

City of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 4, 2022
Minutes

1. **Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance** – Mayor Catherine Eaves called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. The meeting began 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
Councilor Chris Rodriguez

City Staff Present:

Megan Antrim, City Manager
Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary
Alicia Salinas, Director of Finance
Andrew Devaney, Director of Building Services
Kirk Caughman, Police Lieutenant

Not Present: None.

City Secretary, Geoffrey Calderon, announced that a quorum of the City Council was present and reported that the meeting agenda was posted by 2:00 P.M. on September 30, 2022.

RESOLUTION 2022-10-02: On a motion by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Tandy to change the order of business to receive the presentation from the City Attorney first, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

Due to a large number of attendees, the meeting was moved to the Alpine Civic Center, located at 801 W. Holland Avenue through the adjoining door in City Council Chambers. Mayor Eaves called a recess while the meeting was set up in the Alpine Civic Center (5:44 P.M.)

The meeting resumed in the Alpine Civic Center after setup (5:56 P.M.)

Discussion from City Attorney Rod Ponton on state law and City of Alpine rules and procedures for Alpine approving replats, rezoning, and process. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

City Attorney, Rod Ponton, presented to the City Council.

RESOLUTION 2022-10-03: On a motion by Councilor Johnson and seconded by Councilor Sandate to allow a Dollar General representative to address the Council, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

Philip Cornett, President of John Cowan & Associates, addressed the City Council on behalf of Dollar General.

3. **Public Comments** – (limited to 3 minutes per person) –
 - Karen Cantrell, Ward 1, spoke regarding the presentation regarding traffic accidents downtown.
 - Brett Bell, Ward 1, expressed opposition to the replat application for 1911 N State Highway 118.
 - Andy Covington, Ward 1, expressed opposition to the replat application for 1911 N State Highway 118.

- Dona Ward, Ward 1, did not address the City Council but expressed opposition to the replat application for 1911 N State Highway 118.
- Bobby W. Elliott, Ward 5, addressed the City Council regarding speeding on the Mayor's Report and the need for speed bumps.
- John Simpson, Ward 1, expressed opposition to the replat application for 1911 N State Highway 118.

Liz Measures began to pass out written material to the City Council. City Secretary, Geoffrey Calderon, called a point of order and advised that meeting attendees are not allowed to pass out written material to the Council unless it is received at least one week in advance of the meeting.

- Liz Measures, Brewster County resident, expressed opposition to the replat application for 1911 N State Highway 118.
- Gayle Lewis, Ward 1, expressed opposition to the replat application for 1911 N State Highway 118.
- La Ferne Scudday, Ward 1, did not address the City Council but expressed opposition to the replat application for 1911 N State Highway 118.
- Karla Tomanka, Ward 1, expressed opposition to the replat application for 1911 N State Highway 118.
- Jim A Hurley, Ward 1, did not address the City Council but expressed opposition to the replat application for 1911 N State Highway 118.
- Marsha Guerry-Hurley, Ward 1, expressed opposition to the replat application for 1911 N State Highway 118.
- Brenda Young, Brewster County resident, expressed opposition to the replat application for 1911 N State Highway 118.

4. Presentations, Recognitions, and Proclamations –

1. Proclamation of World Teachers' Day.
2. Proclamation of Public Natural Gas Week.

5. Reports – Copies of presentations displayed during the meeting are posted on the City website at www.cityofalpine.com/reports –

City Mayor Report

- Next Meet with the Mayor:
 - ❖ Blue Grass Festival on October 8th at 11:00 until 11:45 am.
- Meet with the Mayor Summaries:
 - ❖ Top Topic: Speeding, Running Stop Signs.
 - ❖ Question: How does the City recoup money for demolishing buildings?
- Phone Calls, Texas Messages:
 - ❖ Resident Volunteers – Trees for Downtown.

