

City Of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 3, 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. Virginia Knab 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 Olivas Councilor Escovedo, Councilor Stephens and Mayor Ramos were present. Councilor Fitzgerald was absent(excused absence). City Secretary said the meeting notice had been posted at 3:00 P. M. on September 29, 2017. Interim City Manager Horry, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Antrim, and Abel Hinojos were also present.
3. Presentations, recognitions and proclamations. – (A. Ramos, Mayor) – None
4. Reports –
 - City Mayor’s Report – (A. Ramos, Mayor) – NONE
 - City Manager Report – (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – NONE
 - City Staff Updates – NONE
5. Public Hearings –
 - A. Public Hearing to obtain citizens views and comments, concerning Felix Nunez for a zoning change request from R-2 to R-4 to set up manufactured housing. Property Identification/ Street is 1906 W. Sul Ross, Alpine, Texas. Legal Description is Metta Harms Addition, Block 6, Lots 2-7. Record owner is Felix Nunez. (J Horry, Interim City Manager) – No public comments were made.
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being discussed separately unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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 City Council meeting on September 19, 2017.(J Horry, Interim City Manager)
 - B. Approval of minutes from City Council meeting on September 25, 2017.(J Horry, Interim City Manager)
 - C. Appointment of Tim Pearce for Planning and Zoning Commission, Ward 2 (R. Olivas, City Council)
Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2017-10-01, to approve the Consent

Agenda in its entirety. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.

7. Information or Discussion Items –

A. Board and Commission Chairs to report on their goals and objective for the next fiscal year. (R. Stephens, City Council)

- **Animal Advisory Board (Maria Curry, Chair)** – Councilor Curry went over the discussions that took place at the last board meeting. The long term volunteers are older and retiring and they have been volunteering for over a decade. Councilor Curry attended a Humane Society meeting and their main concern and discussion was more about the feral cats. Councilor Curry requested that an actual position needs to be opened for a person to be hired at the kennel. Also needed is more staff for kennel cleaning and feeding. Councilor Curry also discussed a permanent outside canopy to protect all the outside animals. The possibility was discussed to start getting bids for this project.
- **Building & Standards (Bob Savery, Chair)** – Chair Bob Savery discussed the problem with having members present at the monthly scheduled meetings and having the wrong paperwork. The last meeting was held in January, 2017. Bob Savery stated that meetings are now scheduled every 4th Tuesday of each month. The member representing Ward 1 was serving on Planning & Zoning and also on Building & Standards but could not serve on both because there could be a conflict of interest. There are two openings now for Ward 1 and for an alternate at large. Council will appoint an alternate at large at the October 17th council meeting. Commission has five members with two alternates at large, three members making a quorum. Members serving on this Commission must be present to take care of issues in our city and that could be hazardous structures.

B. Discuss Ethics policy which includes City Council and Mayor. (R. Stephens, City Council – Councilor Stephens said that at the last meeting the council approved Section 9000, Code of Ethics in the Personnel Policy. Councilor Stephens raised a question and had discussion with the city attorney as to why this policy did not include independent contractors or city council members? Councilor Stephens stated that if we ask employees to do something, why shouldn't we ask the council do the same? Councilor Olivas agreed with Councilor Stephens and also recommended that it should also apply to appointed officials and various commissions, and all Boards and Commissions. Councilor Stephens said he thought that it should, particularly if you look at the last page of the document, under compliance, paragraph two subsection three, which says all employees and City Council members will participate in annual trainings and ethical behavior, and each person shall sign a document acknowledging that they received and understand the policies and requirements, and what unethical behavior is, generally. It is Councilor Stephens opinion that we should strike the words city council member out of this, because Councilor Stephens thinks it should apply to all of us. So the reason he wanted to bring this back in, is for all of the council to take a look at it. It will be brought back to the

October 17th council meeting.

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 a selection of city employees for updating the signatories for the City of Alpine checking accounts. (R. Stephens, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2017-10-02, for the city signatories to include J Horry, Chief Scown, and Darrell Losoya. Motion was seconded by Councilor Olivas. Councilor Stephens amended the motion to include J Horry, Darrell Losoya, Chief Scown, and Cynthia Salas. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried.
9. Discuss and consider first reading Ordinance 2017-10-01 concerning Felix Nunez application for a zoning change request from R-2 to R-4 to set up HUD manufactured housing. Property Identification/Street is 1906 W. Sul Ross, Alpine, Texas. Legal Description is Metta Harms Addition, Block 6, Lots 2-7. Record owner is Felix Nunez. (J Horry, Interim City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens by Resolution 2017-10-03 to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2017-10-01. Motion was seconded by Councilor Curry. Motion unanimously carried.
10. Discuss and consider that the Alpine Animal Shelter start requesting bids to have a permanent shade/shelter canopy built to protect outside animals from the weather. The \$10,000 has already been budgeted by the city. (M. Curry, City Council) – Motion was made by Councilor Curry, by Resolution 2017-10-04, to approve going out for bids for a permanent shade/shelter canopy. Motioned was seconded by Councilor Stephens. Motion unanimously carried.
11. Discuss and consider request from the Animal Advisory Board that the city hire a new Animal Control Officer to help with the feedings/maintenance at the Alpine Animal Shelter so that ACO on duty has a backup. If that cannot be done, then a full-time kennel help position would be recommended. (M. Curry, City Council) – Motion made by Councilor Curry, by Resolution 2017-10-05, to recommend that the city hires a new animal control officer or a full time kennel position. Motion seconded by Councilor Olivas. Motion was amended by Councilor Stephens to table this item. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion unanimously carried.
12. City Councilmember Comments and Answers – No discussion or action may take place.

Councilor Curry – Thank you guys for coming up to speak. Megan, thank you. I'm sorry I didn't have better information.

Councilor Olivas – I would also like to thank those that are here representing the Animal Advisory Board. I hope we can do more and think all the information is valid when reporting to council. Some how I would like to see more information on the website to allow our public to know more about what is going on in our community.

Councilor Escovedo – Thank you all for coming.

Councilor Stephens – Good meeting, good elements of discussion, good engagement from the audience. Let's continue to make sure that we have a good commissions and boards

Mayor Ramos – Good discussion, lots of educational information. Now we know about the budget and when everyone should start planning. Our budget was just set and approved. Hopefully we can work with the animal shelter for next year, but in the meantime the Mayor said he would reach out to SRSU for volunteers.

13. Executive Session – None

14. Action after Executive Session – None

15. ADJOURNMENT

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 3:00 P.M on September 29, 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:

Cynthia Salas, City Secretary

I, Cynthia Salas, City Secretary, do certify that this notice was posted at 3:00 P. M. on September 29, 2017, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Cynthia Salas, City Secretary

