

City of Alpine
Special City Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 26, 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 Martin Sandate
Councilor Rick Stephens

City Staff and Stakeholders Present:

Megan Antrim, City Manager
Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary
Marianella Joseph, City Attorney
Darrell Losoya, Chief of Police
Abel Hinojos, Airport Supervisor

Not Present: None.

Others Present: Approximately 4 other attendees.

Mayor Catherine 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 September 22, 2023.

3. **Public Comments** – (limited to 3 minutes per person) – None.
4. **Presentations, Recognitions, and Proclamations** – None.
5. **Reports** – Copies of presentations displayed during the meeting are posted on the City website at www.cityofalpine.com/reports –

City Mayor Report.

City Attorney Report – None.

City Manager Report – None.

City Staff Updates – None.

6. **Public Hearings** –

Open (5:33 P.M.)

Public Hearing to obtain citizen views and comments regarding the second and final reading of Ordinance 2023-09-01, an ordinance approving the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 proposed tax rate of \$0.457554 per \$100 of assessed valuation for the fiscal year October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 for use and support of the Municipal Government of the City of Alpine, Texas.

Public Comments: None.

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Public Hearing to obtain citizen views and comments regarding the second and final reading of Ordinance 2023-09-02, an ordinance amending the City of Alpine Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget; Providing Repealing and Severability Clauses; A Texas Open Meetings Act Clause; and Providing an Effective Date.

Public Comments: None.

Close (5:35 P.M.)

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 Gibson, Ruddock, Patterson, LLC Letter of Engagement for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 annual audit. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

Councilor Stephens requested to remove item no. 1 from the normal sequence of the consent agenda.

RESOLUTION 2023-09-24: On a motion by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Stokes to approve, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

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 are limited to 10 per meeting.) –

1. Approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2023-09-01, an ordinance approving the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 proposed tax rate of \$0.457554 per \$100 of assessed valuation for the fiscal year October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 for use and support of the Municipal Government of the City of Alpine, Texas. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2023-09-25: Councilor Stephens moved that the property tax rate be decreased by the adoption of a total tax rate of \$.457554, which is effectively less than 1% decrease of the tax rate, by the adoption of Ordinance 2023-09-01 for fiscal year 2023-2024, which includes as part of the total tax rate \$.426376 for Maintenance and Operations and \$.031178 for debt service. Councilor Rodriguez seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the Council voted in the following manner:

Councilor Judy Stokes:	For
Councilor Chris Rodriguez:	For
Councilor Darin Nance:	For
Councilor Martin Sandate:	For
Councilor Rick Stephens:	For

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2. Approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2023-09-02, an ordinance amending the City of Alpine Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget; Providing Repealing and Severability Clauses; A Texas Open Meetings Act Clause; and Providing an Effective Date. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2023-09-26: Councilor Stephens moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2023-09-02, an ordinance amending the City of Alpine Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget; Providing Repealing and Severability Clauses; A Texas Open Meetings Act Clause; and Providing an Effective Date. Councilor Sandate seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the Council voted in the following manner:

Councilor Judy Stokes: For

Councilor Chris Rodriguez: For

Councilor Darin Nance: For

Councilor Martin Sandate: For

Councilor Rick Stephens: For

3. Approve the first reading of Ordinance 2023-10-01, an ordinance amending Chapter 74 – Parks and Recreation, Article I – In General, to the Alpine Code of Ordinances; Amending and establishing rules and regulations for all city parks; providing for the establishment of an event permitting process to be approved by city council resolution; providing the establishment of up to a \$500 penalty per occurrence for violations of the ordinance. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2023-09-27: Councilor Nance moved to approve. Councilor Sandate seconded the motion. Discussion ensued.

RESOLUTION 2023-09-28: Councilor Nance moved to table the item. Councilor Stokes seconded the motion. The City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion and the item was tabled.

4. Approve Resolution 2023-09-23, a resolution approving a recommendation for Parks and Recreation facilities fees as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2023-09-29: Councilor Stokes moved to approve Resolution 2023-09-23, a resolution approving a recommendation for Parks and Recreation facilities fees as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board. Councilor Nance seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. The City Council voted to approve the motion 4 to 1 with Councilor Rodriguez voting against.

5. Approve the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Tax Agreement with Brewster County. (M. Antrim, City Manager).

RESOLUTION 2023-09-29: On a motion by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Stephens to approve the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Tax Agreement with Brewster County, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

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

NOTICE: The City Council reserves the right to reconvene, recess, realign, change the order of business, or adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of the meeting prior to adjournment, to discuss any item listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with 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 551.087 (development).

11. Executive Session – None.

12. Action – Executive Session – None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

13. Adjourn. (6:11 P.M.)

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Catherine Eaves, Mayor

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 pursuant to Section 551.043, Texas Government Code. The said notice was posted by 2:00 P.M. on September 22, 2023, and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of the said meeting.

Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary

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