



CITY OF ALPINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
803 W. Holland Avenue, Alpine, Texas 79830
Tuesday, March 7, 2023 - 5:30 P.M.

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Alpine, Texas, will hold a regular meeting at 5:30 P.M. on March 7, 2023, in City Council Chambers, at 803 West Holland Avenue, in the City of Alpine, Texas for the purpose of considering the attached agenda. This notice is posted pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act (Government Code Sec. 551.043). **PUBLIC NOTICE – THE USE OF CELLULAR PHONES AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT IS PROHIBITED IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS DURING MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL EXCEPT FOR PURPOSES EXPLICITLY AUTHORIZED BY STATE LAW (TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SEC. 551.023).** This meeting will be conducted in accordance with the official Rules of Decorum for City Council Meetings available at www.cityofalpine.com/decorum. Public Comments are limited to agenda items only. Individuals who wish to address the City Council may do so by completing a Public Comment Card and by placing the completed card on the City Secretary's desk no later than five minutes before the commencement of the meeting. The Public Comment Card may also be completed online at www.cityofalpine.com/councilcomments. A Public Comment Card is not required for speakers who wish to comment on a Public Hearing item. When speakers are acknowledged, please approach the microphone at the podium and state your name and Ward for the record. Public Comments are limited to 3 minutes per person, and a bell will signal the end of each speaker's time. Please conclude speaker comments promptly when the bell rings. State law generally prohibits the Council from discussing or taking any action on any issue not included on the agenda, but if appropriate, the Council may schedule the topic for future discussion or refer the matter to staff. **NO PERSONAL ATTACKS ON COUNCIL MEMBERS OR CITY STAFF WILL BE ALLOWED.** The Mayor and/or City Council Members may call a point of order to stop personal attacks. If an individual continues to personally attack an elected official or staff member in a meeting, they may be barred.

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags.**
2. **Determination of a Quorum and Proof of Notice of the Meeting.**
3. **Public Comments** – (limited to 3 minutes per person)
4. **Presentations, Recognitions, and Proclamations** – None.
5. **Reports** –

City Mayor Report –

1. Alpine Community Projects Nursing Home Initiative & Hospital Board.
2. Z&P update from Monday the 27th meeting.

City Attorney Report –

1. Ordinance Process.
2. Hector Holguin Litigation.
3. AEP Franchise Agreement.
4. Municipal Court Update.

City Manager Report – None.

City Staff Update – None.

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 February 21, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)
 2. Approval of January 2023 Big Bend Law invoice. (M. Antrim, City Manager)
8. **Information or Discussion Items** –
 1. Alpine Public Library report by Executive Director Don Wetterauer. (M. Antrim, City Manager)
 2. Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend report by Andrea Tucker. (M. Antrim, City Manager)
 3. Parks and Recreation Board update by Darin Nance, Chair of the Board. (M. Antrim, City Manager)
 4. Presentation by Don Shipley regarding the Airport and possible ways the City can bring in money in the future. (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 limited to 10 per meeting).

1. Approve the first reading of Ordinance 2023-03-01, an ordinance providing for parking controls in the 100 Block of West Gallego Avenue and the 400 Block of South 5th Street. (M. Antrim, City Manager)
2. Approve Resolution 2023-03-01, a resolution initiating annexation proceedings and setting dates, times, and places for public hearings on the annexation of the proposed Skyway Gardens II development, legally described as 5.000 acres out of Section 102, Block 9, Brewster County, Texas, Being a portion of that certain 10.0 acre tract described in Volume 314, Page 453, Official Public Records of Brewster County Texas. (M. Antrim, City Manager)
3. Approve Resolution 2023-03-02, a resolution awarding sponsorship of the annual Mountain Country Christmas Bazaar to a local non-profit organization for a term of two years to include 2023 and 2024. (M. Antrim, City Manager)
4. Approve Order 2023-03-01, an order approving the Certification of Unopposed Candidates for the May 6, 2023 General Election. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)
5. Approve Order 2023-03-02, an order of Cancellation for the unopposed Ward 1 and Ward 3 races for the May 6, 2023 General Election. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)
6. Approve Order 2023-03-03, an order approving the agreement between City of Alpine and Brewster County Election Administrator for Election Equipment and Services for the May 6, 2023 General Election. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)
7. Approve a Letter of Support & Partnership for the Afro Food, Fashion, Arts, and Dance Festival (AFROFABFEST) to be held on September 28 - October 1, 2023. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

10. City Council Member Comments – 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, as authorized by the 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 551.086 (economic development).

11. Executive Session –

Personnel Matters § 551.074, Texas Government Code

1. Conduct the annual performance evaluation of the City Manager. (S. Tandy, City Council)

12. Action – Executive Session –

1. Action, if any, concerning the annual performance evaluation of the City Manager. (S. Tandy, City Council)

13. Adjourn.

CERTIFICATION

I, Geoffrey R. Calderon, do hereby certify that this notice was posted at City Hall, in a convenient and readily accessible place to the general public, and on 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 3, 2023, 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@cityofalpine.com for further information.


Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary



INTRODUCTION OVERVIEW

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags.
2. Determination of a Quorum and Proof of Notice of the Meeting.
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4. Presentations, Recognitions, and Proclamations – None.

REPORTS OVERVIEW

5. Reports –

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BACKGROUND

NONE.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

NONE.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

N/A



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BACKGROUND

NONE.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

NONE.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

N/A

PUBLIC HEARINGS OVERVIEW

6. **Public Hearings** – None.

CONSENT AGENDA OVERVIEW

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.
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CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of February 21, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes (G. Calderon, City Secretary)

BACKGROUND

NONE.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

1. February 21, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE.

City of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 21, 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 Martin Sandate
Councilor Jerry Johnson

City Staff and Stakeholders Present:

Megan Antrim, City Manager
Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary
Rod Ponton, City Attorney
Darrell Losoya, Chief of Police

Not Present:

Councilor Sara Tandy

Citizens Present:

Lisa Fielder, Ward 5

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 February 17, 2023.

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

- Cynthia Salas, Ward 2, addressed the City Council regarding Discussion Item No. 8.

RESOLUTION 2023-02-15: On a motion by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Sandate to suspend the regular order of business for the City Council to consider Action Item No. 3 and Information or Discussion Item No. 8, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

4. **Action Item No. 3**

Approve Resolution 2023-02-14, a resolution approving official support for the proposed Skyway Gardens II development located at the Southeast Corner of S. Walker Street and Lechuguilla. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2023-02-16: On a motion by Councilor Stokes and seconded by Councilor Sandate to approve Resolution 2023-02-14, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion with Councilor Rodriguez abstaining.

5. **Information or Discussion Item No. 9**

Discuss the interlocal agreement with Brewster County in regards to the Alpine Volunteer Fire Department. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

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

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

City Mayor Report

1. Town Hall Meetings.
 - a. Next Dates.
 - b. Discussions.
2. Meet with the Mayor.
 - a. Upcoming Opportunities.
 - b. Homelessness.
 - c. New Possible Event Coming.
 - d. Large Blue Marks on Some Fences.
3. Research and Observations.

City Attorney Report –

1. Municipal Court Update.
2. Updated Ordinance Procedures.

City Manager Report – None.

City Staff Updates – None.

6. Public Hearings –

Open (5:52 P.M.)

1. Public Hearing to obtain citizen views and comments regarding the second and final reading of Ordinance 2023-02-01, an ordinance amending the Alpine Code of Ordinances; Establishing Chapter 9 - Annexation; Adopting an Ordinance Providing for additional annexation requirements in addition to those prescribed by State Law.

Public Comments: None.

2. Public Hearing to obtain citizen views and comments regarding a Special Use Permit application for the purpose of allowing the applicant, Sazzon Baja Mex Culinary, to obtain an alcohol license/permit from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission to sell alcohol to restaurant guests. The property in question is located at 901 E. Holland Ave. The record property owner is Audie Coggins.

Public Comments: None.

Close (5:53 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 February 7, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes (G. Calderon, City Secretary)
2. Approval of the appointment of Eva Olivas to the Place 7 position on the Planning & Zoning Commission. (C. Eaves, Mayor)

RESOLUTION 2023-02-17: On a motion by Councilor Stokes and seconded by Councilor Johnson to approve the consent agenda, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

8. Information or Discussion items –

1. Music Advisory Board Report by Director of Tourism, Chris Ruggia (M. Antrim, City Manager)

The Mayor called a short recess (6:00 P.M.)

2. Assessment of Revenue for next five years. (C. Rodriguez, City Council)
3. City Financial Status - annual expenses, reserve fund balance, debt level and cost of current debt, city bond rating and expected borrowing rate, and impact of inflation on City financial status. (C. Rodriguez, City Council)
4. City Employee wages and benefits compared to market-total number of employees on hand and retention rates in each department. (C. Rodriguez, City Council)
5. WWTP/Water - Current annual cost to maintain, number and size of City water mains, number of pumps and tanks and ages for each, and map of key water main breaks over past 5 years. (C. Rodriguez, City Council)

The Mayor called a short recess (6:43 P.M.)

6. Streets - Number of City blocks, cost to rebuild a block of a street, and cost to seal a block. (C. Rodriguez, City Council)
7. Estimate of when rate studies will be completed. (C. Rodriguez, City Council)
8. Discuss the implementation of a new parking plan on Gallego and 5th Street in front of Our Lady of Peace Church. (M. Antrim, City Manager)
- ~~9. Discuss the interlocal agreement with Brewster County in regards to the Alpine Volunteer Fire Department (M. Antrim, City Manager)~~

Discussion Item No. 9 was considered at Agenda Item No. 5.

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 2023-02-01, an ordinance amending the Alpine Code of Ordinances; Establishing Chapter 9 - Annexation; Adopting an Ordinance Providing for additional annexation requirements in addition to those prescribed by State Law. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2023-02-18: On a motion by Councilor Johnson and seconded by Councilor Stokes to approve the second and final reading of ordinance 2023-02-01, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion 3 to 1 with Councilor Rodriguez voting against.

2. Approve a Special Use Permit application for the purpose of allowing the applicant, Sazzon Baja Mex Culinary, to obtain an alcohol license/permit from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission to sell alcohol to restaurant guests. The property in question is located at 901 E. Holland Ave. The record property owner is Audie Coggins. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2023-02-19: On a motion by Councilor Stokes and seconded by Councilor Sandate to approve the special use permit application, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

- ~~3. Approve Resolution 2023-02-14, a resolution approving official support for the proposed Skyway Gardens II development located at the Southeast Corner of S. Walker Street and Lechuguilla. (M. Antrim, City Manager)~~

Action Item No. 3 was considered at Agenda Item No. 4.

4. Approve the High Intensity Drug Traffic Award (HIDTA). (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2023-02-20: On a motion by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Sandate to approve, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

5. Accept the Alpine Police Department 2022 Racial Profiling Report. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2023-02-21: On a motion by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Sandate to accept the racial profiling report for 2022, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

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

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RESOLUTION 2023-02-22: On a motion by Councilor Stokes and seconded by Councilor Sandate to recess into executive session, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion. (7:24 P.M.)

11. Executive Session –

Personnel Matters § 551.074, Texas Government Code

1. Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074 - Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee - City Attorney Rod Ponton. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

Councilor Rodriguez left the meeting during the Executive Session.

12. Action – Executive Session –

RESOLUTION 2023-02-23: On a motion by Councilor Stokes and seconded by Councilor Sandate to move into regular session, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion. (8:31 P.M.)

1. Action, if any, concerning the deliberation regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee - City Attorney Rod Ponton. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2023-02-24: On a motion by Councilor Stokes and seconded by Councilor Sandate to approve the parameters discussed during executive session, the City Council unanimously voted to approve the motion.

RESOLUTION 2023-02-25: On a motion by Councilor Stokes and seconded by Councilor Sandate to adjourn, the meeting was adjourned.

13. Adjourn. (8:32 P.M.)

APPROVED:

Catherine Eaves, Mayor

ATTEST:

Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary

CERTIFICATION

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CONSENT AGENDA

2. Approval of January 2023 Big Bend Law invoice. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

BACKGROUND

NONE.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

1. January 2023 Big Bend Law invoice.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

NONE.



Bill to:

City of Alpine
100 N 13 Street
Alpine, TX 79830

INVOICE

To February 09, 2023

Invoice Date February 01, 2023
Invoice Number 284
Due Date Due Upon Receipt

City Attorney 0247

Account Summary

Previous Balance	\$6,440.00
Payments Received	(\$6,440.00)
Outstanding Balance	\$0.00
Current Invoice	\$4,680.00

Total Due	\$4,680.00
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Fee Detail

Date		Description	Hours	Rate	Total	
1/2/2023	RP	Review 1/3 CC agenda/packet	0.80	\$200.00/hr	\$160.00	Admin
1/2/2023	RP	Prep for Ponton 1/3 CC Agenda item	1.00	\$200.00/hr	\$200.00	Admin
1/3/2023	RP	Prep/attend CC meeting	2.50	\$200.00/hr	\$500.00	Admin
1/3/2023	RP	Van Neie TC re Skyway road	0.30	\$200.00/hr	\$60.00	SKY
1/4/2023	RP	CM follow up on scheduling Skyway meeting re road w/ Van Neie, R. Ruiz	0.30	\$200.00/hr	\$60.00	SKY
1/5/2023	RP	MC-City Hall in-person follow ups, case review	0.50	\$200.00/hr	\$100.00	MC
1/5/2023	RP	Review MC defendant inquiry fwds by Clerk re warrant round up, citations	0.40	\$200.00/hr	\$80.00	MC

Date		Description	Hours	Rate	Total
1/9/2023	RP	CS inquiry on ETJ platting/city ROW question at Rodriguez property, request/review additional info; research county replat v. city conveyance	1.20	\$200.00/hr	\$240.00
1/9/2023	RP	Review MC clerk message re out-of-state defendant/mailling issue	0.40	\$200.00/hr	\$80.00
1/10/2023	RP	Follow up to CM re Skyway after further Van Neie inquiry--pot. meeting scheduling	0.30	\$200.00/hr	\$60.00
1/10/2023	RP	MC review re high weed citation, MC prep	0.50	\$200.00/hr	\$100.00
1/10/2023	RP	Pot. MC Feb court dates scheduling review	0.30	\$200.00/hr	\$60.00
1/11/2023	RP	Prep-attend MC	1.90	\$200.00/hr	\$380.00
1/11/2023	RP	Gather/send City Attorney report requests to CS for 1/17 agenda	0.50	\$200.00/hr	\$100.00
1/16/2023	RP	CC agenda packet review 1/17 meeting	0.80	\$200.00/hr	\$160.00
1/17/2023	RP	Prep-attend CC meeting	2.30	\$200.00/hr	\$460.00
1/17/2023	RP	MC defendant calls, follow ups	0.80	\$200.00/hr	\$160.00
1/18/2023	RP	Review City Atty considerations email from CM	0.30	\$200.00/hr	\$60.00
1/19/2023	RP	Onyegam claims status inquiry & update to new TML specialist; contact OAG Open Records division for opinion request status	1.00	\$200.00/hr	\$200.00
1/19/2023	RP	Prep-attend MC warrant round up; MC-Code Enforce meeting	2.50	\$200.00/hr	\$500.00
1/23/2023	RP	Review opioid settlements information receipt from CM, claims admin/AG follow up	1.00	\$200.00/hr	\$200.00
1/24/2023	RP	Review Onyegam TPIA OAG Open Records Decision received; sort releasable info; follow up to TML claims, CM, APD	1.00	\$200.00/hr	\$200.00
1/24/2023	RP	Initial review proposed AEP Franchise agreement, seek/research comparable agreements	0.80	\$200.00/hr	\$160.00
1/24/2023	RP	MC Clerk email re 2/23 appearance set for defendant	0.20	\$200.00/hr	\$40.00
1/31/2023	RP	MC follow up defendant inquiries	0.30	\$200.00/hr	\$60.00

Date		Description	Hours	Rate	Total
1/31/2023	RP	Further review AEP franchise ordinance; compare to other AEP and other utility-muni agreements, TML guidance	1.50	\$200.00/hr	\$300.00
			Hours Total	23.40	Fee Total
					\$4,680.00

AEP

Expense Detail

Date	Description	Quantity	Rate	Total
<i>No expenses have been charged for this invoice.</i>				

Expenses Total **\$0.00**

Fees	\$4,680.00
Expense	\$0.00
Current Due	\$4,680.00
Outstanding Balance	\$0.00
Total Due	\$4,680.00

Municipal Court - \$1,560
 ADMINISTRATIVE - \$2,480
 Skyway - \$180
 AEP - \$460

City Attorney 0247
City of Alpine

Due Date	Due Upon Receipt
Invoice #	284
Total Due	\$4,680.00
Amount Paid	\$ <input type="text"/>

Make payment to:

BIG BEND LAW
2301 N Hwy 118
Alpine, Texas 79830

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INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION OVERVIEW

8. Information or Discussion Items –

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INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION

1. Alpine Public Library report by Executive Director Don Wetterauer. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

BACKGROUND

- NONE.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

- Alpine Public Library March 2023 Booklet.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- NONE.

Between the Lines

The Alpine Public Library works to build community, encourage literacy, and promote lifelong learning. We endeavor to create and maintain a welcoming facility with relevant and enriching resources that connect our diverse and geographically remote area to the world.

ALPINE PUBLIC LIBRARY

March 2023

What's happening at Alpine Public Library?

The library board is working on a new strategic plan to prepare the library for the next two to five years and beyond. Our current plan includes the upcoming library expansion. The new space will improve resources for chil-



dren, teens, and young adults but will also open up the main library to create a more comfortable, welcoming space for all visitors.

As I think about the future of our library, the writings of R. David Lankes come to mind. Dr. Lankes is the Virginia & Charles Bowden Professor of Librarianship at UT Austin. He writes about New Librarianship, which is about the *why* of libraries and librarianship over the *how*. He defines the mission of librarians as improving "society through facilitating knowledge creation in their communities." That is what I hope we do at Alpine Public Library. We welcome all ideas on how we at APL can better serve our community.

Financially, we started 2023 in great shape. Thanks to the tremendously hard work of Linda Bryant and Kathy Donnell, event co-chairs, and all our volunteers, the 2022 Artwalk Silent Auction raised just over \$27,000 for the library's operating budget. Thanks to community support, we made the \$10,000 match offered by a generous library supporter for the Campaign for Kids. We also received grants from the Stillwater Donor Advised Fund, the Permian Basin Area Foundation, and the King Foundation to start the year with over \$760,000 for the campaign. A further opportunity has come from the Abell-Hanger Foundation: \$1.00 for every \$2.00 we raise, up to \$100,000. As I write this, we are only about \$28,000 short.

The adult education program is going strong. The library is an official Pearson testing station. Now we can offer High School Equivalency (HSE) testing at the library. In March we will start recruiting for the next HSE class, which will begin in April. Do you need HSE or know of someone who does? If so, contact Bianca at biancab@alpinepubliclibrary.org.

We are starting work on the Big Bend Regional Resource Directory, an interactive online catalogue of health and social services. If you are interested in helping with this project, contact me at director@alpinepubliclibrary.org.

—Don Wetterauer, *MLS, PhD*
Executive Director

Board of Directors

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Ellen Ruggia, Treasurer

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Travel Talks

2023



March 24*

Cecilia Riley & Mike Gray on birding in Panama

April 28

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May 26

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7 PM in the AEP Foundation Multipurpose Room

If you have an adventure you'd like to share in 2023, contact Lee Smith at leepsmith@yahoo.com or Jim Robertson at jpz1100@yahoo.com.

***Travel Talk is on the 4th Friday this month only.**

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APRIL 1st
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Romance is in the air ... in Re-Reads!

Way back in 2016, five volunteers decided that we needed to make Re-Reads more like a “real” bookstore by creating an inventory (an online inventory) that would be updated automatically when a book was added to the store or when one was sold. Tish Weterauer, with input from those volunteers, created an inventory program unique to us with a slew of categories into which we could plug the large number of donations from the large number of generous library supporters. We spent months inventorying the current contents of the store and since then have kept up with new donations.

Through the years, as we’ve become more familiar with the types of books you donate and with the types of books you buy, we’ve tweaked those original categories. We no longer have a “holiday” category or a “parents as teachers” category, for example, because they didn’t draw enough sales to justify the

shelf space. We’ve had to add a “graphic novels” space recently and a “foreign language” category. We also have a large Christian fiction section.

Just in time for Valentine’s Day, we realized we needed a “romance” section separate from the regular fiction shelves. There are a lot of romantics in Alpine who have asked for a section devoted to the works of recognized romance writers, so we’ve done our best to satisfy their desires. Now you can find romance (of the literary type) on the shelves at the end of paperback fiction, just before the Christian fiction. We’ve done our best to pull romance fiction from other

sections of the store and consolidate it in this new section, but we’d love your help identifying other writers you think would fit.

So, come on in and find something that tickles your romantic fancy. It’s easier than ever.

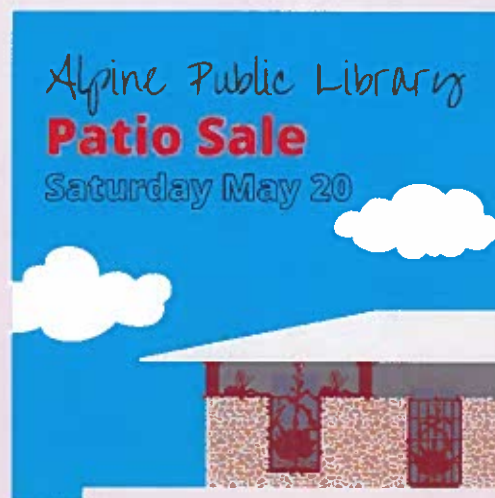
—Kathy Bork



APL IN 2023

This spring, look forward to the return of two popular fundraising events. On March 31 community members can enjoy a fish fry at the American Legion benefiting APL. The following month, Alpine Public Library's annual patio sale brings the chance to snag a deal while supporting the library. More details will be released as it gets closer to the events.

—Michael Haas, Circulation Librarian



Find out what else is happening at APL at alpinepubliclibrary.org/calendar/.

Warren Shaul: A Well-Made Life

Three threads extend through the length of Warren Shaul's life: his love of science, his affinity for libraries, and his willingness to volunteer. These threads fortuitously converge at Alpine Public Library.

Warren has been focused on science, in particular, on biology, since age 10. This fascination with biology prompted his father to call him the "strangest kid" he'd ever known. By his own estimation, Warren wasn't a strong reader as a child, but he did read books about science. He earned a BS in biology from Humboldt State University in California and an MS in fisheries from Oregon State University. This background led him to a job as a diver biologist with the Washington Department of Fisheries and Wildlife in the Puget Sound. For seven years, he donned scuba gear and dove down to survey beds of Geoduck clams and to manage the commercial harvest. He then served with the Peace Corps in Jamaica, working with the Division of Fisheries, and proposed a plan for lobster management that was ultimately implemented. For 17 years, he used his knowledge and skills as an environmental consultant.

After observing his nephews' indifference to science, Warren became a science teacher, teaching biology and developing a course in environmental science. Since this career shift, he has continued to teach, for almost four years in Nicaragua, first with the Peace Corps and then with a local school, and for a year in Austin at the Goodwill School, a public charter school for adults studying for a high school diploma. He has recently become APL's go-to science teacher for students studying for the high school equivalency in the library's Adult Education Program.

Warren's attraction to libraries started in the small county library in Live Oak, California, run by his aunt in a wing of her house. School libraries and public libraries continued to play an essential part in his life. He says that he "lived" in the library while a

college student, improving his reading skills, increasing his reading speed, and starting to read fiction for fun. In Jefferson County, Washington, Warren's involvement with the local library led him to serve on the board of directors.

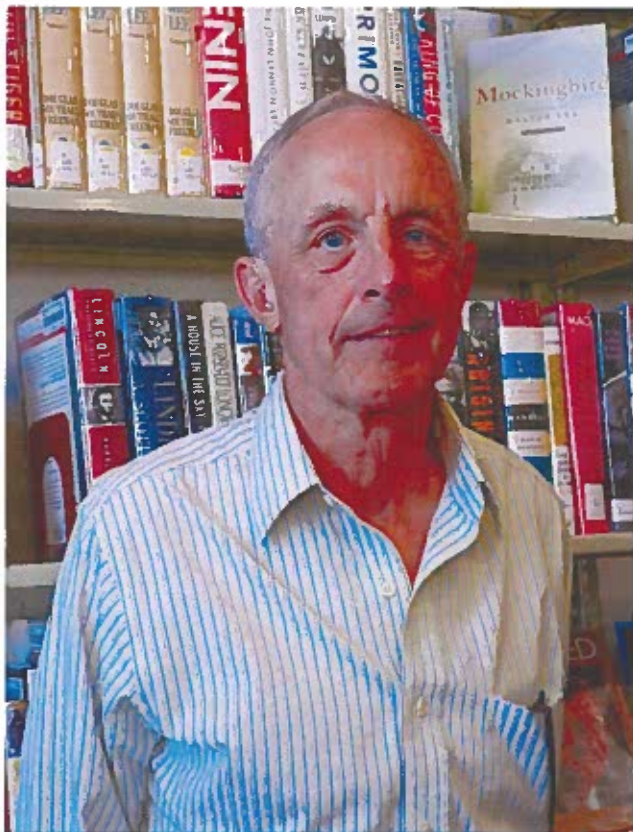
Visits to Alpine Public Library influenced Warren and his wife, Anita, to move to Alpine in 2021. Warren thinks that APL functions exactly as a library should. He notes that schools used to act as community centers; he asserts that libraries now fill that role. Not just places to check out books, libraries are spaces for community members to meet. Libraries offer not only information but also locations for community members to share information with each other. Warren has joined this community, volunteering to teach in the Adult Education Program and to help with fundraisers.

Acting as a library board director, joining Peace Corps—twice—these are examples of Warren's willingness to volunteer. He doesn't know when he started volunteering, doesn't remember a time when he didn't volunteer. He does remember that his parents volunteered, so he grew up in a culture that encouraged volunteerism. He believes that we have a "responsibility to be involved in the community." Volunteerism, in his view, benefits the volunteer by offering a chance to "learn a different way of looking at the world." And Warren loves looking at the world.

In addition to volunteering at APL, Warren has trained to be a Master Naturalist and is now the vice president of the Tierra Grande Chapter and in charge of training new members. He also volunteers at the Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute, participating in educational programs among other activities.

Warren is weaving himself into the fabric of Alpine with his abiding interest in science, commitment to libraries, and steadfast volunteerism. Alpine Public Library stands to gain from having a learner and teacher like Warren in its community.

—Lee Smith

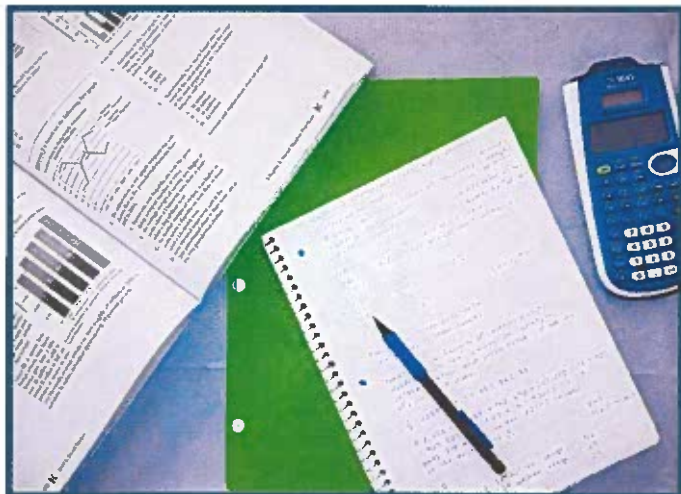


STUDY, TEST, REPEAT:

TEACHING HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY CLASSES AT APL

Since September 2021, I have been a volunteer instructor at the Alpine Public Library for individuals working to obtain their high school equivalency certificate, or GED (General Educational Development). I have found this to be an educational, rewarding, and sometimes frustrating experience.

It has been over 35 years since I was in high



school and close to 25 since my last college course. Reviewing subjects that I studied so many years ago and attempting to explain them to someone else challenges my memory and my communication skills. So far, I have worked with students on three of the four GED units: social studies, math, and language arts. I am looking forward to the fourth unit, science.

There is a test for each subject, which students may choose to take separately over several months (or years), or they can take all four tests in one day. In the adult education program at the library, students usually test on each subject after studying it with a volunteer teacher for whatever length of time they need.

Success does not always come easily. For adult students it can be difficult to make GED studies a priority in terms of time and focus—this can lead to scheduling frustrations for the teacher. For many students, it has been several years since they have studied anything, much less the standard academic subjects. The path to obtaining their GED is not always as smooth as they might desire or expect, and this can lead to frustration and disappointment on their part.

Getting back into the rhythm of studying and testing requires patience and persistence for both teacher and student. For students, the rewards of earning their GED include a sense of accomplish-



ment, increased basic knowledge and skills, greater employability and earning power, as well as a chance to further their education in college or technical programs. For teachers, it is a joyful experience to watch students work hard, gain more confidence over time, and get closer to their goals.

The Alpine Public Library currently has a grant through Ysleta ISD and Texas Workforce Solutions to pay for tests, books, and calculators for people over 18 seeking to get their high school equivalency certificate. New students are required to take a placement evaluation, which helps us recommend a course of action—whether it be focusing their studies in a certain area, testing them immediately, or strengthening their basic education skills before proceeding to GED studies.

Right now, there are seven volunteer teachers available to teach high school equivalency studies. We do our best to work around students' schedules. Starting in April, there will be a class given three nights a week, two hours per lesson, for multiple students. Registration for this class will begin in March. Individual tutoring will still be available for those people who can't make the classes or who need to focus on other areas.

For anyone interested in becoming a student or a volunteer instructor, stop by the library or contact the library's Adult Education Coordinator, Bianca Barrerra, at biancab@alpinepubliclibrary.org or 432-837-2621

—Ellen Ruggia



ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

at the Alpine Public Library

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- Spanish
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We are looking for students
and volunteer instructors

Remembering Bonnie Newell

APL's First Librarian

Bon, as she insisted her grandchildren call her, ran a "tight ship," according to her grandson Jim Pattillo. That tight ship was Alpine Public Library. Bon was Bonnie Boone Newell, APL's first librarian, who steered the library through 23 years, from its start on the shelves of Walter Henderson's radio shop in 1947 to the three linked houses on North 7th Street in 1972.

During Bonnie Newell's time at the helm, APL established itself as essential to the community, as a space of refuge, as a "comfortable place" for all, as a "treasure trove," as Jim described it. Everyone was welcome. In the early years, most institutions in Alpine were segregated, with the exception of the library. Bonnie Newell made sure of that. At her insistence, all families were free to use the facility; all children could participate in programs and check out books, with no restrictions based on race, ethnicity, or financial situation.

Bonnie Newell's philosophy of inclusiveness extended to her dealings with children, both those related to her and those not. Just because he was a rel-

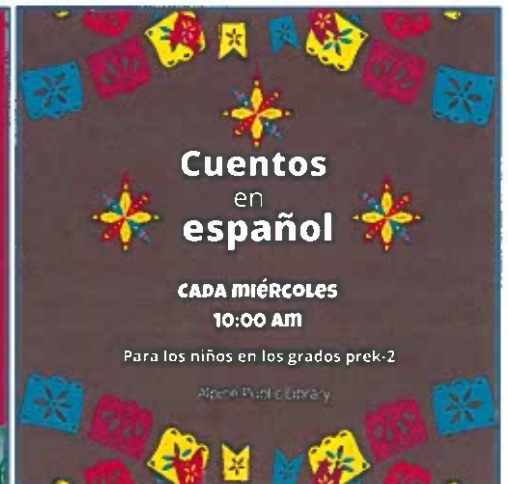
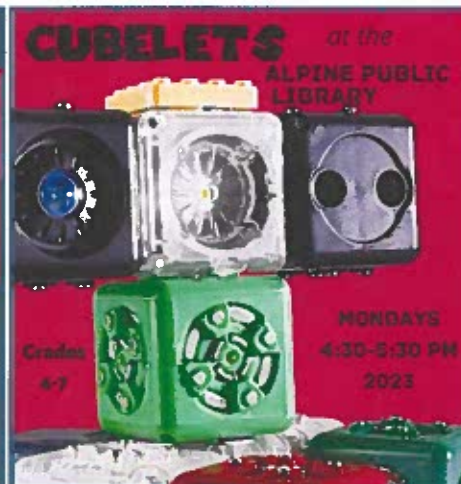


ative, Jim didn't get special treatment. His experience with the library matched those of his age-mates. His grandmother "assigned" books, didn't tolerate improper speech, and encouraged vocabulary improvement. Jim notes that he and the other kids were "cautious" and followed rules because they wanted to be able to enjoy the library, their place of refuge.

As Jim Pattillo remembers her, Bonnie Newell embodied the ideals of the El Progreso Club and the early Friends of the Library group. Virginia Newell, another APL founder, contended in a 1975 Alpine Avalanche article that "it was the American tradition of education (impossible without books), and education at all ages and economic levels (impossible without a library), that had set us apart and ahead of the world."

For more than 75 years, Alpine Public Library has taken the right tack, following the course set by its founders to serve "all ages, races, economic levels," as Virginia Newell put it. Bonnie Boone Newell was there to launch APL on its course.

—Lee Smith



kids at alpine public library

APL AT CASA HOGAR

Mary Beth Garrett, APL's Children's Librarian, has been engaging in virtual outreach with Casa Hogar, the children's home in Ojinaga Mexico. Mary Beth's sessions begin with her reading a book to them in Spanish and English using the RAZ-Kids online reading platform, after which they participate in a short discussion related to the reading, mostly in Spanish but incorporating some English. Then they play an interactive vocabulary or grammar game on an online platform called Boom Cards. Next, individual kids read to Mary Beth. The children select their own books from the RAZ-Kids system.

Sometimes the kids go on virtual "field trips" around the area. So far, they have visited the Museum of the Big Bend, the SRSU Gym and weight room, the SRSU Biology Department to view fossils, Big Bend Coffee Roasters, the sports car store Stable Performance, Blue Water grocery, the Big Bend Radio station, and various private homes with interesting pets or livestock, such as, ducks, goats, horses, guinea pigs, snakes, and turtles. Mary Beth plans to meet up with a motorcycle group at the Old Gringo and to visit the candy shop. All of these field trips are designed to help kids learn English in context.

In January, Mary Beth traveled to Ojinaga to visit Casa Hogar where she was given a celebrity's welcome by the children, who had only seen her online.



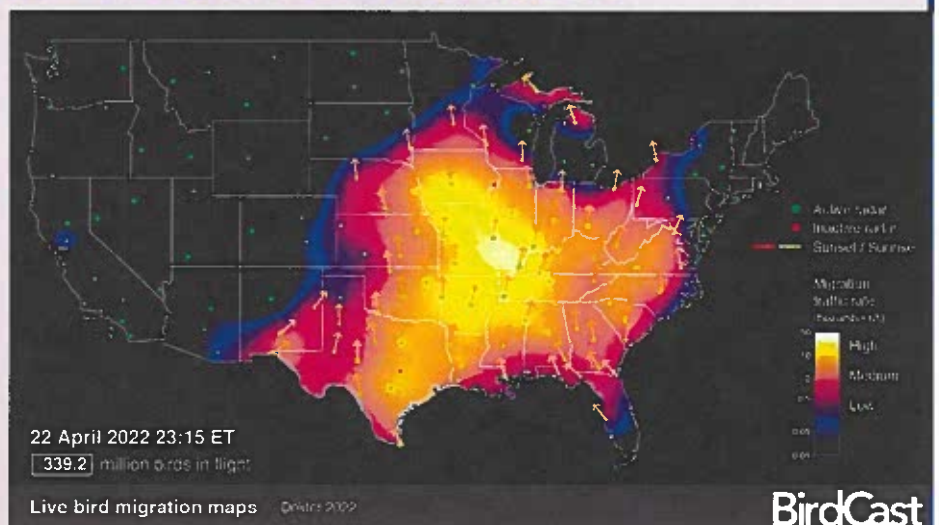
In costume for La Pastorela



Mary Beth Garrett reading to girls at Casa Hogar.

SEEING IN THE DARK: WATCHING INVISIBLE BIRD MIGRATIONS

Dr. Maureen Frank, James A. "Buddy" Davidson Charitable Foundation Endowed Professor and Associate Professor of Conservation Biology with the Borderlands Research Institute at Sul Ross State University, will discuss the curious patterns of bird migration in the U.S. and the ramifications of light pollution. This presentation begins at 7:30 p.m. and is followed by nighttime viewing hosted by Stephen Hummel from the McDonald Observatory. Children's activities begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room. Kids are also welcome to join the nighttime viewing starting about 8:30 p.m.



APRIL 22 AT 7:30 PM



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INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION

2. Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend Report by Andrea Tucker. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

BACKGROUND

- NONE.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

- NONE.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- NONE.



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INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION

3. Parks and Recreation Board update by Darin Nance, Chair of the Board. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

BACKGROUND

- NONE.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

- Slide Presentation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- NONE.

