

City of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 17, 2020
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. Fr. Fred Janecek 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 Betty Fitzgerald, Councilor Escovedo, Councilor Stephens, and Mayor Ramos were present. City Secretary, Cynthia Salas reported that the agenda was posted at 10:00 A.M. on March 13, 2020. City Manager, Erik Zimmer, City Attorney Rod Ponton, and Abel Hinojos were also present
3. Public Comments (limited to 3 minutes per person) –
4. Presentations, Recognitions and Proclamations – (A. Ramos, Mayor) – None
5. Reports – Copies of the charts presented during the meeting are posted on the City website at <https://www.cityofalpine.com/Alpine%20City%20Council%20-%20CM%20Report%203-17-2020.pdf>

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

City Attorney's Report –

- Update on waterline issues
- Update on municipal court
- Update on TPIA responses
- Update on proposed Animal Control Ordinances

City Manager Report –

- COVID19
- Review TxDot Freight Study Meetings, on March 6,7 2020

City Staff Updates –

- Readout report by Director of Utilities Scott Perry
- Readout report by Director of Public Works Eddie Molinar
- Readout report by Chief of Police Robert Martin

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being discussed separately unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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.)

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Approved: 04-07-2020

1. Approval of minutes from City Council meeting on March 3, 2020. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-03-09 to approve consent agenda as written. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried.

8. Information or Discussion items –

1. Discuss Lighting Ordinance for a Dark Skies Community by Bill Wren and Jim Newsom. (Erik Zimmer, City Manager) – **Item was tabled.**

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 on rescinding Resolution 2019-08-22, effective August 20, 2019. This resolution related to City of Alpine personnel policy. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-03-10 that City Council continue as was approved by City Council on 8-20-2019 to authorize the City Manager to utilize appropriate part of the 2016 handbook and the 2018 handbook. Further that the City Manager come back not later than June 2020 with an update for Council with an updated employee handbook for review and approval. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried.**

2. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the first reading on Ordinance 2020-03-01, amending the Code of Ordinance, Chapter 26, Article II – Civic Center; providing repealing and severability clauses; providing a Texas Open Meetings Act Clause; and providing an effective date. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-03-11, to approve the first reading on Ordinance 2020-03-01, amending the Code of Ordinance, Chapter 26, Article II – Civic Center; providing repealing and severability clauses; providing a Texas Open Meetings Act Clause; and providing an effective date so that the resolution approved by Council to adopt new fees for the use of the Civic Center appropriately approved by Ordinance and providing for future changes to be allowed to be approved by resolution. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried.**

3. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on approving the youth softball tournament entry fees of \$150.00 and for adult slow-pitch \$300.00.(E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-03-12 on approving the youth softball tournament entry fees of \$150.00 and for adult slow-pitch \$300.00. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried.**

4. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the first reading of Ordinance 2020-03-05, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Alpine, Texas, amending the amended FY 2019-2020 budget for the City of Alpine. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-03-13, on the first reading of Ordinance 2020-03-05, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Alpine, Texas amending FY 2019-2020 budget for the City of Alpine in accordance in what is called out as attachment “A”, that Ordinance covers 7 items. 1) Dedicate interest earned in the reserved account to remain in the reserved account. 2) Allocate \$50,000 for a park splash pad to come out of the creek trail reserve. 3) Reallocate funds to be able to support the airport modifications that Council previously approved. 4) Allocate hotel occupancy tax funds to be able to support paving particularly of the visitor center parking lot. 5) Allocate reserve funds as follows: \$50,000 to be able to support the TCEQ SEP enforcement, \$282,000 the CIP for the VAHC truck, another \$68,500 for well maintenance. 6) Allocate \$400,000, \$4,000 to water sewer sanitation checking account. 7) Allocate up to \$898,510.00 to support road repair. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried.**

5. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the first reading of Ordinance 2020-03-03, establishing limit parking to 30 minutes between the hours of 8:00am to 5:00pm on weekends in the 100 block of West Avenue E, located between 5th street and 6th street on both the North and South sides of the roadway. (R. Stephens, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-03-14 on the first reading of Ordinance 2020-03-03, establishing limit parking to 30 minutes between the hours of 8:00am to 12:00pm and to 1:30pm to 5:00pm on weekends in the 100 block of West Avenue E, located between 5th street and 6th street on both the North and South sides of the roadway. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried.

6. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the first reading of Ordinance 2020-03-04, an Ordinance for the placement of a No Parking signs inside the Old Town Square parking lot that is currently designated No Parking. (R. Stephens, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-03-15 on the first reading of Ordinance 2020—03-04, an Ordinance for the placement of a No Parking signs inside the Old Town Square parking lot that is currenting designated No Parking. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried.

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

11. Executive Session - Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 (consultation with the City Attorney), and 551.704 - to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee – 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 Code, Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney), 551.074 (personnel matters).

12. Action – Executive Session – None

I certify that this notice was posted at 10:00 A.M. on March 13, 2020, 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 10:00 A.M. on March 13, 2020, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Cynthia Salas, City Secretary

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