

**City of Alpine**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 21, 2023**  
**Minutes**

1. **Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance** – Mayor Catherine Eaves 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 Eaves 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 Catherine Eaves  
Councilor Judy Stokes  
Councilor Chris Rodriguez  
Councilor Martin Sandate  
Councilor Jerry Johnson

**City Staff and Stakeholders Present:**

Megan Antrim, City Manager  
Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary  
Rod Ponton, City Attorney  
Darrell Losoya, Chief of Police

**Not Present:**

Councilor Sara Tandy

**Citizens Present:**

Lisa Fielder, Ward 5

Mayor Eaves 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 February 17, 2023.

3. **Public Comments** – (limited to 3 minutes per person) –

- Cynthia Salas, Ward 2, addressed the City Council regarding Discussion Item No. 8.

**RESOLUTION 2023-02-15:** On a motion by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Sandate to suspend the regular order of business for the City Council to consider Action Item No. 3 and Information or Discussion Item No. 8, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

4. **Action Item No. 3**

Approve Resolution 2023-02-14, a resolution approving official support for the proposed Skyway Gardens II development located at the Southeast Corner of S. Walker Street and Lechuguilla. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

**RESOLUTION 2023-02-16:** On a motion by Councilor Stokes and seconded by Councilor Sandate to approve Resolution 2023-02-14, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion with Councilor Rodriguez abstaining.

5. **Information or Discussion Item No. 9**

Discuss the interlocal agreement with Brewster County in regards to the Alpine Volunteer Fire Department. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

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

7. **Reports** – Copies of presentations displayed during the meeting are posted on the City website at [www.cityofalpine.com/reports](http://www.cityofalpine.com/reports) –

### **City Mayor Report**

1. Town Hall Meetings.
  - a. Next Dates.
  - b. Discussions.
2. Meet with the Mayor.
  - a. Upcoming Opportunities.
  - b. Homelessness.
  - c. New Possible Event Coming.
  - d. Large Blue Marks on Some Fences.
3. Research and Observations.

### **City Attorney Report** –

1. Municipal Court Update.
2. Updated Ordinance Procedures.

### **City Manager Report** – None.

### **City Staff Updates** – None.

## **6. Public Hearings** –

*Open (5:52 P.M.)*

1. Public Hearing to obtain citizen views and comments regarding the second and final reading of Ordinance 2023-02-01, an ordinance amending the Alpine Code of Ordinances; Establishing Chapter 9 - Annexation; Adopting an Ordinance Providing for additional annexation requirements in addition to those prescribed by State Law.

**Public Comments:** None.

2. Public Hearing to obtain citizen views and comments regarding a Special Use Permit application for the purpose of allowing the applicant, Sazzon Baja Mex Culinary, to obtain an alcohol license/permit from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission to sell alcohol to restaurant guests. The property in question is located at 901 E. Holland Ave. The record property owner is Audie Coggins.

**Public Comments:** None.

*Close (5:53 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 February 7, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes (G. Calderon, City Secretary)
2. Approval of the appointment of Eva Olivas to the Place 7 position on the Planning & Zoning Commission. (C. Eaves, Mayor)

**RESOLUTION 2023-02-17:** On a motion by Councilor Stokes and seconded by Councilor Johnson to approve the consent agenda, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

**8. Information or Discussion items –**

1. Music Advisory Board Report by Director of Tourism, Chris Ruggia (M. Antrim, City Manager)

***The Mayor called a short recess (6:00 P.M.)***

2. Assessment of Revenue for next five years. (C. Rodriguez, City Council)
3. City Financial Status - annual expenses, reserve fund balance, debt level and cost of current debt, city bond rating and expected borrowing rate, and impact of inflation on City financial status. (C. Rodriguez, City Council)
4. City Employee wages and benefits compared to market-total number of employees on hand and retention rates in each department. (C. Rodriguez, City Council)
5. WWTP/Water - Current annual cost to maintain, number and size of City water mains, number of pumps and tanks and ages for each, and map of key water main breaks over past 5 years. (C. Rodriguez, City Council)

***The Mayor called a short recess (6:43 P.M.)***

6. Streets - Number of City blocks, cost to rebuild a block of a street, and cost to seal a block. (C. Rodriguez, City Council)
7. Estimate of when rate studies will be completed. (C. Rodriguez, City Council)
8. Discuss the implementation of a new parking plan on Gallego and 5th Street in front of Our Lady of Peace Church. (M. Antrim, City Manager)
9. ~~Discuss the interlocal agreement with Brewster County in regards to the Alpine Volunteer Fire Department (M. Antrim, City Manager)~~

***Discussion Item No. 9 was considered at Agenda Item No. 5.***

**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 2023-02-01, an ordinance amending the Alpine Code of Ordinances; Establishing Chapter 9 - Annexation; Adopting an Ordinance Providing for additional annexation requirements in addition to those prescribed by State Law. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

**RESOLUTION 2023-02-18:** On a motion by Councilor Johnson and seconded by Councilor Stokes to approve the second and final reading of ordinance 2023-02-01, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion 3 to 1 with Councilor Rodriguez voting against.

2. Approve a Special Use Permit application for the purpose of allowing the applicant, Sazzon Baja Mex Culinary, to obtain an alcohol license/permit from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission to sell alcohol to restaurant guests. The property in question is located at 901 E. Holland Ave. The record property owner is Audie Coggins. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

**RESOLUTION 2023-02-19:** On a motion by Councilor Stokes and seconded by Councilor Sandate to approve the special use permit application, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

- ~~3. Approve Resolution 2023-02-14, a resolution approving official support for the proposed Skyway Gardens II development located at the Southeast Corner of S. Walker Street and Lechuguilla. (M. Antrim, City Manager)~~

*Action Item No. 3 was considered at Agenda Item No. 4.*

4. Approve the High Intensity Drug Traffic Award (HIDTA). (M. Antrim, City Manager)

**RESOLUTION 2023-02-20:** On a motion by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Sandate to approve, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

5. Accept the Alpine Police Department 2022 Racial Profiling Report. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

**RESOLUTION 2023-02-21:** On a motion by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Sandate to accept the racial profiling report for 2022, 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).

**RESOLUTION 2023-02-22:** On a motion by Councilor Stokes and seconded by Councilor Sandate to recess into executive session, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion. **(7:24 P.M.)**

**11. Executive Session** –

**Personnel Matters § 551.074, Texas Government Code**

1. Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074 - Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee - City Attorney Rod Ponton. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

*Councilor Rodriguez left the meeting during the Executive Session.*

**12. Action – Executive Session** –

**RESOLUTION 2023-02-23:** On a motion by Councilor Stokes and seconded by Councilor Sandate to move into regular session, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion. **(8:31 P.M.)**

1. Action, if any, concerning the deliberation regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee - City Attorney Rod Ponton. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

**RESOLUTION 2023-02-24:** On a motion by Councilor Stokes and seconded by Councilor Sandate to approve the parameters discussed during executive session, the City Council unanimously voted to approve the motion.

**RESOLUTION 2023-02-25:** On a motion by Councilor Stokes and seconded by Councilor Sandate to adjourn, the meeting was adjourned.

**13. Adjourn. (8:32 P.M.)**

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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Catherine Eaves, Mayor

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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 accessible place to the general public, and to the City website at [www.cityofalpine.com/agenda](http://www.cityofalpine.com/agenda) pursuant to Section 551.043, Texas Government Code. The said notice was posted by 2:00 P.M. on February 17, 2023, 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](mailto:city.secretary@cityofalpine.com) for further information.

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Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary