

**City of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
November 19th, 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, Damien Grout with Holy Cross Anglican Church gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flags was led by Mayor Rangra.

2. Determination of a quorum and proof of notice of the meeting – Mayor Rangra and Councilors Bermudez, Davidson, Fitzgerald, Gonzales and Castelli were present. Meeting notice had been posted at 10:00 A.M. on November 15th, 2013.

3. Presentations, recognitions and proclamations – None

4. Reports –

City Mayor's Report – Mayor Rangra said he wanted to tell the audience and the City of Alpine, that last night after a long deliberation, the Council selected a young man who he has seen growing up growing up in Alpine and who went to school here in Alpine. He said he then left the city and moved on and got married and had children and led a successful life and came back. He said we are all very proud of this young man. He said we are passing the City Manager torch to a new generation. He said the city is going to be in good hands. He introduced Erik Zimmer, the new City Manager.

City Attorney Report – Interim City Attorney Bob Steele said he has spoken with the Council and the comments for the drone hearing will be limited to three minutes. He said people needed to stay on topic and they would be given three minutes each to make their comments. He said we cannot discuss things that are not on the agenda.

City Manager Report – Erik Zimmer, the new City Manager, said he interviewed last night and selected last night and was on the job this morning. He said he is very happy with being here. He said he appreciates the confidence from the council and from the Mayor and from the community and absolutely looks forward to serving Alpine.

City Staff Updates –

Deborah Pattison, Interim Finance Director – said she submitted a written report.

Robert Polanco, Code Enforcement - None
Judge Schlosser, Municipal Judge - None
Russell Scown, Chief of Police – None

Virgil Clark, Interim Utilities Director – gave an update about sewer tap replacements, locates, backups and leaks. He said they have been doing regular maintenance at the sewer plant. He said the dewatering bags for the wastewater treatment plant arrived yesterday and we have started using them today and they are actually functioning a lot better than he expected. He said we are in real good shape there.

5. Citizens Comments (on agenda items) – Mayor Rangra said since we have comments on the drones on items 6 through 8, we can save some time here if we just talk about items 9 through 16.

Pete Smyke – said this is a public hearing on drones and comments should not be limited.

Walt Pyle – said this public hearing is on an issue that is important to everyone here. He said Dr Posner's comments will last 8 minutes and they are asking that Dr. Posner gets to give his comments in their entirety. He also asked that #16 on the agenda be moved to where #9 is.

Bob Litton - said 3 minutes is a matter of courtesy, so that everyone will be able to speak. He said imagine how long we would be here if everyone took three minutes to speak.

Steve Posner – said this is a special item and surely there should be more than three minutes for that.

Ray Hendryx asked that item 8 be moved before item 6 so that we would know what we are discussing a little better. Mayor Rangra said he planned to do that.

Oscar Cobos said with all due respect this public hearing has been given priority and he does believe that the public hearing should have priority over the information and discussion item. Mayor Rangra said let us proceed and see how it goes. He said we need to start the meeting instead of talking about it.

Avalon Bruce said she was new to Alpine and wanted to get involved in city affairs when she moved here. She said she had four questions and she hoped that they got addressed, if not tonight, somewhere. She said she thinks that

there should be clarification on the liability, that would include the city. She said she thinks there should be something to address that corporate jets would not come here if the drones are here and that the EMT or life flight have refused to come in here and land if that happens. She said finally she wants to know what kind of income they are going to bring to the city of Alpine if they come in. She said she thinks these are all important questions.

Mayor Rangra asked the Council for their approval to move item 8 ahead of item 6. The Council agreed that item 8 should be moved before item 6. Councilor Gonzales said he thought the item should be moved. Councilor Fitzgerald said he thought this should be moved so that they could disavow paragraph seven in their proposal. He said he does not believe there is anyone at this table who will give indemnification up to and including death. Mayor Rangra said we are going to move item 8 ahead of item 6. He said before we invite the speakers from Texas A & M, he wants to say something about the drones. He said there have been statements made that the city of Alpine has already signed a contract concerning the drones. He said there is nothing under the table here. He said this is the first time we have addressed this issue and he has not seen any contract. He said he has not signed any contract and to his knowledge, neither has the council.

6. Public Hearings –

A. Public Hearing on drones. (M. Castelli) –

Oscar Cobos – said we have all heard what Mr. Ron George has said tonight and he does have some questions for Mr. Ron George and Texas A & M. He said Mr. George said earlier that they had not been chosen for a site. He said on the Texas State network this morning they said that Lone Star had been chosen for a site. Oscar said if he called the FAA in Washington tomorrow they will confirm that you have actually been chosen as a site. He said he will say that for the record, he said earlier this summer Ron George said that Texas air space is pure gold for this program.

Ray Hendryx – said he needed a little clarification about chosen. He asked if we were to assume that something has been chosen by the FAA or something has been chosen by the Lone Star project. Ron George said they have not been chosen by the FAA as a test site for unmanned aircraft systems. He said they have not been chosen by the FAA as a test site for unmanned aircraft systems. He said he hoped that they were chosen. He said that is why they have spent so much time and effort and cash on developing a proposal to the FAA for the test site system. He said they have chosen, that is the Lone Star UAS center of excellence and innovation, this region to be a test range within the Lone Star test site, which they have proposed to FAA. He said they must have, in order to

develop this air space, a launch and recovery site within the airspace. He said that is why they came here last February to survey the Alpine Municipal Airport. He said they want to use it to launch and recover UAS, and store stuff in hangars. He said if they are not allowed to do that, they will not use the airport as a launch and recovery site. He said however they have chosen the airspace as a test range for UAS. He said if they cannot have it here, they will have to launch and recover somewhere else, but not here.

