

**City of Alpine**

**Regular City Council Meeting, Tuesday, January 7th, 2014, 6:00 P.M.**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Alpine, Texas will hold a Regular meeting at **6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 7th, 2014 in the Council Chambers, at 803 West Holland, in the City of Alpine, Texas** for the purpose of considering the attached agenda. This notice is posted pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act. (Section 551.043, Texas Government Code).

**PUBLIC NOTICE – THE USE OF CELLULAR PHONES AND SOUND ACTIVATED PAGERS ARE PROHIBITED IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS DURING MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.**

**Members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to address the Council before agenda items are discussed. The audience is also allowed to comment during the discussion of the agenda items with the Council. Please speak into the microphone located at the podium and state your name and address. If you have a petition or other information pertaining to your subject, please present it to the City Secretary. State law generally prohibits the Council from discussing or taking any action on any issue not included on the agenda, but, if appropriate, the Council may schedule the topic for future discussion or refer the matter to staff. NO PERSONAL ATTACKS ON COUNCIL MEMBERS OR CITY STAFF WILL BE ALLOWED.**

**Agenda**

- 1. Call to Order, Invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag —**
- 2. Determination of a quorum and proof of notice of the meeting –**
- 3. Presentations, recognitions and proclamations –**
  - A. Proclamation for American Electric Power. (A. Rangra, Mayor)**

- 4. Reports –**
  - City Mayor’s Report -**
  - City Attorney Report –**
  - City Manager Report –**
  - City Staff Updates –**

**Deborah Pattison, Interim Finance Director  
Robert Polanco, Code Enforcement  
Judge Schlosser, Municipal Judge  
Russell Scown, Chief of Police  
Virgil Clark, Interim Utilities Director  
Randy Guzman, Gas Department Manager  
Martha Latta, Recycling Coordinator  
Hector Ramirez, Director of Public Works  
Johnny Galvan, Airport Manager**

- 5. Citizens Comments (on agenda items) –**
- 6. Public Hearings –**
  - A. Public Hearing in order to obtain questions and comments concerning Ordinance 2013-12-01, an Ordinance of the City of Alpine, Brewster County, Texas, authorizing the collection of fees, fines, court costs and other charges by credit card or by electronic processing; establishing a fee for processing payments by credit card; providing for a service fee for a credit card that is not honored by the credit card company on which the funds are drawn; providing for authority to contract with a company that issues credit cards to collect and seize credit cards**

issued by the company that are out dated or otherwise unauthorized and a fee for return credit cards; establishing authority for access to public information and services through the internet; establishing a fee for providing information through the internet to recover costs; and authorization to contract with a vendor to provide services and collection of payments through the internet on behalf of the City of Alpine. (E. Zimmer, CM)

**7. Consent Agenda – (Minutes, Financial reports, Department written reports, board appointments, etc.) –**

- A. Discuss and Consider approval of the minutes of November 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (A. Rangra, Mayor)
- B. Approve accounts payable. (E. Zimmer, CM)

**8. Information or Discussion items –**

**Action items to be accompanied by a brief statement of facts, including where funds are coming from, if applicable. (Action items limited to 15 per meeting.)**

- 9. Discuss and Consider approving second and final reading of Ordinance 2013-12-01, concerning approval of on-line credit card payment processing through Traffic Payment.com, LLC for the collection of Municipal Court revenues. (E. Zimmer, CM)
- 10. Discuss and Consider approving Lease Covering Use of Railroad Property at Alpine, Texas to allow the City to use right of way on the north side and south side of the tracks in between Lackey and Cockrell streets for non-exclusive roadway use and abatement of vegetation and trash. (E. Zimmer, CM)
- 11. Discuss and Consider invoicing Paragon Corporation for problems due to a bore through alleyway, experienced at Holland Avenue property, in the amount of \$7,739.49. (E. Zimmer, CM)
- 12. Discuss and Consider rental of additional tables and chairs for events at the Civic Center to help defray purchase costs. (E. Zimmer, CM)
- 13. Discuss and Consider installing emergency shut-off valve for gas department. (E. Zimmer, CM)
- 14. Discuss and Consider rescheduling workshop date with Hill Country Software to help Council members understand how the software works. (A. Bermudez)
- 15. Discuss and Consider approval of the 180 day plan for the City Manager. (E. Zimmer, CM)
- 16. Citizen's Comments (limit 3 minutes) –
- 17. Council Member's Comments and Answers –
- 18. Executive Session –
  - A. Consider Grievance Appeal Hearing for ViCindy Barnett. (E. Zimmer, CM)

**B. Consider reviewing applications and hiring new City Attorney for City of Alpine. (E. Zimmer, CM)**

**C. Consider reviewing applications and recommendation from City Manager concerning Finance Director position. (E. Zimmer, CM)**

**19. Action- Executive Session –**

**A. Action, if any, concerning Grievance Appeal Hearing for ViCindy Barnett (E. Zimmer, CM)**

**B. Action, if any, concerning the hiring of a new City Attorney for the City of Alpine. (E. Zimmer, CM)**

**C. Action, if any concerning the hiring of a finance director upon recommendation of City Manager. (E. Zimmer, CM)**

**20. Adjournment –**

I certify that this notice was posted at 3:15 P.M. on January 3rd, 2014, pursuant to Texas Open Meetings Act (Texas Government Code Section 51.043). This facility is Wheel Chair 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.

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Margaret "Molly" Taylor, City Secretary