

City of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 5, 2021
5:30 P.M.
Minutes

1. Call to Order, and Pledge of allegiance to the flags – Mayor Pro-Tem Rick Stephens called the meeting to order. The meeting was held at Council Chambers and via Zoom Conference in the City of Alpine, Texas. 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 Rodriguez, , Councilor Sandate, and Councilor Stephens attended at the Council Chambers. Mayor Ramos, Councilor Curry, and Councilor Betty Fitzgerald attended via zoom. City Secretary, Cynthia Salas reported that the agenda was posted at 4:00 P.M. on December 18, 2020. City Manager Erik Zimmer and City Secretary Cynthia Salas attended at the Council Chambers.
3. Public Comments (limited to 3 minutes per person) – None
4. Presentation, Recognitions, and Proclamations – (A. Ramos, Mayor) - None
5. Reports – Copies of the charts presented during the meeting are posted on the City website at <https://www.cityofalpine.com/Alpine%20City%20Council%20-%20CM%20Report%203-17-2020.pdf>

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

City Attorney’s Report – None

City Manager Report –

- Coronavirus Update
- Ordinance Update
- Key City Properties
- Board / Commission Appointments

City Staff Updates –

- Utilities Update by Scott Perry

6. Public Hearing - 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being discussed separately unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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.)

1. Approval of minutes from City Council meeting on December 1, 2020. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) –

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-01-01 to approve the consent agenda as written. Motion was seconded by Councilor Betty Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.

Council minutes: 01-05-2021

Approved: 01-19-2021

8. Information or Discussion items –

1. Discussion on Speed Limits in the community. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)
2. Discussion on Short-Term Ordinance 2021-01-01 for the City of Alpine. (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 on the appointment of City Attorney for the City of Alpine. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-01-02 that Council discuss the three (3) candidates that submitted applications for City Attorney. Motion was seconded by Councilor Rodriguez. Motion was made by Councilor Stephens to amend the motion to table so Council can take action to put together a draft City Attorney contract to distribute to the applicants. Council hold a formal interview with the candidates. Motion was seconded by Councilor Sandate. Motion unanimously carried.**
2. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on approving the Municipal Judge Contract. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-01-03 on approving the Municipal Judge Contract. Motion was seconded by Councilor Rodriguez. Motion unanimously carried.**
3. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on approval of the final bill from Rod Ponton. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-01-05 to approve the invoice from the former City Attorney with modifications. Motion by Councilor Stephens to amend the motion and adjusted by \$3520.00 and therefore City Council will authorize the City Attorney pay of the November bill at \$2460.00 . Motion was seconded by Councilor Rodriguez. Motion unanimously carried.**
4. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on approving Resolution 2021-01-04, Notice of General Election for the City of Alpine May 1, 2021 election. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-01-04, Notice of General Election for the City of Alpine May 1, 2021 election. Motion was made by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.**
5. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on HOT Fund Recommendation. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-01-07 to take appropriate action on the HOT Fund Recommendation. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.**
6. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on Resolution 2021-01-06, a Resolution on Tipping Fee for AISD Project. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-01-06 to approve the Tipping Fee for AISD Project including the allocation of the funding. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. 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 on a matter for which it is the duty of the City Attorney under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct conflict with this Chapter and requires discussion of the item in closed session), and 551.071(consultation with attorney regarding potential or contemplated claims against the City) Pursuant to Texas Government Code 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 2021-01-08, to move into Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. (7:20pm)

1. Discuss update on Union Pacific Railroad. (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 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) –

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-01-09, to come out of Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Councilor Rodriguez. (7:30pm)

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-01-10, to move into open session. Motion was seconded by Councilor Betty Fitzgerald. (7:31pm)

12. Action – Executive Session –

1. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if any, on Union Pacific Railroad. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)-

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-01-11 to take no action. Motion was seconded by Councilor Rodriguez. Motion unanimously carried.

I certify that this notice was posted at 4:00 P.M. on December 18, 2020, 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 4:00 P.M. on December 18, 2020, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Cynthia Salas, City Secretary