

City of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 2, 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 the Civic Center 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 and Councilor Betty Fitzgerald attended via zoom. City Manager, Erik Zimmer reported that the agenda was posted at 2:00 P.M. on February 19, 2021. City Manager Erik Zimmer attended via zoom.
3. Public Comments (limited to 3 minutes per person) –
4. Presentation, Recognitions, and Proclamations – (A. Ramos, Mayor)
5. Reports – Copies of the charts presented during the meeting are posted on the City website at www.cityofalpine.com/cmreports.

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

City Attorney's Report –

- Update on discussion with County Attorney relative to footprint of County Jail and underlying verbal agreements relative to the sale of the property.
- Case file update post initial Docket.
- Update on Parkhill-Smith & Cooper.

City Manager Report –

- Coronavirus Update
- Property sales process and property inventory update.
- Cost associated with retrofitting old Municipal Court location to short term jail space.

City Staff Updates – None

5. Public Hearing –
 - Public Hearing regarding the second and final reading of Ordinance 2021-02-01, an ordinance amending Chapter 10 – Animals, Article VI – Animal Advisory Board, Section 10-223 to the Alpine Code of Ordinances.
 - Public Hearing regarding the second and final reading of Ordinance 2021-02-02, an ordinance amending Chapter 10 – Animals, Article II – keeping Animals, Section 10-41 and 10-59 to the Alpine Code of Ordinances.
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being discussed separately unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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 February 23, 2021. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)
2. Approval of application for the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for the Alpine Friends of the Park board appointment by applicant Leticia Carrillo, President of Big Bend Parks and Recreation for Kids. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-03-01 to approve as written. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.

8. Information or Discussion items –

1. Utility Billing and Property Owner as primary on utility bills. (R. Stephens, City Council)
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 to approve Resolution 2021-03-02, a Declaration of local disaster from the power outage. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-03-02 to approve a Declaration of local disaster from the power outage. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.**
2. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action to approve Resolution 2021-03-03 from Rio Grande Council of Governments for the City of Alpine’s annual dues in the Far West Texas Regional Water Planning Group. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens by Resolution 2021-03-03 to approve Resolution 2021-03-03 for the City of Alpine’s annual dues of \$1981.52 from Far West Texas Regional Water Planning Group. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.**
3. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action to approve the Certificate of Unopposed Candidate for Ward 3,2021 election (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-03-04 to approve the Certificate of Unopposed Candidate for Ward 3,2021 election. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.**
4. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action to approve the Order of Cancellation for Ward 3, 2021 election (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-03-05, to approve the Order of Cancellation for Ward 3, 2021 election. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.**
5. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission to approve Conditional Use Permit application for the establishment of a blacksmith shop. Property is located at 501 West Gallego Avenue. Legal description is Lot one (1), in Block sixty-two (62), of the Original Town of Alpine, Brewster County, Texas ((R12163). Owner of record is Alexander Kamelhair. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-03-06 on the recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission to approve Conditional Use Permit application for the establishment of a blacksmith shop. Property is located at 501 West Gallego Avenue. Legal description is Lot one (1), in Block sixty-two (62), of the Original**

Town of Alpine, Brewster County, Texas (R12163). Owner of record is Alexander Kamelhair. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.

6. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action to approve replat for a building located at 1306 East Holland Avenue establishing Lot 1-A and 2-A, in block 24 containing 2.374 acres in Hancock Addition to the City of Alpine, Brewster County, Texas. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-03-07 to approve replat for a building located at 1306 East Holland Avenue establishing Lot 1-A and 2-A, in block 24 containing 2.374 acres in Hancock Addition to the City of Alpine, Brewster County, Texas. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.
7. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2021-02-01, an ordinance amending Chapter 10 – Animals, Article VI – Animal Advisory Board, Section 10-223 to the Alpine Code of Ordinances. (M. Curry, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Curry, by Resolution 2021-03-08 to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2021-02-01, an ordinance amending Chapter 10 – Animals, Article VI – Animal Advisory Board, Section 10-223 to the Alpine Code of Ordinances. Motion was seconded by Councilor Rodriguez. Motion unanimously carried.
8. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2021-02-02, an ordinance amending Chapter 10 – Animals, Article II – keeping Animals, Section 10-41 and 10-59 to the Alpine Code of Ordinances. (M. Curry, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Curry, by Resolution 2021-03-09 to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2021-02-02, an ordinance amending Chapter 10 – Animals, Article II – keeping Animals, Section 10-41 and 10-59 to the Alpine Code of Ordinances. Motion was seconded by Councilor Rodriguez. Motion unanimously carried.
9. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2021-03-01, an ordinance rescinding and repealing the adoption of Ordinance 2020-02-01 which prohibited trains from blocking certain intersections. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-03-10 to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2021-03-01, an ordinance rescinding and repealing the adoption of Ordinance 2020-02-01 which prohibited trains from blocking certain intersections and that section 1 findings of fact include the following words, Ordinance 2020-02-01 is hereby rescinded and repealed upon the passage of Ordinance 2021-03-01 all the premises within Ordinance 2021-03-01 are hereby found to be true and correct legislative of actual findings of the City Council of the City of Alpine and hereby approve and incorporated herein as findings of fact. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.
10. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2021-03-02, an ordinance amending Chapter 10 – Animals, concerning Wildlife Feeding and Hunting. (M. Curry, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Curry, by Resolution 2021-03-11 to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2021-03-02, an ordinance amending Chapter 10 – Animals, concerning Wildlife Feeding and Hunting. Motion was seconded by Councilor Betty Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.

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

11. Executive Session - None

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 – None

I certify that this notice was posted at 2:00 P.M. on February 26, 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.

Andres "Andy" Ramos, Mayor

Attest:

Cynthia Salas, City Secretary

I, Cynthia Salas, City Secretary, do certify that this notice was posted at 2:00 P.M. on February 26, 2021, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Cynthia Salas, City Secretary