

City of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 7, 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 Sara Tandy
Councilor Martin Sandate
Councilor Jerry Johnson

Not Present: None.

City Staff and Stakeholders Present:

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

Citizens Present:

Gerri Davis, Karen Cantrell, Kathy Bork, Jeanine Bishop, Maryann Vega, Chris Ruggia, Andrea Tucker, A. Geehan, Cynthia Purdue.

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 March 3, 2023.

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

- Kathy Bork, Ward 5, addressed the City Council regarding discussion item no. 1.
- Karen Cantrell, Ward 1, addressed the City Council regarding Resolution 2023-03-01.
- Chris Ruggia, Ward 3, addressed the City Council regarding discussion item no. 1 and action item no. 7.

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

5. **Reports** – Copies of presentations displayed during the meeting are posted on the City website at www.cityofalpine.com/reports –

City Mayor Report

1. Alpine Community Projects Nursing Home Initiative and Hospital Board
2. Z&P update from Monday the 27th meeting.

City Attorney Report –

1. Ordinance Process.
2. Hector Holguin Litigation.
3. AEP Franchise Agreement.

4. Municipal Court Update.

City Manager Report – None.

City Staff Updates – None.

6. **Public Hearings** – 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 February 21, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes (G. Calderon, City Secretary)

2. Approval of January 2023 Big Bend Law invoice. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2023-03-03: On a motion by Councilor Stokes and seconded by Councilor Tandy to approve item no. 1, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

RESOLUTION 2023-03-04: On a motion by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Stokes to table item no. 2, the motion failed with Councilor Rodriguez voting in favor and the remaining Council Members voting against.

Councilor Rodriguez requested that Consent Agenda item no. 2 be discussed separately out of the regular sequence of the Consent Agenda.

RESOLUTION 2023-03-05: On a motion by Councilor Stokes and seconded by Councilor Tandy to approve the City Attorney Bill, the motion passed 4 to 1 with Councilor Rodriguez voting against.

8. **Information or Discussion items** –

1. Alpine Public Library report by Executive Director Don Wetterauer. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

2. Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend report by Andrea Tucker. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

3. Parks and Recreation Board update by Darin Nance, Chair of the Board. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

4. Presentation by Don Shipley regarding the Airport and possible ways the City can bring in money in the future. (C. Eaves, Mayor)

Mayor Eaves announced that item no. 4 was withdrawn.

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 first reading of Ordinance 2023-03-01, an ordinance providing for parking controls in the 100 Block of West Gallego Avenue and the 400 Block of South 5th Street. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2023-03-06: On a motion by Councilor Sandate and seconded by Councilor Tandy to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2023-03-01, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

2. Approve Resolution 2023-03-01, a resolution initiating annexation proceedings and setting dates, times, and places for public hearings on the annexation of the proposed Skyway Gardens II development, legally described as 5.000 acres out of Section 102, Block 9, Brewster County, Texas, Being a portion of that certain 10.0 acre tract described in Volume 314, Page 453, Official Public Records of Brewster County Texas. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2023-03-07: On a motion by Councilor Stokes and seconded by Councilor Sandate to approve Resolution 2023-03-01, the City Council voted to adopt the motion 4 to 1 with Councilor Rodriguez abstaining due to a potential conflict of interest.

3. Approve Resolution 2023-03-02, a resolution awarding sponsorship of the annual Mountain Country Christmas Bazaar to a local non-profit organization for a term of two years to include 2023 and 2024. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2023-03-08: On a motion by Councilor Stokes and seconded by Councilor Sandate to allow applicants to come up and speak to the Council, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

Gerri Davis presented to the City Council on Behalf of the Women's Club of Alpine.

Cyndi Perdue presented to the City Council on Behalf of the Big Bend Blue Grass Association.

Jeanine Bishop presented to the City Council on Behalf of the Alpine Humane Society.

RESOLUTION 2023-03-09: On a motion by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Johnson to award sponsorship of Mountain Country Christmas to the Women's Club of Alpine, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

4. Approve Order 2023-03-01, an order approving the Certification of Unopposed Candidates for the May 6, 2023 General Election. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)

RESOLUTION 2023-03-09: On a motion by Councilor Johnson and seconded by Councilor Tandy to approve Order 2023-03-01, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

5. Approve Order 2023-03-02, an order of Cancellation for the unopposed Ward 1 and Ward 3 races for the May 6, 2023 General Election. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)

RESOLUTION 2023-03-10: On a motion by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Sandate to approve, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

6. Approve Order 2023-03-03, an order approving the agreement between City of Alpine and Brewster County Election Administrator for Election Equipment and Services for the May 6, 2023 General Election. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)

RESOLUTION 2023-03-11: On a motion by Councilor Tandy and seconded by Councilor Stokes to approve, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

7. Approve a Letter of Support & Partnership for the Afro Food, Fashion, Arts, and Dance Festival (AFROFABFEST) to be held on September 28 - October 1, 2023. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2023-03-12: On a motion by Councilor Tandy and seconded by Councilor Stokes to approve, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

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

The Mayor Called a Recess (7:04 P.M.)

The Meeting Reconvened (7:11 P.M.)

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 2023-03-13: 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. **(7:12 P.M.)**

11. Executive Session –

Personnel Matters § 551.074, Texas Government Code

1. Conduct the annual performance evaluation of the City Manager. (S. Tandy, City Council)

12. Action – Executive Session –

RESOLUTION 2023-03-14: On a motion by Councilor Tandy and seconded by Councilor Stokes to move into regular session, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion. **(8:08 P.M.)**

1. Action, if any, concerning the annual performance evaluation of the City Manager. (S. Tandy, City Council)

RESOLUTION 2023-03-15: On a motion by Councilor Tandy and seconded by Councilor Stokes to accept the evaluation on the City Manager, the City Council unanimously voted to approve the motion.

RESOLUTION 2023-03-16: On a motion by Councilor Tandy and seconded by Councilor Stokes to adjourn, the meeting was adjourned.

13. Adjourn. (8:08 P.M.)

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Catherine Eaves, Mayor

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 pursuant to

Council minutes: 03-07-2023

Approved: 04-04-2023

Section 551.043, Texas Government Code. The said notice was posted by 2:00 P.M. on March 3, 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 for further information.

Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary