

City of Alpine  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, December 1, 2020  
5:30 P.M.  
Minutes

1. Call to Order, and Pledge of allegiance to the flags – Mayor Ramos called the meeting to order. The meeting was held at the Civic Center and via Zoom Conference in the City of Alpine, Texas. Mayor Ramos led the pledge of allegiance to the flags.
2. Determination of a quorum and proof of notice of the meeting – Councilor Curry, Councilor Rodriguez, , Councilor Sandate, and Councilor Stephens attended at the Civic Center. Mayor Ramos and Councilor Betty Fitzgerald attended via zoom. City Secretary, Cynthia Salas reported that the agenda was posted at 5:00 P.M. on November 24, 2020. City Manager Erik Zimmer attended at the Civic Center. City Secretary Cynthia Salas attended via zoom.
3. Public Comments (limited to 3 minutes per person) – Alan Vonnay, and Mike Green.
4. Presentation, Recognitions, and Proclamations – (A. Ramos, Mayor)
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) –

- Voter turnout and thanking the Community for a large participation in voting this year.

City Attorney’s Report – None

City Manager Report –

- Coronavirus Update
- Availability of Affordable Housing
- Lighting Ordinance

City Staff Updates –

- Finance by Megan Antrim
- Grants by Marci Tuck
- Public Works by Eddie Molinar

6. Public Hearing - 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being discussed separately unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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 minutes from City Council meeting on November 17, 2020. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Consent agenda item was moved to #9 action items.**

8. Information or Discussion items –

1. Discussion on Short-Term Rentals. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)
2. Discussion on Coin Operated Machine Ordinance. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)
3. Discussion on Utility Ordinance. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)
4. Discussion of City Attorney Appointment. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)
5. Provide an information update regarding the Brewster County Central Appraisal District Board. (R. Stephens, City Council)

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. Approval of minutes from City Council meeting on November 17, 2020. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) - **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-12-01 to approve the consent agenda with the correction that Councilor Escovedo was absent. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.**

1. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the first reading on recommendations from Chief Martin to change the speed limit to 20 mph on City streets within the City of Alpine. (C. Rodriguez, City Council) – **Motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez, by Resolution 2020-12-02 on the first reading on recommendations from Chief Martin to change the speed limit to 20 mph on City streets within the City of Alpine. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion was amended by Councilor Rodriguez to table. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.**

2. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the recommendation of Municipal Judge by Mayor Ramos. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-12-03 on the recommendation of Jodi Cole as Municipal Judge by Mayor Ramos. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.**

3. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action to rezone the property with a primary location address of 102 E Nations in the Walton addition from C1 to R2. The specific lots being rezoned are: Lot 4, Lot 5, Lot 6, N half of Lot 3, E 1/3 of Lot 7, and E 1/3 of N half of Lot 8. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2020-12-04 to rezone the property with a primary location address of 102 E. Nations in the Walton addition from C-1 to R-2. The specific lots being rezoned are: Lot 4, Lot 5, Lot 6, N half of Lot 3, E 1/3 of Lot 7, and E 1/3 of N half of Lot 8. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.**

4. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action relative to the Brewster County Attestation regarding the State of Texas Governor Executive Order GA-32 minimizing occupancy for said businesses from 75% to 50%. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – **Erik Zimmer, City Manager tabled the action item.**

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. – None

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)

12. Action – Executive Session – None

I certify that this notice was posted at 5:00 P.M. on November 24, 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.

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Andres "Andy" Ramos, Mayor

Attest:

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Cynthia Salas, City Secretary

I, Cynthia Salas, City Secretary, do certify that this notice was posted at 5:00 P.M. on November 24, 2020, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

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Cynthia Salas, City Secretary