Chris Little – said he was a lifelong aviation person and a former navy aviation maintenance officer during the Vietnam war on aircraft carriers and he wants to talk about the mechanics of the drone. He said the type of aircraft they are going to fly is an RS-16 Arturus UAV. He said it has a 13 foot wingspan or actually 12 feet 6 inches. He said it weighs about 85 pounds and it cruises at 75 miles per hour. He said it has a service ceiling in Alpine of about 10,500 feet because of our altitude. He said that is not a problem. He said the endurance is supposed to be 12 to 16 hours of flight time. He said it only needs the distance of one of the tables in the council chambers to take off. He said it is shot into the air with compressed air. He said it can take off and land from any place. He said recovery is a belly landing with a steel pipe. He said it is radio controlled and it is a gasoline engine and it takes off and lands pretty neatly. He said it is manual control to take off and land. He said it is GPS guided or pre programmed flight plan he thinks. He said a crash can result in fires, structure damage, animals, and possibly injuries to people. He said a crash can do that with any kind of aircraft. He said the airport has government flights and they would be at risk of a large number of problems. He said also the commercial aviation world and air ambulance has to be considered. He said we are talking about daily turbo prop service from several locations. He said that is what this thing is.

Dr. Steve Posner – said he is speaking today and urging the council to vote against allowing Alpine Casparis Airport to become a home base for the launching and operation of unmanned aircraft. He said for the last 15 years he has been flying in the unique air space around the Big Bend. He said his concerns are four fold. He said these are safety, with an unmanned aircraft over Alpine. He said this will kill the business and drive commerce away from the Airport because they will consider it too high risk to fly into an uncontrolled airport with no air traffic control services. He said it has been said that no one has seen a land use agreement but he obtained one from the city. He said it clearly states that Texas A & M is not responsible for death or injury, etc. etc and at the bottom it states that this is from the office of the general counsel of the FAA UAS test site initiative. He said this is the land use agreement that you will be required to sign. He said in culture, Alpine's peace and tranquility will be marred by noise and pollution as the drones fly over this city. He said TxDot Aviation has called

the Alpine Airport one of the busiest non-towered airports in Texas. He said at times there is little activity and at other times there are so many planes coming in that you cannot find a place to park an airplane on a ramp. He said Customs and Border Protection Aviation is based on our airport operating with helicopters and aircraft with many, many take offs and landings per day. He said state police helicopters based at our airport are in the air at all times o the day and night. He said UPS is at our airport every day to deliver overnight packages. He said our air ambulance is at the airport with multiple patient evacuations per day. He said business jets fly in and out every day supporting local businesses. He said hunters and tourists fly in. He said the airport is the gateway to the Big Bend. He said the Civil Air Patrol flies in with many, many, aircraft with the periodic mountain search and rescue training. He said the wildfire and parks service operate helicopters in and out of Alpine for fire fighting. He said ranchers from the Big Bend area fly to Alpine to fill up their ranch planes with fuel. Sul Ross State University flies their regents to meetings and there are flights for wildlife tracking missions. He said McDonald observatory uses the Alpine airport for shipping supplies in and out of the observatory and the military refuels at the Alpine airport. He said our area Airport can be a very, very busy airspace. He said with all of the aircraft flying around Alpine and the Big Bend, how do you prevent an air collision with a pilotless drone. He said he would like to ask one of the contractors is here today what their strategies are to prevent collisions. He said the answers he got were flawed and will not work in our unique air space. He said even though they work in other parts of the country. He said other parts of the country have air traffic controllers which Alpine does not have. He said their strategy is when they are flying a drone over and talking to an air traffic control center in Albuquerque, what they do not seem to know is that Albuquerque Center does not work for anything under 75 feet in the Alpine area. He said Albuquerque has not and does not provide aircraft separation services around Alpine. He said the next strategy is that they propose to have a chase plane one mile behind the drone. He said he asked if the chase plane sees another plane in conflict can it steer the drone away. He said their answer is no, the chase plane has no control over the drone whatsoever. He said he asked how they proposed to fly their planes safely across the military training area where the planes fly at 250 miles per hour at low altitude. He said they would never be able to see a small drone, let alone have time to steer around it before hitting it. He said they were unaware that there was a military training unit here. He said one of our local pilots already experienced a near miss with a drone. He said Mr. Johnny Williams from Marfa who is a very experienced former Border Patrol pilot encountered a near miss with a drone while flying near El Paso. He said the air traffic control at El Paso never saw the drone on radar. He said it will not be safe for citizens on the ground either. He said last Saturday a drone lost control and crashed into a Navy ship in Southern California and there were multiple injuries. He said last week there was a drone in upstate New York with a much more sophisticated control system than anything Texas A & M is going to use, lost control and crashed. He said earlier in the year outside

of Houston, the Sheriff's department lost control of its drone and it came back at them and finally crashed into their squad vehicle. He said the Alpine airport generates 2.4 million dollars per year for the Alpine and Big Bend economy. He said the airport makes a profit by selling fuel to aircraft at the airport and the average business jet that refuels at Alpine makes a \$1,500 purchase. He said the operation of unmanned drones will scare away private business traffic at the airport and kill fuel sales and in all probability the airport. He said Alpine is the Mule Deer Capital of Texas and much of the hunters that stimulate our economy fly charter jets into our airport. Charter pilots said they will stop flying into our airport with the danger of unmanned drones flying in the area. He said drones flying in the area will decrease our property values. He said a lot of people move to the Big Bend area because they are sure it will be much more convenient than the big city. He said this is the home of the last frontier. He said people choose to live here in the isolation for the beauty, silence, peace and tranquility and not the noise of the drones flying over their heads. He asked the Council to please not vote for a contract for drone operation at the Alpine Casparis Municipal Airport.

Bernie Zelazney – said he wanted to thank the City Council for allowing them to speak on this issue. He said the presenter said he had plenty of time but isn't the decision going to be made before the end of the year on this? He said that does not seem like plenty of time to him. He said this whole thing reminds him of what TCEQ said in regards to a plant coming into the area. He said they said we could afford to have the pollution because our air quality is so pure. He said as he sees it, this is just another form of pollution that we don't want. He said he just can't help but wonder why aren't they going to use a military base or air force base for a lot of these tests instead of a private airport. He said let's let the government take care of this and cover this. He said this is only going to benefit the military industrial complex.

Leslie Hopper – said she thanked the council and Mr. George for informing us on the issues. She said she is here to state her own position for the reasons that the two speakers very eloquently expressed. She said the use of Alpine Casparis Municipal Airport and the airspace of the Big Bend for testing unmanned aerial vehicles, UAV's, drones or whatever nickname you want to use for them is something that she thinks is against the unspoiled skies of the Big Bend and the peace and quiet for many of us who live here and continue to live here for those assets. She said she hopes the council will vote against it. She thanked Mr. George for being here tonight and said she hoped that we had not been unpleasant or combative or rude and she hoped that they would keep looking somewhere else.

