

City of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 6, 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 Sara Tandy
Councilor Martin Sandate
Councilor Jerry Johnson

City Staff Present:

Megan Antrim, City Manager
Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary
Darrell Losoya, Chief of Police
Keith Segar, Director of Utilities
Andrew Devaney, Director of Building Services
Alicia Salinas, Director of Finance

Not Present:

Councilor Chris Rodriguez

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 September 2, 2022.

3. **Public Comments** – (limited to 3 minutes per person) –
 - Linda Bone, Ward 1, addressed the City Council regarding alcohol in City Parks.
 - Margaret Bentley, Ward 5 addressed the City Council regarding the proposed noise ordinance.
 - Mary Anne DeBarbrie, Ward 1, addressed the City Council regarding water build up in front of her home.
 - Tommy Lewis, Ward 4, addressed the City Council regarding speed limits and crosswalks.
4. **Presentations, Recognitions, and Proclamations** – None.
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 Citizen Concerns:
- Road Drainage – Del Rio, Murphy, North 3rd Street, etc.
- Noise Ordinance - Residents wondering about progress.
- Condemned Properties - Residents asking about status.
- Clocks, several residents and nonresidents have commented.
- City Talk Radio Show every other Thursday, next one is 9/8/22. Episodes are on City website (www.cityofalpine.com/citytalk) and on Community Facebook pages.
- Strategic Plan Excitement.
- Residents are excited about beautifying and adding personality to Alpine (Javelina Crossing, slow down for example).
- Pickleball at Kokernot Park.
- National Night Out at Baines Park on October 4th.

- Meet the Mayor typically on Saturdays at the Farmer's Market from 10:30am until 12:00pm. Saturday, September 24th will be out of town.
- Overall hearing a lot of positive comments about the future of Alpine and a lot of residents who want to become active members of the community by rolling up their sleeves and helping out.
- Parks Board Survey.

City Attorney Report

- Municipal Court Update.
- Skyway Gardens.
- Alpine Municipal Airport.
- West Texas Gas Bill.

City Manager Report

- Public Comment Process.
- Regional Landfill/Transfer Station Discussions.
- Emergent Inspection.

City Staff Updates

- Utilities Report by Director of Utilities, Keith Segar.
- Airport Report by Airport Supervisor, Abel Hinojos.

6. Public Hearings –

1. Public Hearing to obtain citizen views and comments regarding the second and final reading of Ordinance 2022-08-03, an ordinance levying ad valorem taxes for use and support of the municipal government of the City of Alpine, Texas for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023; Providing for apportioning each levy for specific purposes; and providing when taxes shall become due and when the same shall become delinquent if not paid.

Public Comments: None.

2. Public Hearing to obtain citizen views and comments regarding the second and final reading of Ordinance 2022-08-04, an ordinance amending Chapter 94 - Traffic and Vehicles; Amending Article I - In General; Amending Section 94-35 - Police Escort Fee to the Alpine Code of Ordinances; Repealing Ordinance 2019-03-01; Abolishing the requirements of a fee for requested police escort services for manufactured homes.

Public Comments: 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 August 16, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)
2. Approval of the excused absence of Councilor Tandy from the August 16, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting due to a family vacation. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)
3. Approval of City Council Calendar of Meetings for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. (M. Antrim, City Manager)
4. Approval of the appointment of Clayton Shoot to the Ward 1 position on the Building and Standards Commission. (J. Stokes, City Council)
5. Approval of the appointment of Joshua Rousselow to the Ward 3 position on the Building and Standards Commission. (S. Tandy, City Council)
6. Approval of the appointment of Gerri Davis to the Ward 4 position on the Building and Standards Commission. (M. Sandate, City Council)
7. Approval of the appointment of Ralph Garcia to the Ward 5 position on the Building and Standards Commission. (J. Johnson, City Council)
8. Approval of hangar lease rental rate increase of \$0.01 per square foot ground lease rate at the Alpine Casparis Municipal Airport. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2022-09-04: On a motion by Councilor Johnson and seconded by Councilor Sandate to accept the consent agenda as presented, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

8. Information or Discussion items –

1. Discussion regarding downtown lighting in preparation for Artwalk. (J. Stokes, City Council)
2. Discussion on the need for an Airport Advisory Board. (C. Rodriguez, City Council)
3. Update on City Employees to include:
 - a. Total headcount budgeted for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.
 - b. Number of employees in each department.
 - c. resignations by department since October 1, 2021.
 - d. Comparison of Alpine retention statistics with national average.
 - e. Current staff shortages by department.

