

City of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 3, 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
Randy Guzman, Director of Gas Utility

Not Present: None.

Others Present: Approximately 11 other attendees.

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 September 29, 2023.

3. **Public Comments** – (limited to 3 minutes per person) –

- Karen Cantrell, Ward 1, addressed the City Council in support of a city-wide speed limit responsive to Information or Discussion Item No. 3.

4. **Presentations, Recognitions, and Proclamations** –

1. Proclamation of Alpine Teachers' Day.

Alpine Independent School District Superintendent, Dr. Michelle Rinehart, and three AISD teachers accepted the proclamation of Alpine Teachers' Day.

2. National Public Natural Gas Appreciation Week – October 1 – October 7, 2023.

Director of Gas Utility, Randy Guzman, and four Gas Department employees accepted the proclamation of National Public Natural Gas Appreciation Week.

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.

Minutes: 10-03-2023

Approved: 10-17-2023

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.) –

1. Approval of September 19, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)
2. Approval of September 23, 2023 Workshop Meeting Minutes. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)
3. Approval of September 26, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)

RESOLUTION 2023-10-02: On a motion by Councilor Stephens and seconded by Councilor Stokes to approve the consent agenda as presented, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

8. **Information or Discussion items** –

1. Airport Advisory Board – Discuss the intent to propose re-creation of the Alpine Airport Advisory Board. (R. Stephens, City Council)
2. Transportation Advisory Board – Discuss the intent to propose re-creation of the Alpine Transportation Committee. (R. Stephens, City Council)
3. Speed Limit Change – City Council discussed reducing the speed limit on City owned streets from 30 to 25 mph. Council Members were provided maps and asked to make recommendations about which streets in their Wards should remain at 30 mph. The purpose of this discussion is for each Council Member to provide their map and discuss recommendations so that an integrated plan can be developed for the City and an appropriate Ordinance can be created. (R. Stephens, City Council)
4. Brewster County Liaison Report. (J. Stokes, 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 Resolution 2023-10-01, a resolution designating the Alpine Avalanche as the Official Newspaper of the City of Alpine for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2023-10-03: On a motion by Councilor Stokes and seconded by Councilor Nance to approve Resolution 2023-10-01, a resolution designating the Alpine Avalanche as the Official Newspaper of the City of Alpine for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, 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

Minutes: 10-03-2023

Approved: 10-17-2023

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).

NOTICE: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Alpine will provide reasonable accommodations for persons attending meetings. 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 for further information.

11. **Executive Session** – None.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Eaves.

13. **Adjourn.** (5:46 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 29, 2023, and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of the said meeting.

Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary

Minutes: 10-03-2023

Approved: 10-17-2023