John Murphy – talked about how they will not be responsible for accidents. He asked who would be responsible. He said someone will have to be responsible for that.

Kay Plavidol - said she definitely wanted to be on record to say that she definitely hoped that the council vote against this offer to use our airport for this. She said she had a question about the region being chosen and so when Lone Star put their proposal together, chose a region, and they talked about the specific dimensions of it. She said could they give us an idea here of how big is that region or can they say as big as Van Horn to Marfa or Presidio or how big is it. She said the reason she is asking the question is because a couple of people on the council said even if we say no the drones are going to be in our air space. Ron George said we have proposed 6,100 square miles of airspace for the state for all of our ranges. He said the Big Bend region airspace comprises about half of it, in other words, 3,000 square miles or so, give or take 700 miles. He said it is a very large region in Texas. She said is it likely then if Alpine turns you down, if you were able to find another location in this region for your site, would we be experiencing the drones and would we even know what was going on. Ron said he did not know. He said he did not know where the launch and recovery site would be if not in Alpine at the airport. He said he does not know where their physical operations areas would be within the air site because you obviously would not be using all of it all the time. He said the vast area that we are talking about does not include any cities except for the launch and recovery site they have proposed for the municipal airport. He said the answer to her question is that unfortunately he does not know whether you will see them or not. He said we cannot tell because we do not know what the alternatives are. She asked was this region selected because of the fact that Alpine is here with such a great airport? Ron said their FAA airspace consultant chose this region as the best place to test UAS and they included Alpine in that airspace because of the airport. He said he is only speculating that if we can't use the airport they probably won't use the air space.

Kathleen McLean – said she had seen and heard drones already and wanted to know where they were being launched from. She asked Ron if he was working with FAA and the Department of Defense? He said he was not working with the Department of Justice, just FAA. She asked how the Department of Defense was involved? Ron said the FAA explicitly excludes the operation of the Department of Defense in the operation of these test sites. He said they will not be flying military aircraft, they will not be flying armed aircraft, and they will not be testing aircraft for the military at all. He said FAA does not want them using military airspace for our test sites. Kathleen asked if they were patrolling the borders. Ron said, no ma'am, we will not be patrolling the borders and if that is your question, the answer is no. She asked where the drones were being launched from now in our area. Matt said they fly from New Mexico but if you see them that is not us. She asked if they were with ICE. Matt said they do not operate with Homeland Security. He said he did not know who was flying drones into Alpine now. He said what you see along the border that CBP operates is not associated with them. She said Lone Star said they have weighed the benefits against the risks and safety is their primary concern and

asked exactly what the risks are.

Kevin O’Cuilinn – said this is not a desolate area and this is not Nevada. He said he just wanted to set them straight on that. He said they are talking about renting space at the airport and the city would probably take in about \$1,000 a year for that. He said they could cause the city to lose almost \$2,000,000 in fuel sales. He said the city’s airport is totally supported with fuel sales and grant money. He said if they inflict their project on this airport, we already have the questionnaires that have been filled out by the corporate jets that come in here that say they will not, or cannot, because their companies will not allow it, come in here. He said that will shut down a major part of our fuel sales with their thousand dollars in rent that they want to pay the city. He said that does not make sense. He said what they will wind up doing is putting the burden of support for the airport onto their already strained residents of Alpine with their city tax and that is a reality.

Oscar Cobos – said he formally put the drone petition together. He said he wanted to thank everyone for being here tonight. He said there are 400 signatures on the petition and there are still more citizens who wanted to sign it but he had already submitted the petition. He said this whole thing is driven by dollars. He said a lot of dollars have been committed to politicians pockets. He said he hopes that a wise decision will be made in this.

Andy Ramos – said he urged the council to vote against this endeavor. It is not only a safety issue. He said we are not getting any monies of the windfall. He said there is another unmanned airport east of us about 100 miles from here. He said they can use that. He said as far as having it in Alpine, he believes we would suffer from that. He said he is encouraging the council to vote against it.

Bernie Zelazney – said he wanted everyone to think back when we had all the fires in the area, here. He said think about all the aircraft that were coming in and out of the airport. He asked if we could do without that?

Dr. Howard Chamberlin – said he was a former academic at Texas A & M. He said he was seriously concerned about the liability statements that were written in the agreement. He said because of that he believes that the city council should not go ahead because of the way that is stated.

Walt Pyle – said everyone has heard why having the drones would be unwise for this area. He said the presentation made by the University of A & M at Corpus Christi is not competent by any means. He said it shows a lack of preparation and they do not have anything to offer to us. He said they say they will answer questions when they get ready and that is not what we want. He said we want answers and we have no answers. He said his concern lies with the area and we need to tell these people to choose another site.

Teresa Zelazney – said so far they have touched on the local issues for drone impact on our area and she fully agreed but she would like to touch on something that is bigger. She said she is concerned about the moral dubiousness of drones. She said research is going to go on. She said A & M has claimed that they have no connection with the US military or military contractors. She said what we need is a better drone, right? She said she is being facetious. She said drones currently are being used for assassinations and also for spying. She said this may not be the issue today or tomorrow. She said it may be an issue for us the day after tomorrow. She said as citizens of the world and not just of Texas, we should be concerned about the right use of our resources and for that she is against doing anything to support the advancement of drones.

Imogene Chamberlain – said she was a former faculty member at Texas A & M. She said she has been a flight instructor since 1965. She said she has seen all kinds of things in the sky but they all have pilots. She said she does not want anything in the air that is not controlled by a pilot.

Oscar Cobos – said he had included in the binder, a model for the ordinance banning all drone testing at the airport. He said with all respect to the City Attorney he would like to ask the council to take that into consideration to model that ordinance in that way. He said he wanted to thank the council for giving them the time and that the people trusted that the council would make the right decision tonight.

Robert Steele – said he wanted to express his appreciation for the conduct of the audience. He said he appreciated all the comments that were made and he thinks everyone spoke from the heart and he thinks it was a very good public hearing.

Mayor Rangra said he appreciated the questions and patience. He told Mr. George that he appreciated him coming over here all the way from Corpus Christi and his colleagues. He asked if there were any other comments from the audience. He said we would like to give everyone a chance to speak. There were no further comments from the audience.

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

- A. Discuss and Consider approval of minutes of October 1, 2013 and October 3, 2013. (A. Rangra, Mayor)**
- B. Approve accounts payable. (M. Taylor, ICM)**

Motion was made by Councilor Davidson by Resolution 2013-11-15 to accept the consent agenda as posted. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.

8. Information or Discussion items –

A. Presentation – Lone Star Unmanned Aircraft Systems Center of Excellence & Innovation by Texas A & M University – Corpus Christi, Division of Research, Commercialization & Outreach, Office of Research Development. (M. Taylor, ICM) – Mr. Ron George was present to speak on behalf of Texas A & M University. He said Texas A & M had plans to create a launch and recovery site at Alpine Casparis Municipal Airport. He said Texas A & M University was the lead institution for a statewide Proposal, supported by Governor Perry, that Texas be designated as a UAS test site of the Federal Aviation Administration. He said he is accompanied by Dr. Luis Sifuentes, Vice President for research, commercialization and outreach for Texas A & M University in Corpus Christi whose vision and continuous support has placed their University and the State of Texas in its current competitive position as one of six test sites that will be selected next month by the FAA. He said he is also accompanied by Mr. Matt Nelson, team member of our lead systems integrator, Kember Corporation, headquartered at Huntsville, a nationally recognized company without whose support and expertise, neither the University nor Texas would be in the running for a test site. He said they are here with a vote of confidence by the Airport Advisory Board, which voted unanimously last June to support their program and forward their request to the City Council. He said their presentation this evening covers legitimate areas of concern for this council and for residents of Alpine, Brewster County and other Big Bend political subdivisions that are touched by the proposed air space. He said they look upon it as the beginning of constructive conversation over time that will lead to a resolution of matters related to their center's use of Alpine's municipal airport. He said they are available to answer questions and answer concerns raised by this council and by the people they represent. He said their topics include the following: He said their plans for Alpine Casparis Municipal Airport and their commitment to safety, their commitment to privacy, their commitment to accountability, their commitment to addressing the community's concerns and their commitment to turning what the community suggests. He said he hopes for understanding and resolution and progress. He said they have provided the council with the presentation they made in June to the Airport Advisory Board and trusts that it provides adequate background for what they are presenting tonight. He said they also invite the Council and the public to visit their website which is Isuasc.tamuscc.edu. for an overview of their program. He said they had been to Alpine earlier this year to begin developing their proposal via FAA. He said their colleague Joe Owens surveyed the Airport and met with Airport and city personnel and assessed the airport very favorably. He said their aerospace subject matter expert already has recommended a large lab to do test ranges in the Big Bend Region. He said Alpine Casparis appeared to be an ideal

launch and recovery site because it is well maintained and because of its location. He said their plans include storage and hangar space at the Alpine airport in order to provide services to the outside plants which will include University researchers, and executive developers of UAS technologies. He said they also plan to use the airport for innovative launch and recovery of unmanned aircraft as well as chase planes, required by FAA for UAS operations being non visual at a site. He said his colleague Matt Nelson will answer technical questions they may have regarding the proposed operations and other aspects of this deal. He said he has been asked this several times tonight already, Why Alpine? He said because it is ideal for the airspace they have designed. He said the airport is well maintained and well known and they believe the FAA will find it a superior facility for their test site on launches. He said safety is their primary concern of the FAA and it is a fundamental issue of the UAS test site program. He said Congress has mandated that FAA will have 6 test sites in the United States in order to develop technologies, policies, procedures, regulations and best practices for integrating unmanned aircraft into the national airspace. He said "Why?" He said because the United States falls behind the rest of the world especially technologically and economically. He said the FAA and the UAS industry recognize the magnitude and complexity of this task. He said with the FAA there are people in the air and on the ground and they are at risk until it is assured that the National Air Space is safe for UAS and manned aircraft alike. He said their contract performance will be measured by its safety. He said if they fail to operate safely they will lose their test site contract. He said they have invested over 2 million dollars, in time, effort and gas. He said FAA emphasis on safety can be seen in the agency's research agenda which will also be their standards primary research effort. He said the development of sensor board technologies that will already automatically keep unmanned aircraft separated from other aircraft, manned or unmanned. He said commercial aircraft already have such in flight capacity now. He said the mitigation technology has to mitigate losses and incidents of hijacking of unmanned aircraft by hostile operators. He said best air traffic control practices for managing integrated operations or how to do in the national air space what they are already doing in Fort Hood, Texas. He said manned and unmanned aircraft routinely take off and land simultaneously on parallel runways. He said the environmental impact of a UAS operation was a question. He said the question is not whether the UAS are capable of flying but whether they are reliable. He said determining air worthiness requires essential ground texting which they will offer vendors through their center and flight messaging only after airplane liability and safety procedures are achieved. He said the Lone Star UAS team has almost two decades of UAS operational safety experience. He said the University has operated its aircraft for three years without incident. He said the manned aircraft sector of their team, the aviation division of

TxDOT has operated without incident for more than half of a century. He said safety is a built in value for their team. He said they cannot promise that UAS mishaps won't happen but they do announce that operational safety is and will be utmost in their hearts and minds every time they send an aircraft up. He said it is against the law in Texas to invade someone's privacy with a UAS. He said the Texas privacy act passed this year by the legislature also permits 19 indemnities of UAS, including FAA test site, operations and University research. He said they believe this is a balanced approach and that it affect Texans rights and privileges and also assures that UAS technology and commercialization can move forward without government intervention so that Texas can reap economic development benefits from the UAS aviation site. He said the FAA has just released their test site policy with regard to privacy and has advised components to the test site program that will be a matter of contractual performance that test sites abide by state laws, rules and regulations regarding the individuals privacy. He said the Texas privacy act lines FAA policy in this regard and moreover extends their commitment from the beginning long before the privacy act was passed that their aircraft was not to be used for any purpose other than legitimate research for Texas laws of development and commercialization. He said their commitment to accountability, to set the record straight, no one at their institution has ever said they would not be held liable for any malfunction, failure or other thing that had negative consequences with the proposed testing program. He said they are not present to negotiate a land lease agreement and it is unlikely that such an agreement will be in place before the end of 2015. He said such negotiations are best concluded as state law provides in executive sessions by responsible parties. He said state courts since the 19th century and federal courts since the 18th century have upheld the document of sovereign immunity which is that states and counties sit in their own courts without their permission. He said this is a complex part of law and he is not a lawyer but that document governs the way state contracts are written with regard to indemnification. He said a land lease agreement proposed by their center includes standard language. He said such indemnification does not apply to the extent that such claims, or liabilities are caused solely or directly by negligence or willful misconduct of the state agency or institution. He said they cannot change state law in order to do business in Alpine. He said they are bound by the policies of their University system which in turn is obliged by law. He said sovereign immunity is controversial and has been since our nation was founded. He said the point here now, however, is that the state employees are bound to do business that the law requires. He said the indemnification language of the agreement does not indemnify their center from their responsibility for their operations. He said in fact, the land use agreement, in so many words, holds them responsible as it should, for negligence or willful misconduct in their launch recovery

