

City of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 20, 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 Big Bend Telephone Conference Room 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 Big Bend Telephone Conference Room. Mayor Ramos, Councilor Betty Fitzgerald attended via zoom. City Secretary, Cynthia Salas reported that the agenda was posted at 2:00 P.M. on April 16, 2021. City Manager Erik Zimmer attended at Big Bend Telephone Conference Room. City Secretary Cynthia Salas and City Attorney Sandy Wilson attended via zoom.
3. Public Comments (limited to 3 minutes per person) –
4. Presentation, Recognitions, and Proclamations – (A. Ramos, Mayor) - None
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 –

- Update on Brewster County Jail MOU (Memorandum of Understanding)
- Update on Coin Operated Businesses Ordinance preparation

City Manager Report –

- Coronavirus Update
- Dark Skies Ordinance Update – Workshop 3 on Thursday April 8, 2021
- Old Schoolhouse (aka Sunshine House) Renovation Update
- Review US Representative Tony Gonzales request for Community Program Funding

City Staff Updates –

- Tourism and Visitor Center Updates by Chris Ruggia and Heather Yadon
- Utilities Update by Scott Perry

6. Public Hearing –

Public Hearing to obtain citizen's views and comments on Ordinance 2021-04-01, an ordinance amending Chapter 22 – Business, Article III – Peddlers to the Alpine Code of Ordinance.

Public Hearing to obtain citizen's views and comments on Ordinance 2021-04-03, an ordinance amending Hotel Occupancy Tax Budget.

Public Hearing to obtain citizen's views and comments on Ordinance 2021-04-04, an ordinance amending Chapter 98 – Utilities to the Alpine Code of Ordinances.

Council minutes: 04-20-2021

Approved: 05-04-2021

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 April 6, 2021. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)
2. Approval of Abbey Ward Branch for Planning & Zoning Commission Ward 4 position. (M. Sandate, City Council)
3. Approval of Estella Vega for Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Ward 4 position. (M. Sandate, City Council)

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-04-20 to approve the consent agenda as written. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.

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 the second and final reading of Ordinance 2021-04-01, an ordinance amending Chapter 22 – Business, Article III – Peddlers to the Alpine Code of Ordinance. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-04-21 to approve the second and final reading on Ordinance 2021-04-01, an ordinance amending Chapter 22 – Business, Article III – Peddlers to the Alpine Code of Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.**
2. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the second and final reading of Ordinance 2021-04-03, a Budget Amendment for HOT Budget. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-04-22 to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2021-04-03, a Budget Amendment for HOT Budget. Motion was seconded by Councilor Rodriguez. Motion unanimously carried.**
3. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on approving the second and final reading of Ordinance 2021-04-04, an ordinance amending Chapter 98 – Utilities to the Alpine Code of Ordinance. (R. Stephens, City Council) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-04-23 to approve the second and final 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.**
4. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the first reading of Ordinance 2021-04-06, an ordinance amending Chapter 90 – Article IV – Coin Operated Establishment to the Alpine Code of Ordinances. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-04-24, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2021-04-06, an ordinance amending Chapter 90 – Article IV – Coin Operated Establishment to the Alpine Code of Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Curry. Motion unanimously carried 4 to 0.**

5. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action to approve Resolution 2021-04-19, a water cost reduction process for those impacted by Texas Freeze of February 2021. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)
- **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-04-25 to approve Resolution 2021-04-19, a water cost reduction process for those impacted by Texas Freeze of February 2021. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously.**
6. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action to approve Special Use Permit Application for: (E. Zimmer, City Manager) –
- a. Short-Term Rental Special Use Permit for 1007 N. 8th Street. Owner of record is Sandra Pratt.
 - b. Short-Term Rental Special Use Permit for 902 N. Bird. Owner of record is Grant & Karen Harpold.
 - c. Short-Term Rental Use Permit for 602 N. Cockrell. Owner of record is Danny Ginn & Monica Quiroga.
 - d. Short-Term Rental Special Use Permit for 506 E. Lockhart Ave. Owner of record is Erika Blecha
 - e. Short-Term Rental Special Use Permit for 907 W. Eagle Pass. Owner of record is Fiftythree 50 Holding, LLC.

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2021-04-26 to approve Special Use Permit Applications as listed. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion was amended by Councilor Stephens to approve a,b,d,e and not approve application c and immediately start a discussion that includes the applicants and the neighbors to agree on a proposal to present to the City. Motion was seconded Councilor Curry. 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 Attorney on a matter for which it is the duty of the City Attorney under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct conflict with this Chapter and requires discussion of the item in closed session), and 551.071(consultation with attorney regarding potential or contemplated claims against the City) Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074 – 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 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) –

12. Action – Executive Session – None

I certify that this notice was posted at 2:00 P.M. on April 16, 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 16, 2021, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Cynthia Salas, City Secretary