

City of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 3, 2023
Minutes

1. **Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance** – Mayor Pro Tempore Jerry Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. The meeting was held at City Council Chambers located at 803 West Holland Avenue and via Zoom Videoconference in the City of Alpine, Texas. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson led the pledge of allegiance to the flags.

2. **Determination of a Quorum and Proof of Notice of the Meeting** –

City Council Members Present:

Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Johnson
Councilor Judy Stokes
Councilor Sara Tandy
Councilor Martin Sandate

Not Present:

Councilor Chris Rodriguez

Present via Zoom Videoconference:

Mayor Catherine Eaves

City Staff Present:

Megan Antrim, City Manager
Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary
Rod Ponton, City Attorney
Darrell Losoya, Chief of Police
Andrew Devaney, Director of Building Services
Alicia Salinas, Director of Finance
Chris Ruggia, Director of Tourism
Abel Hinojos, Airport Supervisor

Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Johnson announced that a quorum of the City Council was present at the City Council Chambers and City Secretary, Geoffrey Calderon, reported that the meeting agenda was posted by 2:00 P.M. on December 29, 2022.

3. **Public Comments** – (limited to 3 minutes per person) – None.

4. **Presentations, Recognitions, and Proclamations** – None.

5. **Reports** – Copies of presentations displayed during the meeting are posted on the City website at www.cityofalpine.com/reports –

City Mayor Report

1. Sul Ross SBDC Economic Round Table.
2. Water leak, a big thank you to the community during the boil water notice and signing up for reverse 911.
3. Town Halls and Strategic Planning Priority Workshops.

City Attorney Report – None.

City Manager Report –

1. Employee & Department Recognition.
 - Gas Department – Victor Muniz, Andrew Chavez, & Tony Ybarra.
 - Police Department.
 - Water Department.

2. Strategic Plan Prioritization and Goal Setting Meetings – January 12, 2023, & January 26, 2023.
3. Employee Training.

City Staff Updates –

1. Alpine Police Department Report by Chief of Police, Darrell Losoya.
2. Building Services Report by Building Official, Andrew Devaney.
3. Finance Department Report by Director of Finance, Alicia Salinas.

6. Public Hearings – Open (6:16 P.M.)

1. Public Hearing to obtain citizen views and comments regarding the second and final reading of Ordinance 2022-12-01, an ordinance amending Chapter 18 - Building and Building Regulations to the Alpine Code of Ordinances.

Public Comments: None.

2. Public Hearing to obtain citizen views and comments regarding the second and final reading of Ordinance 2022-12-02, an ordinance amending the Alpine Code of Ordinances; Amending Chapter 26 – Civic and Cultural Affairs and Facilities; Establishing Article III – Noise; Adopting an ordinance providing for requirements and regulation concerning noise and its potential to become a public nuisance.

Public Comments: Pam Gaddis, Ward 1.

3. Public Hearing to obtain citizen views and comments regarding the second and final reading of Ordinance 2022-12-03, an ordinance amending the Alpine Code of Ordinances; Amending Chapter 2 - Administration; Amending Article VI - Records Management; Providing for a reasonable limit on the amount of time to be spent without charge for vexatious public information requestors and requiring payment for the time and expenditures incurred beyond this limit.

Public Comments: None.

4. Public Hearing to obtain citizen views and comments regarding a Short Term Rental Special Use Permit Applications.

Public Comments: None.

End of Public Hearings (6:20 P.M.)

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.) –

1. Approval of December 6, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)
2. Approval of the excused absence of Councilor Tandy from the December 6, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)
3. Approval of the excused absence of Councilor Stokes from the December 6, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)
4. Approval of the appointment of Matthew Walter to the Place 6 position on the Planning & Zoning Commission. (C. Eaves, Mayor)
5. Approval of the appointment of Susie Gonzales to the Place 7 (At Large) position on the Hotel Occupancy Tax Committee. (C. Eaves, Mayor)
6. Approval of the appointment of Alicia Fernbaugh to the Place 1 (Hotelier) position on the Hotel Occupancy Tax Committee. (J. Stokes, City Council)
7. Approval of a Short Term Rental Special Use Permit Application for 1208 E Ave F. The property owner of record is Eric and Amanda Loy. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)

RESOLUTION 2023-01-02: On a motion by Councilor Tandy and seconded by Councilor Sandate to approve, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

8. Information or Discussion items –

1. Emergent Air Quarterly Report by Walter Kuykendall. (M. Antrim, City Manager)
2. Alpine Volunteer Fire Department report by Fire Chief, Andrew Pierce. (M. Antrim, City Manager)
3. Presentation by Robert Schmitt regarding the estimation of water bills. (M. Sandate, City Council)
4. Discussion over events from a water leak at the federal courthouse over the holiday weekend. (J. Stokes, City Council)
5. Discussion regarding the behavior of the City Attorney, including comments made to the media, taking action without authorization of the Council or City Manager, and other performance issues. (C. Rodriguez, City Council)

RESOLUTION 2023-01-03: On a motion by Councilor Stokes and seconded by Councilor Tandy to table the item indefinitely, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

6. Discussion regarding the resignation of Utilities Director, Keith Segar, and any implications. (C. Rodriguez, City Council)

RESOLUTION 2023-01-04: On a motion by Councilor Tandy and seconded by Councilor Stokes to table the item indefinitely, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

9. Action items to be accompanied by a brief statement of facts, including where funds are coming from, if applicable. (Action items are limited to 10 per meeting.) –

1. Approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2022-12-01, an ordinance amending Chapter 18 - Building and Building Regulations to the Alpine Code of Ordinances. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2023-01-05: On a motion by Councilor Stokes and seconded by Councilor Tandy to approve, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

2. Approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2022-12-02, an ordinance amending the Alpine Code of Ordinances; Amending Chapter 26 – Civic and Cultural Affairs and Facilities; Establishing Article III – Noise; Adopting an ordinance providing for requirements and regulation concerning noise and its potential to become a public nuisance. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2023-01-06: On a motion by Councilor Sandate and seconded by Councilor Stokes to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2022-12-02, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

3. Approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2022-12-03, an ordinance amending the Alpine Code of Ordinances; Amending Chapter 2 - Administration; Amending Article VI - Records Management; Providing for a reasonable limit on the amount of time to be spent without charge for vexatious public information requestors and requiring payment for the time and expenditures incurred beyond this limit. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2023-01-07: On a motion by Councilor Tandy and seconded by Councilor Sandate to approve, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

4. Approve Resolution 2023-01-01, a resolution establishing Appendix B: Building Services Fees; Creating a uniform fee structure for all Building Services and permit fees pursuant to Ordinance 2022-12-01. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2023-01-08: On a motion by Councilor Tandy and seconded by Councilor Stokes to approve, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

10. City Council Member Comments and Answers – No discussion or action may take place.

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, Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 (consultation with an 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).

11. Executive Session – None.

12. Action – Executive Session – None.

13. Adjourn. (7:02 P.M.)

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Catherine Eaves, Mayor

Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary

CERTIFICATION

I, Geoffrey R. Calderon, hereby certify that this notice was posted at City Hall, in a convenient and readily

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accessible place to the general public, and to the City website at www.cityofalpine.com/agenda pursuant to Section 551.043, Texas Government Code. The said notice was posted by 2:00 P.M. on December 29, 2022, and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of the said meeting. 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 Office of the City Secretary at (432) 837-3301, option 1, or email city.secretary@cityofalpine.com for further information.

Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary