

City of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 7, 2024
Minutes

REGULAR MEETING – 5:30 P.M.

1. **Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance** – Mayor Catherine Eaves called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. The meeting was held at City Council Chambers located at 803 West Holland Avenue and via Zoom Videoconference in the City of Alpine, Texas. Mayor Eaves led the pledge of allegiance to the flags.

2. **Determination of a Quorum and Proof of Notice of the Meeting** –

City Council Members Present:

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

City Staff and Stakeholders Present:

Megan Antrim, *City Manager*
Geoffrey R. Calderon, *City Secretary*
Alessandra Gad, *City Attorney*
Abel Hinojos, *Airport Supervisor*
Felipe Fierro, *Police Captain*

City Council Members Not Present: None.

Others Present:

Approximately 15 other attendees.

Mayor Eaves announced that a quorum of the City Council was present at the City Council Chambers and City Secretary, Geoffrey Calderon, reported that the meeting agenda was posted by 2:00 P.M. on Friday, May 3, 2024.

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

1. Candy Whyman, Ward 4, addressed the City Council regarding information or discussion no. 3.
2. Cynthia Salas, Ward 2, addressed the City Council regarding information or discussion item no. 3.

4. **Presentations, Recognitions, and Proclamations** –

1. Proclamation of National Police Week (May 15-21, 2024)
2. Proclamation of National Public Works Week (May 19-25, 2024)
3. Proclamation of National Municipal Clerks Week (May 5-11, 2024)

5. **Reports** –

City Mayor Report.

City Attorney Report – None.

City Manager Report –

- Water Infrastructure Update – Lead & Copper.

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- Wastewater Infrastructure Update.
- Paving Update.
- Employee Classification and Compensation.
- Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Mobility Planning Grant.
- Utility Billing Software.

City Staff Updates – None.

6. Public Hearings –

Open (5:59 P.M.)

1. Public Hearing to obtain citizen views and comments regarding the second and final reading of Ordinance 2024-04-03, an ordinance amending Chapter 23 – City Council to the Alpine Code of Ordinances; Amending Article I – In General; Amending Article II – Rules of Procedure; Amending Article III – Rules of Decorum; Amending rules, regulations, and guidelines for City Council meetings and procedures; Implementing an updated ethics policy.

Public Comments: None.

2. Public Hearing to obtain citizen views and comments regarding the second and final reading of Ordinance 2024-04-04, an ordinance authorizing the vacation, abandonment, and sale of approximately 0.128 acres of city property, being the undeveloped alley lying between Lots 1 – 10, Block 71, Original Townsite, between South 1st and South 2nd Streets in the City of Alpine, Brewster County, Texas; Authorizing the City Manager to execute a deed without warranty; Directing that funds from the sale of the city’s interest be deposited in the general fund for the purpose of street improvements; Providing for terms and conditions of such thereof.

Public Comments: None.

3. Public Hearing to obtain citizen views and comments regarding the first reading of Ordinance 2024-05-01, an ordinance approving Rezone Application 2024-04-01; Amending the official zoning map of the city by rezoning the property located at 1702 East Avenue H and legally described as Thomas Derrick Addition, Block 20; Lots 3-11, Lots 15-20, and Lots 21 & 22; located In Alpine, Brewster County, Texas as the same appears in the Map or Plat Records on file in the Office of the County Clerk of Brewster County, Texas; Rezoning the subject property from R-4 Mobile Home District to C-1 Neighborhood Commercial District.

Public Comments: None.

4. Public Hearing to obtain citizen views and comments regarding the first reading of Ordinance 2024-05-02, an ordinance approving Rezone Application 2024-04-02; Amending the official zoning map of the city by rezoning the property located at 601 South Walker Street and legally described as Lots No. Three (3), Four (4), and Five (5), Block Forty-Nine (49), Hancock Addition (South of the Railroad) to the City of Alpine, Brewster County, Texas; Rezoning the subject property from R-4 Mobile Home District to C-1 Neighborhood Commercial District.

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Public Comments: None.

Close (6:02 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 April 16, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)
2. Approval of the excused absence of Councilor Rodriguez from the April 16, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)
3. Approval of the appointment of Heidi Wasserman to the Place 6 (At Large) Position on the Hotel Occupancy Tax Committee. (R. Stephens, City Council)

RESOLUTION 2024-05-01: On a motion by Councilor Stephens and seconded by Councilor Sandate to approve, the City Council adopted the motion with all members present voting in favor.

