

City of Alpine  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, January 19, 2021  
5:30 P.M.  
Minutes

1. Call to Order, and Pledge of allegiance to the flags – Mayor Ramos called the meeting to order. The meeting was held at Council Chambers and via Zoom Conference in the City of Alpine, Texas. Mayor Ramos 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 attended via zoom. Councilor Betty Fitzgerald was absent. City Secretary, Cynthia Salas reported that the agenda was posted at 2:00 P.M. on January 14, 2021. City Manager Erik Zimmer and City Secretary Cynthia Salas attended at the Council Chambers.
3. Public Comments (limited to 3 minutes per person) – Robert Howard
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
- Old City Hall Complex
- First Flight

City Staff Updates –

- Finance/Utility Billing by Megan Antrim
- Tourism by Chris Ruggia and Heather Yadon

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being discussed separately unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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 January 5, 2021. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) –

**Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-01-12 to approve the consent agenda as written. Motion was seconded by Councilor Sandate. Motion unanimously carried 4 to 0.**

Council minutes: 01-19-2021

Approved: 02-02-2021

8. Information or Discussion items –

1. Trap/Neuter/Return Program by Patsy Culver. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)
2. EMS and Fire Department Quarterly Report by Mike Scudder. (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 2021-01-16 on the appointment of City Attorney for the City of Alpine. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion was made by Councilor Stephens to amend the motion to hire Sandy Wilson. Motion was seconded by Councilor Rodriguez. Motion unanimously carried 4 to 0.**
2. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action appointing Jodi Cole as special counsel for the City of Alpine to handle the UPPR legal item for the City of Alpine. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **No motion**
3. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on approving Resolution 2021-01-13 on the recommendations from Parks Advisory Board for the TPWD-Trails grant. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-01-13 on the recommendations from Parks Advisory Board for the TPWD-Trails grant. Motion was seconded by Councilor Sandate. Motion unanimously carried 4 to 0.**
4. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on approving Resolution 2021-01-14 approving grant application for Criminal Justice Grant Program, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-01-14, approving Resolution 2021-01-14 approving grant application for Criminal Justice Grant Program, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program. Motion was made by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried 4 to 0.**
5. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on approving Resolution 2021-01-15 approving grant application for State Homeland Security Program-Regular Projects (SHSP-R). (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-01-15 to take appropriate action on approving Resolution 2021-01-15 approving grant application for State Homeland Security Program-Regular Projects (SHSP-R). Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried 4 to 0.**
6. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the first reading of Ordinance 2021-01-02, a Utility Billing Ordinance for the City of Alpine. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-01-16 on the first reading of Ordinance 2021-01-02, a Utility Billing Ordinance for the City of Alpine. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried 4 to 0.**
7. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the first reading of Ordinance 2021-01-01 for Short-Term Rental Ordinance for the City of Alpine. (C. Rodriguez, City Council) – **Motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez, by Resolution 2021-01-17 on the first reading of Ordinance 2021-01-01 for Short-Term Rental Ordinance for the City of Alpine. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously 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 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. –

1. Discuss letter from Texas RioGrande Legal Aid. (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) –

12. Action – Executive Session –

1. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if any, on letter from Texas RioGrande Legal Aid. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)-

I certify that this notice was posted at 2:00 P.M. on January 14, 2021, 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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Andres "Andy" Ramos, Mayor

Attest:

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Cynthia Salas, City Secretary

I, Cynthia Salas, City Secretary, do certify that this notice was posted at 2:00 P.M. on January 14, 2021, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

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Cynthia Salas, City Secretary