

**City of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 6, 2021
5:30 P.M.
Minutes**

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 5:30 P.M.

1. **Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance.** – 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 Secretary, Geoffrey Calderon, reported that the agenda was posted at 2:00 P.M. on July 2, 2021.
3. **Public Comments** – (limited to 3 minutes per person) – Aaron Rodriguez, Laura Gold, Rick Stephens.
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 – None

City Manager Report –

- Illegal Dumping
- Projects in Action

City Staff Updates –

- Municipal Court Update by Honorable Judge Jodi Cole

6. **Public Hearings** –

- Public Hearing to obtain citizen views and comments on the second and final 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

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being discussed separately unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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 15, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager)
2. Approval of June 29, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager)
3. Approval of FY 2021-2022 Budget Calendar (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager)
4. Approval of FY 2021-2022 Holiday Calendar (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager)
5. Approval of Martin Sandate as City representative for the Alpine Public Library Board of Directors (J. Johnson, City Council)
6. Approval of Resolution 2021-07-01 designating the City Manager as the authorized representative for the Department of Justice, Justice Assistance Program Grant (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager)
7. Approval of Resolution 2021-07-02 designating the City Manager as the authorized representative for the Department of Homeland Security, Local Border Security Program Grant (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager)

Councilor Johnson requested to move Item one (1) out of the regular sequence of the consent agenda. Item one (1) was moved to Action Items.

RESOLUTION 2021-07-06: Councilor Stokes motioned to approve consent agenda items two (2) through seven (7), with Councilor Tandy seconding the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

8. Information or Discussion items –

1. Utility Billing Issues & Concerns (C. Rodriguez, City Council)
2. Discuss and receive updates from APD on key issues (C. Rodriguez, City Council)

3. Zoom meeting and Council Procedures (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager)
4. Five Year Capital Improvement Plan (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager)
5. Discuss Council Member Residency Requirements & Qualifications (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager)

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.) –

Item one (1) moved from the Consent Agenda to Action Items:

Approval of June 15, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2021-07-07: Motion was made by Councilor Johnson to amend the 6-15-21 minutes to change the wording for item number two (2) on June 15 action items to reflect the unanimous vote for approval of Resolution 2021-06-06. The motion was seconded by Councilor Stokes. The motion was unanimously carried.

1. Discuss, consider, and approve the second and final 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) –

RESOLUTION 2021-07-08: Motion was made by Councilor Stokes to discuss, consider, and approve the second and final 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. The motion was seconded by Councilor Johnson. Councilor Stokes, Councilor Tandy, Councilor Sandate, and Councilor Johnson voted for. Councilor Rodriguez voted against. The motion was passed 4 to 1.

2. Discuss, consider, and approve Resolution 2021-07-03, a resolution establishing a partnership between the City as applicant and Big Bend Telecom (BBT) as sub recipient to deploy fiber optic facilities with National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) grant funds in the City of Alpine, Texas (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager) –

RESOLUTION 2021-07-09: Motion was made by Councilor Stokes to discuss, consider, and approve Resolution 2021-07-03. The motion was seconded by Councilor Tandy. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2021-07-10: Motion was made by Councilor Johnson to amend the original motion to add Exhibit “A” to the resolution, Exhibit “A” being a map provided to the City Council by BBT and presented to the City Council during the BBT presentation. The motion was seconded by Councilor Stokes. The motion was unanimously carried.

3. Discuss, consider, and approve Resolution 2021-07-04, a resolution authorizing the City of Alpine to accept a donation from Dr. Avinash Rangra of trees and memorial plaques to be placed at American Legion Park and the Dog Park area at Kokernot Park (J. Stokes, City Council) –

RESOLUTION 2021-07-11: Motion was made by Councilor stokes to discuss, consider, and approve Resolution 2021-07-04, a resolution authorizing the City of Alpine to accept a donation from Dr. Avinash Rangra of trees and memorial plaques to be placed at American Legion Park and the Dog Park area at Kokernot Park and to add the maps provided to Council to the resolution. Johnson seconded. The motion was unanimously carried.

4. Discuss, consider, and approve Resolution 2021-07-05, a resolution adopting an investment policy regarding funds for the City of Alpine and provisioning an effective date (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager) –

RESOLUTION 2021-07-12: Motion was made by Councilor Stokes to approve Resolution 2021-07-05, a resolution adopting an investment policy regarding funds for the City of Alpine and provisioning an effective date. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sandate. The motion was unanimously carried.

5. Discuss, consider, and approve appointments for Planning & Zoning Commission vacancies, one at large position and one ward 2 position:
 - a. Rick Stephens
 - b. Deborah Derden
 - c. Lucy Escovedo

(M. Antrim, Interim City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2021-07-13: Motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez to discuss, consider, and approve Rick Stephens for the Planning & Zoning Commission. The motion was not seconded. The motion was lost.

RESOLUTION 2021-07-14: Motion was made by Councilor Johnson to discuss, consider, and approve the appointment of Deborah Derden to the Planning & Zoning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilor Tandy. The motion failed with unanimous opposition.

RESOLUTION 2021-07-15: Motion was made by Councilor Tandy to amend the original motion to table this item until further discussion takes place. The motion was seconded by Councilor Stokes. Councilor Stokes, Councilor Tandy, Councilor Sandate, and Councilor Johnson voted for. Councilor Rodriguez voted against. The motion was adopted 4 to 1.

RESOLUTION 2021-07-16: Motion was made by Councilor Tandy to approve Lucy Escovedo for the Planning & Zoning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilor Stokes. Councilor Stokes, Councilor Tandy, Councilor Sandate, and Councilor Johnson voted for. Councilor Rodriguez voted against. The motion was adopted 4 to 1.

6. Discuss, consider, and approve job descriptions for City Manager and City Secretary (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager) –

RESOLUTION 2021-07-17: Motion made by Councilor Stokes to approve the job descriptions for City Manager and City Secretary. The motion was seconded by Councilor Tandy. The motion was unanimously carried.

7. Discuss, consider, and approve the internal transfer of Interim City Secretary, Geoffrey R. Calderon, to full-time City Secretary (J. Stokes, City Council) –

RESOLUTION 2021-07-18: Motion was made by Councilor Stokes to discuss, consider, and approve the internal transfer of Interim City Secretary, Geoffrey Calderon, to full-time City Secretary. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sandate. The motion was unanimously carried.

8. Discuss, consider, and approve the contract for Interim City Attorney (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager) –

RESOLUTION 2021-07-19: Motion was made by Councilor Tandy to approve the contract for Interim City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sandate. Councilor Stokes, Councilor Tandy, Councilor Sandate, and Councilor Johnson voted for. Councilor Rodriguez voted against. The motion was passed 4 to 1.

9. Discuss, consider, and approve the recommendation from the Airport Advisory Board for a new lease allowing Customs and Border Protection to build a helipad. (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager) –

RESOLUTION 2021-07-20: Motion was made to discuss, consider, and approve the recommendation from the Airport Advisory Board. The 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.

(7:35 P.M.) RESOLUTION 2021-07-21: Motion was made by Councilor Johnson to move into executive session. Motion was seconded by Councilor Stokes. The motion was unanimously carried.

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. Acquisition or Sale of City Property (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager)

(8:10 P.M.) RESOLUTION 2021-07-22: Motion was made by Councilor Johnson to reconvene regular session. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sandate. The motion was unanimously carried.

12. Action – Executive Session

1. Action, if any, on pending litigation - Creswell Suit - TML assigned legal counsel (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager) –

RESOLUTION 2021-07-22: Motion was made by Councilor Johnson to take no action. The motion was seconded by Councilor Stokes. The motion was unanimously carried.

2. Action, if any, on Acquisition or Sale of City Property (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager) –

RESOLUTION 2021-07-23: Motion was made by Councilor Johnson to take no action. The motion was seconded by Councilor Stokes. The motion was unanimously carried.

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

ATTEST:

Andres “Andy” Ramos, Mayor

Geoffrey R. Calderon, 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 July 2, 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