

City of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 06, 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 Curry, Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Sandate, and Councilor Stephens attended at the Council Chambers. Mayor Ramos and Councilor Betty Fitzgerald, attended via zoom. City Secretary, Cynthia Salas reported that the agenda was posted at 2:00 P.M. on April 1, 2021. City Manager Erik Zimmer, attended at Council Chambers. City Secretary Cynthia Salas and City Attorney Sandy Wilson attended via zoom.
3. Public Comments (limited to 3 minutes per person) – None
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.

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

City Attorney's Report –

- City Attorney items to be addressed in Executive Session

City Manager Report –

- Coronavirus Update
- City Pool Status for Summer 2021
- Affordable Housing Update
- \$1.9T American Rescue Plan Act
- Taxiway Paving at Airport

City Staff Updates –

- Utilities by Scott Perry
- Public Works by Eddie Molinar

6. Public Hearing –

- Public Hearing to obtain citizen’s views and comments on Resolution 2021-04-03 regarding the City’s intent to submit an application for approximately \$260,000 in TX Community Development Block Grant – Downtown Revitalization program funds for sidewalk and related infrastructure improvements in the downtown area. The City required matching funds for this project will be up to \$15,000 if awarded.

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being discussed separately unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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 16, 2021. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-04-01 to approve as written. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.

8. Information or Discussion items –

1. Update from Municipal Court by Honorable Judge Jodi Cole. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)
2. Country Club Estate De-Annexation. (R. Stephens, City Council)

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 2021-04-02, a Resolution adopting a new fee schedule for the Alpine Civic Center. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-04-02, to approve a new fee schedule for the Alpine Civic Center. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.**
2. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on Resolution 2021-04-03 authorizing the City of Alpine to participate in the Texas Community Development Block Grant – Downtown Revitalization funding program. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-04-03, to authorize the City of Alpine to participate in the Texas Community Development Block Grant – Downtown Revitalization funding program. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.**
3. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on Resolution 2021-04-04 designating specific street corridors within the Alpine Downtown Area as blighted in regards to ADA pedestrian and other non-vehicular accessibility and safety. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-04-04 to designate specific street corridors within the Alpine Downtown Area as blighted in regards to ADA pedestrian and other non-vehicular accessibility and safety. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.**
4. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the first reading of Ordinance 2021-04-01, an ordinance amending Chapter 22 – Business, Article III – Peddlers to the Alpine Code of Ordinances. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-04-05 to**

approve the first reading of Ordinance 2021-04-01, an ordinance amending Chapter 22 – Business, Article III – Peddlers to the Alpine Code of Ordinances. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.

5. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the first reading of Ordinance 2021-04-02, an ordinance amending Chapter 90 – Article IV – Coin Operated Establishments to the Alpine Code of Ordinances. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) - Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-04-06 on the first reading of Ordinance 2021-04-02, an ordinance amending Chapter 90 – Article IV – Coin Operated Establishments to the Alpine Code of Ordinances. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion was made by Councilor Stephens to amend to table this item. Motion was made by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.
6. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the first reading of Ordinance 2021-04-03, a Budget Amendment for HOT Budget. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-04-07 to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2021-04-03, a Budget Amendment for HOT Budget. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.
7. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action on the first reading of Ordinance 2021-04-04, an ordinance amending Chapter 98 – Utilities to the Alpine Code of Ordinances. (R. Stephens, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-04-08 to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2021-04-04, an ordinance amending Chapter 98 – Utilities to the Alpine Code of Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.
8. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the first reading of Ordinance 2021-04-05, an ordinance amending Chapter 23 – City Council, Article II – Rules of Procedure to the Alpine Code of Ordinances. (C. Rodriguez, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez, by Resolution 2021-04-09 to table this item. Motion was seconded by Councilor Stephens. Motion unanimously carried.
9. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action approving Joint Election Service Agreement Contract between the City of Alpine and Brewster County for May 1, 2021 City of Alpine Elections. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-04-10 approving the Joint Election Service Agreement Contract between the City of Alpine and Brewster County for May 1, 2021 City of Alpine Elections. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. 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 2021-04-11, to move into Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried. (7:27pm)

1. Update with attorney on Parkhill, Smith, & Copper Contract. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)
2. Update with attorney on Union Pacific. (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 2021-04-12 to come out of Executive Session. Motion as seconded by Councilor Curry (7:43pm)

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-04-13 to move into open session. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry (7:45pm)

Council minutes: 04-06-2021

Approved: 04-20-2021

12. Action – Executive Session –

1. Discuss, consider, and take action, if any, regarding the update with the attorney on Parkhill, Smith & Copper. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-04-14 to take no action. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.**
2. Discuss, consider, and take action, if any, regarding the update with attorney on Union Pacific. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-04-15 to take no action. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.**

I certify that this notice was posted at 2:00 P.M. on April 1, 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.

Andres "Andy" Ramos, Mayor

Attest:

Cynthia Salas, City Secretary

I, Cynthia Salas, City Secretary, do certify that this notice was posted at 2:00 P.M. on April 1, 2021, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Cynthia Salas, City Secretary