

**City of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
December 10th, 2013
6:00 P.M.
Minutes**

- 1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of allegiance to the flag – Mayor Rangra called the meeting to order. There was a moment of silence for the invocation and Mayor Rangra led the pledge of allegiance to the flags.**

- 2. Determination of a quorum and proof of notice of the meeting – Mayor Rangra and Councilors Bermudez, Davidson, Fitzgerald, Gonzales and Castelli were present. Councilor Fitzgerald was absent. The meeting notice had been posted at 5:30 P.M. on December 6th, 2013.**

- 3. Presentations, recognitions and proclamations –
A. Proclamation for AEP. (Mayor Rangra)**

- 4. Reports –

City Mayor’s Report - .

City Attorney Report – No city attorney.

City Manager Report –

City Staff Updates –**

- 5. Citizens Comments (on agenda items) -**

- 6. Public Hearings -**

- 7. Consent Agenda - (Minutes, Financial reports, Department written reports, board appointments, etc.) -
A. Approve the minutes of October 15th and October 22nd, 2013 (A. Rangra, Mayor)
B. Approve Accounts Payable (E. Zimmer, CM)
C. Accept resignation of Bob Steele, City Attorney, effective November 25, 2013.**

(E. Zimmer)

D. Approve appointment of Ms. Leslie Hopper to the Airport Advisory Board to represent Ward Five. (M. Castelli) -

8. Information or Discussion items –

A. Review the roles as defined by the City Charter of the Mayor and the Mayor Pro

Tem. (M. Davidson)

B. Discuss possibility of 1/4 percent of sales tax for use on streets. (J. Fitzgerald)

C. Discuss status of grants and Certificates of Obligation. (E. Zimmer, CM)

D. Discuss status of budget. (E. Zimmer, CM)

E. Discuss status of EDAP grant and loan for sewer interceptor. (E. Zimmer, CM)

F. Discuss Quiet Zone (E. Zimmer, CM)

G. Discuss Cell Phone Tower. (E. Zimmer, CM)

H. Discuss website/technology update. (E. Zimmer, CM)

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 \$15,000 to be paid to Atlantis Aquatic group from expense account 24.621.0500 for filtration and chlorination system to finish swimming pool. (E. Zimmer, CM)

10. Discuss and Consider approving longevity pay for city employees. (J. Gonzales)

11. Discuss and Consider taking action on adopting a City of Alpine investment policy in accordance with the Public Funds Investment Act ("PFIA, "Texas Government Code, Section 2256.005) (E. Zimmer, CM)

12. Discuss and Consider taking action on an electrical services proposal from Priority Power Management LLC. PPM will provide a current market pricing analysis and cost-savings potential for City of Alpine budgets. This discussion

will cover the Texas electric energy market and illustrate how PPM manages client risk, energy, spend, and provides all levels of customer care for large power clients with large numbers of metering locations. PPM is a leading energy management consulting services firm serving over 1,300 clients with emphasis in Governmental Entities, Oil and Gas, Real Estate, Industrial and Healthcare. (J. Fitzgerald)

13. Discuss and Consider, in conjunction with new City Manager Erik Zimmer, developing a set of defined and measurable goals to guide his performance during his first 180 days in his position. These goals of the City Council will be used to measure his performance and guide his actions during this critical period. (M. Castelli)

14. Discuss and Consider approving hotel motel funding, in the amount of \$5,000, for Mark Spring, General Manager for the Historic Holland Hotel and the Maverick Inn in Alpine. This funding will be used concerning expenses incurred with a booth at the Midessa Boat, RV, Sport and Gun Show held on February 6th through 9th, 2014 to advertise the Big Bend. (J. Fitzgerald)

15. Discuss and Consider renewing the depository bank contract with West Texas National Bank for a term of one year, through December 31st, 2014. (E. Zimmer, CM)

16. Discuss and Consider approving first reading of Ordinance concerning approval of on-line credit card payment processing through Traffic Payment.com, LLC for the collection of Municipal Court revenues. (E. Zimmer, CM)

17. Discuss and Consider Authorizing the addition of Erik Zimmer, City Manager, as a signatory for all bank and investment accounts for the City of Alpine, Texas – (Erik Zimmer, CM) - Motion was made by Councilor Davidson, by Resolution

2013-12-03 to approve authorizing the addition of Erik Zimmer, City Manager, as a signatory for all bank and investment accounts for the City of Alpine, Texas.

Motion was seconded by Councilor Gonzales. Motion unanimously carried.

18. Citizen's Comments (limit 3 minutes) -

19. Council Member's Comments and Answers -

20. Executive Session - Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Subsection 551.074, Personnel Matters and Subsection 551.071, Consultation with Attorney

A. Consider Grievance Appeal Hearing for ViCindy Barnett. (E. Zimmer, CM)

B. Consider Contract and Contract provisions for City Manager. (E. Zimmer, CM)

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

D. Consider pursuing litigation with assistance from District Attorney's Office. (E. Zimmer, CM)

E. Discussion with Attorney concerning pending litigation. (E. Zimmer, CM)

21. Action - Executive Session - Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Subsection 551.074, Personnel Matters and Subsection 551.071, Consultation with Attorney

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

B. Action, if any, concerning contract and contract provisions for City Manager. (E. Zimmer, CM)

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

D. Action, if any, concerning pursuing litigation with assistance from the District Attorney's Office. (E. Zimmer, CM)

E. Action, if any, concerning pending litigation. (E. Zimmer, CM)

22. Adjournment -

I certify that this notice was posted at 5:30 P.M. on December 6th, 2013, 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.

Dr. Avinash Rangra, Mayor

Attest:

Margaret "Molly" Taylor, City Secretary

I, Margaret "Molly" Taylor, City Secretary, do certify that this notice was posted at 5:30 P.M. on December 6th, 2013, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Margaret "Molly" Taylor, City Secretary