- ❖ Question: Community Garden.
- ❖ Dollar Store.
- Clocks now working Downtown.
- Sirens.
- Reminder – City Talk this Thursday.

City Attorney Report – None.

City Manager Report –

- Volunteers.
- Clocks Repaired - D. Lewis.
- National Night Out.

City Staff Updates

- Animal Services Report by Animal Services Supervisor, Jennifer Stewart.
- Visitor Center Report by Visitor Center Coordinator, Heather Yadon.

The City Manager announced that the staff updates have been rescheduled for the next City Council meeting.

6. Public Hearings –

1. Public Hearing to obtain citizen views and comments regarding a replat application to allow applicant, Horse Apple 118, LLC, a replat for the purpose of consolidating lots for commercial retail development. The property in question is located at 1911 N. State Highway 118. The record property owner is Horse Apple 118 LLC.

Public Comment: Raegan Stone, Ward 2, expressed opposition to the replat application for 1911 N State Highway 118.

Public Comment: Kevin Cayton, Ward 1, expressed opposition to the replat application for 1911 N State Highway 118.

Public Comment: Rick Stephens, Ward 5, expressed opposition to the replat application for 1911 N State Highway 118.

Public Comment: Brett Bell, Ward 1, expressed opposition to the replat application for 1911 N State Highway 118.

Public Comment: Stephen Hummel, Dark Skies Coordinator for McDonald Observatory, and resident of McDonald Observatory, addressed the Council regarding the dark sky ordinance requirements for the proposed Dollar General location.

Public Comment: Vee Zent, Ward 5, expressed opposition to the replat application for 1911 N State Highway 118.

Public Comment: Hanna Schaeffer, Ward 2, expressed opposition to the replat application for 1911 N State Highway 118.

Public Comment: Kerri Blackman, Ward 4, expressed opposition to the replat application for 1911 N State Highway 118.

Public Comment: Marsha Guerry-Hurley, Ward 1, expressed opposition to the replat application for 1911 N State Highway 118.

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 20, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)
2. Approval of the appointment of Robert Savery to the Ward 2 position on the Building and Standards Commission. (C. Rodriguez, City Council)

RESOLUTION 2022-10-04: 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** –

1. Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend Quarterly Report by Executive Director, Letty Carrillo. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

Tona Vega presented on behalf of the Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend.

2. Alpine Volunteer Fire Department Quarterly Report by Chief of the Fire Department, Andrew Pierce. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

The Mayor called a 5-Minute Recess (7:32 P.M.)

RESOLUTION 2022-10-05: On a motion by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Stokes to resume the regular session, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

The meeting resumed at (7:39 P.M.)

3. Discussion regarding downtown lighting before Artwalk. (J. Stokes, City Council)

Kerri Blackman, former Executive Director of Artwalk, addressed the City Council regarding Artwalk and event lighting.

Chris Weber, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Area Engineer, addressed the City Council regarding the lights downtown installed by TxDOT.

Stephen Hummel, Dark Skies Coordinator for McDonald Observatory, addressed the City Council regarding the outdoor lighting.

4. Presentation by Tommy Lewis to discuss the results of his open records request concerning traffic accidents downtown. (C. Eaves, Mayor)

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 first 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 2022-10-06: On a motion by Councilor Johnson and seconded by Councilor Sandate to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2022-10-01, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

2. Approve Resolution 2022-10-01, a resolution designating the Alpine Avalanche as the official newspaper of the City. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2022-10-07: On a motion by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Tandy to approve, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

3. Approve a replat application to allow applicant, Horse Apple 118, LLC, a replat for the purpose of consolidating lots for a commercial retail development. The property in question is located at 1911 N. State Highway 118. The record property owner is Horse Apple 118 LLC. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2022-10-08: Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve the replat application. The item was lost due to a lack of a second.

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.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

13. **Adjourn.** (8:02 P.M.)

APPROVED:

Catherine Eaves, Mayor

ATTEST:

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 September 30, 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