

City of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 7, 2018
5:30 P.M.
Minutes

1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of allegiance to the flags – Mayor Andy Ramos called the meeting to order. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers at 801 West Holland in the City of Alpine, Texas. Jo Beth McLeod gave the invocation. Mayor Ramos led the pledge of allegiance to the flags.

2. Determination of a quorum and proof of notice of the meeting – Councilor Curry, Councilor Olivas, Councilor Escovedo, Councilor Fitzgerald, Councilor Stephens, and Mayor Ramos were present. City Secretary, Cynthia Salas reported that the meeting had been posted at 12:00 P.M. on August 3, 2018. City Manager Jessica Garza, City Attorney Mick McKamie, Megan Antrim, and Abel Hinojos were also present.

3. Presentations, recognitions and proclamations – (A. Ramos, Mayor) –
 - A. Happy August Birthday to the following employees:
 - Alonso Baeza
 - David Martinez
 - Kirk Caughman
 - Alejandra Hernandez
 - William Holden
 - Aaron Villanueva
 - John Kennedy
 - Zachary Austin
 - Johnny Marquez
 - Michelle Tamez
 - Chris Wright

4. Reports –
City Mayor’s Report – (A. Ramos, Mayor) – NONE

City Manager Report – (Jessica Garza, City Manager) – NONE

City Staff Updates –
 - A. Quarterly Report – Police Dept./Animal Control by Chief Scown.

5. Public Hearings –
 - A. Public Hearing to hear citizen’s views and comments concerning an application for a Conditional Use Permit for Jose Jr and Ruth M. Macias for washing cars for friends and contract work for Big Bend Telephone Company. Property Identification/Street address is 1701 W. Gallego. Legal description is Means addition, Block 18, 0.274 acres out of SE/Corner. Property owner is Jose Jr and Ruth M. Macias.

6. – 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being discussed separately unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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.) –

A. Approval of minutes from Special City Council meeting on July 16, 2018. (J. Garza, City Manager)

B. Approval of minutes from City Council meeting on July 17, 2018. (J. Garza, City Manager)

C. Approval of minutes from Special City Council meeting on July 24, 2018. (J. Garza, City Manager)

D. Appointment of Eva Maria Calderon for the Animal Advisory Board for Ward 2. (R. Olivas)

E. Reappoint to the Boards until 2020 that runs concurrent with Councilmember Ramon Olivas, Ward 2. (R. Olivas, City Council)

- Airport Board – Jimmy Morris
- Building & Standards – Robert Savery (Bob)
- Planning & Zoning – Tim Pierce

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2018-08-01, to approve the consent agenda as written. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.

7. Information or Discussion items –

A. Quarterly Reports – Trax by Theresa Zelanzy.

B. Quarterly Reports – Alpine Fire Department by Chief Mark Scudder

C. Discuss Mountain Country Christmas event for the City of Alpine. (J. Garza, City Manager)

D. Discuss the appraisals completed by Superior Land Services; (J. Garza, City Manager)

1. Visitor Center
2. Neighborhood Center
3. Sunshine House
4. Old City Hall

Action items to be accompanied by a brief statement of facts, including where funds are coming from, if applicable. (Action items limited to (up to) 10 per meeting.) (Citizens are allowed to comment – limited to 3 minutes – after being called upon by 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.) –

8. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve the new location of the downtown sculpture and payment of \$6,630 through Hotel Occupancy Tax fund. (R. Stephens, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2018-08-02 to approve the new location of the downtown sculpture and payment of \$6,630 through Hotel Occupancy Tax fund. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.
9. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve the first and final reading concerning an application for a Conditional Use Permit for Jose Jr and Ruth M. Macias for washing cars for friends and contract work for Big Bend Telephone Company. Property Identification/Street address is 1701 W. Gallego. Legal description is Means addition, Block 18, 0.274 acres out of SE/Corner. Property owner is Jose Jr. and Ruth M. Macias. (J. Garza, City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2018-08-03 to approve the first and final reading concerning an application of a Conditional Use Permit for Jose Jr. and Ruth M. Macias for washing cars for friends and contract work for Big Bend Telephone Company. Property Identification/Street address is 1701 W. Gallego. Legal description is Means addition, Block 18, 0.274 acres out of SE/Corner. Property owner is Jose Jr and Ruth M. Macias. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.
10. Discuss, consider, and take action to amend and update the employee longevity policy. (J. Garza, City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2018-08-04 to amend and update the employee longevity policy. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.
11. Discuss, consider, and take action to authorize a new checking account to be opened for the Airport for the purpose of maintenance and operations. (J. Garza, City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2018-08-05 to authorize a new checking account to be opened for the Airport for the purpose of maintenance and operations. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.
12. Discuss, consider, and take action to authorize a new checking account be opened for the general fund to serve as a payroll clearing account to process wire payments to the state as per requirements under the Texas Family Code 158.203. (J. Garza, City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2018-08-06 to authorize a new checking account to be opened for the general fund to serve as a payroll clearing account to process wire payments to the state as per requirements under the Texas Family Code 1583203. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.
13. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve awarding a contract of service for Director of Tourism for the City of Alpine. (J. Garza, City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2018-08-07 to approve awarding a contract of service for Director of Tourism for the City of Alpine to Vast graphics. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.
14. Discuss, consider, and take action to move the September 4, 2018 City Council meeting. (J. Garza, City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Curry, by Resolution 2018-08-08 to leave the City Council meeting on September 4, 2018. Motion was seconded by Councilor Olivas. Motion unanimously carried.

15. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve Resolution setting a Public Hearing on a proposed annexation and authorizing and directing the Mayor to publish notice of such Public Hearing. (J. Garza, City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2018-08-09 setting a Public Hearing on a proposed annexation and authorizing and directing the Mayor to publish notice of such Public Hearing. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.

16. Councilmember Comments and Answers –

Councilor Stephens – No comment

Councilor Escovedo – No comment

Councilor Fitzgerald – No comment

Councilor Olivas – No comment

Councilor Curry – No comment

Mayor Ramos – No comment

14. Executive Session – Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney), and Section 551.074 (personnel matters)

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2018-08-10 to go into executive session. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously passed. (7:00 p.m.)

- A. Discuss the status of and performance of City Secretary, Cynthia Salas. (R. Stephens, City Council)
- B. Discuss the status of and performance of Municipal Judge, Chris Sandefur. (J. Garza, City Manager)
- C. Discuss the status of and performance of City Prosecutor, Bart Medley. (J. Garza, City Manager)

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, as authorized by the 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 551.086 (economic development.)

15. Action after Executive Session –

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2018-08-11 to make back into executive session. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried. (7:57p.m.)

- A. Take Action, if any, concerning the status of and performance of City Secretary, Cynthia Salas. (R. Stephens, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2018-08-12 to take no action. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously passed.
- B. Take Action, if any, concerning the status of and performance of Municipal Judge, Chris Sandefur. (J. Garza, City Manager) – Motion was made by

Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2018-08-13 that City Council take action consistent with the Charter that a change in direction be made and that the Municipal Court Judge Chris Sandefur last day be effective immediately, August 7, 2018. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.

- C. Take Action, if any, concerning the status of and performance of City Prosecutor, Bart Medley. (J. Garza, City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2018-08-14 that consistent with the Charter that City Council take action to change direction relatively to the current City Prosecutor last day be effective immediately, August 7, 2018. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.**

16. ADJOURNMENT: 8:02 p.m.

I certify that this notice was posted at 12:00 P.M. on August 3, 2018, pursuant to Texas Open Meetings Act. (Texas Vernon's Annotated Civil statutes, section 551.043 Texas Government Code.) 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 or fax (432) 837-2044 for further information.

Andres "Andy" Ramos, Mayor

Attest:

Cynthia Salas, City Secretary

I, Cynthia Salas, City Secretary, do certify that this notice was posted at 12:00 P.M. on August 3, 2018, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours proceeding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Cynthia Salas, City Secretary