operations at Alpine municipal airport. He said the bottom line is this. He said their commitment to safety and accountability is an explicit promise that they will not under any circumstances be negligent in their conduct with UAS operations in this region and neither will they intentionally misbehave and if they do they will be held accountable to the full standard of their responsibility. He said we are boarding on a new era of aviation history, integration of manned aircraft systems. He said it has happened before, here as well as elsewhere. He said aviation progress always generates legitimate concerns that must be addressed. He said how safe can it be to ride a horse or hitch it to a chariot. He said how safe can it be to drive a ship at sea or to fly or to go to the moon in an encapsulated environment filled with an enormous explosive. He said how safe can it be to fly un unmanned aircraft in our national airspace. He said there are legitimate concerns associated with the Kitty Hawk in aviation history. He said these were safety, security, privacy and environmental impact. He said the answers are in the unknown future and that is what drives our fear. He said his as well as yours. He asked how we handle this fear. He said first we chart our goal and next we gather intelligence which is the process which discriminates among risks and benefits. He said next we waken the risks and plan for success by reducing risks in order to obtain benefits. He said then we engage the unknown future with foresight and gather sufficient intelligence and courage. He said conquering our fear generates energy. He said unconquered fear generates inertia and stagnation. He said regardless of whether their center is allowed to make Alpine Casparis Municipal Airport a town of the Big Bend Region unmanned aircraft systems will be integrated into the national air space. He said within the next 12 to 18 months folks in Alpine will decide whether or not they will be a part of the solution of this complex national purpose. He said they believe and trust that the solution to the community concerns about UAS operations in the Big Bend Region, aircraft have been flying in the Big Bend Region for more than a century and aviation pioneers such as John Casparis overcame his neighbors fears by earning their trust that he would not harm people on the ground and that aviation would bring economic and social benefits to the Big Bend. He said in the beginning there were concerns. He said the only way to get trust is by experience. He said trust is a tell me about it and it is not a show me about it. He said today we are here in the Big Bend for aviation history and the spirit is alive. He said the spirit of adventure and a spirit of community well being. He said now is the time for innovation. He said the Lone Star Center of Excellence and Innovation wants to earn the trust of the people of Alpine, where they intend to fly their aircraft. He said they have made a team with a long track record of safe manned and unmanned operations but they understand the trust that is needed. He said they want to show the people of Alpine that they will not harm the people in the air or on the ground and that they will bring social and economic benefits of

unmanned aviation to the region, to the state, to the nation and to the world. He said Alpine and the Big Bend Region will be part of the solution for a pressing national meeting which is safe integration of UAS into your air space of the United States of America. He said they ask that over the next 12 to 18 months that there will be a process of resolution where someone will turn on the lights, gather intelligence, waive the risks and the benefits and plan for success. He said time is on the side of understanding and resolution. He said their plan is to not call for operations in this region until late 2015 or early 2016. He said we have time for working together to resolve concerns. He said we have time to work with authorities and city officials to investigate acceptable terms of engagement and we have time from our center to reach out and earn public trust. He said they propose the following, civic and public discourse for airing concerns and informing about progress, transparency in the LSUASC conversations with governmental entities. He said their goal is successful investigation and a land lease agreement with the city of Alpine for use of Alpine Casparis Municipal Airport as a launch and recovery site for unmanned aircraft systems operated by the Lone Star UAS Center of Excellence and Innovation. He said many thanks for your time and attention and courtesy and generosity in giving them this presentation time. He said they look forward to continuing conversations. Councilor Bermudez said if the council were to take a vote that we do not want the drones here, would Lone Star abide by their wishes? Ron George said they obviously would not be able to operate at the Municipal Airport if the council votes tonight that you do not want drones here. Councilor Fitzgerald said with all the federal land that is out there, why is it that you have to be here. He said his second question was that one of the major concerns that everyone has and the council does too is that the airport here is an uncontrolled airport and he asked if they were prepared to build a control tower and staff it with federal traffic controllers and that would eliminate one of those concerns. He said he does not see where there is anything in this for us. Ron said he would answer the first question by saying he does not know. He said they are responding to a solicitation by FAA to establish a test site in Texas and that includes several areas in Texas. He said that is why we are here. He said as to the air traffic control issues he is going to defer to his colleague Matt Nelson to address the second question that you have which is what about a traffic controller. Nelson said they are not going to build a control tower or staff it with federal agents. He said they do not represent the federal government. He said how they are going to control their aircraft is that they have developed using technology. He said they can show where they will be at all times. He said they have that capability. He said for the last 6 months that is what they have been doing. He said they do have GVR's to purchase. He said it is a proven system to track them. Ron said in answer to the question as to what is in this for Alpine, first of all they would be a good customer and renter. He

said he is not certain if they would build at the airport. He said they would be paying to use the airport as a launch and recovery site. He said they do not expect to use the site for free. He said it would be convenient for SRSU and their faculty who are interested in developing UAS technologies to use the airport as a launch and recovery site with their supervision. He said as to whether some other company might locate here for some reason to develop a new UAS application for this region, he does not know. He said he cannot promise that would happen but he will tell the council that the plan is to become part of the community and paying customers at the airport. He said they could also develop applications that would be helpful to the region such as wildlife applications. Councilor Gonzales said it seems that Lone Star is saying that Alpine has already been chosen for this. He asked if Ron could answer that question. Ron said the airspace in this region has been chosen. He said they would like to conclude an agreement with Alpine to use the airport as a launch and recovery site within that airspace. He said the airspace has been chosen as arranged in the statewide test site program. Councilor Gonzales said this is more information than we had last time. Ron said in the whole United States there were 50 proponents to the FAA program, from which to choose 6 test sites. He said Texas is one of the 25 remaining proponents in the competition. He said the test site is not just here. He said the test site is composed of eleven ranges throughout the state. He said if Alpine is not finally chosen, they will still operate in this region. Councilor Davidson asked about a drone that crashed in the country and wanted to know if they were using the same radar. He said he is interested in weighing the benefits but he does not want some big industry to make a lot of profit over this project. He said he finds their presentation patronizing. He said this is not new technology and he feels that they were pressured to develop this for big industry. He said this area has not been subjected to this and has fought against this for our airspace for years. He said we are in the military flight zone and that has caused economic damage to the area. He said the feds have priority because of who they are. He said this is not our first rodeo. He said once again, he is not hysterical about it and he is not fearful of the technology, he just does not see where we will get anything out of this. Ron George said Councilor Davidson asked a question. Matt Nelson said he did not know what the Navy was using but he knew that was a concern for the navy to be able to track it. Councilor Castelli said there are members of the community who are chomping at the bit to have this happen. He asked what they knew that he did not. He said are there dozens of runways to be built and hangars and office buildings and employees coming into town? He wanted to know what is it that makes some people really want this so badly. He said he does not see it. Ron said he did not know about what other people believe about this program and does not know why someone else would be chomping at the bit. He said he presumed they were chomping at the bit for the

same reason Lone Star was chomping at the bit. He said he thinks it is unrealistic to expect hundreds of jobs to come here as part of the program. He said it is unrealistic to expect that there will be a great deal of infrastructure built here. He said they tried to present a realistic appraisal. He said their expectations are reasonable and their program is safe. Councilor Castelli said when they were here last June, they could not identify the number of people involved for the actual physical requirements. He asked if they could tell us this information now. Ron said they do not need to build any infrastructure here just yet. He said he does believe that sufficient hangar space exists here for them. He said he cannot be more specific since he does not have that information yet. Councilor Castelli asked if Ron could follow up and get that information to them. Ron said he would be happy to do that. Councilor Castelli said he believed that this was critical information that they needed to know. Ron asked if that information should be emailed to the City Secretary. Councilor Castelli said that would be fine. Councilor Fitzgerald said if he was reading this correctly, there is not a whole lot that we can do about this anyway. He said Lone Star is going to have those things in the air over us anyway and it does not matter where they are going to land and take off. He asked if he was reading that properly. Ron said he was reading it properly but he would not put such a provision in stone. Councilor Fitzgerald said the bottom line is that there is really not much we can do about this. Ron said you have total control of your airport sir and you can deny us the use of your airport as a launch and recovery site. He said they have identified this air space as prime operation airspace for the best site and he thinks as one of the council members has already noted, they are entitled to use that air space. He said a major problem is to find a launch and recovery site within the air space which is required by the FAA. Councilor Bermudez asked about the airspace. Ron encouraged her to go to the Lone Star website to see what the airspace area that was outlined and proposed through the FAA. He said there is essentially a very small section of the airspace that constitutes the problem, the climbing into the airspace by the UAS. He said they are looking for a launch and recovery site that is in virtually an unpopulated area and they are not going to be testing a certain UAS system over the city of Alpine. Councilor Bermudez asked what if a drone was launched and crashed into her house. Ron said he cannot answer that question. He said in 2010 a Cessna took off from this airport and crashed and burned and killed five people. He said he is absolutely certain that no one operating the airport or the aircraft or the medevac service or the city of Alpine wanted that to happen. He said he can assure her that his center does not want their aircraft to land on her home. He said they will do everything in their power to ensure that no one on the ground and no one in the air is harmed by a UAS in this region. Mayor Rangra said the question he has is how many drones will be in the air at one time. Ron said not 10 and not 50 and not 100. He said

right now he cannot image by 2016 that they will be able to operate more than one at a time. He said that would change as they become more proficient and the FAA approves their program. He said there will be more than one aircraft in the air at a time. He said one of the things the FAA wants to learn how to do is to control multiple aircraft and unmanned in the airspace. He said they already do this for Texas. He said numerous operations, side by side with manned aircraft taking off and landing and they do it and do it very well. He said they do it safely without incident and have done that for several years, with the approval of the FAA. He said he doubted very much if they would ever have 20 or 30 drones in the airspace. He said by the time they are able to launch that many aircraft into the airspace the national airspace will be open to flying UAS. Mayor Rangra asked if that would be in daytime or nighttime or both. Ron said they will be flying night operations once they gain the capability and it is approved by the FAA. Mayor Rangra said Ron said that the Council controls its airport but is he to understand that Lone Star or the State has control over the rest of the airspace in or around the city of Alpine. Ron said he was not able to answer this question. Mayor Rangra said as Councilor Bermudez said earlier if the council says no to this project, you could still use a space somewhere else as a launching pad and have the drones around this area. Ron said their plan is to use this airport and if they are not able to use this airport then they would devise their plan and quite frankly he does not know where their launch and recovery site would be. Ron said the council asks a lot of questions that he would like to answer and a part of the presentation was to hope that they would have time to talk this over and have a public and transparent conversation about these issues so that the public and council could be satisfied as to the answers to the questions that you have asked. He said you just raised a legal question or a regulatory question and he is not FAA. If he had his FAA consultant here he would be more than happy to answer that question. He said they can get the answers to their questions if they will give them some time. He said they would be more than happy to submit them just exactly the way they did for the airport advisory board to the best of their ability. Ron said they are here to respond to questions from the public if there is information that they can provide. He said if it is speculative as to the information, obviously they cannot answer because they do not have the facts at their fingertips. He said they can't answer speculative questions about the future. However, if there is information they can provide, that has not already been provided, they will be present during the public hearing and they will be more than happy to provide information.

- B. Review the roles as defined by the City Charter of the Mayor and the Mayor Pro Tem. (M. Davidson)** - Councilor Davidson said in light of the audience that is here, he would like to wait to discuss this item until

our next meeting and move item 16 up to our next action item.

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.)