MARCH 7TH - 2023

ALPINE PARKS AND RECREATION

Quarterly Update



PARTNERS OF THE PARKS



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4. Presentation by Don Shipley regarding the Airport and possible ways the City can bring in money in the future. (C. Eaves, Mayor)

BACKGROUND

- NONE.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

- NONE.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- NONE.

ACTION ITEMS OVERVIEW

9. Action items to be accompanied by a brief statement of facts, including where funds are coming from, if applicable. (Action items limited to 10 per meeting).

1. Approve the first reading of Ordinance 2023-03-01, an ordinance providing for parking controls in the 100 Block of West Gallego Avenue and the 400 Block of South 5th Street. (M. Antrim, City Manager)
2. Approve Resolution 2023-03-01, a resolution initiating annexation proceedings and setting dates, times, and places for public hearings on the annexation of the proposed Skyway Gardens II development, legally described as 5.000 acres out of Section 102, Block 9, Brewster County, Texas, Being a portion of that certain 10.0 acre tract described in Volume 314, Page 453, Official Public Records of Brewster County Texas. (M. Antrim, City Manager)
3. Approve Resolution 2023-03-02, a resolution awarding sponsorship of the annual Mountain Country Christmas Bazaar to a local non-profit organization for a term of two years to include 2023 and 2024. (M. Antrim, City Manager)
4. Approve Order 2023-03-01, an order approving the Certification of Unopposed Candidates for the May 6, 2023 General Election. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)
5. Approve Order 2023-03-02, an order of Cancellation for the unopposed Ward 1 and Ward 3 races for the May 6, 2023 General Election. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)
6. Approve Order 2023-03-03, an order approving the agreement between City of Alpine and Brewster County Election Administrator for Election Equipment and Services for the May 6, 2023 General Election. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)
7. Approve a Letter of Support & Partnership for the Afro Food, Fashion, Arts, and Dance Festival (AFROFABFEST) to be held on September 28 - October 1, 2023. (M. Antrim, City Manager)



CITY COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA ITEM COVER MEMO
MARCH 7, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
Agenda Item: Action Item 1 – Ordinance 2023-03-01
Agenda Sponsor: Megan Antrim, City Manager
Memo Prepared By: Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary

SYNOPSIS

Approve the first reading of Ordinance 2023-03-01, an ordinance providing for parking controls in the 100 Block of West Gallego Avenue and the 400 Block of South 5th Street. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

BACKGROUND

1. Two Council Members have received feedback that the Parking at Our Lady of Peace Church is impeding the ability for handicapped attendees to access the church.
2. The Chief of Police received a formal request from the Priest of the Church to change the fire lane to a handicapped lane so that disabled attendees may park in front of the church and have better access to the facility.
3. Ordinance 2020-04-04 was the last ordinance implementing parking changes at the Church. The other aspects of Ordinance 2020-04-04 would be kept such as the designated fire lane on the east side of the Church.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

1. Letter from Chief of Police.
2. Ordinance 2023-03-01.
3. Aerial View of Church.
4. Front View of Church.
5. Ordinance 2020-04-04.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE.



309 West Sul Ross Avenue
Alpine, Texas 79830

Chief Darrell R. Losoya
Telephone (432) 837-3486

losoya.police@ci.alpine.tx.us
Fax (432) 837-2616

February 13, 2023

Megan Antrim
City Manager
City of Alpine

**Reference: Handicap Parking
Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church
100 block of West Gallego Avenue**

I am requesting that the Alpine City Council consider changing an ordinance that will allow closer handicap parking for the Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church Congregation. The current handicap parking is located across the street. The updated handicap parking will provide parallel parking for 5-6 vehicles allowing a safer exit/entry for handicap passengers especially those with physical disabilities.

The ordinance will designate the south side curb of the 100 block of West Gallego Avenue, from Fifth Street towards the west for one hundred forty seven (147) feet.

If additional information is needed please let me know. Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully,

Chief Darrell R. Losoya
Alpine Police Department

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STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BREWSTER

CITY OF ALPINE

ORDINANCE 2023-03-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALPINE, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR PARKING CONTROLS IN THE 100 BLOCK OF WEST GALLEGU AVENUE AND THE 400 BLOCK OF SOUTH 5TH STREET.

WHEREAS, the City Council has received feedback from residents that the no-parking zone established by Ordinance 2020-04-04 on the South side of Gallegu Avenue inhibits handicapped access to Our Lady of Peace Church; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has received an official request from the Church Priest to abolish the fire lane on Gallegu Avenue and establish handicapped parking on the South side of the street in front of the church; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has investigated the request and has made an official recommendation to the City Council to grant the request made by residents and Our Lady of Peace Church; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has cause in their legislative pursuit to ensure the effective use and regulation of city streets, curbs, and parking; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has deemed that approval of the recommendation from the residents, the church, and the Chief of Police to be in the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALPINE, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION I

HANDICAPPED LANE ESTABLISHED

The fire lane on Gallegu Avenue established by Ordinance 2020-04-04 is hereby abolished and a handicapped lane is hereby established on the South side of Gallegu Avenue from 5th Street towards the West for one hundred forty-seven (147) feet. The handicapped lane shall be marked by appropriate signage and a blue curb.

SECTION II

FINDINGS OF FACT

The premises in this ordinance are found to be true and correct legislative and factual findings of the City Council of the City of Alpine and are hereby approved and incorporated herein as findings of fact.

SECTION III

CUMULATIVE CLAUSE

This ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of the City of Alpine, Texas, except where the provisions of this Ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such Ordinance, in which event the conflicting provisions of such Ordinance are hereby repealed

SECTION IV

SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council of the City of Alpine that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence,

paragraph or section of this Ordinance should be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgement or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences paragraphs or sections of the Ordinances, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrases, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

**SECTION V
PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING**

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was adopted was open to the public and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

**SECTION VI
EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall be effective upon passage and publication as required by State and Local law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21ST DAY OF MARCH 2023 BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALPINE, TEXAS.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

MARCH 7, 2023

APPROVED:

Catherine Eaves, Mayor

SECOND AND FINAL READING

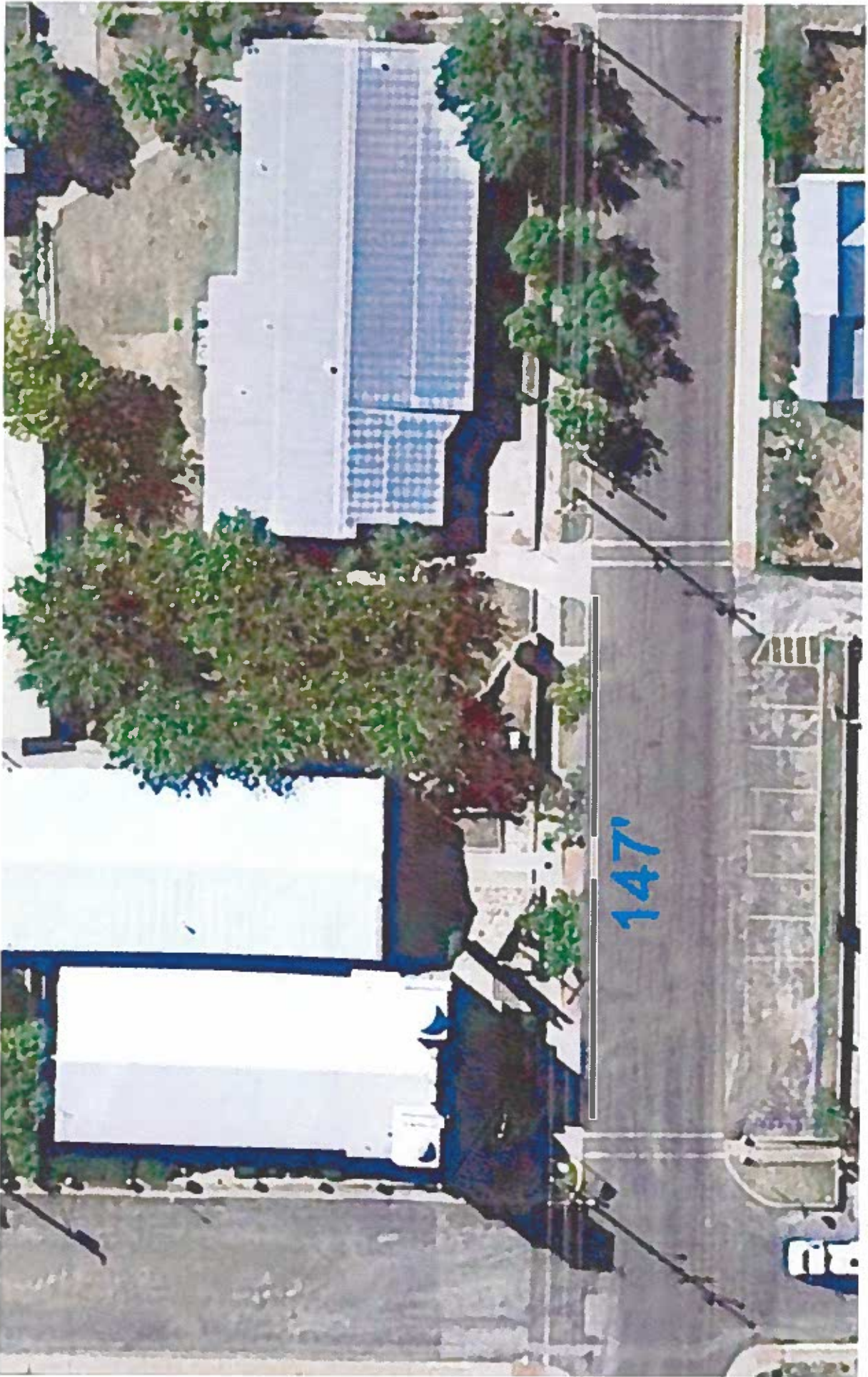
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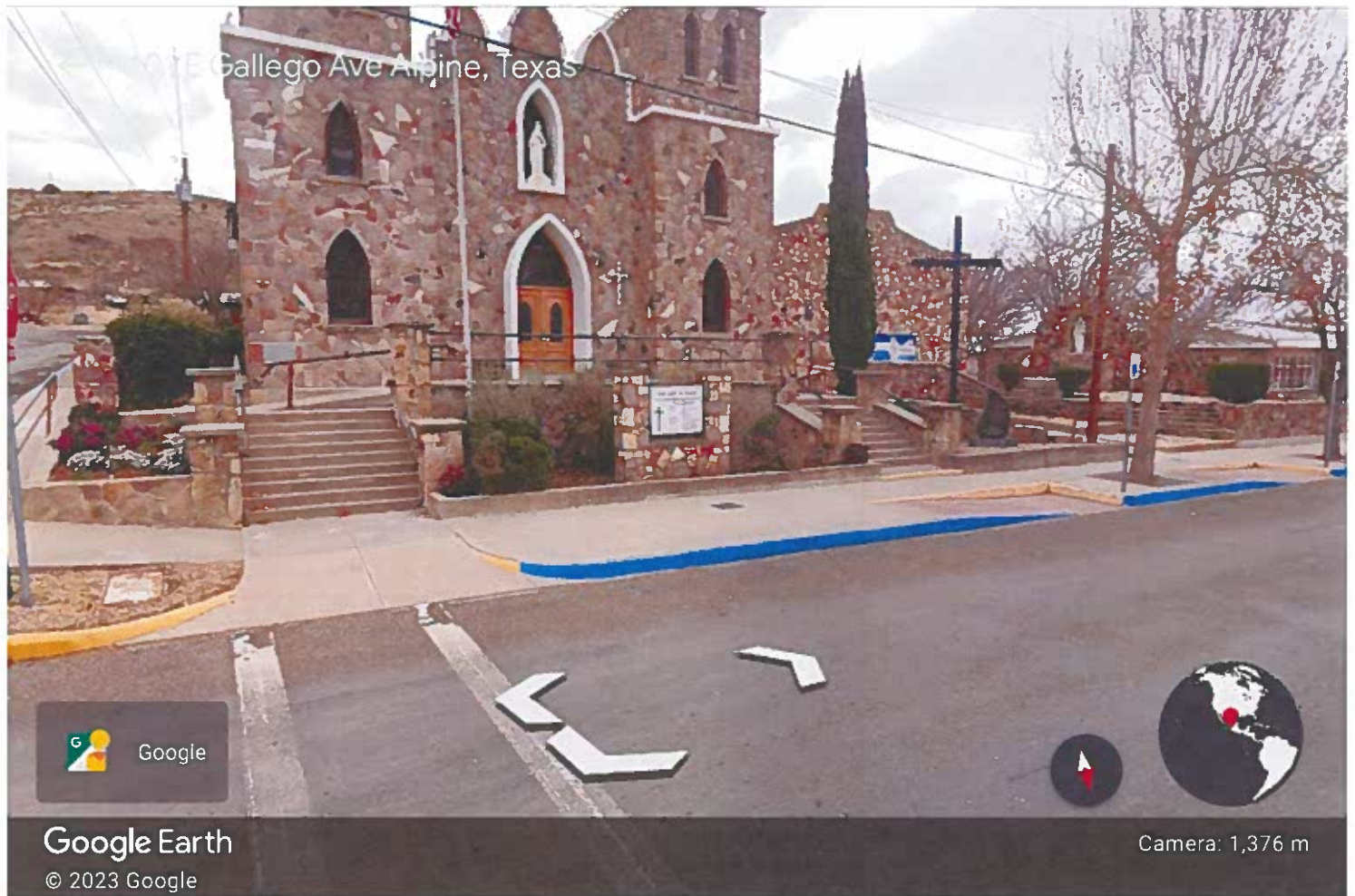
ATTEST:

Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Rod Ponton, City Attorney





**STATE OF TEXAS
CITY OF ALPINE**

COUNTY OF BREWSTER

ORDINANCE 20200404

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PARKING CONTROLS IN THE 100 BLOCK OF WEST GALLEGO AVENUE AND THE 400 BLOCK OF SOUTH 5TH STREET.

WHEREAS, the Alpine Police Department has recommended the addition of designated handicap parking spaces and a fire lane for emergency personnel on the 100 block of West Gallego and the 400 block of South 5th Street; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has cause in their legislative pursuit to ensure the effective use and regulation of city streets, curbs, and parking; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the recommendation from the Alpine Police Department to modify the parking spaces and the addition of a fire lane for emergency personnel is deemed to be in the best interest of the City and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALPINE, TEXAS THAT THE FOLLOWING BE ENACTED:

SECTION 1. A total of ten (10) handicap parking spaces are hereby established in the 100 block of West Gallego Avenue on the North side of the roadway with appropriate signage to be placed designating the parking spaces.

SECTION 2. A fire lane is hereby established and will be marked with appropriate signage and a red curb on the South side of Gallego Avenue from 5th Street towards the West for One hundred forty-seven (147) feet. The curb on 5th Street on the West side of the roadway will be marked a fire lane from Gallego Avenue towards the South, two hundred sixty-four (264) feet.

SECTION 3. Additional angled parking on the East side of the roadway on 5th street is hereby established being spaced ninety-six (96) inches wide. Six (6) additional parking spaces are established on Gallego Avenue on the South side of the roadway, west of the designated fire lane, being eighteen (18) feet long and parallel to the curb.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF MAY 2020 BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALPINE, TEXAS.

**INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING
APRIL 21, 2020**

**SECOND AND FINAL READING
MAY 5, 2020**


**Andres "Andy" Ramos, Mayor
City of Alpine**

ATTEST:



**Cynthia Salas, City Secretary
City of Alpine**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


**Rod Ponton, City Attorney
City of Alpine**



CITY COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA ITEM COVER MEMO
MARCH 7, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
Agenda Item: Action Item 2 – Resolution 2023-03-01
Agenda Sponsor: Megan Antrim, City Manager
Memo Prepared By: Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary

SYNOPSIS

Approve Resolution 2023-03-01, a resolution initiating annexation proceedings and setting dates, times, and places for public hearings on the annexation of the proposed Skyway Gardens II development, legally described as 5.000 acres out of Section 102, Block 9, Brewster County, Texas, Being a portion of that certain 10.0 acre tract described in Volume 314, Page 453, Official Public Records of Brewster County Texas. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

BACKGROUND

1. The City Council approved Resolution 2023-02-14 on February 21st, which formally approved support for the proposed Skyway Gardens II development at the Southeast Corner of S. Walker Street and Lechuguilla.
2. After approval of Resolution 2023-02-14, the developer submitted the official request for annexation of the property into the City.
3. The Resolution directs the City Attorney to write a Municipal Service Plan and Development Agreement and schedules the first reading of the annexation ordinance for April 4, 2023, with the second and final reading of the ordinance to take place on April 18.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

1. Resolution 2023-03-01.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE.

STATE OF TEXAS

CITY OF ALPINE

COUNTY OF BREWSTER

RESOLUTION 2023-03-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALPINE, TEXAS INITIATING ANNEXATION PROCEEDINGS AND SETTING DATES, TIMES, AND PLACES FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF THE PROPOSED SKYWAY GARDENS II DEVELOPMENT, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS 5.000 ACRES OUT OF SECTION 102, BLOCK 9, BREWSTER COUNTY TEXAS, BEING A PORTION OF THAT CERTAIN 10.0 ACRE TRACT DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 314, PAGE 453, OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS OF BREWSTER COUNTY, TEXAS.

WHEREAS, the City has received a request to annex 5.000 acres out of Section 102, Block 9, Brewster County, Texas, being a portion of that certain 10.0 acre tract described in volume 314, page 453, Official Public Records of Brewster County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alpine desires to adopt a resolution initiating the proceedings for the proposed annexation and provide for a schedule of events and to enhance transparency; and

WHEREAS, the City will continue with annexation proceedings pursuant to Subchapter C-3 of Chapter 43, Local Government Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALPINE, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION I. The City hereby initiates annexation proceedings for 5.000 acres out of Section 102, Block 9, Brewster County, Texas, being a portion of that certain 10.0 acre tract described in volume 314, page 453, Official Public Records of Brewster County, Texas. The annexation proceedings will be conducted in accordance with Subchapter C-3 of Chapter 43 of the Texas Local Government Code. The petition of the land owner is hereto attached as Exhibit "A."

SECTION II. The survey plat of the proposed annexation site is hereto attached as Exhibit "B" to this resolution and is available for in-person inspection at the Office of the City Secretary.

SECTION III. The metes and bounds description of the proposed annexation site is hereto attached as Exhibit "C" to this resolution.

SECTION IV. The City Attorney is hereby directed to negotiate and enter into a written municipal service agreement and a development agreement with the owners of the land for the provisioning of services in the area, should the annexation pass.

SECTION V. The City will hold two public hearings to occur on April 4, 2023, and on April 18, 2023, the second of which will be publicized in the official newspaper of the City within 10 to 20 days prior to the second hearing. Both public hearings will be publicized on the City website in accordance with Section 43.0673, Local Government Code.

SECTION VI. The City will mail a notice of the public hearing to the Alpine Independent School District within 10 to 20 days prior to the second public hearing in accordance with Section 43.9051, Local Government Code.

SECTION VII. The City will mail notice of the second and final public hearing to surrounding property owners within 200 feet at least 10 days prior to the second and final public hearing in accordance with Chapter 9 of the Alpine Code of Ordinances.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALPINE TEXAS ON THE 7th DAY OF MARCH 2023.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Catherine Eaves, Mayor

Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

Rod Ponton, City Attorney

EXHIBIT "A"



PETITION REQUESTING ANNEXATION BY AREA LANDOWNERS

TO THE MAYOR OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF ALPINE, TEXAS:

The undersigned owners of the hereinafter described tract of land, hereby [if applicable: waive the requirement to be offered a development agreement pursuant to Section 43.016, and] petition your honorable Body to extend the present city limits so as to include as part of the City of Alpine, Texas, the following described territory, to wit: *Describe the territory covered by the petition here:*

5.000 ACRES OUT OF SECTION 102, BLOCK 9, G.H. & S.A. RY. CO. SURVEYS, BREWSTER COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING A PORTION OF THAT CERTAIN 10.0 ACRE TRACT DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 314, PAGE 453 OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS OF BREWSTER COUNTY, TEXAS.

I, the undersigned property owner of the aforementioned real property, and with all other property owners with interest in such property, do hereby execute and submit this Petition for Annexation for the express purpose of requesting that the City of Alpine incorporate my aforementioned property into the corporate boundaries of the City of Alpine. We certify that the above-described tract of land is contiguous and adjacent to the City of Alpine, Texas and that this petition is signed and duly acknowledged by each and every person having an interest in said land.

I, the undersigned, also understand that a "metes and bounds" legal description/survey of the land applicable to this petition shall be provided as an attachment to this request in order for the City to take action on this request.

Parcel ID No.: 32556

RECEIVED
City of Alpine, Texas

FEB 22 2023

OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY

BY: 

Signed: 

Signed: 

Signed: _____

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF Brewster

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Van Nieu, and
_____, known to me to be the persons whose names are
subscribed to the foregoing instrument and each acknowledged to me that he executed the same
for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 21 day of February, 2023

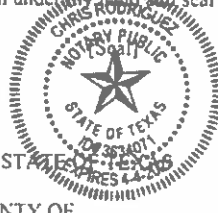


Chris Rodriguez
Notary Public in and for
Brewster County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF Brewster

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Sue Nieu, and
_____, known to me to be the persons whose names are
subscribed to the foregoing instrument and each acknowledged to me that he executed the same
for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 21 day of February, 2023



Chris Rodriguez
Notary Public in and for
Brewster County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF _____

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared
_____, and
_____, known to me to be the persons whose names are
subscribed to the foregoing instrument and each acknowledged to me that he executed the same
for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this _____ day of _____, 20____.

[Seal]

Notary Public in and for
_____, County, Texas

EXHIBIT "B"

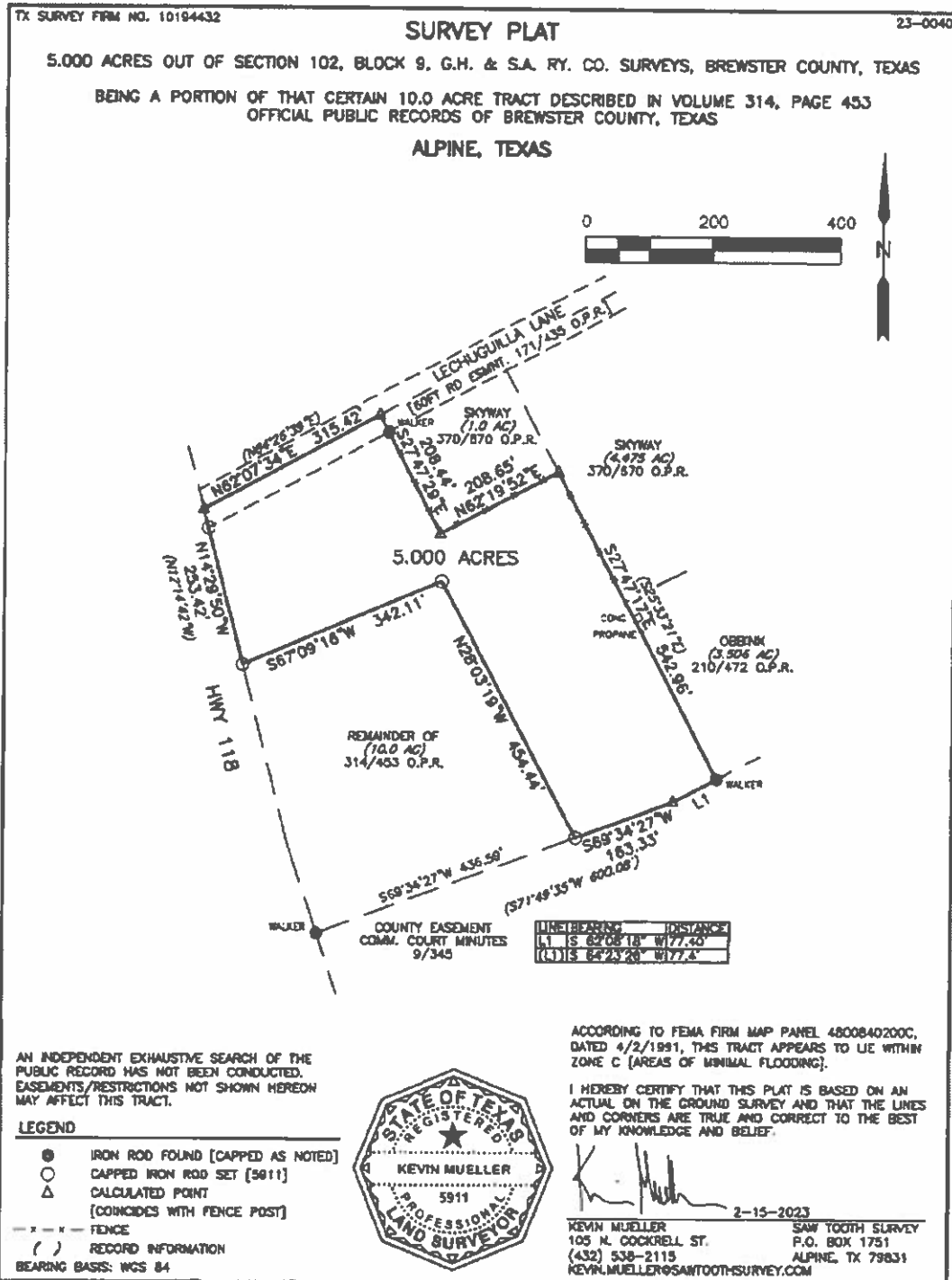


EXHIBIT "C"

