

City of Alpine  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, March 16, 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 City 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, attended at the Council Chambers. Mayor Ramos, Councilor Curry, Councilor Betty Fitzgerald, and Councilor Stephens attended via zoom. City Secretary, Cynthia Salas reported that the agenda was posted at 2:00 P.M. on March 12, 2021. City Manager Erik Zimmer, and City Attorney Sandy Wilson attended at Council Chambers. City Secretary Cynthia Salas attended via zoom.
3. Public Comments (limited to 3 minutes per person) – Thomas Lewis, Dr. Avinish Rangra
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](http://www.cityofalpine.com/cmreports).

City Mayor's Report – (A. Ramos, Mayor) –

- Governor's new order (GA-34)
- Recognition of outside departments for the hard work they did during the freeze.

City Attorney's Report –

- Information regarding City Manager's benefits
- Coin Operated Establishments

City Manager Report –

- Coronavirus Update
- Covid Safety Policies
- WTG update
- Status of Audit

City Staff Updates –

- Building Services by David Hale
- Alpine Police Department by Chief Robert Martin

6. Public Hearing –

- Public Hearing to obtain citizen’s views and comments regarding the second and final 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.
- Public Hearing to obtain citizen’s views and comments regarding the second and final reading of Ordinance 2021-03-02, an ordinance amending Chapter 10 – Animals, concerning Wildlife Feeding and Hunting.

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 March 2, 2021. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)
2. Approval of moving Darin Nance from Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for Ward 2 to the AISD representative board position. (C. Rodriguez, City Council)
3. Approval of application for the Animal Advisory Board for the Ward 4 position by applicant James Etchison. (M. Curry, City Council)

**Motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez, by Resolution 2021-03-12 to approve as written. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.**

8. Information or Discussion items –

1. Discussion on two bills relating to movement of SRSU to Texas A&M University System. (Mayor Ramos)
  2. Additional planning and upgrades during emergencies. (Mayor Ramos)
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 the second and final 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 Rodriguez, by Resolution 2021-03-13 to approve the second and final 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. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.**
  2. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the second and final reading of Ordinance 2020-03-02, an ordinance amending Chapter 10 – Animals concerning Wildlife Feeding and Hunting. (E.

Zimmer, City Manager – Motion was made by Councilor Curry by Resolution 2021-03-14 to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2020-03-02, an ordinance amending Chapter 10 – Animals concerning Wildlife Feeding and Hunting. Motion was seconded by Councilor Rodriguez. Motion unanimously carried.

3. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action recommending any changes to the Utility Billing Ordinance. (R. Stephens, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-03-15 to table this item. Motion unanimously carried.

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

11. Executive Session –

**Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-03-16, to move into Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried. (7:35pm)**

1. Update on County Jail property – Old City Hall Annex. (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)

**Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-03-17 to come out of Executive Session. Motion as seconded by Councilor Curry (7:47pm)**

**Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-03-18 to move into open session. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry (7:48pm)**

12. Action – Executive Session –

1. Action, if any, regarding Old City Hall Complex. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)

**Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-03-19 to take no action. Motion was seconded by Councilor Rodriguez. Motion unanimously carried.**

I certify that this notice was posted at 2:00 P.M. on March 12, 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 March 12, 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