

City of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 16, 2023
Minutes

1. **Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance** – Mayor Catherine Eaves called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. The meeting was held at City Council Chambers located at 803 West Holland Avenue and via Zoom Videoconference in the City of Alpine, Texas. Mayor Eaves led the pledge of allegiance to the flags.

2. **Determination of a Quorum and Proof of Notice of the Meeting** –

City Council Members Present:

Mayor Catherine Eaves
Councilor Judy Stokes
Councilor Chris Rodriguez
Councilor Darin Nance
Councilor Martin Sandate
Councilor Rick Stephens

City Staff and Stakeholders Present:

Megan Antrim, City Manager
Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary
Rod Ponton, City Attorney
Darrell Losoya, Chief of Police

Not Present:

Councilor Sara Tandy

Mayor Eaves announced that a quorum of the City Council was present at the City Council Chambers and City Secretary, Geoffrey Calderon, reported that the meeting agenda was posted by 2:00 P.M. on May 12, 2023.

3. **Public Comments** – (limited to 3 minutes per person) –

1. Tommy Lewis, Ward 4, addressed the City Council to support Resolution 2023-05-19, a resolution approving TxDOT Mobility Grant.
2. Reagan Stone, Ward 1, addressed the City Council to support Resolution 2023-05-19, a resolution approving TxDOT Mobility Grant.
3. Steve Pedigo, Ward 5, wished to record his support of Resolution 2023-05-19, a resolution approving TxDOT Mobility Grant.

4. **Public Hearing** –

1. Public Hearing to obtain Citizen Views and Comments regarding Ordinance 2023-05-03, an ordinance canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the May 6, 2023, General Election held for the purpose of electing citizens of Alpine to the offices of City Council Member Ward 1, City Council Member Ward 3, and City Council Member Ward 5.

Public Comments: None.

5. **Canvass of May 6, 2023, General City Election** –

Approve Ordinance 2023-05-03, an ordinance canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the May 6, 2023, General Election held for the purpose of electing citizens of Alpine to the offices of City Council Member Ward 1, City Council Member Ward 3, and City Council Member Ward 5. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2023-05-18: On a motion by Council Member Stokes and seconded by Council Member Sandate to approve, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

1. Issuance of Certificate of Election. (C. Eaves, Mayor)
2. Swearing-in of newly elected officials by the City Secretary, Geoffrey R. Calderon.
 - Judy Stokes – Council Member Ward 1.
 - Darin Nance – Council Member Ward 3.
 - Rick Stephens – Council Member Ward 5.

6. Presentations, Recognitions, and Proclamations –

1. National Police Week – May 15-21.

The Proclamation for National Police Week was presented by Mayor Eaves and accepted by Lt. Kirk Caughman.

2. National Public Works Week – May 21-27.

The Proclamation for National Police Week was presented by Mayor Eaves.

7. Reports – Copies of presentations displayed during the meeting are posted on the City website at www.cityofalpine.com/reports –

City Mayor Report

1. Welcome to the new Council Members.
2. A challenge to attend Housing Authority Board Meetings and/or Hospital District Board Meetings, and/or AISD Board Meetings.
3. A challenge to join or volunteer for one or more of our local nonprofits: Alpine Business Alliance, Alpine Historic Association, Alpine Community Projects, Ambassadors, The Women's Club, Lions, Kiwanis, Sunshine House, Family Crisis Center, Alpine Humane Society, Casa, etc.
4. Budget Workshops.
5. Council Budget Worksheet.
6. Snippet from the Charter.

City Attorney Report – None.

City Manager Report –

1. Request for Proposals for Street Paving.

City Staff Updates – None.

8. Public Hearings –

Open (5:52 P.M.)

1. Public Hearing to obtain citizen views and comments regarding the second and final reading of Ordinance 2023-05-02, an ordinance amending Chapter 10 - Animals to the Alpine Code of Ordinances; Establishing a uniform fee structure for all Animal Services Fees; Amending Permit Requirements for Kennels, private boarding, boarding as a business, raisers, or breeders of dogs, cats, and other animals.

Public Comments: None.

