

City of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 2, 2022
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 conference in the City of Alpine, Texas. Mayor Eaves led the pledge of allegiance to the flags.
2. **Determination of a Quorum and Proof of Notice of the Meeting** –

City Council Members Present:

Mayor Catherine Eaves
Councilor Judy Stokes
Councilor Chris Rodriguez
Councilor Martin Sandate
Councilor Jerry Johnson
Councilor Sara Tandy

City Staff Present:

Megan Antrim, City Manager
Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary
Darrell Losoya, Chief of Police
Keith Segar, Director of Utilities
Jennifer Stewart, Animal Services Supervisor
Heather Yadon, Visitor Center Coordinator
Abel Hinojos, Airport Supervisor

Not Present:

None.

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 July 29, 2022.

3. **Public Comments** – (limited to 3 minutes per person) –
 - Rick Stephens, Ward 5, expressed concern over the tax rate (item 8-4) and concerns regarding the proposed 2022-203 Fiscal Year Budget (item 9-2).
4. **Presentations, Recognitions, and Proclamations** –
 - Presentation to Jovannie Gonzales for her 20 years of service to the City (C. Eaves, Mayor)
5. **Reports** – Copies of presentations displayed during the meeting are posted on the City website at www.cityofalpine.com/reports –

City Mayor Report

- Meet with the Mayor
- Drones
- West Texas Rural Philanthropy Days
- Border Patrol and 911 Memorial
- Emergency Sirens
- Alpine Independent School District
- Visitor Center Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting
- Entertainment Events Around Town
- Sul Ross Small Business Development Center

City Attorney Report

- None.

City Manager Report

- Drip Program
- County/City Clean Up – West Sul Ross
- Use of Private Well – Daugherty
- Hotel Occupancy Tax Collections

City Staff Updates

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

6. Public Hearings –

1. Public Hearing to obtain citizen views and comments regarding the second and final reading of Ordinance 2022-07-01, an ordinance annexing Lots Two through Twelve, Block One, Allen Addition to Brewster County that is adjacent and contiguous territory to the City.
2. Public Hearing to obtain citizen views and comments regarding the first reading of Ordinance 2022-08-01, an ordinance making appropriations for the support of the City of Alpine, Texas for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023; Appropriating money to a sinking fund to pay interest and principal on the City's indebtedness; Adopting the annual budget of the City of Alpine, Texas for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

- Rick Stephens, Ward 5, expressed concerns regarding the 2022-2023 Budget.

3. Public Hearing to obtain citizen views and comments regarding a Conditional Use Permit application allowing applicants, Stephen & Elizabeth Wood, to establish a mixed-use occupancy residential and commercial business with a detached commercial kitchen on-premise. The property is located at 209 N 13th St. Record property owners are Stephen & Elizabeth Wood.

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 July 19, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes (G. Calderon, City Secretary)
2. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Blue Cross and Blue Shield renewal rates (M. Antrim, City Manager)
3. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Humana renewal rates (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2022-08-02: On a motion by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Sandate to approve the consent agenda, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

8. Information or Discussion items –

1. Discussion regarding proposed changes to Boards, Commissions, and Committees up to and including the draft handbook and prospective ordinance changes (M. Antrim, City Manager)
 - Karen Cantrell, Ward 1 Parks & Recreation Board Member, commented on the Boards and Commissions process.
2. Discussion regarding the Texas Disposal Systems plastic bag landfill issue, and how the issue is being addressed (S. Tandy, City Council)
 - Jamar Prince, Municipal Sales Supervisor for Texas Disposal Systems, addressed the Council regarding the plastic bag landfill issue.
3. Discussion regarding the paving on Orange Street (S. Tandy, City Council)
4. Discussion regarding the Fiscal Year 2023 Tax Rates (M. Antrim, City Manager)

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

1. Approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2022-07-01, an ordinance annexing Lots Two through Twelve, Block One, Allen Addition to Brewster County that is adjacent and contiguous territory to the City; Approving a service plan for the annexed area (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2022-08-03: On a motion by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Tandy to approve, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

2. Approve the first reading of Ordinance 2022-08-01, an ordinance making appropriations for the support of the City of Alpine, Texas for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023; Appropriating money to a sinking fund to pay interest and principal on the City's indebtedness; Adopting the annual budget of the City of Alpine, Texas for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2022-08-04: On a motion by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Stokes to approve, the City Council voted to adopt the motion 4 to 1 with Councilor Rodriguez voting against.

3. Approve the first reading of Ordinance 2022-08-02, an ordinance amending Chapter 2 - Administration; Amending Article V - Records Management to the Alpine Code of Ordinances (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2022-08-05: On a motion by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Tandy to approve, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

4. Approve Resolution 2022-08-01, a resolution approving the recommended Hotel Occupancy Tax Grant Awards from the Hotel Occupancy Tax Committee for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2022-08-06: On a motion by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Johnson to approve, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

5. Approve a Conditional Use Permit application allowing applicants, Stephen & Elizabeth Wood, to establish a mixed-use occupancy residential and commercial business with a detached commercial kitchen on-premise. The property is located at 209 N 13th St. Record property owners are Stephen & Elizabeth Wood. The Planning & Zoning Commission has recommended approval of the Conditional Use Permit (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2022-08-07: On a motion by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Sandate to approve, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

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

NOTICE: The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed on the posted agenda, above, Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 (consultation with an attorney), 551.072 (deliberations about real property), 551.073 (deliberations about gifts and donations), 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (deliberations about security devices), and 551.086 (economic development).

11. Executive Session – None.

12. Action – Executive Session – None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

13. Adjourn. (6:59 P.M.)

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Catherine Eaves, Mayor

Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary

CERTIFICATION

I, Geoffrey R. Calderon, hereby certify that this notice was posted at City Hall, a convenient and readily accessible place to the general public, and to the City website at www.cityofalpine.com pursuant to Section 551.043, Texas Government Code. The said notice was posted by 2:00 P.M. on July 29, 2022, and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of the said meeting. This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking space is available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the Office of the City Secretary at (432) 837-3301, option 1, or email city.secretary@ci.alpine.tx.us for further information.

Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary