

City of Alpine  
Emergency City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, June 23, 2020  
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 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 Olivas, Councilor Betty Fitzgerald, Councilor Escovedo, Councilor Stephens, and Mayor Ramos were present via zoom. City Secretary, Cynthia Salas reported that the agenda was posted at 4:00 P.M. on June 22, 2020. City Manager Erik Zimmer, City Secretary, Cynthia Salas, and City Attorney Rod Ponton also attended via zoom.
3. Public Comments (limited to 3 minutes per person) –
4. Presentations, Recognitions and Proclamations – (A. Ramos, Mayor) – None
5. Reports – Copies of the charts presented during the meeting are posted on the City website at <https://www.cityofalpine.com/Alpine%20City%20Council%20-%20CM%20Report%203-17-2020.pdf>

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

City Attorney’s Report –

- Update on current Texas Governor COVID restrictions, actions by other cities,, up to and including wearing masks.

City Manager Report – None

City Staff Updates – None

6. Public Hearings – None
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being discussed separately unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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.) - None

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 Ordinance 2020-06-01, an Emergency Ordinance of the City of Alpine instituting Emergency measures due to a public health emergency; establishing a penalty as provided herein; allowing for severability; and providing an immediate effective date. (E.

Zimmer, City Manager – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-06-14 to approve Ordinance 2020-06-01, an Emergency Ordinance of the City of Alpine instituting Emergency measures due to the public health emergency; as delineate with the exception of the following to replace under the “following is hereby in effect” replace the paragraph Health and Safety Policy – Commercial Entities in its entirety and replace with the following text **“From the date of this Ordinance, all commercial entities in the City of Alpine providing goods or services directly to the public should follow recommended CDC guidelines aimed at reducing the spread of Covid-19. In addition, all commercial entities must display one of two signs at the entrance of their business. One will be printed on green paper and state: "In order to minimize the spread of Covid-19, a condition of entrance into this building or on the premises requires wearing of a face mask that covers the nose and mouth". The other option is a sign printed on yellow paper that will state: "Masks to minimize the spread of Covid-19, while recommended, are not a requirement for entrance into this building or on the premises. “The City of Alpine will make both signs available to commercial entities in the City of Alpine. That eliminates penalties and establishes that the business owner can determine whether masks are required or not. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Councilor Stephens amended the motion to include in paragraph two after the Alpine employees to include “and City Official”. Motion was seconded by Councilor Olivas. 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 4:00 P.M. on June 22, 2020, 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.

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Andres “Andy” Ramos, Mayor

Attest:

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Cynthia Salas, City Secretary

I, Cynthia Salas, City Secretary, do certify that this notice was posted at 4:00 P.M. on June 22, 2020, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

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Cynthia Salas, City Secretary