

**City of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 21, 2021
5:30 P.M.
Minutes**

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 5:30 P.M.

1. **Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance.** – Mayor Andres Ramos called the meeting to order. The meeting was held at the City Council Chambers located at 803 West Holland Avenue and via Zoom conference in the City of Alpine, Texas. Mayor Ramos led the pledge of allegiance to the flags.
2. **Determination of a Quorum and Proof of Notice of the Meeting** – Councilor Judy Stokes, Councilor Chris Rodriguez, Councilor Sara Tandy, Councilor Martin Sandate, and Councilor Jerry Johnson attended at the City Council Chambers. Interim City Manager, Megan Antrim, and City Secretary, Geoffrey Calderon, attended at the City Council Chambers. City Secretary, Geoffrey Calderon, reported that the agenda was posted at 2:00 P.M. on September 17, 2021.
3. **Public Comments** – (limited to 3 minutes per person) – Dr. Avinash Rangra, Deborah Derden, Katie Nixon, Oscar Cobos, Rick Stephens.
4. **Presentation, Recognitions, and Proclamations** – (A. Ramos, Mayor) – None
5. **Reports** – Copies of the charts presented during the meeting are posted on the City website at www.cityofalpine.com/cmreports – None

City Mayor’s Report

City Attorney’s Report

City Manager Report

- COVID Update
- Paving Update

City Staff Updates

6. Public Hearings –

1. Public Hearing to obtain citizen views and comments on the second and final reading of Ordinance 2021-09-01, an ordinance making appropriations for the support of the City of Alpine, Texas for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022;

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 for the fiscal year 2021-2022.

2. Public Hearing to obtain citizen views and comments on the second and final reading of Ordinance 2021-09-02, an ordinance adopting the FY 2021-2022 tax rate for the City of Alpine. A tax rate of \$0.508345 per \$100 valuation has been recommended for FY 2021-2022. Maintenance and Operations is \$0.468819 and Interest and Sinking is \$.039526 on each \$100 valuation of property.
3. Public Hearing to obtain citizen views and comments on the second and final reading of Ordinance 2021-09-03, an ordinance amending the FY 2020-2021 Budget.
4. Public Hearing to obtain citizen views and comments on Short Term Rental Special Use Permit Applications.

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 September 7, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager)
2. Approval of September 14, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager)
3. Approval of the appointment of Patsy Culver to Chair of the Animal Advisory Board (J. Stokes, City Council)
4. Approval of the appointment of Karen Cantrell to Parks & Recreation Board, Ward 1 (J. Stokes, City Council)
5. Approval of Resolution 2021-09-29, a resolution establishing a Mental Health Leave Policy as required by Senate Bill 1359 (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager)
6. Approve Resolution 2021-09-30, a resolution designating the Alpine Avalanche as the official newspaper for FY 2021-2022 (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager)
7. Approval of Resolution 2021-09-31, a resolution approving the Hotel Occupancy Tax Committee recommendation to allocate \$10,000 from FY 2020-2021 hotel occupancy tax funds - Sports, to the Sul Ross State University Rodeo (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager)
8. Approval of Short Term Rental Special Use Permit Applications for:
 - a. 1615 Uvalde St: Owner of Record is Aldo Valenzuela.
 - b. 801 E Avenue E: Owner of record is Kim Langridge.

(M. Antrim, Interim City Manager)

Councilor Rodriguez requested that Consent Agenda Item 7 be removed from the normal sequence of the consent agenda for further discussion and action.

RESOLUTION 2021-09-35: A motion was made by Councilor Tandy and seconded by Councilor Sandate to approve the seven items, excluding item 7. The motion was unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION 2021-09-36: A motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez and Seconded by Councilor Johnson to approve Resolution 2021-09-31, a resolution approving the Hotel Occupancy Tax Committee recommendation to allocate \$10,000 from FY 2020-2021 hotel occupancy tax funds – Sports, to the Sul Ross State University Rodeo. The motion was unanimously adopted.

8. Information or Discussion items –

1. Discuss the sale of two wastewater dewatering sludge boxes (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager)
2. Discuss upcoming fiscal year request for proposals and/or qualifications (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager)

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. After being called upon by the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem, Citizens are required to state their name and the Ward in which they reside. Priority will be given to citizens of Alpine and those who own businesses or property in the City. Individuals who do not live in, or own businesses or property in the City Limits of Alpine, will be allowed to speak if there is time available.) –

1. Approve Alltech Engineering Corporation, the lowest bidder, for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project (Automated Bar Screen Installation/ Aerator/Motor Installation / Dissolved Oxygen Probe / Mobilization, Bonding, and Insurance) (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2021-09-37: A motion was made by Councilor Tandy and seconded by Councilor Stokes to approve Alltech Engineering Corporation, the lowest bidder, for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project. The motion was unanimously adopted.

