

**City of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 18th, 2016
5:30 P.M.
Minutes**

- 1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of allegiance to the flags – Mayor Pro Tem Stephens called the meeting to order. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers at 803 West Holland in the City of Alpine, Texas. Father Nicholas gave the invocation. Mayor Pro Tem Stephens led the pledge of allegiance to the flags.**

- 2. Determination of a quorum and proof of notice of the meeting – Councilor Antrim, Councilor Salas, Councilor Escovedo, Councilor Fitzgerald and Councilor Stephens were present. Mayor Ramos was absent. City Secretary Taylor said the meeting notice had been posted at 2:00 P.M. on October 14th, 2016. City Manager Zimmer, City Secretary Taylor, City Assistant Manager/Finance Director Megan Antrim and Abel Hinojos were also present.**

- 3. Presentations, recognitions and proclamations –**
 - Texas Arbor Day – Rick Stephens read the proclamation and presented the certificate to Patsy McWilliams
 - Domestic Violence – read the proclamation to the public

- 4. Reports –**
 - City Mayor’s Report – (A. Ramos, Mayor) – Mayor Ramos said thanks to the citizens who came to walk and and look for ZuZu. He said 150 to 200 people were walking through Alpine. He said there is now a \$17,500 reward for information. He said if you have information call 432-837-3486. He said we are all praying for ZuZu’s safety.**
 - City Manager Report – (E. Zimmer, CM) –**
 - None – Refer to TML Readout
 - 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being discussed separately unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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 Council Minutes of September 20th, 2016. (A. Ramos, Mayor) – Motion was made by Councilor Fitzgerald, by Resolution 2016-10-07, to approve the Council Minutes of September 20th, 2016. Motion was seconded by Councilor Antrim. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Information or Discussion items –

A. Attendee readout from Texas Municipal League (TML) Conference in Austin (E. Zimmer, CM)

- City Manager Zimmer – said Mike Walsh gave a talk about Technology of the future. 1) Role of Millennials – Data driven, mobile centric 2) Citizen Expectations 3) Technology and innovation – Embrace the Cloud, Regional collaboration 4) AI and Algorithms 5) What role does the Municipality play.

City Manager Zimmer said he also attended the Legislative Outlook for 2017. 1) Rollback percent – 4-5%, Revenue Cap Issue. 2) Annexation Vote bill. 3) 1,400 people a day moving to Texas last year or close to ½ M a year. 4) Preemption – trying to rid Home Rule 5) Sales tax bill from 2014 allowing relocation 6) 2nd class postal certification 7)

Exemption for candidates forums not being classified as open meeting.

City Manager Zimmer also attended the City to City Success Stories.

1) Planning with other stakeholders (adjoining Cities, Counties, other Districts, etc...) 2) Set rules and procedures 3) Updating codes and Ordinances that are old 4) Roanoke example 5) Wayfinding signs 6) Integration with TxDOT – Waxahachie example – Add Top Golf to Vision.

The City Manager also attended Delivering Infrastructure. Life Cycle Benefits and Taxpayer Value 1) Infrastructure lifestyle benefits – Bigger City Examples 2) RRIF grant funding. Little used, may be an Opportunity 3) Reason deals get done is due to political leadership 4) Perceptions around Unsolicited Proposals – can be negative so watch Out! 5) Center for Excellence...really Alternative Financing through Public-Private- Partnerships (P3). 15 to 20% of large projects work in Public-Private Partnerships – P3

City Manager Zimmer attended TCEQ WWTP Enforcement and Public Drinking Water. 1) Senate Bill 912, unauthorized discharges – Reporting requirements have changed. – Monthly summary instead of 24 hour reporting. Unless Human health or environmental concerns – DMRs now need to be done electronically 2) DMRS now need to be done electronically. 3) TCEQ Enforcement parameters 4) Public Drinking Water – Routine and Repeat Sampling.