SAW TOOTH SURVEY
FORM NO. 10154432

SECTION 102, BLOCK 9, G.H. & S.A. RY CO.
BREWSTER COUNTY, TEXAS

23-0640

5.000 ACRES

5.000 ACRES OUT OF SECTION 102, BLOCK 9, G.H. & S.A. RY CO. SURVEYS, BREWSTER COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING A PORTION OF THAT CERTAIN 10.0 ACRE TRACT DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 314, PAGE 453, OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS OF BREWSTER COUNTY, TEXAS, SAID 5.000 ACRES BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING at a capped iron rod [WALKER] found for the southeast corner of said 10.0 acre tract and POINT OF BEGINNING of the herein described tract;

THENCE with the south line of said 10.0 acre tract the following two (2) courses:

- 1) S 62°08'18" W, a distance of 77.40 feet to a calculated point coinciding with a fence post, and
- 2) S 69°34'27" W, a distance of 163.33 feet to a capped iron rod [S911] set for the southernmost southwest corner of the herein described tract, from which a capped iron rod [WALKER] found for the southwest corner of said 10.0 acre tract bears, S 69°34'27" W, a distance of 436.59 feet;

THENCE over and across said 10.0 acre tract the following two (2) courses:

- 1) N 28°03'19" W, a distance of 454.44 feet to a capped iron rod [S911] set for a re-entrant corner of the herein described tract, and
- 2) S 67°09'16" W, a distance of 342.11 feet to a capped iron rod [S911] set in the east right-of-way line of Hwy 118 for the northernmost southwest corner of the herein described tract;

THENCE with the east right-of-way line of said Hwy 118, N 14°29'50" W, at 222.58 feet passing a capped iron rod [S911] set in the south line of Lechuguilla Lane [60-ft road easement described in Volume 171, Page 453, Official Public Records of Brewster County, Texas], for a total distance of 253.42 feet to a calculated point in the center line of said road easement for the northwest corner of the herein described tract;

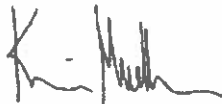
THENCE with the center line of said road easement, N 62°07'34" E, a distance of 315.42 feet to a calculated point for the northernmost northeast corner of the herein described tract;

THENCE over and across said 10.0 acre the following two (2) courses:

- 1) with the west line of that certain 1.0 acre tract described in Volume 370, Page 570, Official Public Records of Brewster County, Texas, S 27°47'29" E, at 30.00 feet passing a capped iron rod [WALKER] found witnessing the northwest corner of said 1.0 acre tract, for a total distance of 208.44 feet to a calculated point coinciding with a fence post found for a re-entrant corner of the herein described tract and southwest corner of said 1.0 acre tract, and
- 2) with the south line of said 1.0 acre tract, N 62°19'52" E, a distance of 208.65 feet to a calculated point coinciding with a fence post found in the east line of said 10.0 acre tract for the southernmost northeast corner of the herein described tract;

THENCE with the east line of said 10.0 acre tract, S 27°47'17" E, a distance of 542.96 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of the herein described tract, containing 5.000 ACRES of land, more or less.

I, Kevin Mueller, do hereby certify that this description was prepared from a survey performed under my supervision during February of 2023, and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



2-15-2023

KEVIN MUELLER
SAW TOOTH SURVEY
P.O. BOX 1751
ALPINE, TX 79831
(432) 538-2115





CITY COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA ITEM COVER MEMO
MARCH 7, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
Agenda Item: Action Item 3 – Resolution 2023-03-02
Agenda Sponsor: Megan Antrim, City Manager
Memo Prepared By: Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary

SYNOPSIS

Approve Resolution 2023-03-02, a resolution awarding sponsorship of the annual Mountain Country Christmas Bazaar to a local non-profit organization for a term of two years to include 2023 and 2024. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

BACKGROUND

1. The City of Alpine has awarded sponsorship of the annual Mountain Country Christmas Bazaar to local non-profit organizations for over 20 years.
2. The Women's Club of Alpine has conducted the event for a number of years now, and the City has once again advertised the opportunity in order to provide equal opportunities to other local non-profits.
3. This year the City received three applicants (*In order received*): The Women's Club of Alpine, The Big Bend Bluegrass Association, and the Alpine Humane Society.
4. The organization that is approved will sponsor the event for the next two years (2023-2024).

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

1. Resolution 2023-03-02.
2. Sponsorship Applications.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE.

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BREWSTER

CITY OF ALPINE

RESOLUTION 2023-03-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALPINE, TEXAS, AWARDING SPONSORSHIP OF THE ANNUAL MOUNTAIN COUNTRY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR TO A LOCAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS TO INCLUDE 2023 AND 2024.

WHEREAS, the City of Alpine has owned and awarded sponsorship of the Mountain Country Christmas Bazaar annually for the last 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Mountain Country Christmas is a cornerstone of Christmas in Alpine, and has become an integral part of the holiday season's cheer; and

WHEREAS, the City began advertising the sponsorship opportunity on January 25, 2023, on the City website, in the Alpine Avalanche, and on Alpine Radio for local non-profits to apply to sponsor the event; and

WHEREAS, local non-profit organizations were welcomed to submit a sponsorship application by the deadline of February 28, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the City received three applications by the deadline: Women's Club of Alpine, Big Bend Bluegrass Association, and the Alpine Humane Society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALPINE, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION I. _____, a local non-profit organization, is hereby awarded sponsorship of the Annual Mountain Country Christmas event to take place on the first Friday and Saturday in December in the years 2023 and 2024.

SECTION II. The City will donate use of the Civic Center and waive the rental fees for this event, but the organization will be responsible for the \$200.00 security deposit.

SECTION IV. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE CITY COUNCIL ON THIS THE 7th DAY OF MARCH 2023 BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALPINE, TEXAS.

APPROVED:

Catherine Eaves, Mayor

ATTEST:

Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary



SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION

MOUNTAIN COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

INFORMATION

Organization Name

Women's Club of Alpine

Contact Name

Gerri Davis

Email

allnew25@hotmail.com

Address

203 S. Cockrell St. Alpine, TX 79830

Phone Number

325-450-1382

Event date is the 1st Friday & Saturday in December

Location: Alpine Civic Center

Sponsorship term: 2 years

Sponsor responsibilities:

- Vendor coordinator: Booth sign-up and space assignment.
- Publicity: Radio, Television, newspaper, social media.
- Coordinate with Civic Center personnel of responsibilities.

Participants Include:

- Arts and Crafts Booths
- Food and Beverage Booths
- Entertainment Booths

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City of Alpine, Texas

FEB 13 2023

OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY

BY: 

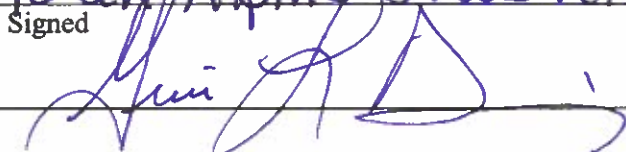
How will your organization use the profits, and what goals do you hope to accomplish by sponsoring this event:

The women's Club of Alpine will distribute profits earned to help local clubs and organizations.

We currently have an ongoing list, that we are throughout the year to accomplish this.

We hope to bring business to our local area and allow others to explore everything Alpine has to offer. We also provide a 600⁰⁰ scholarship to an Alpine student. We are a 501C3

Signed



Date

2/11/23

Submit to City Secretary

100 North 13th

Alpine TX, 79830

Texas Federation of Women's Clubs
Member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs

Organized 1897
Admitted to GFWC 1899
Incorporated 1914

2312 San Gabriel
Austin, TX 78705
512.472.1456
www.texfwc.org

April 14, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that the Woman's Club of Alpine is in good standing with the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs. This club's 501(c)(3) standing is under the umbrella of TFWC, our EIN Number 74-0939857. The Woman's Club also has an EIN number which is 75-2220390 and Western District, which they are a member of has an EIN number of 75-2485911.

Please let me know if you need anything further.

Sincerely,



Patti Poe
TFWC President-elect
2014-2016



SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION

MOUNTAIN COUNTRY CHRISTMAS



INFORMATION		
Organization Name <u>Big Bend Bluegrass Association</u>		
Contact Name <u>Cyndi Perdue</u>	Email <u>bigbendbluegrasstx@gmail.com</u>	
Address <u>420 Duncan's Lookout, Alpine 79830</u>	Phone Number <u>432-238-6850</u>	
Event date is the 1 st Friday & Saturday in December		
Location: Alpine Civic Center Sponsorship term: 2 years		
Sponsor responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vendor coordinator: Booth sign-up and space assignment.• Publicity: Radio, Television, newspaper, social media.• Coordinate with Civic Center personnel of responsibilities.		
Participants Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arts and Crafts Booths• Food and Beverage Booths• Entertainment Booths		
RECEIVED City of Alpine, Texas FEB 22 2023 OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY BY: <u>[Signature]</u>		
How will your organization use the profits, and what goals do you hope to accomplish by sponsoring this event: <u>Profits will be used for giving back to the community; for future event expense for community; or for an administrative office cost such as printing costs. Goals are to expand networking to increase awareness of the organization and its mission and explore avenues of giving back. Lastly, to coordinate this on-going event and try to grow or expand it with holiday cheer!</u>		
Signed <u>Cyndi Perdue</u>	Date <u>2-15-2023</u>	

Submit to City Secretary
100 North 13th
Alpine TX, 79830



SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION

MOUNTAIN COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

INFORMATION		
Organization Name Alpine Humane Society		
Contact Name Jeanine Bishop, Executive Director	Email jeanine@alpinehumanesociety.org	
Address 600 N. 5th Street, PO Box 1464, Alpine, TX 79830		Phone Number 432-837-2532
<p>Event date is the 1st Friday & Saturday in December</p> <p>Location: Alpine Civic Center Sponsorship term: 2 years</p> <p><i>Sponsor responsibilities:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vendor coordinator: Booth sign-up and space assignment.• Publicity: Radio, Television, newspaper, social media.• Coordinate with Civic Center personnel of responsibilities. <p><i>Participants Include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arts and Crafts Booths• Food and Beverage Booths• Entertainment Booths <div style="text-align: right;"><p>RECEIVED City of Alpine, Texas</p><p>FEB 28 2023</p><p>OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY</p><p>BY: </p></div>		
<p>How will your organization use the profits, and what goals do you hope to accomplish by sponsoring this event:</p> <p>Alpine Humane Society would use the profits from this event to provide additional spay/neuter/vaccine services to Alpine pet owners, as well as education about the importance of these services to the health and well-being of pets, their owners, and the greater community.</p> <p>We believe that our staff, with our digital infrastructure and our backgrounds and experience, can efficiently and effectively manage this event. We would hope to build upon the established foundation of Mountain Country Christmas to make it a fun and exciting event for attendees and a profitable one for vendors. We see this as a great opportunity to collaborate with the City, vendors, and partners to present a wonderful community activity. We will encourage input from residents and will evaluate ideas to expand and strengthen what is already a great event.</p>		
Signed 		Date 2/28/2023

Submit to City Secretary
100 North 13th
Alpine TX, 79830



CITY COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA ITEM COVER MEMO
MARCH 7, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
Agenda Item: Action Item 4 – Order 2023-03-01
Agenda Sponsor: Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary
Memo Prepared By: Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary

SYNOPSIS

Approve Order 2023-03-01, an order approving the Certification of Unopposed Candidates for the May 6, 2023 General Election. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)

BACKGROUND

1. Under the Texas Election Code, the authority responsible for preparing the ballot must certify the unopposed status to the authority responsible for ordering the election.
2. The Governing Body must meet, accept the certification of unopposed candidates, and issue an order or ordinance declaring the election canceled and the unopposed candidates elected.
3. To complete the cancellation process, the order canceling the election must be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the election.
4. The Ward 1 and Ward 3 races are unopposed and the sole candidates may be declared elected and assume the duties of the office after the election is canvassed.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

1. Order 2023-03-01.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE.

ORDER 2023-03-01

ORDEN 2023-03-01

**CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES
FOR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS**

*CERTIFICACIÓN DE CANDIDATOS ÚNICOS
PARA OTRAS SUBDIVISIONES POLITICAS*

To: Catherine Eaves, Presiding Officer of Governing Body

Al: Catherine Eaves, Presidente de la entidad gobernante

As the authority responsible for having the official ballot prepared, I hereby certify that the following candidates are unopposed for election to office for the election scheduled to be held on May 6, 2023.

Como autoridad a cargo de la preparación de la boleta de votación oficial, por la presente certifico que los siguientes candidatos son candidatos únicos para elección para un cargo en la elección que se llevará a cabo el 6 de mayo 2023.

List offices and names of candidates:

Lista de cargos y nombres de los candidatos:

Office(s) Cargo(s):


Candidate(s) Candidato(s):

City Council Member Ward 1
Miembro del consejo de la ciudad distrito 1

Judy Stokes

City Council Member Ward 3
Miembro del consejo de la ciudad distrito 3

Darin Nance


Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary
Secretario de la ciudad

3/3/23
Date of signing (*Fecha de firma*)



PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALPINE, TEXAS ON MARCH 7, 2023.

APROBADO Y ADOPTADO POR MAYORÍA DE VOTOS DEL CONCEJO MUNICIPAL DE LA CIUDAD DE ALPINE, TEXAS EL 7 DE MARZO DE 2023.

APPROVED (*APROBADO*):

ATTEST (*DAR FE*):

Catherine Eaves, Mayor
Alcaldesa

Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary
Secretario de la ciudad



CITY COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA ITEM COVER MEMO
MARCH 7, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
Agenda Item: Action Item 5 – Order 2023-03-02
Agenda Sponsor: Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary
Memo Prepared By: Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary

SYNOPSIS

Approve Order 2023-03-02, an order of Cancellation for the unopposed Ward 1 and Ward 3 races for the May 6, 2023 General Election. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)

BACKGROUND

1. Under the Texas Election Code, the governing body must first receive and accept the Certification of Unopposed Candidates from the authority responsible for preparing the ballot.
2. The cancellation order must be adopted in an open meeting and candidates are not required to be present. Certificates of Election should be prepared for each unopposed candidate; however, the certificates of election should not be issued until after Election Day.
3. Section 2.053 provides that the Certificate of Election shall be issued in the same manner and at the same time as for a candidate elected in an election. Therefore, the candidates who are declared elected with the Order of Cancellation must wait until after the canvass in order to be sworn in and assume duties.
4. The canvass for the May 6, 2023 election is scheduled for May 16, 2023, in order to provide enough time, as required by law, to receive acceptable ballots arriving by the appropriate deadline and to finalize the results of the election.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

1. Order 2023-03-02.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE.

ORDER 2023-03-02

ORDEN 2023-03-02

ORDER OF CANCELLATION

ORDEN DE CANCELACIÓN

The City of Alpine hereby cancels the Ward 1 and the Ward 3 election scheduled to be held on May 6, 2023, in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code. The following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected as follows:

El City of Alpine por la presente cancela la elección de distrito 1 y distrito 3 que, de lo contrario se hubiera celebrado el 6 de mayo 2023 de conformidad, con la Sección 2.053(a) del Código de Elecciones de Texas. Los siguientes candidatos han sido certificados como candidatos únicos y por la presente quedan elegidos como se haya indicado a continuación:

Office(s) Cargo(s):

Candidate Candidato(s)

City Council Member Ward 1
Miembro del consejo de la ciudad distrito 1

Judy Stokes

City Council Member Ward 3
Miembro del consejo de la ciudad distrito 3

Darin Nance

A copy of this order will be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the election.

El Día de las Elecciones se exhibirá una copia de esta orden en todas las mesas electorales que se hubieran utilizado en la elección.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALPINE, TEXAS ON MARCH 7, 2023.

APROBADO Y ADOPTADO POR MAYORÍA DE VOTOS DEL CONCEJO MUNICIPAL DE LA CIUDAD DE ALPINE, TEXAS EL 7 DE MARZO DE 2023.

APPROVED (APROBADO):

Catherine Eaves, Mayor
Alcaldesa

(Seal) (*sello*)

ATTEST (*DAR FE*):

Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary
Secretario de la ciudad



CITY COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA ITEM COVER MEMO
MARCH 7, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
Agenda Item: Action Item 6 – Order 2023-03-03
Agenda Sponsor: Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary
Memo Prepared By: Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary

SYNOPSIS

Approve Order 2023-03-03, an order approving the agreement between City of Alpine and Brewster County Election Administrator for Election Equipment and Services for the May 6, 2023 General Election. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)

BACKGROUND

1. Chapter 31 of the Texas Election Code authorizes a County Election Officer to contract with the governing body of a political subdivision situated in the County to perform election services.
2. Contracting with Brewster County provides a more efficient use of taxpayer funds so that the City does need not to purchase the necessary election equipment.
3. The City contracts with Brewster County annually, when possible, for the assistance of the County Elections Administrator to assist with elections.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

1. Order 2023-03-03.
2. Election Agreement.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE.

STATE OF TEXAS

CITY OF ALPINE

COUNTY OF BREWSTER

ORDER 2023-03-03

**APPROVAL OF AN ELECTION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY AND BREWSTER COUNTY
FOR THE MAY 6, 2023 ELECTION.**

WHEREAS, the City of Alpine (“the City”) has called a general election for May 6, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 31 of the Texas Election Code authorizes a County Election Officer to contract with the governing body of a political subdivision situated in the County to perform election services; and

WHEREAS, contracting with Brewster County provides a more efficient use of taxpayer funds so that the City need not purchase election equipment; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to contract with Brewster County to obtain equipment and services necessary to conduct an election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALPINE, TEXAS THAT:

The City Council of the City of Alpine, Texas hereby authorizes the City to enter into an Election Equipment and Services Agreement with Brewster County for the May 6, 2023 General Election.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALPINE, TEXAS ON MARCH 7, 2023.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Catherine Eaves, Mayor

Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary

**ELECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ALPINE AND
BREWSTER COUNTY ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR FOR
ELECTION EQUIPMENT AND ELECTION SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the City of Alpine, is holding a Regular Election on May 6, 2023.

WHEREAS, the City of Alpine desires to enter into an election agreement for the purpose of leasing election equipment, and to obtain the services of Lora Nussbaum, Brewster County Election Administrator, to assist the City of Alpine, City Secretary, in his designated capacity as Elections Officer, in holding the 2023 General Election for the City of Alpine.

NOW, THEREFORE, the CITY OF ALPINE AND BREWSTER COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR enter into this Election Agreement under the terms that follow:

I. SCOPE OF THE ELECTION AGREEMENT

The City of Alpine and Brewster County Elections Administrator enters into this Election Agreement (“Agreement”) for election services and assistance (as set forth herein) in connection with the City of Alpine General Election to be held on May 6, 2023, in conjunction with the Alpine Independent School District (“AISD”).

II. ELECTION OFFICER

The City of Alpine designates the City Secretary as the Election Officer to perform or supervise the performance of the duties and responsibilities involved in conducting the Election covered by this agreement. Brewster County Election Administrator, Lora Nussbaum, is contracted to assist the elections officer in the performance of the duties and responsibilities involved in conducting the Election covered by this Agreement.

III. EARLY VOTING AND ELECTION DAY

Early Voting and Election Day voting shall be held at times and dates and locations designated by the City of Alpine.

A. COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Brewster County Election Administrator shall provide 1 Express Vote Ballot Writer machine to be used for Early Voting and Election Day at the same location. Brewster County Election Administrator shall also provide 2 Poll Pads, used for voter check-in, one will be used for conducting early voting and one will be used for Election Day. Brewster County Election Administrator shall provide 4 cardboard voting booths from Brewster County as well as 1 metal “vote here” sign for the Election.
2. The Brewster County Election Administrator will post all notices for the testing of the Express Vote Ballot Writer machines, and will conduct the appropriate tests.

3. Brewster County Election Administrator will also provide voter registration lists, (as provided by law) to the City Secretary for distribution to the election judges and clerks.
4. Brewster County Election Administrator will accept Annual Ballot By Mail requests and forward a copy to the City Secretary.
5. Brewster County Election Administrator will conduct training for the election officials.
6. Brewster County Election Administrator shall assist the City Secretary in coordinating election judges and clerks to serve as election officials for the Election.
7. Brewster County Elections Administrator shall assist the City Secretary in coordinating the Early Voting Ballot Board and assist in tabulating the election results.
8. The Brewster County Elections Administrator will file a copy of this agreement with the Brewster County Auditor and the Brewster County Treasurer per 31.099 of the Election Code.

B. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CITY OF ALPINE

1. The City of Alpine designates the City Secretary to serve as the Early Voting Clerk.
2. The Early Voting Clerk shall receive requests for applications for Early Voting to be voted by mail that are not annual applications. The Early Voting Clerk is responsible for all procedures to conduct Early Voting by mail. The City Secretary, with the assistance of the Brewster County Election Administrator, is also responsible for all procedures in conducting the Election during Early Voting by Personal Appearance and on Election Day. The City Secretary is also responsible for posting and publishing all notices for the Election.
3. The City Secretary is the Custodian of Records for the City of Alpine and will act as the Custodian of Records for the duties imposed by the Election Code.
4. The City of Alpine will be responsible for ordering election kits, ballots, and other supplies needed for the election.
5. The City Secretary, with the assistance of the Brewster County Election Administrator, will be responsible for all duties on Election Night, including

receiving totals from the Early Voting Ballot Board and finalizing the count from Election Day Voters.

IV. ELECTION COST; PAYMENT

1. The City of Alpine will be responsible for the costs incurred with the election pertaining to the printing of ballots, the rental of voting equipment and necessary supplies, the cost for workers, and any other incidental costs.
2. Brewster County will submit an itemized bill to the City of Alpine immediately following the completion of the election for payment.
3. In the event of a recount, the expense of the recount shall be borne by the City of Alpine.
4. In the event the City of Alpine cancels the Election under Subchapter C of Title 1 of the Texas Election Code, the City of Alpine shall be responsible for expenses incurred through the date that the Election is canceled based on the formula reflected by the Cost Estimate adjusted for the actual expense incurred by Brewster County on the date of the cancellation.

V. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. LEGAL NOTICES

The City of Alpine will be responsible for the preparation of the election orders, resolutions, notices, ordinances, and other pertinent documents for adoption or execution by its governing body and all expenses related thereto. The City of Alpine shall be responsible for posting or publication of election notices and all expenses related thereto.

B. COMMUNICATION

Throughout the term of this Agreement, the City of Alpine will engage in ongoing communication concerning the conduct of the Election; and when necessary, the Brewster County Election Administrator shall meet with the City Secretary to discuss and resolve any problems which might arise regarding the Election.

C. CUSTODIAN OF KEYS TO BALLOT BOXES

The City Secretary and the Chief of the Alpine Police Department shall serve as the custodians of the keys to the ballot boxes for voted ballots in the Election.

D. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Agreement takes effect upon the approval and execution of this Agreement by the parties named below. This Agreement shall continue until the Election has been held and the City of

Alpine pays Brewster County the total costs it has incurred in connection with providing assistance and equipment and materials for the Election. The obligation of the City of Alpine to Brewster County under this Agreement shall not end until such sums are paid.

E. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Except as otherwise provided, this Agreement may not be amended, modified, or changed in any respect, whatsoever, except by a further Agreement in writing, duly executed by the parties named herein.

IN TESTIMONY HEREOF, this Agreement has been executed on behalf of the Parties hereto as follows, to wit:

ACCEPTED AND AGREED TO BY BREWSTER COUNTY:

It has on the ____ day of _____, 2023 been executed by Brewster County pursuant to the Texas Elections code so authorizing;

Greg Henington, Brewster County Judge

Lora Nussbaum, Election Administrator

ACCEPTED AND AGREED TO BY CITY OF ALPINE:

It has on the ____ day of _____, 2023 been executed on behalf of the City of Alpine, Texas pursuant to an action of the City of Alpine City Council.

Catherine Eaves, Mayor

Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary



CITY COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA ITEM COVER MEMO
MARCH 7, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
Agenda Item: Action Item 7 – Letter of Support
Agenda Sponsor: Megan Antrim, City Manager
Memo Prepared By: Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary

SYNOPSIS

Approve a Letter of Support & Partnership for the Afro Food, Fashion, Arts, and Dance Festival (AFROFABFEST) to be held on September 28 - October 1, 2023. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

BACKGROUND

1. Annie Hiamey is requesting that the City provide a letter of support for her AFROFABFEST event, scheduled to be held in Alpine.
2. Annie is planning on inviting foreign dignitaries to the event, which will promote tourism to Alpine and the Big Bend Region.
3. In order for the foreign dignitaries to honor Annie's request, she is requesting that the City provide letters of invitation to attendees and performers as well.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

1. Letter requesting the City's Authorization, Support, and Partnership in AFROFABFEST.
2. Proposed Letter of Support.
3. Slide Presentation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE.



February 27, 2023

**The Mayor of the City of Alpine
Catherine Eaves
Alpine, TX 79830**

Dear Mayor Catherine Eaves,

REQUEST FOR CITY'S AUTHORIZATION SUPPORT & PARTNERSHIP
AFROFABFEST: SEPTEMBER 28 – OCTOBER 1, 2023

We are pleased to inform you about our upcoming Maiden International Festival of **Afro Food, Fashion, Arts and Dance Festival (AFROFABFEST)** to be held here in Alpine, Texas from September 28 to October 1, 2023; with the theme: "Celebrating Diversity, the Way Forward". The venues proposed for the festivals will be at the Granada Theater and Kokernot Park.

Go Ghana LLC writes to request for a **Letter of Support from the City and also inviting you as partners for the event**. The festival will illustrate the potential of our county as a beacon of diverse cultures and investments, which will bring together high net-worth individuals in the tourism and hospitality industries both in the USA, Africa and other parts of the world.

We feel THE CITY is well positioned to help propel the festival forward. **THE CITY having the power, will also give Go Ghana LLC that authority to enable us invite other Heads of Institutions from outside the U.S.A. No Governmental Agency will want to deal with any individual if it has NO Federal backing from the City where the event will be held.**

In this light, we would be very grateful if the City can support us with:

1. Letter of Support as Partners of the event
2. Letters of Invitation to Attendees and Performers

The planning of AFROFABFEST will be in consultation with all relevant community stakeholders. Various national pavilion spaces will be allocated during the festival, where businesses within the county, organizations and institutions will market themselves and the country to the international world. This will offer a platform to showcase one of the best hospitality events and connect people.

Some dignitaries that are expected to attend the festival are Ghana, Senegal, South Africa Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Benin, Kenya, Ethiopia, Togo and the Caribbean. The African Chamber of Commerce in Dallas Fort Worth, The Black Chamber of Commerce in the Persian Basin, The Caribbean Chamber of Commerce in Texas, The US Black Chamber of Commerce, and few more.

We are expecting tourists and business executives from all neighboring towns and cities and outside of the U.S.A. estimated 1000 people within the 4 days of the Festival.

This International Festival is designed to grow, and also attract people from around the globe. As such, it will be one of the few annual events in the Big Bend Region with the potential of a global reach that is geared to become a regular fixture on the international festival tourism circuit. In order to attract Alpine's share of growing market, The Big Bend Region needs to add to its already exciting list of events, AFROFABFEST!

GO Ghana LLC, is a Texas based company, a subsidiary of FACE Africa (now trading as The High Frontier), a nonprofit organization in Ghana. We are a Business Tourism and Food Service Company, with the vision of supporting and expanding economic cooperation between United States, Ghana, and beyond in order to expand global business opportunities.

As we look forward to a new year of growth in tourism for Alpine, Texas and the Big Bend Region, AFROFABFEST will be added to the portfolios of the already existing events, with lots of opportunities to earn revenue, drive sales and make things happen.

This event will help put the vision of Alpine, Texas diversity, which identifies tourism as one of the engines for economic growth in the Big Bend.

Some of the highlights of the Festival will be:

- Chinchaga (BBQ) Party
- Tourism Business Trade Festival
- Business Awards Ceremony / Fund Raising Dinner in Honor of Agona East for the Blind in Ghana
- International Community Dish Competition
- Street Parade
- Afro Fashion Night & Gala Dance
- Arts & Culture
- By the Fireside
- Tours
- Vendor Activation
- Kid Zone

This will be an opportunity to engage global hospitality businesses players in a mutually beneficial relationship, to help reap the benefits of the global economy and achieve success in partnerships and business synergy.

Go Ghana appreciates you considering our proposal. Please feel free to contact me on (001)432 244 4046 or by e-mail: info@ghananow.com. We look forward to your reply and to a future potential partnership.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours faithfully,



Annie Y. Hiamey.
(C.E.O.)

City Manager
Megan Antrim

City Secretary
Geoffrey R. Calderon



Mayor
Catherine Eaves

City Attorney
Rod Ponton

100 North 13th Street Phone 432-837-3301 Fax 432-837-2044

"To provide quality service to the citizens of Alpine"

March 7, 2023

Ms. Annie Yayra Hiamey,
1104 Lechuguilla #6103
Alpine, Texas 79830

RE: Invitation to Partner with Go Ghana for the AFROFABFEST

Dear Ms. Annie Yayra Hiamey,

I am pleased to acknowledge the receipt of your letter on the above subject. Given the potential significance of the Afro Food, Fashion, Arts and Dance Festival (AFROFABFEST) in promoting Alpine and the Big Bend Region, I offer the City's full endorsement for the event on behalf of the Alpine City Council.

We look forward to working with you in facilitating the event.

Sincerely,

Catherine Eaves
Mayor of Alpine



“Celebrating Diversity, the Way Forward”.

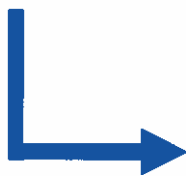
PRESENTED BY:



ANNIE HIAMEY

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The FOOD Event



For the food event, there will be Afro American delicious foods, a BBQ Party and also the International Community Dish Competition, using Chili, Beans, Yucca (Cassava) and Peanut.

CHINCHINGA (BBQ) PARTY



In Africa, Khebab is referred to as Chinchinga. This party will be an outdoor grilling event on Saturday, September 30th at the KOKERNOT Park from 10am to 9pm. This will be a family fun day event.

***There will also be Vegetarian options.**



INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY DISH COMPETITION

This will be a live cooking competition in the park where various countries and ethnic groups will show to the people of alpine their best kept secret in cooking their dishes using chili, beans, peanut and yucca. There will be prizes for the best and presentable dishes.

CHILI



BEANS



CASSAVA / YUCCA



PEANUT



YUCCA FRIES



TAPIOCA PEARLS



PEANUT SOUP



SPICED PEANUTS



GARI (EBA) & EGUSHIE (MELON SEEDS) SAUCE



RED RED (GARI & BEANS) & AVOCADO

CASSAVA OR YUCCA... WHAT IS THAT?

It's the third-largest source of carbohydrates in the tropics. Most of all, yucca or cassava is one of the pillars of African cuisine and is important in many other cultures as well. Cassava is naturally gluten-free food. The root is rich in calories and Vitamin C, which acts as an antioxidant, supports collagen production, and enhances immunity.

TOURISM/ BUSINESS TRADE FESTIVAL & EXHIBITION

The Tourism/Business Trade Festival & exhibition will be held at the Granada Theater. This will be a platform to tell a bigger story about what Alpine and the Big Bend Region has to offer. Some people have out dated ideas of the city and say it's not for suitable for everyone, and also not the best place to do business.





The City of Alpine is a tourist and business destination with powerful sustainability programs, boasting of our dark skies reserves giving incredible opportunities for star gazing. In Alpine, TX, we have Diversity, Equity and Inclusion priorities. This meeting will prove to those outside of Alpine, TX, that we are a great partner in business who can deliver exceptional creative experiences and check all the boxes for sustainability, diversity, cultural relevance and deliver ROI on the financial side.

VENDOR ACTIVATION

Exhibitors will be assigned exhibition booths. In attendance will be the Economic Development Rio Grande Council of Government, City of Alpine, TX, Small business development center, Alpine Business Alliance, and all other invited international tourism and business groups.

***Booth space will be from \$100 and above**





BUSINESS / FUNDRAISING DINNER IN HONOR OF THE BLIND COMMUNITY (AGONA EAST- GHANA)

The prevalence of visual disabilities, including those who are blind or living with low vision is astounding. Across the world, 285 million people live with some type of visual impairment, with 39 million living with blindness and 246 million with low vision.

Ghana, like many nations, has a clear divide between those who are wealthy and those who live in poverty. Many Ghanaians live in conditions where they do not have access to healthcare or the resources to assist them out of the cycle of poverty. The lack of accessibility to healthcare can often push those suffering further into economic crises.

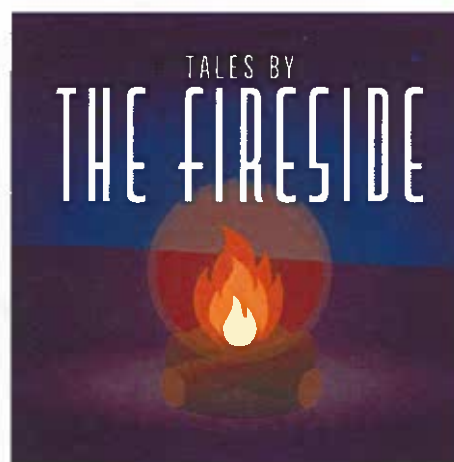
“Changing Lives... One Smile at a Time”.. is an initiative under Go Ghana’s non-profit organization, The High Frontier. Our mission is to make the world more accessible to those with limitations. Charities’ are doing their best to help families and individuals going through challenges. By providing grants and gifts, they are helping people back on their feet to dream again and live life like they would in the opposite circumstances. We would also like to help the Blind Community at Agona East with the little support we can offer.

***Attached is a video from the community soliciting for help.**



TALES BY THE FIRESIDE

This will be an evening of storytelling where tales about various countries would be told to the community, celebrating our history and culture with exclusive finger foods, African cultural dancing and musical entertainment. This will be from 7pm to 10 pm. There will also be fire dancers. Venue for the fireside is yet to be confirmed.





AFRO FASHION SHOW & GALA DANCE



There will be exhibition of works by some African and American exhibitors whose creations allow them to reflect and portray their origins and story.

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

Thursday, September 28 2023	Arrival of Attendees Exhibition Grounds Set Up
Friday, September 29 2023	Opening of Event at the Granada at 1PM Dance performances Speeches from Dignitaries and other Stakeholder (Speakers to be confirmed soon) Trade Show & Business Round Table Meetings Trade Show and B2B Meetings closes at 5.30PM Awards Ceremony / Fund Raising Dinner in Honor of Agona- East for the Blind in Ghana at the Holiday Inn Express, Alpine - 7PM to 11PM
Saturday, September 30, 2023	Street Parade and Durbar The Chinchinga (BBQ) Party Cooking Competition Arts and Crafts Exhibition Afro Fashion Show & Dance Kid Zone
Sunday, October 1, 2023	Church in the Park Exhibition of Arts & Crafts Community Dinner
Monday, October 2, 2023	Departure
Monday, October 2 - 6, 2023	Post Tour for international Media Travel Team

TARGET AUDIENCE

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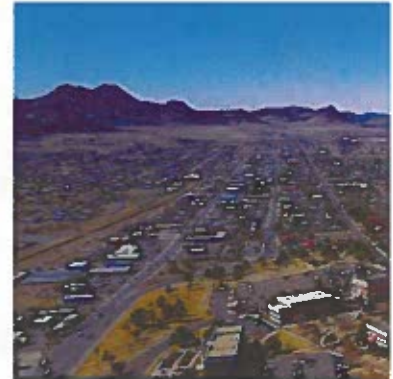
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WHY ALPINE, TX

The last year has developed a series of big wins for us. Alpine is beautiful, extremely welcoming to everyone. So much emphasis is placed on the financial and overall success of this event. We will also have the chance to show the visitors our wonderful attractions and entertainment options we have to offer. It's entirely possible for someone to visit our city as an attendee of a conference and then later chose to relocate their business or family to Alpine.

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THE WAY FORWARD

Go Ghana LLC will showcase Alpine, TX like never before and this is just the beginning. We are determined to host events that are culturally relevant and deliver global eyes on Alpine. Speaking of global, we are diligently covering our African market share but looking to grow it well beyond through our international media correspondent, Mr. Enoch Worlanyo from Multimedia Ghana.

We know this event will generate significant interest in media exposure about Alpine and it's our job to make sure that we turn that interest into booked businesses.

CONCLUSION OVERVIEW

10. City Council Member Comments – 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, as authorized by the 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 551.086 (economic development).

11. Executive Session –

Personnel Matters § 551.074, Texas Government Code

1. Conduct the annual performance evaluation of the City Manager. (S. Tandy, City Council)

12. Action – Executive Session –

1. Action, if any, concerning the annual performance evaluation of the City Manager. (S. Tandy, City Council)

13. Adjourn.