(C. Rodriguez, City Council)

4. Presentation by Steve Sofge, Country Club Estates resident, to discuss the monetary value of Country Club Estates to the city and the costs to residents for roads that need repairs. (C. Eaves, Mayor)
5. Presentation by Mary Ann DeBarbrie regarding drainage problems. (J. Stokes, City Council)

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 2022-08-03, an ordinance levying ad valorem taxes for use and support of the municipal government of the City of Alpine, Texas for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023; Providing for apportioning each levy for specific purposes; and providing when taxes shall become due and when the same shall become delinquent if not paid. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2022-09-05: On a motion by Councilor Johnson and seconded by Councilor Stokes that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a total tax rate of .466326 which is effectively a 2 percent increase of the tax rate, by the adoption of ordinance 2022-08-03 for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, which includes as part of the total tax rate .430625 for maintenance and operations and .03571 for debt service, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion. A Roll Call Vote was taken and the City Council voted in the following manner:

Councilor Stokes: For

Councilor Tandy: For

Councilor Sandate: For

Councilor Johnson: For

2. Approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2022-08-04, an ordinance amending Chapter 94 - Traffic and Vehicles; Amending Article I - In General; Amending Section 94-35 - Police Escort Fee to the Alpine Code of Ordinances; Repealing Ordinance 2019-03-01; Abolishing the requirements of a fee for requested police escort services for manufactured homes. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2022-09-06: On a motion by Councilor Johnson and seconded by Councilor Sandate to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2022-08-04, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

3. Approve the first reading of Ordinance 2022-09-01, an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2022-09-07: On a motion by Councilor Johnson and seconded by Councilor Stokes to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2022-09-01, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

4. Approve Resolution 2022-09-01, a resolution amending Appendix A: Utilities Fees; updating fees for City Utility services. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2022-09-08: On a motion by Councilor Stokes and seconded by Councilor Sandate to approve Resolution 2022-09-01, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

5. Approve Resolution 2022-09-02, a resolution continuing collaborative improvement efforts for 2022 - 2023 between the City of Alpine and the Alpine Country Club to accompany the 2016 lease. (J. Johnson, City Council)

RESOLUTION 2022-09-09: On a motion by Councilor Johnson and seconded by Councilor Tandy to approve Resolution 2022-09-02, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

6. Approve Resolution 2022-09-03, a resolution approving the City's portion of the 2022 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Action Plan. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2022-09-10: On a motion by Councilor Johnson and seconded by Councilor Stokes to approve Resolution 2022-09-03, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

7. Approve the City Manager Contract. (J. Stokes, City Council)

RESOLUTION 2022-09-11: On a motion by Councilor Stokes and seconded by Councilor Tandy to approve the City Manager contract, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

8. Approval of sublease on hangar no. 44 belonging to Cade Woodward. (C. Rodriguez, City Council)

RESOLUTION 2022-09-12: On a motion by Councilor Stokes and seconded by Councilor Tandy to approve, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

9. Approve partnership between the City of Alpine and Cade Woodward for reimbursement of paving promised by previous City Manager at airport hangar #44. Reimbursement may be in the form of funds and/or waiving of lease charges. (C. Rodriguez, City Council)

Action Item no. 9 was lost due to lack of a motion.

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

The Mayor called a short recess (7:05 P.M.)

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).

RESOLUTION 2022-09-13: On a motion by Councilor Johnson and seconded by Councilor Stokes to recess into executive session, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion. **(7:14 P.M.)**

11. Executive Session –

Consultation with Attorney § 551.071

1. Consultation with the City Attorney on the status of the outstanding West Texas Gas invoice from the Winter Freeze of 2021 (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2022-09-14: On a motion by Councilor Johnson and seconded by Councilor Stokes to reconvene open session, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion. **(7:32 P.M.)**

12. Action – Executive Session –

1. Action, if any, regarding the consultation with the City Attorney on the status of the outstanding West Texas Gas invoice from the Winter Freeze of 2021 (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2022-09-15: On a motion by Councilor Johnson and seconded by Councilor Sandate to take no action, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

RESOLUTION 2022-09-16: On a motion by Councilor Tandy and seconded by Councilor Stokes to adjourn, the meeting was adjourned.

13. Adjourn. (7:32 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, 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 September 2, 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