16. **Discuss and Consider taking any action concerning the drone issue. (M. Davidson)** – Councilor Davidson said despite some of the sentiments that have been expressed tonight, the fact that unmanned aerial vehicles are probably with us to stay. He said the Congress has asked the FAA to do this in a very short period of time and they may find out that will take longer but by the same token he does not see that we need to be part of the testing and working out these issues. He said he thinks it may be inevitable that once the FAA has approved procedures and they have been approved beyond any shadow of a doubt, we may not have any control over whether these things operate in our area or at our airport, but that is for another day so he will make a motion that we do not, at this time, enter into an agreement with Texas A & M. Councilor Davidson was reminded that the motion had to be a positive motion and not a negative motion. Councilor Davidson said by Robert's Rules of Order he had to make a motion that was positive. Councilor Davidson made a motion, by Resolution 2013-11-16, to accept the land use agreement with the Texas A & M Group concerning the drone issue and support the use of our airspace in our county and in our region. Motion was seconded by Councilor Bermudez. Dr. Posner said the way this motion was stated, he understands the purpose of it but it is very confusing and he would like the city attorney to clarify to each council member what voting yes means and what voting no means. He said he can see someone voting the wrong way, based on the wording. The City Attorney said the motion was made and a positive vote would support the motion. He said a negative vote would be a rejection of that. Howard Chamberlain said a lot of questions have been raised and he would like to see the council table this issue. Walt Pyle asked what all this was about? He said he thought we were going to vote on either accepting it or denying it. Mayor Rangra said the motion was to accept the land use agreement and support the use of air space in the county and in the region. The City Attorney said the motion has to be phrased in a way that is positive. He said so they either accept it, which means that we will enter into a land use agreement or they vote no, which means that we do not enter into a land use agreement. He said it is an up or down, yes or no vote, as to what will happen. All council members voted unanimously against the motion. Motion failed.

13. **Discuss and Consider allowing the Alpine Earth and Space High School Class to paint on the street (Fighting Buck behind the High School). The teachers of the class would like to paint a solar system model to scale. Latex paint will be used and the paint will entirely wear off. If UV paint is**

used it will wear off in 2 month. - James Saunders and Panchi Scown. (M. Taylor, ICM) – James Saunders with the Alpine Earth and Space High School Class was present as was Panchi Scown, Gus Portillo and Brandon Acosta. They said they would like to paint on the road, on Fighting Buck Avenue, between the school and the park. He said they had a model to show the council. He said one thing they would like to correct is that they would like the paint to last for a considerable amount of time. He said it will be an educational experience as you drive south. He said you will cross the planets and the difference between them will be to scale. He said they would need permission first to actually do the painting and then they would need to have the road blocked off for a couple of hours so that the paint could dry. He said only the distances would be to scale and not the sizes of the planets. Councilor Fitzgerald said he thought this was a good idea. Motion was made by Councilor Bermudez to allow the Alpine Earth and Space High School Class to paint on the street (Fighting Buck behind the High School) and block off the street for traffic. Motion was seconded by Councilor Gonzales. Bob Steele asked if the paint would create a skidding hazard. Mr. Saunders said it would just be the outline so it will not be a hazard. City Manager Zimmer said he had one concern. He said his only concern is that it is a heavy traffic area in the morning with band kids. He said anyone who drives through there knows that there is some level of danger and you need to be concerned. He said as he thought more and more about it, he thought as you put something on the ground there, you are really going to keep people looking in front of them and thinking about the road itself which could provide some safety security aversion and provide some benefit for us too. He said as he looks at what they are doing, it actually makes a lot of sense. He said he does not know who has driven through there in the morning but he is sure that Panchi can attest to the fact that it is heavy, heavy traffic area. Mr. Saunders said this coming Tuesday is a early release day for high school and they were thinking that they could do it that morning and get it done in two or three hours and then maybe we could block the street for another hour or two until the paint dries. He said they want to minimize the traffic obstruction in any way possible. He said they are open to suggestion about when to do it or whatever. The City Manager said he would work with them on that. Motion was amended by Councilor Bermudez, by Resolution 2013-11-17, to allow the Alpine Earth and Space high school class to paint on the street (Fighting Buck behind the High School) and block off the street for traffic while they are painting and while the paint is drying and that the City Manager Zimmer will work with them on this project. Amended motion was seconded by Councilor Davidson. Motion carried unanimously for the amended motion and the main motion.

9. **Discuss and Consider authorizing the Chief of Police to implement a traffic study within 7 days on E Avenue B, East of Harrison Street, for the purpose of evaluating possible speed control measures. (M. Castelli) -**

Councilor Castelli said this had been brought up by a neighbor on that Street. He said he would like to receive a report from the Chief concerning this to see what needs to be done at this location. Motion was made by Councilor Castelli, by Resolution 2013-11-18, to authorize the Chief of Police to implement a traffic study within 7 days on E Avenue B, East of Harrison Street, for the purpose of evaluating possible speed control measures. Motion was seconded by Councilor Bermudez. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Discuss and Consider approving invoice for the Walker Survey and discussion of what the invoice was for. (M. Taylor, ICM). – Deborah Pattison, Interim Finance Director, said the invoice was for July 31st and was for a site visit made by Walker Partners Engineers and Surveyors. She said they were invited by the Interim City Manager Chuck Harrington. She said there was not an agreement in place to cover that work and as she understands from talking to Gary Graham, who was the engineer on that project who performed the site visit, the project was not able to be completed because they did not have the contract documents and construction plans. She said some work has been done at a verbal request from the Interim City Manager. She said the work is not complete. She said if the city chose to have the work completed it is estimated that it would cost an additional \$2,500 to review the plans and complete the project. She said at this point they have a portion of work that they have done and they have charged us \$2,142.22. Councilor Fitzgerald asked what Deborah recommended. Deborah said this was not brought to the council for prior approval. She said she has spoken to this individual. She said she hates the fact that they came and did part of the work. She did say that they are okay with just writing this off because the formal paperwork was not given. Councilor Davidson asked if this was for the belt press. Deborah said this was for a second opinion to evaluate the work that had been done. Mayor Rangra said this had nothing to do with Naismith? Deborah said no, it was a second opinion. City Manager Zimmer said typically when you are going to hire a consultant, you are going to have a scope of work and most consultants are going to require and up-front payment before they come out and do work for you. He said to him this does not make a lot of sense. He said there is nothing which has been produced. He said unfortunately they may feel like we have done them some injustice but ultimately there should have been a scope of work. He said most consultants, if they are going to come out to a place, that is far away from their hometown, they are going to require an up-front payment, which never occurred. He said the council never authorized this work. He said he thinks Councilor Castelli brought it up in the last meeting. He said he does not feel compelled to offer payment. Councilor Gonzales asked the City Attorney to comment on this. The interim City Attorney said if this is just verbal, we are not obligated to pay for this. He said if there was an email exchange this could be different. Councilor Davidson said he was going to play devil's advocate and just say

