

**City of Alpine
Workshop &
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 19, 2024
Minutes**

WORKSHOP – 4:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order** - Mayor Catherine Eaves called the meeting to order at 4:02 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.

City Council Members Present:

Catherine Eaves, *Mayor*
Councilor Judy Stokes, *Ward 1*
Councilor Darin Nance, *Ward 3*
Councilor Martin Sandate, *Ward 4*
Councilor Rick Stephens, *Ward 5*

City Officials Present:

Megan Antrim, *City Manager*
Geoffrey Calderon, *City Secretary*

Others Present:

Kurt Grant, *Communities Unlimited*
Approximately 2 other attendees

Not Present:

Councilor Chris Rodriguez, *Ward 2*

2. **Workshop –**

- a. Workshop and presentation regarding the water/wastewater rate study results completed by communities unlimited.

3. **Adjourn. (5:00 P.M.)**

REGULAR MEETING – 5:30 P.M.

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:

Catherine Eaves, *Mayor*
Councilor Judy Stokes, *Ward 1*
Councilor Chris Rodriguez, *Ward 2*
Councilor Darin Nance, *Ward 3*
Councilor Martin Sandate, *Ward 4*
Councilor Rick Stephens, *Ward 5*

City Staff and Stakeholders Present:

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

Others Present: Approximately 6 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 Friday, March 15, 2024.

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3. **Public Comments** – (limited to 3 minutes per person) – None.

4. **Presentations, Recognitions, and Proclamations** – None.

5. **Reports** –

City Mayor Report.

City Attorney Report – None.

City Manager Report –

- Update on Priority Items.

City Staff Updates – None.

6. **Public Hearings** –

Open (5:44 P.M.)

1. Public Hearing to obtain citizen views and comments regarding the second and final reading of Ordinance 2024-03-01, an ordinance amending Chapter 70 - Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article II - Minors to the Alpine Code of Ordinances; Repealing Division II - Curfew; Repealing the Juvenile Curfew within the city limits of Alpine to better align with state law; Providing Findings of Fact, Repealer, Severability, Effective Date, Proper Notice, and Hearing Clauses.

Close (5:44 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 March 5, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)
2. Approval of March 6, 2024 Workshop Meeting Minutes. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)
3. Approval of the excused absence of Councilor Rodriguez from the February 20, 2024 City Council Meeting due to personal illness. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)
4. Approval of the excused absence of Councilor Stokes from the March 5, 2024 City Council meeting due to family illness. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)
5. Approval of the appointment of Joanna Laxton to the Place 5 (Arts & Historic) position on the Hotel Occupancy Tax Committee. (J. Stokes, City Council)
6. Approve payment of the February 2024 monthly billing summary for Bojorquez Law Firm services. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2024-03-11: On a motion by Councilor Stephens and seconded by Councilor Sandate to approve as written, the City Council adopted the motion with all members present voting in favor.

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8. Information or Discussion items –

1. Update from Alpine Public Library Executive Director Don Wetterauer. (M. Antrim, City Manager)
2. Discuss the ordinance on short term rental parking and compliance. (D. Nance, Councilmember)
3. Avenue B Speeding Issues. (R. Stephens, City Council)
4. Discussion regarding the continued work on the City Charter and reminder of what steps need to be taken to get this done. (C. Eaves, Mayor)
5. Continue discussion regarding Chapter 23 - City Council to the Alpine Code of Ordinances; including updates to the order of business, updates to the rules of procedure, and updates to the rules of decorum for City Council meetings. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

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 2024-03-01, an ordinance amending Chapter 70 - Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article II - Minors to the Alpine Code of Ordinances; Repealing Division II - Curfew; Repealing the Juvenile Curfew within the city limits of Alpine to better align with state law; Providing Findings of Fact, Repealer, Severability, Effective Date, Proper Notice, and Hearing Clauses. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2024-03-12: On a motion by Councilor Stephens and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez to approve as read and presented, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion.

2. Approve Resolution 2024-03-10, a resolution authorizing intervention in AEP Texas Inc's requested rate change proceeding before the commission; Approving cooperation with the Cities served by AEP; Hiring Lloyd Gosselink Attorneys and Consulting Services to negotiate with the company and directing any necessary litigation and appeals; Requiring reimbursement of Cities' rate case expenses; Finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the Public as required by Law; Requiring notice of this resolution to the Company and Legal Counsel. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2024-03-13: On a motion by Councilor Stephens and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez to approve Resolution 2024-03-10 as presented, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion.

3. Approve Order 2024-03-03, an order appointing and setting the rate of pay for election officials, setting the number of election workers, and designating the Early Voting Ballot Board for the May 4, 2024 General & Special Elections. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)

RESOLUTION 2024-03-14: On a motion by Councilor Stephens and seconded by Councilor Sandate to approve Order 2024-03-03 as presented, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion.

4. Approve Order 2024-03-04, an order approving the agreement between City of Alpine and Brewster County Election Administrator for Election Equipment and Services for the May 4, 2024 General & Special Elections. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)

RESOLUTION 2024-03-15: On a motion by Councilor Stephens and seconded by Councilor Sandate to approve Order 2024-03-04 as read and presented, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion.

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5. Approve bid proposals from Ergon for CRS-2 Asphalt and MS-2 Asphalt and Jarrett Dirt Work Services for Grade 4 Topping Rock, Grade 4 Gravel, Base Material and Type D Hot Mix Cold Lay Premix Asphalt for RFP (Request for Proposals) 2024-02-01 - Road Materials. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2024-03-16: On a motion by Councilor Sandate and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez to approve the proposals for Ergon and Jarrett Dirt Work Services for Request for Proposals 2024-02-01 as presented, the City Council unanimously adopted 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 –

RESOLUTION 2024-03-17: On a motion by Councilor Stephens and seconded by Councilor Stokes to move into executive session, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion. **(7:28 P.M.)**

Consultation with Attorney § 551.071, Texas Government Code

1. City Attorney Update:
 - a) Discuss Customs and Border Protection Hangar Lease Renewal.
 - b) Discuss Pending Public Information Requests and Attorney General Responses.

12. Action – Executive Session –

RESOLUTION 2024-03-18: On a motion by Councilor Stephens and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez to close executive session and reconvene into open session, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion. **(7:34 P.M.)**

RESOLUTION 2024-03-19: On a motion by Councilor Stephens and seconded by Councilor Stokes to take no action on the executive session items, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion.

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

13. Adjourn. (7:34 P.M.)

APPROVED:

Catherine Eaves, Mayor

ATTEST:

Geoffrey R. Calderon, TRMC
City Secretary & Chief Governance Officer

CERTIFICATION

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I, Geoffrey R. Calderon, do 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 Friday, March 15, 2024, and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of the said meeting.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE,
this _____ day of _____ 2024.

Geoffrey R. Calderon, TRMC
City Secretary & Chief Governance Officer