2. Public Hearing to obtain citizen views and comments regarding the City of Alpine's application for an Alpine Mobility Plan through the Texas Department of Transportation Alternative Program.

Public Comments: None.

Close (5:54 P.M.)

9. **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.) –

Approval of May 9, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)

Approval of the excused absence of Councilor Tandy from the May 9, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)

Approval of March 2023 City Attorney Invoice. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

Councilor Rodriguez requested that item no. 3 be discussed separately.

RESOLUTION 2023-05-19: On a motion by Councilor Stephens and seconded by Councilor Sandate to approve items no. 1 and 2, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

RESOLUTION 2023-05-20: Councilor Rodriguez moved to adjust the City Attorney invoice by removing \$360.00 from the total. Councilor Stokes seconded the motion. Councilor Rodriguez and Councilor Stephens voted to adopt the motion. Councilor Sandate and Councilor Stokes voted against the motion. Councilor Nance abstained from voting resulting in a tie vote. Mayor Eaves voted affirmatively to break the tie and the motion was adopted.

10. **Information or Discussion items** – None.

11. **Action items to be accompanied by a brief statement of facts, including where funds are coming from, if applicable.** (Action items are limited to 10 per meeting.) –

1. Approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2023-05-02, an ordinance amending Chapter 10 - Animals to the Alpine Code of Ordinances; Establishing a uniform fee structure for all Animal Services Fees; Amending Permit Requirements for Kennels, private boarding, boarding as a business, raisers, or breeders of dogs, cats, and other animals. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2023-05-21: On a motion by Councilor Stokes and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez to approve, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

2. Approve Resolution 2023-05-18, a resolution approving the appointment of Council Member Darin Nance to serve as the City representative for the Appraisal Board. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2023-05-22: On a motion by Councilor Stephens and seconded by Councilor Stokes to approve, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

3. Approve Resolution 2023-05-19, a resolution approving TxDOT Mobility Grant (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2023-05-23: On a motion by Councilor Stokes and seconded by Councilor Nance to approve, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

4. Approve the Interlocal Agreement with Brewster County establishing the Alpine Emergency Services Board for management of the Alpine Volunteer Fire Department. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2023-05-24: On a motion by Councilor Stephens and seconded by Councilor Stokes to approve, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

5. Approve the appointment of Mayor Pro Tem. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)

RESOLUTION 2023-05-25: Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve. Discussion ensued.

RESOLUTION 2023-05-26: Councilor Rodriguez moved to amend the original motion to include Rick Stephens as the Mayor Pro Tem. The motion was seconded by Councilor Nance. Councilor Stokes, Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Nance, and Councilor Sandate voted to adopt the motion. Councilor Stephens abstained. The motion was adopted. The City Council subsequently voted to approve the original motion as amended with Councilor Stokes, Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Nance, and Councilor Sandate voting to adopt the motion. Councilor Stephens abstained. The motion to approve the original motion as amended was adopted.

6. Award RFP 2023-04-01 Pueblo Nuevo Concrete and Concrete Pad Services to Big Bend Concrete. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2023-05-27: On a motion by Councilor Stokes and seconded by Councilor Nance to approve, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

7. Award RFP 2023-04-02 for Road Materials to Ergon for CR2 and MS2 and Capital Aggregates for Pre-Mix Asphalt. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2023-05-28: On a motion by Councilor Stephens and seconded by Councilor Nance to approve, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

12. **City Council Member Comments and Answers** – No discussion or action may take place.

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, 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).

13. **Executive Session** – None.

14. **Action – Executive Session** – None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

15. **Adjourn.** (6:40 P.M.)

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Catherine Eaves, Mayor

Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary

CERTIFICATION

I, Geoffrey R. Calderon, hereby certify that notice of this meeting was posted at City Hall, in a convenient and readily accessible place to the general public, and to the City website at www.cityofalpine.com/agenda pursuant to Section 551.043, Texas Government Code. The said notice was posted by 2:00 P.M. on May 12, 2023, and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of the said meeting. 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 Office of the City Secretary at (432) 837-3301, option 1, or email city.secretary@cityofalpine.com for further information.

Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary