

**City of Alpine**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 20, 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 Rick Stephens

**City Staff and Stakeholders Present:**

Megan Antrim, City Manager  
 Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary  
 Darrell Losoya, Chief of Police  
 Abel Hinojos, Airport Supervisor  
 Don Wetterauer, Alpine Public Library  
 Andrea Tucker, Family Crisis Center

**Not Present:**

Councilor Martin Sandate

**Citizens Present:** Lane Tippet, Ward 3; Craig “Griz” Adams, Ward 5.

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 June 16, 2023.

3. **Public Comments** – (limited to 3 minutes per person) –
  1. Billy Melton, Ward 4, addressed the City Council to express opposition to the Skyway Gardens II Annexation and the need to pave Lechuguilla Road.
4. **Presentations, Recognitions, and Proclamations** – None.

**RESOLUTION 2023-06-21:** Councilor Stephens moved to accept Action Item No. 1, Public Hearing Item No. 1, and Action Item No 4 to the beginning of the meeting with Councilor Rodriguez seconding the motion. The City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

**ACTION ITEM NO. 4**

1. **Approve Addendum to Standard Terms of Engagement to reflect Bojorquez Law Firm as City Attorney and amend hourly billing rates for the City of Alpine. (M. Antrim, City Manager)**

**RESOLUTION 2023-06-22:** On a motion by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Stokes to approve, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

**PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NO. 1**

**Open (5:44 P.M.)**

1. Public Hearing to obtain citizens views and comments regarding the first reading of Ordinance 2023-05-01, an ordinance annexing the proposed Skyway Gardens II development that is adjacent and contiguous territory to the City legally described as 5.000 acres out of Section 102, Block 9, Brewster County, Texas, being a portion of that certain

10.0 acre tract described in Volume 314, Page 453, Official Public Records of Brewster County, Texas.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Open (5:45 P.M.)**

**ACTION ITEM NO. 1**

1. Approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2023-05-01, an ordinance annexing the proposed Skyway Gardens II development that is adjacent and contiguous territory to the City legally described as 5.000 acres out of Section 102, Block 9, Brewster County, Texas, being a portion of that certain 10.0 acre tract described in Volume 314, Page 453, Official Public Records of Brewster County, Texas; Approving a service plan for the annexed area; Approving a development agreement between the developer and the City; Providing findings of fact; Providing cumulative and severability clauses; Providing an effective date. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

**RESOLUTION 2023-06-23:** On a motion by Councilor Stokes and seconded by Councilor Stephens to approve, the City Council voted to adopt the motion with all members voting aye except Councilor Rodriguez, who abstained from voting.

5. **Reports** – Copies of presentations displayed during the meeting are posted on the City website at [www.cityofalpine.com/reports](http://www.cityofalpine.com/reports) –

**City Mayor Report**

1. Budget Workshops past – future Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM.
2. Short videos on various topics added to City Website and FB.
3. Course – Alpine City Government 101.
4. Radio Shows – City Talk Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> with the City Manager and the Mayor. New show, sponsored by BBT, not the city, “Small Town, Big Stories” next episode is Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 also as a podcast on Spotify and Apple Podcasts and coming soon to Google podcasts.

**City Attorney Report** – None.

**City Manager Report** –

1. Dark Sky Compliance – AEP & Big Bend Conservation Alliance.
2. Water Usage and Loss by the City.
3. Water Conservation.
4. Legislative Update.

**City Staff Updates** – None.

6. **Public Hearings** –

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*Public Hearing Item No. 1 was presented at the beginning of the meeting.*

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, 2023 Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)
  2. Approval of June 6, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)
  3. Approval of June 8, 2023 Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)
  4. Approval of June 13, 2023 Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)
  5. Approval of Larry Nichols to the Place 5 position on the Hotel Occupancy Tax Committee. (R. Stephens, City Council)
  6. Approve Resolution 2023-06-17, a resolution adopting a Budget Policy for the City. (M. Antrim, City Manager)
  7. Approve Resolution 2023-06-18, a resolution adopting a Financial Policy for the City. (M. Antrim, City Manager)
  8. Approve Resolution 2023-06-19, a resolution adopting an Investment Policy for the City of Alpine Fiscal Year 2023-2024. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

**RESOLUTION 2023-06-24:** On a motion by Councilor Stokes and seconded by Councilor Stephens to approve the consent agenda, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

*Mayor Eaves called a short recess (6:38 P.M.)*

*The meeting resumed (6:44 P.M)*

8. **Information or Discussion items** –

1. Alpine Public Library report by Executive Director Don Wetterauer. (M. Antrim, City Manager)
2. Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend report. (M. Antrim, City Manager)
3. Presentation by Griz Adams regarding the need to change or update City Utility Ordinances. (C. Eaves, Mayor)
4. Discussion regarding incentives for residents for xeriscaping and consider putting an ordinance in place to encourage that. (C. Eaves, Mayor)
5. Discuss possible lease of the Neighborhood Center (607 W. Gallego) to the Community Council of South Central Texas and/or Women's, Infant, Children (WIC) Program. (M. Antrim, City Manager)
6. Discuss possible options concerning the use of the Old Alpine School House located at 205 E. Sul Ross. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

7. Discuss employee travel and training budgets and discuss city leaders that have had city-covered expenses and/or reimbursements for optional or required training during the current fiscal year. (J. Stokes, City Council)
  8. Discuss progress to date for the Fiscal Year 23-24 City budget workshops, and discuss the go forward plan for completing the City Budget including establishing additional Council meeting dates if needed. (R. Stephens, City Council)
  9. Discuss the status of Short Term Rentals in Alpine including any recommendations going forward. (R. Stephens, City Council)
  10. Discuss actions needed to implement a 25 mph speed limit within Alpine limits including which roads should be excluded. (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 are limited to 10 per meeting.) –

- ~~1. Approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2023-05-01, an ordinance annexing the proposed Skyway Gardens II development that is adjacent and contiguous territory to the City legally described as 5.000 acres out of Section 102, Block 9, Brewster County, Texas, being a portion of that certain 10.0 acre tract described in Volume 314, Page 453, Official Public Records of Brewster County, Texas; Approving a service plan for the annexed area; Approving a development agreement between the developer and the City; Providing findings of fact; Providing cumulative and severability clauses; Providing an effective date. (M. Antrim, City Manager)~~

*Action Item No. 1 was presented at the beginning of the meeting.*

2. Approve the first reading of Ordinance 2023-06-01, an ordinance authorizing the installation of additional four way stop signs at the intersections of 8th Street and Sul Ross Avenue, the intersections of 8th Street and Avenue A, the intersections of 7th and Hendryx Avenue, and the intersections of 8th Street and Del Rio Avenue. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

**RESOLUTION 2023-06-25:** On a motion by Councilor Stokes and seconded by Councilor Stephens to approve, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

3. Approve Resolution 2023-06-20, a resolution appointing members of the Alpine City Council to Ex-Officio positions on City Boards, Commissions, and Committees. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

**RESOLUTION 2023-06-26:** On a motion by Councilor Stokes and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez to approve, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

**RESOLUTION 2023-06-27:** On a motion by Councilor Stephens and seconded by Councilor Stokes to approve an amendment to the second whereas to add the words nor any other privilege of an ex officio member, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion. The motion as amended was approved unanimously.

- ~~4. Approve Addendum to Standard Terms of Engagement to reflect Bojorquez Law Firm as City Attorney and amend hourly billing rates for the City of Alpine. (M. Antrim, City Manager)~~

*Action Item No. 4 was presented at the beginning of the meeting.*

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

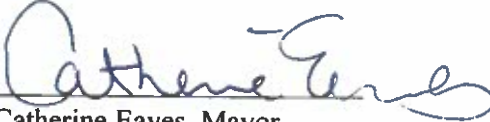
**NOTICE:** The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed on the posted agenda, above, Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 (consultation with an attorney), 551.072 (deliberations about real property), 551.073 (deliberations about gifts and donations), 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (deliberations about security devices), and 551.086 (economic development).

11. **Executive Session** – None.
12. **Action – Executive Session** – None.

*There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.*

13. **Adjourn.** (7:45 P.M.)

**APPROVED:**

  
Catherine Eaves, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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](http://www.cityofalpine.com/agenda) pursuant to Section 551.043, Texas Government Code. The said notice was posted by 2:00 P.M. on June 16, 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](mailto:city.secretary@cityofalpine.com) for further information.

  
Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary

