Sent out RFP twice with no responses

- **Billing Program Update – Water-Sewer-Sanitation**

- Conversion set for this Thursday and Friday (December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>)

- PSA: The Water Department will be updating their billing software and will be closed Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 for payments. Payments can be made at the drop box located outside City Hall or exact payments can be dropped off with the receptionist. The receptionist will not be able to provide

change. Thank you.

- This will enable us with the same software that our Gas Division currently utilizes
- There are more features to the software to allow for better billing operations in the future: ie – property owner billing versus resident, annual sewer rate calculation, billing consolidation, etc...

Councilor Stephens asked the City Manager when he thought he would be ready to talk about roads and the plans for next year. City Manager Zimmer said he is building the spread sheet right now. He said Diana sent him the update draft on that today. He said his goal is to get that out to Council by the end of this week. He said it should also be posted on the website next week.

Mayor Rangra introduced County Judge Eleazar Cano who was in the Audience and Commissioner Luc Novovitch who was also in the audience. He welcomed both of them

#### City Staff Updates – None

#### 5. Public Hearings – 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.) –

A. Approve accounts payable. (E. Zimmer, CM) –

B. Approve Minutes of November 4<sup>th</sup> and November 17th, 2015 (A. Rangra, Mayor) –

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2015-12-01 to approve items 6A and 6B of the Consent Agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilor Antrim. Motion unanimously carried.

#### 7. Information or Discussion items –

- A. Impact of County Financial Audit from FY 2013-2014 on Grants pertaining to City of Alpine. (E. Zimmer, CM) – City Manager Zimmer said he reached out on November 19<sup>th</sup> with regards to some of the

pending impacts to the City in relation to a couple of the grants that had been put on hold, primarily the Stone Garden grant due to the County not finalizing their audit. He said he visited with the County Judge back in the earlier part of November. He said he talked to the Judge about some of the time lines that would be required in the County to complete their audit. He said post sending the note out to Council on November 19<sup>th</sup>, Megan and he hosted a conference call with the COG and the administrator of these grants (THSSA). He said the biggest concern from his perspective was what was at risk for the city if we continue to do the work and come back later and apply for reimbursement. He asked if there was a risk that the City may not get reimbursement. He said in talking with THSSA there is a risk. He said in the packet is included what we have spent for the last couple of years, or what we have been reimbursed for the last couple of years in regards to the Stone Garden Grant and what we have been reimbursed this fiscal year as well. He said we are looking at between \$1,200 to \$1,800 a month. He said the Stone Garden Grant will primarily be used for overtime or officers in the area as we continue to work through drug type trafficking. He said this is above and beyond what we do with the HIDTA Program. He said this is really localized here in Alpine. He said we find it to be beneficial as far as oversight, keeping officers out and understanding what is going on. He said overall this helps to keep our community safe. He said we do not budget for the overtime dollars for this. He said we do have a budget for overtime dollars in our City Budget related to the PD but some of the extra work that we are doing, we do not per se budget it. He said we rely on the Grant monies to reimburse us. He said what he included, also in the packet, was a letter that we did get back late last week from Pete Lara, who was also on the call that he and Megan hosted on November 20th. He said what we had asked Pete to do was to give us something firm back in writing from his perspective at the Texas Homeland Security State Administrative Agency as to where they were at with Brewster County in relation to this. He said they submitted their engagement letter and also Gibson Ruddock, who is doing the audit for the County. He said the City also used Gibson to do their audit. He said Gibson Ruddock is targeting having the draft out of that audit in early February. He said now there is this period of time from now until the middle of February or March whenever the audit is accepted, where if we work the overtime and the audit is not accepted or turns up something negative, we may not be able to get reimbursed for those dollars. The City Manager said he is more conservative in spending so his direction to Chief Scown is to halt the overtime hours because truthfully he does not have the approved in the budget. He said although he believes the overtime work is necessary, the conservative side of him says to hold off on it. He said in future years this should not arise, because these grants in the future will go through the governor's office and the governor's

office will not force us to submit that information, and we will get our own allotment. He said then it comes down to Megan, Chief Scown and himself to administer the grant. He said the current budget is what we work on and it is submitted to the County. He said those reimbursements are on hold. He said he knows Judge Cano and Commissioner Novovitch are here and they may want to offer some thoughts on that although this is on an information and discussion item so it is not necessarily open to public discussion according to the Council Rules of Procedures. He said he wanted to bring this up before the council because he wanted the council to know what the impact would be. He said this is an item of concern and he certainly understands in working with the County that they have been taking steps through the course of the year, putting an auditor in place and doing certain things to ensure that the financial process and programs are running smoothly. Mayor Rangra said since this is an information item, we could ask the County Judge for his input, unless the Council has some objection. County Judge Cano said he appreciated the opportunity to share a few thoughts from the County's end and some of the things that the County has done to lead up to what happened with the audit. He said first of all they have appointed a County Auditor. He said they do not anticipate running into this kind of problem in the future. He said back to what Erik shared with the audience and the Council, February 8<sup>th</sup> is the date that GRP will be coming in for the audit so they anticipate that week having an audit in hand. He said they also talked to Pete Lara as well as other funding sources. Their position is that they feel confident that the audit will be completed by the time committed to and also because we do have some folks working on the funding with this grant we feel confident that the piece of the audit should be complete and that we should not have any adverse findings and that the County will be reimbursed for the overtime worked as part of the grant. He said with all of that being said, he has visited with Ryan and Ronnie Dodson and his feedback to them was to keep the overtime to a minimum but he does not want them to stop all together because it could affect, the way they see it, their ability to do what they need to do as far as safety and security. He said they also have some other funding coming in for the regulars that we want to go forward with. He said like the City Manager mentioned, we are assuming some responsibility and anything can happen. He said they feel 90% sure that they are going to be able to get reimbursement in a timely manner to reimburse the County for the expenditures but there is always that possibility of what if something goes wrong. He said at this point they are doing their best to remedy the situation as much as possible and from this point forward, like he told Pete, he would not be hearing from him again on this issue. He said as soon as the report is in hand, it will be in the City's hands. He said the Commissioner's Court, Auditor, and Treasurer have talked extensively about this. He said this is an item

that is a pretty hot topic in the Courthouse. He said at this point we are not going to make excuses but we are going to remedy the problem and it will happen. He said he would be happy to answer any questions that the Council or Mayor had for him. Judge Cano said with the new Year he has committed to more of a presence in the City Council. He said he thinks it is important for one of the members of the Commissioner's Court at least to be present. He said throughout the year some of these things come up and they do not think about that they need to go to the City Manager with this or we need to talk to the Chief about this. He said the more on top of what is happening in each other's neck of the woods, the better off we will all be. He said in otherwords they are committed to having the dialogue and that collaborative initiative throughout the next year. Mayor Rangra said he appreciated the Judge coming to the meeting and he said this is the first time he has seen a County Judge come and talk to us and cooperate in this way and exchange ideas about us working together. Judge Cano said with that in mind, they invite the Council to come to Commissioner's Court whenever they are available. He said for this coming year one of the things they are going to be changing is that they are going to be changing or proposing is having their two meetings on Tuesdays, the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month. He said he works there and he get confused about when the meetings are. He said currently it is the second Monday and the fourth Tuesday. He said it will start in 2016, being the second and the fourth Tuesday of every month. Councilor Stephens said so the City Manager's strategy is to not spend the money until the audit is complete. He said he presumes if there is some issue where he feels he needs to spend the money, he will inform and come back before the Council. City Manager Zimmer said that was correct. Mayor Rangra said he thinks that is the right decision. Councilor Gonzales asked if all overtime was being stopped or being limited. City Manager Zimmer said it is the overtime tied to the Stone Garden grant. He said there is other overtime that is part of our normal budget.

- B. Discuss a transition plan of the County-City Liaison to new City Council Representative. (R. Stephens) – Councilor Stephens said Councilor Gonzales has been acting as a liaison between the County and the City and his term expires in May and he thought he would bring this up for discussion. He said we need to think about the transition because the relationship is one that he hopes will strengthen and create a greater opportunity for cooperation between the City and the County. He said he would propose that by the end of January, for the Council to make a selection as to who would replace Julian, so that during March and April they can tag team and make sure the transition process is smooth and so that when Julian's term expires, the new representative is already in place and already up to speed with the issues and we have a**

very smooth transition. Councilor Stephens said he would bring a proposal to the Council at the second meeting in January. Councilor Gonzales said he would like to point out that he is the liaison to the County but it is up to the City Council to bring items that he can discuss with the County. He asked if the City Council had any items that they wanted him to discuss with the County. Councilor Stephens said he thought at the next meeting the Council members could come back with some items and it was great that Councilor Gonzales was asking for that. Councilor Gonzales asked if starting in January the Council was going to pick someone else to interface with him? Councilor Stephens said no, this person would go with Councilor Gonzales to the meetings with the County so there is a smooth transition at the end of Councilor Gonzales' term. Mayor Rangra asked Barbara if it was okay for the Council members to give their questions to Councilor Gonzales so that he could discuss them with the County, without violating TOMA. Barbara said it would be preferable that Council members bring the questions at Council meetings to avoid that very problem. She said we want to avoid a walking quorum. She said it is preferable for the Council to discuss things as a body first. She said as long as it is discussed with one other council member there is no problem. She said it would be better to do this at a Council meeting. Mayor Rangra asked if the Council could discuss this with the liaison person. Barbara said as long as it is just with one Council member. Councilor Gonzales asked more questions to help clarify the issue.

- C. Discuss and revisit to consider the Resolution 006-04-018 budgeted money's of \$88,000 set aside for the two parks, Ward 3, the American Legion park and Ward 4, Pueblo Nuevo park. (J. Gonzales) -Councilor Gonzales said he brought this item back up again because in looking at the current budget he saw that Pueblo Nuevo had no money budgeted for it at all and on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006, they were told by Resolution to put aside \$88,000 for both parks. He said one park was American Legion and the other one was Pueblo Nuevo. He said in the documentation he saw that the expenditures for American Legion were pretty high and that it left very little money. He said on the same sheet they show Pueblo Nuevo with expenditures of \$2,499. He said the Resolution says that the money should be carried over whether we spend it or not. He said on the current budgets they are saying that the City Council did not approve that. He said the City Council did approve this is 2006 and the money should be accounted for. He said if it wound up in General Fund and we paid debts with it, they need to know that. He said he wants to see where this money was spent because it really was not supposed to be spent that way. He said there is a provision in this that says it should be carried over if not spent. He said that does not give us the right to do whatever we want to with the money that is in General Fund. He said it was supposed to be in a special fund. He said he will take the time to try to find out when this money was in a special fund in

the banks and who authorized the removal of this money to be put back in General Fund to be spent on whatever it was spent on. He said right now it is not very clear. Mayor Rangra asked if Councilor Gonzales wanted this item to be discussed or if he wanted to do some work on it. Councilor Gonzales said he planned to do some more work on it. Councilor Stephens said he was not here at the time and he thinks the Mayor was the only one who was there at the time this was done. He said this was out of 2006 resources. Mayor Rangra said the Council put \$88,000, received from the Southwest Texas Municipal Gas Corporation, aside for the two parks, American Legion and Pueblo Nuevo in equal amounts.

**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)**

- 8. Discuss and Consider approving Resolution enabling City Staff to administrate Accounts Payable in a more timely manner to mitigate potential future late charges. This will remove Accounts Payable from the consent agenda for all items already approved in the annual budget. (N. Antrim, E. Zimmer, CM) – Councilor Antrim said the items that the Council approves under accounts payable have already been approved in the budget. She said we are spending money that we have already accounted for in the budget and by waiting until we have council approval of our accounts payable, in some cases we are well over 30 days overdue on our bills. She said bills that came in after the agenda for this meeting will not come before council in the present system, until next year. She said she thinks it is unreasonable to expect our suppliers and contractors to have to wait so long to be paid, when the money has already been approved through our budget. Councilor Antrim said the proposal is to remove Accounts Payable from the Consent agenda for any items that have already been approved on the Budget and allow the city Finance Staff to pay our bills as they come to them. Anything that is above and beyond what is on the Budget, would have to come to Council anyway for approval. She said that is stipulated in the Resolution. City Manager Zimmer said he and the Finance Director have talked about transparency on the web and how we get more information to the public about our financial elements. He said one of the things that we are targeting to do is to pull together what he calls a register of accounts payable (RAP), on a monthly basis, that would not only go out to the Council but we would post it on the website for the community to look at. He said in that way the community can look at every bill we pay. He said the other piece that we do for Council is provide a monthly readout. He said on the budget variance we look at the income statement and the specified activity report. He said they would also like to publish that on the web. He said that piece is critical to this element as well because we want to drive more transparency and more visibility for the**

