

City of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 5, 2019
5:30 P.M.
Minutes

1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of allegiance to the flags – Mayor Ramos called the meeting to order. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers at 803 West Holland in the City of Alpine, Texas. Fred Janacek gave the invocation. Mayor Ramos led the pledge of allegiance to the flags.
2. Determination of a quorum and proof of notice of the meeting – Councilor Curry, Councilor Olivas, Councilor Escovedo and Councilor Stephens and Mayor Ramos were present. Councilor Fitzgerald was absent and excused. City Secretary, Cynthia Salas reported that the agenda was posted at 5:00 P.M. on March 1, 2019. City Manager, Jessica Garza, was absent. Megan Antrim, and Abel Hinojos were also present.
3. Presentations, recognitions and proclamations – (A. Ramos, Mayor) –
 - A. Happy March Birthday to the following employees
 - Kelly Jackson
 - Hector Holguin Jr.
 - Arlene Pando
 - Victor Muniz
 - Victor Meraz
4. Reports –
 - City Mayor's Report – (A. Ramos, Mayor) – None
 - City Manager Report – None
 - City Staff Updates – None
5. Public Hearings – None
6. 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being discussed separately unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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.) –

- A. Approval of minutes from City Council meeting on February 5, 2019. (R. Stephens, City Council)
- B. Approval of minutes from City Council meeting on February 19, 2019. (R. Stephens, City Council)
- C. Approval of minutes from Special City Council meeting on February 25, 2019. (R. Stephens, City Council)
- D. Approve the New Hangar Construction/Event Packets for the Alpine Casparis Municipal Airport. (R. Stephens, City Council)
- E. Approve lease of airport land to Cade Woodward with a construction start date being the date of FAA approval with amendment to reduce 120' set

back to 90'. (R. Stephens, City Council)

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-03-01 to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.

- 7. Information or Discussion items** – Details of the information and discussion are available by request.
- A. Quarterly Report – Alpine Public Library by Executive Director Don Wetterauer.
 - B. Quarterly Report – Emergency Management Coordinator by Stephanie Elmore.
 - C. Quarterly Report – County/City Engagement by liaison by Councilor Fitzgerald.
 - D. Presentation and updates on TxDOT's US 67 Corridor Master Plan by Chris Weber (TxDOT Engineer) and Vicky Carrasco (US 67 Study Team).
 - E. Presentation on Alpine's Master Park Plan, planning process and updates by Vicky Carrasco, Kleinman Consultants. (R. Stephens, City Council)
 - F. Discussion from Parks & Recreation to change the name of the field at Centennial Park to Val Lujan Field. (R. Stephens, City Council)
 - G. Update and discussion on a concept plan for the proposed plaques for Kokernot, Baines, and Medina Municipal Parks. (R. Olivas, City Council)
 - H. Discussion regarding a resident's (Galen Mack) need and request for a sewer line extension along Mosely Land within the Alpine City boundary. (R. Olivas, City Council)
 - I. Discuss recent events involving two attacks by dogs on cats and action taken by the City in response. (M. Curry, City Council)
 - J. Discussion of City Fees and Charges, and Master Fee Ordinance. (R. Stephens, City Council)
 - K. Discuss the request by Gary Dunshee of Big Bend Saddlery to acquire the photos by Barney Nelson that were in the Chute, but are no longer being displayed. (R. Stephens, City Council)
 - L. Discuss the rationale behind the City of Alpine stopping average or balancing billing for utilities. (R. Stephens, City Council)
 - M. Discuss and update on the City road maintenance plan for this fiscal year including specific road priorities.
 - N. City Manager provide an update on the organization chart and status on staffing shortages. (R. Stephens, City Council)
 - O. City Manager provide an update on strategy for city building consolidation. (R. Stephens, City Council)
 - P. City Manager provide an update on the Convention Center concept that was presented at two open forums. (R. Stephens, City Council)
- 8. 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.)** (Citizens are allowed to comment—limited to 3 minutes – after being called upon by Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem) 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 action to adopt Ordinance 2019-03-02 amending Ordinance No. 2016-11-01, rules and regulations for the Alpine Casparis Municipal Airport, Section 1, "Use of Airport Restricted," to add certain reporting requirements for any person using the airport for business or commercial purposes; providing that this Ordinance shall be cumulative; Providing a severability clause; providing for a savings clause, providing a penalty clause; providing for publication in the official newspaper; and providing an effective date. (R. Stephens, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-03-02 to adopt Ordinance 2019-03-02 for the first reading amending Ordinance No. 2016-11-01, rules and regulations for the Alpine Casparis Municipal Airport, Section 1, "Use of Airport Restricted," to add certain reporting requirements for any person using the airport for business or commercial purposes; providing that this Ordinance shall be cumulative; Providing a severability

clause; providing for a savings clause, providing a penalty clause; providing for publication in the official newspaper; and providing an effective date. Motion was seconded by Councilor Olivas. Motion unanimously carried.