that he has not been happy with the work that Naismith has done in the past. He said he appreciated that the interim city manager wanted to do another evaluation. He said he liked the initial idea but that being said he will go along with the crowd. The interim City Attorney asked if Walker was local. Mayor Rangra said he thought he was from Austin. Deborah said he was from Waco. The interim City Manager asked if we had an ongoing relationship with the Walker firm. The City Secretary said not to her knowledge. Mayor Rangra said again, the motion has to be positive. Councilor Davidson made a motion, by Resolution 2013-11-19, to approve paying the invoice for the Walker Survey. Motion was seconded by Councilor Bermudez. All council members voted unanimously against the motion. Motion fails.

11. Discuss and Consider authorizing interim City Attorney to work on Grievance policy. (A. Bermudez) – Councilor Bermudez said we had some problems with our grievance policy and she would like to have the interim city attorney and city manager get together and work on the grievance policy. Interim City Attorney Steele said he and Councilor Bermudez had talked about some improvements to the policy. He said these were problems with alternates because of conflicts that came up. He said we also needed to clarify procedures. He said he was going to talk to TML and see if they could give him some recommendations. He said he does not think it needs a whole lot, but he does think it needs some improvement. He said the more clear you are, the easier it is to administer. Motion was made by Councilor Bermudez, by Resolution 2013-11-20, to authorize the interim City Attorney and City Manager to get together and work on the grievance policy. Motion was seconded by Councilor Davidson. Motion carried unanimously.
12. Discuss and Consider approval of OMNI system and online payment credit card system for Municipal Court – Judge Schlosser. (M. Taylor, ICM) – The City Secretary asked if this item could be postponed since Judge Schlosser was not present tonight. Motion was made by Councilor Davidson to postpone this item. Councilor Castelli said Judge Schlosser has told us and her basis for wanting this and her justification for needing this. He asked if the fact that she was not here should affect the council's decision. He said we know that is something that her court requires and in her professional opinion she needs this for the court and the city would benefit by it. He said she demonstrated that to us. He said he does not see that her not being present should affect the situation. He said if we want to support her and her efforts to clear up the municipal court, he said he thinks we should vote on this tonight. The City Secretary said the only issue she had with this item tonight is to select between the two credit card companies and she does not know which company Judge Schlosser wanted to select. Interim City Attorney Steele said they had listened to two online presentations from two vendors. He said one was In-Court and the

other was Texas Ticket. He said their services were roughly the same except Texas Ticket had live operators and shorter wait times to talk with someone. He said you could wait up to 10 minutes with the In-Court people. He said the In-Court people had the nicer internet interface and a better reconciliation report. He said with Texas Ticket they were promoting daily reconciliations which would make the staff report less onerous to deal with in the first place. He said the In-Court people basically take charge backs and the Texas Ticket people would charge back to the city. He said they both had pretty flexible times for scheduling payments to the city. He said Texas Ticket is used by Judge Sotello in JP Court and used in a lot of other West Texas towns. He said he did know that Judge Schlosser said that people she had talked to had good reports on this. Motion was made by Councilor Davidson, by Resolution 2013-11-21, to approve the OMNI system and Texas Ticket as the online payment credit card system for the Municipal court. Motion was seconded by Councilor Bermudez. Motion unanimously carried.

14. Discuss and Consider, approving the immediate processing of all utility bills as received, including entry in the accounting system of bills, issuance of checks and signatures of checks to ensure prompt payment. (M. Taylor, ICM) – Deborah Pattison, Interim Finance Director, said we have had some issues with the payments of vendors, street lights and telephone bills. She asked to be able to pay utility bills when they are received to ensure prompt payment so that we will not have any more problems in the future. Motion was made by Councilor Fitzgerald, by Resolution 2013-11-22, to approve the immediate processing of all utility bills as received, including entry in the accounting system of bills, issuance of checks and signatures of checks to ensure prompt payment. Motion was seconded by Councilor Bermudez. Motion unanimously carried.
15. Discuss and Consider authorizing the Interim City Manager to readvertise for the position of City Attorney. (M. Taylor, ICM) – Motion was made by Councilor Davidson, by Resolution 2013-11-23, to authorize the City Manager and City Secretary to readvertise for the position of City Attorney. Motion was seconded by Councilor Gonzales. Motion unanimously carried.
17. Citizen's Comments (limit 3 minutes) –

Randy Guzman, gas department manager, said the telephone service at the gas company had been shut down for an hour and one half and we are lucky that we did not have any emergencies in that time. He said it is important to pay the utilities immediately so that this does not happen again.
18. Council Member's Comments and Answers –

Councilor Bermudez – said she was glad to see so many citizens here

tonight and glad that the drone issue was taken care of tonight.

Councilor Davidson – said he was glad to see so many members of the public here tonight.

Councilor Fitzgerald – said he wanted to welcome our new City Manager and told him Happy Birthday.

Councilor Gonzales – said he would also like to welcome our new City Manager and wish him a Happy Birthday. He said he knows that he has had a long day today.

Councilor Castelli – said this has been a very productive evening.

Mayor Rangra - said it has been a long night and a very productive evening. He said he wanted to thank the staff for making the arrangements to have the meeting in the Civic Center.

19. **Executive Session – None**

20. **Action Executive Session - None**

21. **Adjournment.** – Meeting was adjourned upon the motion of Councilor Fitzgerald and seconded by Councilor Gonzales. Motion carried.

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Dr. Avinash Rangra, Mayor

Attest:

Margaret "Molly" Taylor, City Secretary

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Margaret "Molly" Taylor, City Secretary