community's perspective. He said we have four months out of the year where there are five Tuesdays. He said on those four months we go three weeks between accounts payables. He said the December meeting into January is a four week period. He said we do accrue some late charges and we certainly as a city do not need those charges and then he also thinks about local vendors that need to be paid. He said the Resolution does also specifically talk about the Charter. Councilor Salas made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-12-02, allowing the City Staff to administer Accounts Payable. Motion was seconded by Councilor Antrim. Councilor Gonzales said he thinks one of the reasons that we do have Accounts Payable is because we were having a lot of financial problems and he does not agree with this Resolution. He said he thinks that the vendors and the people that we pay should be familiar with our process and the way that we are running it and be aware that they are not going to get paid right away. He said they will only get paid when the Council approves Accounts payable. He said he thinks if the Finance department were to notify these vendors that is what is going to happen, he thinks they would understand. He said we have been doing that for several years. He said the reason we did this is because we want to be involved in the loop as to where the money is being spent so that it does not get spent illegally. He said not that that is being done but it is something the Council is able to Control, some of the money that the City is spending. He said the transparency is there. He said the other thing is he would like to be able to know how much late charges we have been charged. He said he thinks the only ones who charge late charges is the city itself when you don't pay your water or gas bill on time. He said they also cut off your water and then you wind up having to pay money to have it turned back on again. He said that is considered a late charge and we are making money on that. Councilor Stephens asked if the City Manager knew what the late charges were. City Finance Director Antrim said she did not have that information but believed it was generally 5 to 8 bills a month that the city pays late charges on. She said our biggest problem is the credit card. She said the credit card does not fall into our schedule and you cannot call a big corporation and say that this is our schedule. She said they charge us an 8% late fee. She said then you have the random utility and Capital Aggregates. She said they have been working with us but at some point they could say no and they charge a 15% late fee. She said some will work with us but not all of them will. She said she would just rather have the ability to pay them. Councilor Gonzales said he would like to change the credit card due date and maybe we need to shop around for a new credit card. Councilor Antrim said we are paying late fees and that affects our interest rate. She said there are vendors, who if you do not pay on time, will refuse to do business with you unless you pay up front. She said she does not think we are being fiscally responsible by paying late fees. She said we are throwing money away. She said we expect our constituents that pay gas and water bills to pay their bills on time. She said we should set the

example by paying our bills on time. She said this is money that has already been budgeted. She said we have already approved the budget. Councilor Stephens said it would still be nice for the Council to see what gets paid. He asked if it was the City Manager's intent to still include that as part of the City Council's items for backup. The City Manager said the RAP report would be run the first week of every month. He said he always does the budget variance on the second meeting of every month. He said the Council would have all the data. Councilor Antrim said we would still be receiving the information. She said it is just that the vendors would not have to wait so long to get paid. Manfred Fritsche said he agrees with Councilor Antrim. He said he and the City Manager have had discussions on this very point. He said there is a provision in the City Charter which is 5.05 (d) and makes the entire approval process superfluous. He said he thinks it is a good idea for the Council to still get the information but we should not be paying late fees. He said that is ridiculous. He said the City Manager is in charge of executing the budget plan and as long as he keeps within the budget he is all right. He said the Finance Director should pay the bills on time. Carl Fleming said this is a very sound idea. He said the problems that the city has had are in the past and the City is on very good footing. Councilor's Antrim, Salas and Stephens voted in favor. Councilor Gonzales voted against. Motion carried.

9. Discuss and Consider approving request for Reserve Police Officers as required by Section 62-72 of the Alpine Code of Ordinances. (E. Zimmer, CM) - City Manager Zimmer said the formal request from Chief Scown was included in the Council's packet. He said reserve officers are a good way to keep costs down. Motion was made by Councilor Stephens by Resolution 2015-12-03, to approve the request for Reserve Police Officers as required by Section 62-72 of the Alpine Code of Ordinances. Motion was seconded by Councilor Salas. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Discuss and Consider approving NPE Fund Waiver – 2013 NPE funds for Alpine Casparis Municipal Airport – to be used for Crack Seal Project. (E. Zimmer, CM) - City Manager Zimmer said at a previous meeting we did approve using the NPE Funds from TxDot Aviation. He said they came back and said they would use the 2012 funds for the first \$150,000 that we had previously returned back and asked us to use the 2013 dollars for the rest of it. He said those are monies that were originally allocated to the City of Alpine. He said he needs the City Council's approval. Mayor Rangra said he was very happy that we are getting some money from the past. Motion was made by Councilor Salas, by Resolution 2015-12-04, to approve the NPE Fund Waiver – 2013 NPE Funds for Alpine Casparis Municipal Airport – to be used for Crack Seal Project. Motion was seconded by Councilor Gonzales. Manfred Fritsche said the budget that was adopted does not include any funds to fix the airport. He said when the budget was being deliberated, he brought that matter up. He said the funds are not in the

budget and why was the Council putting the funds in there. He said the City Charter provides in section 5.04, that the budget shall provide a complete financial plan of all city funds and activities. He said it is a grant and the money should be transferred into the Airport budget by means of a budget amendment. He said a budget amendment takes an ordinance and a public hearing. He asked why we were not observing the provisions of our City Charter. Mayor Rangra said Mr. Fritsche is raising a legal question and he would ask the City Attorney about this. Barbara said generally that is true and all City funds should be reflected in the budget. She said that can be entered by a budget amendment. City Manager Zimmer said you remember that last year we put dollars into a reserve account specifically for future airport work. He said when we went through the budget cycle this year we did not have approval from TxDot that we would be able to do the crack remediation. He said we just recently received the go ahead. He said there is not a provision in the Charter that requires that you do budget amendments on the first month of every quarter. He said it is done as the City Manager or Council requests it. He said in the month of January, he and Megan will posture up a budget amendment to formally request approval of those dollars out of that reserve fund into the budget. Barbara said that is satisfactory. Manfred Fritsche said he got the answer but he would suggest that since the authority to spend money is dependent on a budget amendment being approved, he would suggest the right thing would be to table this or postpone it until such a time as a budget amendment can be considered. Mayor Rangra asked what Barbara thought about what Fritsche said and what the City Manager said. He asked her if there was a need to postpone this item. He asked if we could still take care of this item today. Barbara said the Council could take care of this item today. She said as Erik said there is no requirement in the Charter that it occur at a certain time. She said your auditor may have a preference as to how that is done time wise but at this time she is not aware of one. She said the Council can go ahead and approve it or not today and then Erik should speak with the auditor and see what they prefer and if there is an issue with it, then you might have to revisit it later. Councilor Stephens said this is not about spending the money, but it is about acquiring the money from TxDot that was returned to us from 2012 and also obtaining funds from 2013. Bob Litton said he really does not have any investment in the Airport. He said he had a problem with the agenda item and what does NPE stand for. City Manager Zimmer said it stands for non-priority entitlement. Motion unanimously carried unanimously.

11. Discuss and Consider approving Marbert Moore's Hangar location, construction and lease at Alpine Casparis Municipal Airport. (E. Zimmer, CM) - City Manager Zimmer said in the Council's packet was included a packet from the Airport Advisory Board concerning Marbert Moore's hangar. He said the Airport Advisory Board approved the construction. Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2015-12-05, to

approve Marbert Moore's hangar location, construction and lease at Alpine Casparis Municipal Airport. Motion was seconded by Councilor Gonzales. Motion unanimously carried.

12. **Council Member Comments And Answers –**  
**Councilor Stephens** – said thanks for coming and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
**Councilor Gonzales** – said he also wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and he is saying Merry Christmas!  
**Councilor Salas** said she too would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! She said she hopes everyone has a good and safe one. She said we are going to end the year with good thoughts.  
**Councilor Antrim** - said she would like to thank everyone for coming. She said she thought we had a good meeting. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
**Mayor Rangra** said thanks for coming and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! He told the council he was thinking about going to India and would be gone the month of January.

13. **Executive Session - None**

14. **Action after Executive Session - None**

15. **Adjournment – Motion was made by Councilor Salas to adjourn.**

Motion was seconded by Councilor Stephens. Meeting was adjourned.

**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), 551.072 (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).**

I certify that this notice was posted at 2:15 P.M. on December 4th, 2015, 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.

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Dr. Avinash Rangra, Mayor

Attest:

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Margaret "Molly" Taylor, City Secretary

I, Margaret "Molly" Taylor, City Secretary, do certify that this notice was posted at 2:15 P.M. on December 4th, 2015, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

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Margaret "Molly" Taylor, City Secretary