

**City of Alpine
Special City Council Meeting
May 14th, 2013
6:00 P.M.
Minutes**

- 1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of allegiance to the flag – Mayor Rangra called the City Council meeting to order. John Armstrong, City Attorney, gave the invocation. Mayor Rangra led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.**

- 2. Determination of a quorum and proof of notice of the meeting – The City of Alpine had a quorum. Mayor Rangra, Councilors Bermudez, Davidson, Gonzales and Asgeirsson were present. Councilor Lujan was absent. The City Secretary said the notice had been posted at 3:30 P.M. on May 10, 2013.**

- 3. Presentations, recognitions and proclamations –**

- 4. Reports –**
 - City Mayor’s Report - None**

 - City Attorney Report – None**

 - City Manager Report – None**

 - City Staff Updates – None**

- 5. Citizens Comments (on agenda items) – None**

- 6. Public Hearings – None**

- 7. Consent Agenda – (Minutes, Financial reports, Department Written Reports, board appointments, etc.) – None**

- 8. Information or Discussion items – None**

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 Ordinance for the canvass of City of Alpine, May 11, 2013 Election for Councilmember, Ward 3. (C. Harrington,**

CM) – The City Manager said the Council had the Ordinance canvassing the returns before them. The City Attorney said we did not need to read the ordinance out loud. The City Manager said for the one open seat for election we had a total of 82 votes, 45 of those for Jim “Fitz” Fitzgerald and 37 of those for Dian Raun. He said that is basic to the ordinance for canvassing these votes. Motion was made by Councilor Davidson, by Resolution 2013-05-01 to accept Ordinance 2013-05-02, for the canvass of the May 11, 2013 Election. Motion was seconded by Councilor Bermudez. Motion unanimously carried.

- 10. Presentations to outgoing Council Members. (C. Harrington, CM) – The City Manager said Councilor Lujan was not present. He asked Councilwoman Asgeirsson to come forward and presented her with a plaque and some engraved glasses on behalf of the City of Alpine for her years of service. Councilor Asgeirsson said she just wanted to thank everyone. Mayor Rangra said he wanted to thank Councilor Asgeirsson for her service and for the time that she spent in service to the citizens of Alpine. He said he thought she had done a good job and hoped to see her back.**
- 11. Swearing in of new Councilmembers for Ward 1, Ward 3 and Ward 5 by Judge Schlosser, introduction of Council Members and reception immediately following. (C. Harrington, CM) – Judge Schlosser swore in Angela Bermudez for Councilmember, Ward 1, Jim “Fitz” Fitzgerald for Councilmember, Ward 3 and Michael Castelli for Councilmember, Ward 5. Mayor Rangra presented Certificates of Election to Councilor Bermudez, Councilor Fitzgerald and Councilor Castelli. Mayor Rangra said the City Attorney has done a darn good job this year. He said we have had a few disagreements and one time we had an exchange of “not friendly” words. He said he apologized for that at the next meeting. He said it won’t happen again. He said that is what it is all about. He said we can have disagreements and talk and scream. He said after the decision is made it is the council decision. He said we all represent the City of Alpine. He thanked Judge Schlosser for swearing in the new Council and told her she had also done a wonderful job.**
- 12. Citizens Comments (limit 3 minutes) – None**
- 13. Council Member’s Comments and Answers – Councilmember Castelli said he was excited and appreciative and honored that he could serve in this position and over the last couple of weeks he had the opportunity to sit down at length with all four of the other council members and they truly are people that he can respect, work with, visit with, banter with and communicate with and feel good about. He said we have a lot of work to do in this town. He said he thought the five of them....he said he could only speak for himself...but he has an open feeling with these other four people and he thinks he can work with them and accomplish things for the**

betterment of Alpine. He said you add that to our City Attorney, City Manager and City Secretary and he thinks that we have some very good times ahead. He said he is very excited and very honored to be in this position. He said thank you very much. Councilor Fitzgerald said he was equally looking forward to being back here. He said he can see the city is going in another direction and he thinks he will like it. He said it seems like we are all working together for the good of the city and that is what we need. He said we need to move forward and keep doing things for the city. He said he loves this town. He said he has only been here 8 years but he plans to die here, since he loves it here. He said he appreciated the people in Ward 3 for electing him and hoped that he could justify the trust that they placed in him. He said he was really looking forward to working with the other members of the Council. He said thank you very much. Councilor Bermudez welcomed the two new members of the council. Councilor Bermudez said Councilor Fitzgerald had been here before and knew everyone. She wished Councilor Castelli good luck. She said she just wanted to tell her constituents that she thanked them very much for their trust. She said not having anyone run against her was very nice. She said in the next two years she hoped to do everything she could for the City of Alpine and said thank you. Mayor Rangra said even though Councilor Bermudez is serving her last term she is newly elected so technically they are two old timers. Councilor Gonzales said he is excited about the fact that we have a new council and he looks forward to doing a good job for the people and he thinks that we are headed in the right direction. Councilor Davidson said he wanted to welcome the new council members and he said some people would say this is a thankless job. He said it really isn't. He said people appreciate that there are those of us who care enough to perform public service. He said he may not agree with everyone on every vote but he can tell them this, however the vote goes down, afterwards, we are still a team. He said he really looks forward to a lot of 5-0 decisions. He said sometimes that may not happen, but when we walk out that door we are all still friends and teammates.

14. Executive Session – none

15. Action – Executive Session – none

16. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned upon the motion of Councilor Gonzales and seconded by Councilor Bermudez. Motion unanimously carried.

I certify that this notice was posted at 3:30 P.M. on May 10th, 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 3:30 P.M on May 10th, 2013, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Margaret "Molly" Taylor, City Secretary