



Alpine City Council

CITY MANAGER REPORT – APRIL 7, 2020

COVID-19 Coronavirus Disease 2019

City of Alpine Blog and News Updates

COVID Info and Resources: <https://cityofalpine.com/COVID-19>

Governor Response

Brewster County Response (updated today)

SRSU and School District Responses

Impacts on Local Businesses (Retail, Restaurants, Lodging)

Big Bend National Park Closure

City Employees

- Hours of Operation
- Work from Home
- Training



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CARES Act and Resources

- Information on website by Chris, Geo, Marci, Megan

FEMA

- Megan and Marci are the City SME's relative to compiling and filing for relief

Budget Implications

- Property Taxes – due date in January 2020, can address next year's at this springs budget workshops
- Sales Taxes – Table on next page: Some retailers are performing well (grocery, online retail). Studying impacts on local eateries, local retail that has closed
- Utility – Tables and charts on ensuing pages



Sales Tax Table

	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
2016-2017	\$ 140,795	\$ 136,061	\$ 131,195	\$ 130,569	\$ 182,556	\$ 129,434	\$ 133,324	\$ 161,343	\$ 126,734	\$ 125,901	\$ 141,562	\$ 125,077
2017-2018	\$ 177,603	\$ 135,208	\$ 118,679	\$ 124,237	\$ 148,042	\$ 133,709	\$ 113,638	\$ 166,287	\$ 132,078	\$ 136,426	\$ 138,099	\$ 137,482
2018-2019	\$ 137,945	\$ 152,568	\$ 135,546	\$ 138,388	\$ 154,352	\$ 136,894	\$ 120,065	\$ 151,473	\$ 143,450	\$ 139,175	\$ 135,777	\$ 148,128
2019-2020	\$ 144,961	\$ 152,042	\$ 181,442	\$ 143,606	\$ 165,383	\$ 150,358	\$ 122,342	\$ 159,701	\$ 134,087	\$ 133,834	\$ 138,480	\$ 136,896

Keeping an eye on
this trend

Action on Utilities By Ft. Stockton

City of Ft. Stockton Took Action to cut April utility bills in half

City of Alpine Utilities as compared to other similar sized cities in Texas

Water Fees By Population CategorySummary	2019							
Population Group	No. of Cities Reporting	Avg. Total Customers	Average Usage	5,000 Gal.	10,000 Gal.	50,000 Gal.	200,000 Gal.	
2,000 OR LESS	268	406	4,795	43.63	70.27	317.22	1,240.21	
2,001 - 5,000	112	1,282	5,559	40.15	64.35	322.83	1,258.87	
5,001 - 10,000	68	2,620	6,786	\$ 37.51	\$ 58.31	\$ 291.52	\$ 1,132.69	
10,001 - 15,000	38	4,358	6,029	34.30	55.87	338.66	1,435.62	
15,001 - 20,000	27	5,476	6,961	31.40	49.73	260.92	864.64	
20,001 - 25,000	11	6,616	7,185	36.96	57.25	259.97	1,006.82	
25,001 - 30,000	9	8,322	7,039	32.69	54.56	276.15	1,010.39	
30,001 - 50,000	27	12,812	8,074	36.73	61.84	324.82	1,149.03	
50,001 - 75,000	9	18,310	6,423	43.73	73.22	378.13	1,282.04	
75,001 - 100,000	8	26,534	9,656	24.59	39.85	215.65	750.55	
100,001 - 200,000	20	38,624	7,345	32.41	54.82	280.31	1,026.84	
200,001 - 350,000	4	75,589	8,879	33.83	57.09	319.96	1,062.89	
MORE THAN 500,000	4	321,808	6,866	25.32	46.05	244.68	943.64	
Total / Averages	605	6,816	5,809	39.76	63.98	310.06	1,193.91	
Alpine				\$ 24.47	\$ 41.22	\$ 203.07	\$ 650.57	
Percent to Average of similar sized City				65.2%	70.7%	69.7%	57.4%	

City of Alpine Wastewater Fees

Wastewater Fees By Population Category	Summary	2019					
Population Group	No. of Cities Reporting	Avg. Total Customers	2,000 Gal.	5,000 Gal.	10,000 Gal.	50,000 Gal.	
2,000 OR LESS	242	408	27.15	35.71	140.52	480.86	
2,001 - 5,000	115	1,172	33.50	49.42	208.12	782.13	
5,001 - 10,000	66	2,401	\$ 31.52	\$ 44.46	\$ 211.68	\$ 769.44	
10,001 - 15,000	38	4,126	36.30	64.24	269.31	909.13	
15,001 - 20,000	27	5,593	32.68	51.15	241.52	917.71	
20,001 - 25,000	11	7,409	41.11	131.44	214.29	866.72	
25,001 - 30,000	9	8,200	34.40	57.55	242.57	976.34	
30,001 - 50,000	27	12,825	34.18	55.09	251.97	948.15	
50,001 - 75,000	9	17,820	35.23	55.70	268.85	945.89	
75,001 - 100,000	8	24,132	26.50	42.59	192.68	697.32	
100,001 - 200,000	20	38,210	28.25	45.04	220.16	807.89	
200,001 - 350,000	4	72,181	30.90	49.83	251.20	912.58	
MORE THAN 500,000	4	296,955	30.92	54.72	283.18	885.97	
Total / Averages	580	6,704	30.67	46.17	193.27	699.49	
Alpine (Alpine uses a flat rate for residential)			\$15.50		\$ 31.23	\$ 142.43	
Percent to Average of similar sized City			49.2%		14.8%	18.5%	

The 10K and 50K rates are for Commercial

Utility Infrastructure and Billing Concerns

The City of Alpine Utility Infrastructure has been the source of conversation for years

Significant investment by Council over last 7 months without taking on additional debt

We've also taken action to help our citizens get current on the their water bills

Adhering to guidance on 'no shut-offs' during current COVID-19 Crisis

- Working with citizens on 'needs basis'
- Do not want people to fall behind if at all possible

Warm winter on Gas we anticipate being <\$200K to budgeted revenues: already looking at ways to reduce cost.

Water had two light months in billing (Stephanie and Megan analyzing 'Zero read data' with assistance from Scott)



Health Implications

Dr. Ekta Escovar: Health Authority for Brewster County

Local Hospital Implications: <http://www.bigbendhealthcare.com/Big-Bend-Regional-Medical-Center/visitors.aspx>

Local Healthcare provider implications: Status of peers in community and region

What does a Shelter in Place / Shelter at Home mean for the hospital and healthcare provider?



Animal Control Operations Update

Updates procedures posted on City of Alpine Website

- <https://www.cityofalpine.com/COVID%20shelter%20update.pdf>

Impacts on Animals

Hours for Animal Shelter

Volunteer Efforts

Other Guidelines and Ideas to help keep our Animal population healthy and safe



City of Alpine Utilities and Airport Update

Status of Water Facilities

Status of Wastewater Facilities

Status of Gas Facilities

Status of Alpine Casparis Municipal Airport

Disaster planning and recovery protocols and updates



Hotel & Tourism Update

Messaging with local hoteliers

Conference call on Zoom last week:

https://zoom.us/rec/share/1_coloGt7jJleIXpymDSZ44xGKL9aaa8g3QX-PQFn8wt8Kqx0iMQFcxcBACrPPc

Questions on Hotel Occupancy Tax

Impacts of Closures (locally and regionally)

Event Planning for 'Post-Shelter-in-Place'

- Hikes and outdoor opportunities for Social Distancing

Future Risks

Alpine Police Department Update

Status of Law Enforcement Team

Relationship with Hotels, Motels and Short Term Rentals

Work with Retail Establishments on Social Distancing Protocols

Work with Golf Course Personnel

Impacts of Curfew



It's A Great Day To Hike In Alpine

