

City of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 18, 2022
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 conference 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 Sara Tandy
Councilor Martin Sandate
Councilor Jerry Johnson

Not Present:

Councilor Chris Rodriguez

City Staff Present:

Megan Antrim, City Manager
Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary
Darrell Losoya, Chief of Police
Randy Guzman, Director of Gas Utility
Christopher Ruggia, Director of Tourism
Alicia Salinas, Director of Finance
Keith Segar, Director of Utilities
Abel Hinojos, Airport Supervisor
Jennifer Stewart, Animal Services Supervisor
Heather Yadon, Visitor Center Coordinator

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 October 14, 2022.

3. **Public Comments** – (limited to 3 minutes per person) – ,
 - Jim Street, Ward 1, expressed support for Action Item No. 3, Ordinance 2022-10-03, and spoke to the need for an Airport Advisory Board and for the Transportation Committee.
4. **Presentations, Recognitions, and Proclamations** –
 - Proclamation of National Friends of Libraries Week.
5. **Reports** – Copies of presentations displayed during the meeting are posted on the City website at www.cityofalpine.com/reports –

City Mayor Report

I. Meet with the Mayor Discussions:

- A. At Town Hall Meetings have a poster for people to rank their favorite to the least favorite event or things to support: such as library, parks, arts, music, etc.
- B. Would partnering with Marfa, Fort Davis, and Marathon to raise our collective population and income levels to petition more upscale stores to come to the area be something we should work toward. Stores such as JC Penney, Kohls, etc.
- C. Should we partner with the University and do a Cost of Living Survey?
- D. Employee of the Month for each department. Winners receive something such as a gift card, an extended lunch, or a day where they can leave at four instead of five, etc.

II. Upcoming Events

- A. Next Town Hall Meeting, October 19th (tomorrow) at Alpine Elementary 6:00 pm
Then, Saturday, November 5th at 2:00 pm at the Granada.
- B. City Talk on Thursday the 20th at 9:05 am.
- C. Next Meet with the Mayor on Saturday the 29th at the Farmers Market 10:30-12:00.

City Attorney Report – None.

City Manager Report –

- I. Revenue & Expenses – August 2022
- II. Revenue & Expenses – September 2022

City Staff Updates

- Animal Services Report by Animal Services Supervisor, Jennifer Stewart.
- Visitor Center Report by Visitor Center Coordinator, Heather Yadon.
- Tourism Quarterly Report by Director of Tourism, Chris Ruggia.
- Police Department Report by Chief of Police, Darrell Losoya.
- Gas Department Report by Gas Director, Randy Guzman.

6. Public Hearings –

1. Public Hearing to obtain citizen views and comments on the second and final reading of Ordinance 2022-10-01, an ordinance amending Chapter 10 - Animals to the Alpine Code of Ordinances; Amending Article II - Keeping Animals; Amending Sections 10-48 - Registration of Dogs and Cats; Providing for updated registration fees and procedures for the registration of dogs and cats.

Public Comments: None.

2. Public Hearing to obtain citizen views and comments on Ordinance 2022-10-02, an ordinance amending a typographical error in Ordinance 2022-08-03; levying ad valorem taxes for use and support of the municipal government of the City of Alpine, Texas for the 2022-2023 fiscal year; providing for the apportioning of each levy for specific purposes; and providing when taxes shall become due and when the same shall become delinquent if not paid.

Public Comments: 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 October 4, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)

2. Approval of 4th Quarter Investment Report. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2022-10-11: On a motion by Councilor Johnson and seconded by Councilor Sandate to approve the consent agenda as presented, 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 2022-10-01, an ordinance amending Chapter 10 - Animals to the Alpine Code of Ordinances; Amending Article II - Keeping Animals; Amending Sections 10-48 - Registration of Dogs and Cats; Providing for updated registration fees and procedures for the registration of dogs and cats. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2022-10-12: On a motion by Councilor Stokes and seconded by Councilor Johnson to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2022-10-01, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

2. Approve the first and final reading of Ordinance 2022-10-02, an ordinance amending a typographical error in Ordinance 2022-08-03; levying ad valorem taxes for use and support of the municipal government of the City of Alpine, Texas for the 2022-2023 fiscal year; providing for the apportioning of each levy for specific purposes; and providing when taxes shall become due and when the same shall become delinquent if not paid. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2022-10-13: On a motion by Councilor Johnson and seconded by Councilor Sandate to approve the first and final reading of Ordinance 2022-10-02, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

3. Approve the first reading of Ordinance 2022-10-03, an ordinance establishing Chapter 16 - Boards, Commissions, and Committees to the Alpine Code of Ordinances; Amending processes, procedures, guidelines, and requirements for City Boards, Commissions, and Committees. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2022-10-14: On a motion by Councilor Stokes and seconded by Councilor Johnson to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2022-10-03 with the amendment to dissolve the Airport Board, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

4. Approve Resolution 2022-10-09, a resolution authorizing the City of Alpine to participate in the Texas Recycles Day Grant Program. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2022-10-15: On a motion by Councilor Sandate and seconded by Councilor Tandy to approve Resolution 2022-10-09, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

5. Approve Resolution 2022-10-10, a resolution authorizing the City to participate in an Agreement with the State of Texas through the Department of Transportation to request the closure of North Highway 118 (Between Holland Avenue and Avenue E) on November 18 through November 20, 2022. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2022-10-16: On a motion by Councilor Tandy and seconded by Councilor Johnson to approve, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

6. Approve FY 2022-2023 Tax Collection Agreement with Brewster County. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2022-10-17: On a motion by Councilor Stokes and seconded by Councilor Johnson to approve Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Tax Collection Agreement with the County, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

7. Authorize the City Attorney to initiate contract discussions with S. Daugherty for use of Daugherty Well #1 for long-term City Use. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2022-10-18: On a motion by Councilor Johnson and seconded by Councilor Tandy to approve the City Attorney to initiate contract discussions with S. Daugherty for use of Daugherty Well #1 for long-term City use, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

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

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, 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).

11. **Executive Session** – None.

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

13. **Adjourn. (7:05 P.M.)**

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Catherine Eaves, Mayor

Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary

CERTIFICATION

I, Geoffrey R. Calderon, hereby certify that this notice 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 October 14, 2022, 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 Office of the City Secretary at (432) 837-3301, option 1, or email city.secretary@ci.alpine.tx.us for further information.

Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary