

City of Alpine  
Special City Council Meeting  
Wednesday, March 25, 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. 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 2:00 P.M. on March 20, 2020. City Manager, Erik Zimmer, City Attorney Rod Ponton, were also present
3. Public Comments – (limited to 3 minutes per person)
4. Presentation, Recognition, and Proclamations – (A. Ramos, Mayor) – None
5. Reports –
  - City Mayor’s Report – None
  - City Attorney’s Report – None
  - City Manager’s Report - None
  - City Staff Updates – None
6. Public Hearings –
  - Public Hearing to obtain citizen’s views and comments on Ordinance 2020-03-05, an Ordinance of the City of Alpine, Texas amending the amended FY 2019-2020 budget for the City of Alpine, Texas.
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being discussed separately unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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.) – None
8. Information or Discussion items – None
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 Resolution 2020-03-16 accepting the FY 2018-2019 (year ending September 30,2019) audit from Gibson, Ruddock, and Patterson, LLC, City of Alpine Auditors. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) - **Motion was made by Councilor Olivas, by Resolution 2020-03-16, approving Resolution 2020-03-16 accepting the FY 2018-2019 (year ending September 30, 2019) audit from Gibson, Ruddock, and Patterson, LLC, City of Alpine Auditors. Motion was seconded by Councilor Betty Fitzgerald. Councilor Curry, Councilor Betty Fitzgerald, Councilor Escovedo and Councilor Stephens voted for. Councilor Olivas voted against. Motion was 4 to 1.**
2. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the second and final 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 2020-03-18 on the second and final 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. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion was 5 to 0.**
3. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the proclamation issued by Governor Greg Abbott on March 18, 2020 giving all political subdivisions holding general or special elections on May 2, 2020 the ability to postpone that election to November 3, 2020. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-03-19 that City Council delay the special election from May 2, 2020 to November 3, 2020 for the positions of the City of Alpine of Ward 2, Ward 4 and Mayor. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion was 5 to 0.**

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

11. Executive Session – Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 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 2020-03-20 that City Council go into executive session. Motion was seconded by Councilor Olivas. Motion unanimously carried. (6:13 pm)**

1. Discuss the purchase of property for the City of Alpine. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)

**Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-03-21 to come back into open session. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried. (6:28pm)**

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, Section 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 –

1. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action if any, on the purchase of property for the City of Alpine. (E. Zimmer, City Council)

**Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-03-22 to authorize the City Manager to negotiate the purchase of the property that was discussed and that the City Manager come back to City Council with that negotiating price and recommendation for City Council for approval. Motion was seconded by Councilor Olivas. Motion unanimously carried.**

I certify that this notice was posted at 2:00 P.M. on March 20, 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.

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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 20, 2020, 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