

City of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 18, 2020
5:30 P.M.
Minutes

1. Call to Order, and Pledge of allegiance to the flags – Mayor Pro-Tem Rick Stephens called the meeting to order. The meeting was held via Zoom Conference in the City of Alpine, Texas. Mayor Pro-Tem Rick Stephens 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 were present via zoom. Mayor Ramos was absent and excused. City Secretary, Cynthia Salas reported that the agenda was posted at 2:00 P.M. on August 14, 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 – None

City Manager Report –

- Coronavirus Update
- Safety Pledge
- Parks and Recreation Update
- Leadership Training Update
- Housing Authority – Grant from Senator Cornyn

City Staff Updates –

- Street Update by Public Works Director Eddie Molinar.
- Alpine Police Department Update by Chief Martin.

6. Public Hearings –
 - Public Hearing on citizen's views and comments concerning Ordinance 2020-08-01, the 2020 Tax Year Proposed Property Tax Rate for the City of Alpine, Texas of \$0.553753 per \$100 valuation. The proposed tax rate is the no new revenue tax rate.
 - Public Hearing on citizen's views and comments concerning Ordinance 2020-08-02, an Ordinance making appropriations for the support of the City of Alpine, Texas for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021; appropriating money to a sinking fund to pay interest and principal on the City of Alpine, Texas for the FY 2020-2021.

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 minutes from City Council meeting on August 4, 2020. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)

Motion was made by Councilor Curry, by Resolution 2020-08-11 to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilor Olivas. Motion passed 5 to 0.

8. Information or Discussion items –

1. Annexation / DeAnnexation – update on request that have postured up to City Hall. (E. Zimmer, 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.) –
 1. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the second and final reading of the City of Alpine Personnel Policy. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Curry, by Resolution 2020-08-12, on the second and final reading of the City of Alpine Personnel Policy. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion passed 5 to 0.**
 2. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the first reading of Ordinance 2020-7-02, an Ordinance of the City of Alpine, amending the Alpine Code of Ordinance Chapter 46 Fire Prevention and Preservation for fire fee's for the City of Alpine. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)- **Motion was made by Councilor Olivas, by Resolution 2020-08-13, on the first reading of Ordinance 2020-07-02, an Ordinance of the City of Alpine, amending the Alpine Code of Ordinance Chapter 46 Fire Prevention and Preservation for fire fee's for the City of Alpine. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion passed 5 to 0.**
 3. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the first reading of Ordinance 2020-08-02, an Ordinance making appropriations for the support of the City of Alpine, Texas for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021; appropriating money to a sinking fund to pay interest and principal on the City of Alpine, Texas for the FY 2020-2021. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Olivas, by Resolution 2020-08-14, on the first reading of Ordinance 2020-08-02, an Ordinance making appropriations for the support of the City of Alpine, Texas for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021; appropriating money to a sinking fund to pay interest and principal on the City of Alpine, Texas for the FY 2020-2021. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion passed 5 to 0.**
 4. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the first reading of Ordinance 2020-08-01, the 2020 Tax Year Proposed Property Tax Rate for the City of Alpine, Texas of \$0.553753 per \$100 valuation. The proposed tax rate is the no new revenue tax rate. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Curry, by Resolution 2020-08-15 to take appropriate action on the first reading of Ordinance 2020-08-01, the 2020 Tax Year Proposed Property Tax Rate for the City of Alpine, Texas of \$0.553753 per \$100 valuation. The proposed tax rate is the no new revenue tax rate. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion passed 5 to 0.**

5. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on Resolution 2020-08-10, in support of the Alpine Downtown Association. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Curry, by Resolution 2020-08-16, to approve Resolution 2020-08-10, in support of the Alpine Downtown Association. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion passed 4 to 0.**
6. Review, discuss, consider, and take appropriate action regarding the City Manager’s annual performance assessment, including any proposed compensation adjustment. (R. Stephens, City Council) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-08-17 to review, discuss, consider, and take appropriate action regarding the City Manager’s annual performance assessment, including any proposed compensation adjustment. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion passed 4 to 0.**
7. Review, discuss, consider, and take appropriate action regarding the first reading on Ordinance 2020-08-03, an Ordinance of the City of Alpine, Texas changing the criteria for membership of the Parks and Recreation Board. (R. Stephens, City Council) – **Motion was made by Councilor Curry, by Resolution 2020-08-18 to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2020-08-03, an Ordinance of the City of Alpine, Texas changing the criteria for membership of the Parks and Recreation Board. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion passed 5 to 0.**

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. –

Motion was made by Councilor Olivas, by Resolution 2020-08-19 to move into executive session. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion passed 5 to 0. (7:40pm)

1. Discussion on the process and procedures of the Municipal Court. (M. Curry, City Council)
2. Discussion of the Municipal Judge, Prosecutor, and City Attorney. (M. Curry, City Council)

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)

Motion was made by Councilor Curry, by Resolution 2020-08-20 to come out of executive session. Motion was made by Councilor Escovedo. (8:29pm)

12. Action – Executive Session –

1. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if any, on the process and procedures of the Municipal Court. (M. Curry, City Council) – **Motion was made by Councilor Curry, by Resolution 2020-08-21 to take no action. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion passed 5 to 0.**
2. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, if any, on the Municipal Judge, Prosecutor, and City Attorney. (M. Curry, City Council) – **Motion was made by Councilor Curry, by Resolution 2020-08-22 to take no action. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion passed 5 to 0.**

I certify that this notice was posted at 1:00 P.M. on August 14, 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.

Andres "Andy" Ramos, Mayor

Attest:

Cynthia Salas, City Secretary

I, Cynthia Salas, City Secretary, do certify that this notice was posted at 2:00 P.M. on August 14, 2020, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Cynthia Salas, City Secretary