The final report that he attended was What Works: Cities and Better Governing Through Data and Evidence. 1) Data and evidence usage to improve human existence 2) Commit, measure, take stock, act 3) What Works Cities (1) City of Denton, Organized Plan like our Vision Plan, Data.city.denton.com (2) City of Waco, Increase capacity of staff, Payroll costs in budget to reduce with use of AI

Developers could use:

- Connect back to budget
- Strategic Budget with progress points
- Add a data analyst
- Sample set validity

Purchasing Issues for Cities and TxPPA's Efforts for Unified Purchasing Code

- Purchasing, Unified Purchasing Code
- Newspapers are good lobbyists. Trying to get those requirements removed with advancements in web and social media
- TxUPC would be good. – 35 statutes govern procurement today. Hence reason for Unified Code.
- 16 other states have this type of code
- NM code has 199 sections – Use NM code as a template
- Request is for City to have a Resolution in support – Sample on their website

General Vendor Space

- Vendor space – lots of good representation
- Items of particular interest 1) metering options 2) pothole/patch materials 3) HOT Audits and 4) Engineering

- Mayor Ramos – Did not give a report

- Councilor Fitzgerald – Local Taxes vs. Household Incomes Statewide
Since 2005, city and county property tax levies have increased much faster than median household incomes. Since 2005, total city property tax levies have increased less than total personal income in the state

-Creation of Overlay Districts

-Strengthening development policies 1) Revision to development Standards, sign, landscaping or other policies and codes 2) Limitation on expansion of uses without meeting new criteria 3) Possible amortization strategies

Mainstreaming of Solar Energy 2000-2016 (Residential, Non

-Residential, Utility)

New U.S. Electric Capacity Additions 2010-2015 (Solar, Natural Gas, Coal, Wind, other)

Utility Scale Solar Six Year Percentage Decrease 82%. (Crystalline Utility Scale Solar LCOE Mean and Crystalline Utility Scale Solar LCOE Range(b)) Represents levelized cost of electricity (LCOE) range of utility-scale crystalline solar PV. High end represents fixed installation, while low end represents single-axis tracking in high insolation jurisdictions (e.g., Southwest U.S. – 2009-2015)

-Solar Becoming Mainstream

Over 500 MW of “offsite” commercial and industrial solar projects projected to come online by end of 2016. (Walmart – 142 MW, Prologis – 98 MW, Target 72MW, Apple – 61 MW + 130 MW Offsite, Costco – 51

MW, Kohl's – 50 MW, IKEA – 41 MW, Macy's – 21 MW, Johnson & Johnson 18 MW, FedEx – 15 MW)

- **In the deregulated Texas Market, Retail Electricity Providers are not required to buy excess solar generation from customers, however, leading REP's are now competing for solar customers by voluntarily offering rate plans that credit customer solar generation. Some of these companies are Reliant, TXU, Green Mountain and MP2 Energy.**
- **When there's a huge solar energy spill, it's just called a "nice day".**

- **Councilor Antrim –**

- **New Braunfels Feral Cat Coalition**

Community Supported

Capture, spay/neuter, release

Enlists Humane Society, vets and animal shelter

Community Identity and Sense of Place

- **Scenic City Certification Program**

Benefits: 1) Enhanced economic development 2) Improved quality of life 3) and stronger sense of place

- **Empowering Teens to Lead**

Teen Court

Teen Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors

Teen Board to propose and plan projects

- **Councilor Salas –**

Said she attended the same sessions as Councilor Fitzgerald and Erik.

TCMA – confidence and interest for the public

Follow through and execute, fully understand your goal

Integrate special projects

Make sure communication with citizens and staff is open

Make sure we do have formal annual reports

Goal tracking

Share your credit and take the blame

Your buck stops at the City Manager

Exercise discipline in your actions

Work on bite sized policies and ordinances

Work on priorities and teamwork

Everyone should work together to get it done

Teamwork

B. Quarterly Readout – Visitor Center (E. Zimmer, CM) –

Kaylee Cotton gave the 3rd Quarter Report for the Alpine Visitor Center.