2. Discuss, consider, and take action authorizing the West Texas HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) grant award (G18SW0009) for the Alpine Police Department in support of Alpine Multi-Agency Task Force Initiative. (R. Stephens, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-03-03 to authorize the West Texas HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) grant award (G18SW0009) for the Alpine Police Department in supporting the Alpine Multi-Agency Task Force Initiative. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried.
3. Discuss, consider, and take action to award the bid for the TxCDBG Contract No. 7217000, City of Alpine – Brewster County, Water System Improvement Re-Bid Project at a value of \$228,900 – Frank X. Spencer & Associates (FXSA). (R. Stephens, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-03-04 to award the bid for the TxCDBG Contract No. 7217000, City of Alpine – Brewster County, Water System Improvement Re-Bid Project at a value of \$228,900 – Frank X. Spencer & Associates (FXSA). Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried.
4. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve issuing of a change order for the bid for the TxCDBG Contract No. 7217000, City of Alpine – Brewster County, Water System Improvements Re-Bid Project to reduce the scope necessary for the contract value to be \$210,000. (R. Stephens, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-03-05 to approve issuing of a change order for the bid for the TxCDBG Contract No. 7217000, City of Alpine – Brewster County, Water System Improvements Re-Bid Project to reduce the scope necessary for the contract value not being greater than \$210,000. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried.
5. Discuss, consider, and take action for the City of Alpine to move forward with City Ordinance Chapter 14, Section 14.93 in regards to an Airport Zoning Board. (R. Stephens, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-03-06 that the City of Alpine to move forward with City Ordinance Chapter 14, Section 14.93 in regards to an Airport Zoning Board. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried.
6. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve remaining fund from the \$30,000 that was allocated on October 2, 2018 to contract with current construction company to complete the paving utilizing funds already set aside for the airport. (R. Stephens, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-03-07 to approve remaining funds up to \$30,000 that was allocated on October 2, 2018 to contract with current construction company to complete the paving utilizing funds already set aside for the airport. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried.
7. Discuss and consider the first reading of a zoning change application from R-1 to C-2 intended land use to expand a Non-Profit Federally Qualified Health Center. Legal description is the 1.048 acres out of Block 10, North Heights Addition to Alpine Envelope 63 Plat Records of Brewster County, Texas being all of that certain tract described in Volume 184 Page 205, official public records of Brewster County, Tx; save an except that portion of Lots 1,2, and 3 conveyed to the State of Texas for highway purposes' and the West 95.32 feet of Block 10, being 0.61 acres more or less, by deed dated April 16, 1985. (R. Stephens, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-03-08 to approve the first reading of a zoning change application from R-1 to C-2 intended land use to expand a Non-Profit Federally Qualified Health Center. Legal description is the 1.048 acres out of Block 10,

North Heights Addition to Alpine Envelope 63 Plat Records of Brewster County, Texas being all of that certain tract described in Volume 184 Page 205, official public records of Brewster County, Tx; save an except that portion of Lots 1,2, and 3 conveyed to the State of Texas for highway purposes' and the West 95.32 feet of Block 10, being 0.61 acres more or less, by deed dated April 16,1985. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried.

9. Councilmember Comments and Answers – No discussion or action may take place. – Individual Council member comments are available by request.

Councilor Stephens – No comment

Councilor Escovedo – No comment

Councilor Fitzgerald – Absent

Councilor Olivas – No comment

Councilor Curry – No comment

Mayor Ramos – No comment

10. Executive Session – Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071- Consultation with Attorney on a matter in which the attorney's duty to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Profession conduct conflicts with this chapter. –

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-03-09 that City Council extend its meeting beyond the 9:00pm time-limited set by Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion passed 4 -0

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-03-10 to go into executive session. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion passed 4-0. (8:55 p.m.) and ended at (9:21pm)

- A. Update on action to hire an independent city manager consultant to assist the City Council on personnel matters. (R. Stephens, 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 Code, Sections 551.071 (consultation with 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) of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

11. Action after Executive Session –

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2019-03-11. Motion was seconded by Councilor Olivas. Council entered back into open session at 9:21 p.m.

1. Action, if any, to hire an independent city manager consultant to assist the City Council on personnel matters. (R. Stephens, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 20019-03-11 that City Council hire Ron Holifield of SGR, as the independent city manager consultant reporting to, and assist the City Council in personnel matters. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.

12. ADJOURNMENT –

I certify that this notice was posted at 5:00 P.M. on March 1, 2019, 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 5:00 P.M. on March 1, 2019, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Cynthia Salas, City Secretary