8. **Information or Discussion items** –

1. Discuss updates to proposed revisions to the Alpine City Charter. (C. Eaves, Mayor)
2. Alpine Railroad Bridge Study - Provide an overview from the TxDot Union Pacific Railroad Bridge study held April 18, 2024. (R. Stephens, City Council)
3. Discuss the noise ordinance and disturbances in Ward 4, including disturbances in the residential area by the Veterans of Foreign Wars establishment. (M. Sandate, City Council)
4. Overview of the Social Media Do's and Don'ts Training Webinar held for Public Officials on April 25th. (R. Stephens, City Council)

Councilor Stephens requested to move information or discussion item no. 4 to the next regular city council meeting.

Mayor Eaves called a short recess. (7:04 P.M.)

The meeting resumed. (7:10 P.M.)

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

1. Approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2024-04-03, an ordinance amending Chapter 23 – City Council to the Alpine Code of Ordinances; Amending Article I – In General; Amending Article II – Rules of Procedure; Amending Article III – Rules of Decorum; Amending rules, regulations, and guidelines for City Council meetings and procedures. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2024-05-02: On a motion by Councilor Stephens and seconded by Councilor Stokes to approve, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion.

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2. Approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2024-04-04, an ordinance authorizing the vacation, abandonment, and sale of approximately 0.128 acres of city property, being the undeveloped alley lying between Lots 1 – 10, Block 71, Original Townsite, between South 1st and South 2nd Streets in the City of Alpine, Brewster County, Texas; Authorizing the City Manager to execute a deed without warranty; Directing that funds from the sale of the city's interest be deposited in the general fund for the purpose of street improvements; Providing for terms and conditions of such thereof. (J. Stokes, City Council)

RESOLUTION 2024-05-03: On a motion by Councilor Stephens and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez to approve the item as presented, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion.

3. Approve the first reading of Ordinance 2024-05-01, an ordinance approving Rezone Application 2024-04-01; Amending the official zoning map of the city by rezoning the property located at 1702 East Avenue H and legally described as Thomas Derrick Addition, Block 20; Lots 3-11, Lots 15-20, and Lots 21 & 22; located In Alpine, Brewster County, Texas as the same appears in the Map or Plat Records on file in the Office of the County Clerk of Brewster County, Texas; Rezoning the subject property from R-4 Mobile Home District to C-1 Neighborhood Commercial District. The property ID of the subject property is 12816. The record property owner is Vicky R. Vega. The Planning & Zoning Commission has recommended denial of this application. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2024-05-04: On a motion by Councilor Sandate and seconded by Councilor Nance to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2024-05-01, Councilor Sandate voted to adopt the motion. The remaining members voted against adoption of the motion. The motion failed and the rezoning application was not approved.

4. Approve the first reading of Ordinance 2024-05-02, an ordinance approving Rezone Application 2024-04-02; Amending the official zoning map of the city by rezoning the property located at 601 South Walker Street and legally described as Lots No. Three (3), Four (4), and Five (5), Block Forty-Nine (49), Hancock Addition (South of the Railroad) to the City of Alpine, Brewster County, Texas; Rezoning the subject property from R-4 Mobile Home District to C-1 Neighborhood Commercial District. The property ID of the subject property is 10842. The record property owner is Melinda Vega. The Planning & Zoning Commission has recommended denial of this application. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2024-05-05: On a motion by Councilor Nance and seconded by Councilor Sandate to approve, Councilor Sandate voted to adopt the motion. The remaining members voted against adoption of the motion. The motion failed and the rezoning application was not approved.

5. Approve the Interlocal Cooperation Contract between the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Alpine Municipal Court to continue participation in the Failure to Appear program. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2024-05-06: On a motion by Councilor Stephens and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez to approve, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion.

6. Accept the selected bid responsive to Request for Proposal 2024-04-01 to Evergreen Solutions, LLC, for a classification and compensation study for the City of Alpine and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2024-05-07: On a motion by Councilor Stephens and seconded by Councilor Stokes to approve, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion.

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

NOTICE: The City Council reserves the right to reconvene, recess, realign, change the order of business, or adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of the meeting prior to adjournment, to discuss any item listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and 551.087 (development).

11. Executive Session – None.

12. Action – Executive Session – None.

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

13. Adjourn. (7:58 P.M.)

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Catherine Eaves, *Mayor*

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

CERTIFICATION

I, Geoffrey R. Calderon, do hereby certify that notice of this meeting was posted at City Hall, in a convenient and readily accessible place to the general public, and to the City website at www.cityofalpine.com/agenda pursuant to Section 551.043, Texas Government Code. The said notice was posted by 2:00 P.M. on Friday, May 3, 2024, and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of the said meeting.

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

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

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