July, August and September, 2016

Phone/Post Traffic Comparison (Mail Outs, Phone Calls, E-Mail, Brochures, Texas Monthly)

Total Counts Comparison (In state, Out of State, Foreign)

Total Counts of Visitors in July – 423 (Texas, Florida, California,

Massachusetts

Top Foreign – Mexico, United Kingdom)

Relocation Comparison – Walk-Ins, Phone Calls, Mail Outs, E-Mail

Social Media July – 51,095

Total Counts of Visitors in August – 299 (Texas, Massachusetts – Top

Foreign – Canada, United Kingdom, France

Social Media August – 56,632

Total Counts of Visitors in September – 289 (Texas, Georgia, Louisiana

–Top Foreign – France, Czech Republic)

Social Media September – 64,963

Events in July, August and September

C. Quarterly Readout – EMS – West Texas Ambulance (E. Zimmer, CM) –

Presented by Michael Scudder, EMT-P/Owner/Operator

Total number of City/County/Marathon runs 7/16 – 9/16 - 177 calls

Broke down calls by City, County and Marathon

Broke down calls by type of calls, Basic Life Support and Advanced Life Support

Broke down calls by Patient Payor type

Air Ambulance Transports

Air Transport Patient Payor type

Number of Billable patients

D. Discuss Expectations of Candidate pool for interviews for City Secretary

Position (E. Zimmer, CM) City Manager Zimmer said he felt it was

important to have a hired City Secretary sitting by our present City

Secretary at the December meeting. It was also discussed that the

Council should review candidates and interview in November. The City

Secretary, Molly Taylor, gave her opinion and suggestions on the

requirements for a City Secretary.

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.)

8. Discuss and Consider approving modifications to City of Alpine Personnel

Policy. (E. Zimmer, CM) - Motion was made by Councilor Salas, by Resolution 2016-10-08, to approve the newly revised Personnel Policy, including any modifications. Motion was seconded by Councilor Antrim. Motion unanimously carried.

- 9. Discuss and Consider first reading of Conditional Use Permit Fee Ordinance 2016-10-03. (E. Zimmer, CM)** – City Manager Zimmer said this included setting a \$350 application fee for mailing and administrative functions. Motion was made by Councilor Fitzgerald, by Resolution 2016-10-09, to approve the first reading of Conditional Use Permit Fee, Ordinance 2016-10-03. Motion was seconded by Councilor Salas. Motion unanimously carried.
- 10. Discuss and Consider Commission and Board Ordinance Updates. (E. Zimmer, CM, R. Stephens)** – Motion was made by Councilor Salas, by Resolution 2016-10-10, to approve the first reading of Commission and Board Ordinance Updates, Ordinance 2016-10-02. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried.
- 11. Discuss and Consider approving second and final reading of Ordinance 2016-10-01, Planning and Zoning’s recommendation for zoning change for Alta Vista Apartments, located at 2100 N. Hwy 118 in Alpine, Texas, from R-1 to R-3. (E. Zimmer, CM)** – Motion was made by Councilor Salas, by Resolution 2016-10-11, to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2016-10-01, and Planning and Zoning’s recommendation for a zoning change for Alta Vista Apartments, located at 2100 N. Hwy 118 in Alpine, Texas from R-1 to R-3 and waive the application fee. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.
- 12. Councilmember Comments and Answers** –
Councilor Antrim – thanked citizens for attending. She thanked Mike for an excellent job and appreciated the report from the visitor center.
Councilor Salas – thanked Mike and the Chamber for their reports and thought they were good. She also thanked Erik, Molly and the City Council.
Councilor Fitzgerald - said all reports were very good. He said we have a great team and we are moving forward.
Councilor Escovedo – agreed with Cynthia. She said we need to work as a team and be there for our community.
Councilor Stephens – agreed that we need to be there for our community. He also liked the reports and spoke about the ICD that Mike Scudder addressed.

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens to enter into Executive Session at 7:20 P.M. Motion was seconded by Councilor Salas. Motion carried unanimously.

- 13. Executive Session – Pursuant to Texas Open Meetings Act (Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney) and 551.074 (personnel matters)**
A. Discuss and Consider contract for Municipal Judge (E. Zimmer, CM)

14. Action after Executive Session –

A. Take Action, if any, concerning contract for Municipal Judge. (E. Zimmer, CM) – Motion was made by Councilor Salas, by Resolution 2016-10-12, to approve the contract for the Municipal Judge as Amended on item F. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.

15. Adjournment.- Motion was made by Councilor Salas to adjourn and seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried. 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 2:00 P. M. on October 14th, 2016, 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.

Rick Stephens, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:

Margaret "Molly" Taylor, City Secretary

I, Margaret "Molly" Taylor, City Secretary, do certify that this notice was posted at 2:00 P.M. on October 14th, 2016, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Margaret "Molly" Taylor, City Secretary