2. Approve second and final reading of Ordinance 2021-09-01, an ordinance making appropriations for the support of the City of Alpine, Texas for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022; 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 for the fiscal year 2021-2022 (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2021-09-38: A motion was made by Councilor Tandy and seconded by Councilor Stokes to approve the second and final reading of 2021-09-01, an ordinance making appropriations for the support of the City of Alpine, Texas. A roll call vote was taken and the council voted in the following manner:

Councilor Johnson: For the motion.

Councilor Sandate: For the motion.

Councilor Tandy: For the motion.

Councilor Rodriguez: Against the motion.

Councilor Stokes: For the motion.

The motion to approve Ordinance 2021-09-04 was adopted 4 to 1.

RESOLUTION 2021-09-39: A motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez to extend the current fiscal year budget until the end of October, at least, prorating all revenues and expenses for the month until the Council can fully understand the budget. The motion was not seconded. The motion was lost.

3. Approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2021-09-03, an ordinance amending the FY 2020-2021 budget (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2021-09-40: A motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Johnson to amend the second and final reading to incorporate the repair addition of a curb at the Old Apache Building. Discussion took place. Councilor Rodriguez requested that the motion be withdrawn. There being no objection, the motion was withdrawn.

RESOLUTION 2021-09-41: A motion was made by Councilor Tandy and seconded by Councilor Stokes to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2021-09-03. The motion was unanimously adopted.

4. Approve Resolution 2021-09-32, a resolution approving the City of Alpine appointment of Jerry Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem, to the Brewster County Appraisal District Board of Directors (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2021-09-42: A motion was made by Councilor Stokes and seconded by Councilor Sandate to approve Resolution 2021-09-32, a resolution approving the City of Alpine appointment of Jerry Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem, to the Brewster County Appraisal District Board of Directors. The motion was unanimously adopted.

5. Approve Resolution 2021-09-33, a resolution authorizing the City of Alpine to Participate in the 2022 Regional Solid Waste Grant Program (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2021-09-43: A motion was made by Councilor Tandy and seconded by Councilor Stokes to approve Resolution 2021-09-33. The motion was unanimously adopted.

6. Approve Resolution 2021-09-34, a resolution amending Utilities Fees pursuant to Chapter 98 - Utilities to the Alpine Code of Ordinances (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2021-09-44: A motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez to table the item, pending workshops. The motion was not seconded. The motion was lost.

RESOLUTION 2021-09-45: A motion was made by Councilor Tandy and seconded by Councilor Sandate to approve Resolution 2021-09-34, a resolution amending Utilities Fees pursuant to Chapter 98. Councilor Stokes, Councilor Tandy, Councilor Sandate, and Councilor Johnson voted to approve the motion. Councilor Rodriguez voted against the motion. The motion was adopted 4 to 1.

7. Approve changes to the City Attorney contract (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2021-09-46: A motion was made by Councilor Tandy and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez to approve changes to the City Attorney contract. Councilor Rodriguez voted to approve the motion. Councilor Stokes, Councilor Tandy, Councilor Sandate, and Councilor Johnson voted against the motion. The motion failed 4 to 1.

8. Approve Letter of Engagement from Gibson, Ruddock, Patterson, LLC to perform a single audit for the City of Alpine FY 2020-2021 (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2021-09-47: A motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Johnson to approve Letter of Engagement from Gibson, Ruddock, Patterson, LLC to perform a single audit for the City of Alpine FY 2020-2021. The motion was unanimously adopted.

9. Approve installation of a curb at the Old Apache Building located at 501 W. Gallego Street (C. Rodriguez, City Council)

RESOLUTION 2021-09-48: A motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez to approve the installation of a curb at the Old Apache Building located at 501 W. Gallego Street. The motion was not seconded. The motion was lost.

10. Approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2021-09-02, an ordinance adopting the FY 2021-2022 tax rate for the City of Alpine. A tax rate of \$0.508345 per \$100 valuation has been recommended for FY 2021-2022. Maintenance and Operations is \$0.468819 and Interest and Sinking is \$.039526 on each \$100 valuation of property (M. Antrim, Interim City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2021-09-49: A motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Tandy to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2021-09-02, an ordinance adopting the FY 2021-2022 tax rate for the City of Alpine. A tax rate of \$0.508345 per \$100 valuation has been recommended for FY 2021-2022. Maintenance and Operations is \$0.468819 and Interest and Sinking is \$.039526 on each \$100 valuation of property. The motion was unanimously adopted.

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.** (6:53 P.M.)

ATTEST:

Andres “Andy” Ramos, Mayor

Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary

CERTIFICATION

I, Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary, 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 at 2:00 P.M. on September 17, 2021, 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 City Secretary's Office at (432) 837-3301, option 1, or email city.secretary@ci.alpine.tx.us for further information.

Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary