

**City of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 15, 2021
5:30 P.M.
Minutes**

WORKSHOP - 3:00 P.M.

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 located at 803 West Holland Avenue 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 Judy Stokes, Councilor Chris Rodriguez, Councilor Sara Tandy, Councilor Martin Sandate, and Councilor Jerry Johnson attended at the City Council Chambers. Interim City Manager, Megan Antrim, and Interim City Secretary, Geoffrey Calderon, attended at the City Council Chambers. Interim City Attorney, Rod Ponton, also attended at the City Council Chambers. Interim City Secretary, Geoffrey Calderon, reported that the agenda was posted at 2:00 P.M. on June 11, 2021.
 3. **Public Comments** (limited to 3 minutes per person) – Ramon Olivas
 4. **Workshop**
 - a. Workshop regarding general job descriptions for City Manager & City Secretary.
 5. **Adjourn**
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3. **Public Comments** – (limited to 3 minutes per person) – Laura Gold, Chris Ruggia, Jim Burr, Jan Woodward.
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 –

- Municipal Court Update
- Rules of Procedure for City Council Meetings
- Open meetings update

City Manager Report –

- Employee Acknowledgements
- Life Jacket Donation
- Municipal Court Clerk
- Grant Mania Update
- Summer Heat

City Staff Updates – None

6. **Public Hearings** –

- Public Hearing to obtain citizen views and comments on the second and final reading of Ordinance 2021-05-06, an ordinance amending Chapter 23 - City Council, Article II - Rules of Procedure to the Alpine Code of Ordinances.
- Public Hearing to obtain citizen views and comments on Short Term Rental Special Use Permit Applications.

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 June 1, 2021 Minutes (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager)
2. Approval of Judy Stokes for the vacant Animal Advisory Board position (J. Stokes, City Council)

3. Approval of Lucy Escovedo for the vacant Ward 5 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Position (J. Johnson, City Council)

Councilor Rodriguez requested that items two (2) and three (3) be moved from the regular sequence of the consent agenda. Motion was made by Councilor Johnson, by Resolution 2021-06-25, to approve item one (1) on the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Stokes. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez that the Council make board decisions as stated in the charter, and that board appointments do not have to go through the boards prior to City Council. Motion was not seconded. Motion lost. Motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez to table items two (2) and three (3). The motion was not seconded. The motion was lost.

Mayor Ramos called for the vote on the approval of item two (2). Councilor Stokes, Councilor Tandy, Councilor Sandate, and Councilor Johnson voted in favor. Councilor Rodriguez voted against. The motion was passed 4 to 1.

Motion was made by Councilor Johnson, by Resolution 2021-06-26, to approve Lucy Escovedo for the vacant Ward 5 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board position. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sandate. Councilor Stokes, Councilor Tandy, Councilor Sandate, and Councilor Johnson voted in favor. Councilor Rodriguez voted against. The motion was passed 4 to 1.

8. Information or Discussion items –

1. Traffic & Speeding problems on West Del Rio (J. Stokes, City Council)
2. Tourism, Upcoming Events, and a possible meeting with Kiwanis, Lions Club, Artwalk, and Viva Big Bend Representatives (J. Stokes, City Council)
3. Donation by Dr. Avinash Rangra for Park Improvements (J. Stokes, City Council)
4. City Zoom meeting guidelines and impacts on open meetings and public attendance (J. Stokes, 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 approve the WTG gas contract, including the relocation of City gates (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez, by Resolution 2021-06-27, to discuss, consider, and approve the WTG gas contract, including the relocation of City gates. Motion was seconded by Councilor Tandy. The motion was unanimously carried.**
2. Discuss, consider, and approve Resolution 2021-06-06 regarding WTG gas rates. (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez, by Resolution 2021-06-28, to discuss, consider, and approve Resolution 2021-06-06 regarding WTG gas rates. Motion was seconded by Councilor Tandy. Councilor Stokes, Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Tandy, Councilor Sandate, and Councilor Johnson voted against. The motion failed with unanimous opposition.**

Motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez to amend the original motion, by Resolution 2021-06-29, to discuss, consider and approve Resolution 2021-06-06 regarding WTG gas rates which will be \$4.35 for three (3) years. The motion was seconded by Councilor Tandy. Councilor Stokes, Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Tandy, Councilor Sandate, and Councilor Johnson voted for. The motion was unanimously carried.

3. Discuss, consider, and approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2021-05-06, 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 2021-06-30, to discuss, consider, and approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2021-05-06, an ordinance amending Chapter 23 – Article II – Rules of Procedure to the Alpine Code of Ordinances. Motion was seconded by Councilor Stokes. Councilor Stokes, Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Tandy, Councilor Sandate, and Councilor Johnson voted against. The motion failed with unanimous opposition.**

Motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez, by Resolution 2021-06-31, to table the second and final reading of Ordinance 2021-05-06. Motion was seconded by Councilor Stokes. The motion was unanimously carried.

4. Discuss, consider, and approve the first reading of Ordinance 2021-05-01, an ordinance amending Chapter 18, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article VII - Outdoor Lighting to the Alpine Code of Ordinances (J. Stokes, City Council) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stokes, by Resolution 2021-06-32, to discuss, consider, and approve the first reading of Ordinance 2021-05-01, an ordinance amending Chapter 18, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article VII – Outdoor Lighting to the Alpine Code of Ordinances. Motion was seconded by Councilor Rodriguez. The motion was carried unanimously.**
5. Discuss, consider, and approve the proposed City of Alpine Organizational Chart (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Johnson, by Resolution 2021-06-33,**

to approve the proposed City of Alpine organizational chart. Motion was seconded by Councilor Tandy. The motion was unanimously carried.

6. Discuss, consider, and approve the Interlocal Agreement for the Kokernot Lodge, Poet's Grove, a project between the City of Alpine and Sul Ross State University (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez, by Resolution 2021-06-34, to discuss, consider, and approve the Interlocal Agreement for the Kokernot Lodge, Poet's Grove, a project between the City of Alpine and Sul Ross State University. Motion was seconded by Councilor Sandate. The motion was unanimously carried.
7. Discuss, consider, and approve submitted bid proposal by U Construction on the remodel of the Visitor Center (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager) - Motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez, by Resolution 2021-06-35, to discuss, consider, and approve submitted bid proposal by U Construction on the remodel of the Visitor Center. Motion was seconded by Councilor Johnson. The motion was unanimously carried.
8. Discuss, consider, and approve Special Use Permit Applications for: (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager)
 - a. Short Term Rental Special Use Permit for 503 E Avenue B. Owner of record is Jason & Robin Stone.
 - b. Short Term Rental Special Use Permit for 208 Berkeley Street. Owner of record is Adam & Shatiel Brant.
 - c. Short Term Rental Special Use Permit for 115 & 117 N 6th Street. Owner of record is Desert Dame Thirty.

Motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez, by Resolution 2021-06-36, to discuss, consider, and approve Special Use Permit applications for:

- a. **Short Term Rental Special Use Permit for 503 E Avenue B. Owner of record is Jason & Robin Stone.**
- b. **Short Term Rental Special Use Permit for 208 Berkeley Street. Owner of record is Adam & Shatiel Brant.**
- c. **Short Term Rental Special Use Permit for 115 & 117 N 6th Street. Owner of record is Desert Dame Thirty.**

Motion was seconded by Councilor Stokes. The motion was unanimously carried.

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

(7:23 P.M.) Motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez, by Resolution 2021-06-37, to move into executive session to discuss the update on pending litigation, to discuss and consider the appointment of Interim Utilities Director, and to discuss and consider the Interim City

Secretary and Utilities Director compensation. Motion was seconded by Councilor Sandate. The motion was carried unanimously.

11. Executive Session –

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)

1. Update on pending litigation - Creswell Suit - TML assigned legal counsel (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager)
2. Discuss and consider the appointment of Interim Utilities Director (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager)
3. Discuss and consider Interim City Secretary and Utilities Director Compensation (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager)

(8:10 P.M.) Motion was made by Councilor Johnson, by Resolution 2021-06-38, to reconvene regular session. Motion was seconded by Councilor Stokes. The motion was unanimously carried.

12. Action – Executive Session

1. Update on Pending litigation – Creswell Suit – TML assigned legal counsel (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Johnson, by Resolution 2021-06-39, to take no action. Motion was seconded by Councilor Rodriguez. The motion was unanimously carried.
2. Action, if any, on appointment of Interim Utilities Director (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager) - Motion was made by Councilor Johnson, by Resolution 2021-06-40, to appoint Jessica Washington as Interim Utilities Director. Motion was seconded by Councilor Tandy. The motion was unanimously carried.
3. Action, if any, on Interim City Secretary and Interim Utilities Director compensation (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager) - Motion was made by Councilor Johnson, by Resolution 2021-06-41, to increase the pay for the interim city secretary to \$1,925.00 per pay period and the Interim Utilities Director to \$2,500 per pay period. Motion was seconded by Councilor Tandy. The motion was unanimously carried.

13. Adjourn. (8:12 P.M.)

ATTEST:

Andres “Andy” Ramos, Mayor

Geoffrey R. Calderon, Interim City Secretary

CERTIFICATION

I, Geoffrey R. Calderon, Interim City Secretary, hereby certify that this notice was posted at City Hall, a convenient and readily accessible place to the general public, and to the City website at www.cityofalpine.com pursuant to Section 551.043, Texas Government Code. The said notice was posted at 2:00 P.M. on June 25, 2021, 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 City Secretary's Office at (432) 837-3301, option 1, or email city.secretary@ci.alpine.tx.us for further information.

Geoffrey R. Calderon, Interim City Secretary