

City Of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 18th, 2017
5:30 P.M.
Minutes

1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of allegiance to the flags. – Mayor Ramos called the meeting to order. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers at 803 West Holland in the City of Alpine, Texas. Lana Covington gave the invocation. Mayor Ramos led the pledge of allegiance to the flags.
2. Determination of quorum and proof of notice of the meeting. – Councilor Curry, Councilor Salas, Councilor Fitzgerald, Councilor Escovedo, Councilor Stephens and Mayor Ramos were present. City Manager Zimmer said the meeting notice had been posted at 10:45 A. M. on July 14th, 2017. City Manager Zimmer, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Antrim, and Abel Hinojos were also present.
3. Presentations, recognitions and proclamations. – (A. Ramos, Mayor) –
 - A. Glen Ramsdale – Service to Planning and Zoning Commission. (R. Stephens, Mayor Pro-Tem) – Glen Ramsdale was not present, but Councilor Stephens read a Certificate of Appreciation for his service to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
4. Reports –
 - City Mayor’s Report – (A. Ramos, Mayor) – Mayor Ramos said he did not have a report.
 - City Manager Report – (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – City Manager Zimmer gave the following report:
 - Visitor Center Update – City Manager Zimmer said they hired a new Visitor Center Clerk. He also said the walking tour brochures are a big hit with the tourists.
 - JAG Grant Results – City Manager Zimmer said there has been an increased presence of our law enforcement. He said there have been more traffic stops and warnings. He said there has also been an impact on the court docket itself. He said that was also a portion of the grant. He said the highways are the greatest point of focus.
 - TxCDBG Scoring – Preliminary Round – City Manager Zimmer said we are with the Rio Grande Council of Governments. He said all the applicants are members of RCCOG. He said the order is in alpha order. He said from a scoring perspective we are just barely under El Paso. He said this is something that we feel very confident about that we could secure this year. He said a representative will visit us. He said this certainly makes sense for us. He said we are talking about some water line work and fire hydrant extension in the South East part of the county. He said this will really help us.
 - City Staff Updates – None
5. Public Hearings – None

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. Appoint Marisol Skelton to the Animal Advisory Board for Ward 2. (C. Salas, City Council)- Councilor Salas said Marisol used to be with Animal Control. She said she also grooms animals. She said she thought she would be really good for Ward 2 on the Board. Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2017-07-10, to appoint Marisol Skelton to the Animal Advisory Board for Ward 2. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.

7. Information or Discussion Items –

A. Quarterly Readout from Municipal Court Judge Chris Sandefur. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – Judge Sandefur was not present and it was determined that this part of the meeting would need to be rescheduled.

B. Quarterly Readout for Emergency Management Services contract by West Texas Ambulance operator Mike Scudder (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – Mike Scudder gave the quarterly report for April, May and June, 2017. He said there were a total of 166 calls for the quarter. He also gave the monthly breakdowns including Air transports.

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, own a business or property in the city limits of Alpine, will be allowed to speak if there is time available.) -

8. Discuss and Consider naming Chairman of Boards and Commissions. Item was tabled from the July 6, 2017 City Council Meeting. (R. Stephens, City Council). – Councilor Stephens said he was ready to suggest some chairs. He suggested Bob Savery for Building and Standards Commission, Carl Fleming for Planning and Zoning Commission, Patricia Harveson for Environmental, Maria Curry for the Animal Advisory Board, Tom Lancaster for the Parks Board and Kyp Angel for the Airport Board. Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2017-07-11, to approve these Chairs for the City of Alpine Boards and Commissions. Motion was seconded by Councilor Salas. Motion unanimously carried.

9. Discuss and Consider taking action relative to letter from EBI Consulting regarding the proposed Cell Tower at the intersection of Ave. E and 3rd St. (Erik Zimmer, City Manager)- City Manager Zimmer said we did get word today that Matthew Hoenkamp with the EBI consultant group, that our proposed installation was cancelled. City Manager Zimmer said he thought our next course of action

would be for the Planning and Zoning Commission to look at this and make sure that all of our ordinances are lined up. He said he does not see any need to take action on this item. Motion was made by Councilor Stephens to table this item. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.

10. Discuss and consider approving Resolution in support of Rural Business Program at UTSA. (R. Stephens, City Council)- Councilor Stephens said the Rural Business Program is important to the SBA and it is a worthwhile plan. He said there is no cost to us for this plan. Oscar Cobos made comments regarding the vision plan. Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2017-07-12, to approve the Resolution in support of the Rural Business Program at UTSA. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.

11. City Councilmember Comments and Answers – No discussion or action may take place

Councilor Stephens – said he had nothing more to say. He said there was a lengthy executive session coming up.

Councilor Escovedo – said she also had no comment since the executive session would be lengthy.

Councilor Fitzgerald – also said he did not have any more comments due to the executive session.

Councilor Salas –said thank you to everyone for being here and thanks to the Boy Scouts.

Councilor Curry – said thanks to everyone.

Mayor Ramos -said thanks for being here and encouraged everyone to write their congressman and Senator about Amtrak.

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2017-07-13 to enter into Executive Session at 6:03 P.M. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.

12. Executive Session – Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney), and Section 551.074 (personnel matters). – (6:11 P.M.)

A. Consultation with the City Attorney regarding the Service Agreement between the City of Alpine and the Alpine Chamber of Commerce. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – 6:11 P.M.

B. Discuss appointment of City Prosecutor by the City Attorney. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – 6:26 P.M.

C. Deliberation regarding the selection of a new City Secretary for the City of Alpine. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – 6:27 P.M.

D. Deliberation regarding the selection of a new City Manager for the City of Alpine. (E. Zimmer, City Manager). – 6:35 P.M.

13. Action after Executive Session –

A. Take action, if any, regarding the Service Agreement between the City of Alpine and the Alpine Chamber of Commerce. (E. Zimmer, City Manager). – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by

Resolution 2017-07-14 to ask the City Attorney to proceed and request a refund from the Chamber of Commerce. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.

- B. Take action, if any, regarding appointment of City Prosecutor by the City Attorney (E. Zimmer, City Manager.)- Motion was made by Councilor Stephens to take no action on this item. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.
- C. Take action, regarding the selection of a new City Secretary for the City of Alpine. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens to take no action on this item. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.
- D. Take action, regarding the selection of a new City Manager for the City of Alpine. (E. Zimmer City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2017-07-15 to take action as discussed with the City Manager and for August 22nd to be the potential interview date for the position of City Manager. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.

14. Adjournment. – There being no further action, meeting was adjourned.

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).

I certify that this notice was posted at 10:45 A.M on July 14th, 2017, 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:

Erik M. Zimmer, City Manager

I, Erik M. Zimmer, City Manager, do certify that this notice was posted at 10:45 A. M. on July 14th, 2017, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Erik M. Zimmer, City Manager

