

**City of Alpine  
Special City Council Meeting  
Monday, February 24th, 2014  
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.**
- 2. Determination of a quorum and proof of notice of the meeting – There was a quorum present. Mayor Rangra, Councilors Bermudez, Davidson, Fitzgerald, Gonzales and Castelli were present. The City Secretary said the notice had been posted at 5:15 P.M. on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014.**
- 3. Presentations, recognitions and proclamations – None**
- 4. Reports –**
  - City Mayor’s Report -**
  - City Attorney Report –**
  - City Manager Report –**
  - City Staff Updates –**
- 5. Citizens Comments (on agenda items) – None**
- 6. Public Hearings –**
  - A. Public Hearing to obtain citizens views and comments concerning Ordinance 2014-02-01, an Ordinance of the City Council, of the City of Alpine, Texas, amending the FY 2013/2014 Budget for the City of Alpine, Texas. (E. Zimmer, CM) – The City Manager said this was Ordinance 2014-02-01, amending the fiscal year 2013/2014 Budget for the City of Alpine, Texas. He said this was presented to the Council and the Mayor in their packets.**
  - B. Public Hearing to obtain citizens views and comments concerning one Large animal permit – a request by Brittany Polanco for horse permit for one 5 year old bay stud (horse has been fixed). Location of animal is 904 West Avenue H, Alpine, Texas. (E. Zimmer, CM) – The City Manager said our Animal Advisory Board did meet on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> and did review the recommendations. He said the motion was made and was**

unanimously carried. He said the location of the animal as stated on the agenda is 904 West Avenue H. He said with the Animal Advisory Board's recommendation, we do endorse this.

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

- A. Approve accounts payable. (E. Zimmer, CM) –** The City Manager said the majority of the items on this list are basic utilities and expenses that the council has given the City Manager and staff the ability to approve and write the checks. He said he just wanted to give the council visibility to those basic telephone utility expenses and then we also had additional travel and training for two councilors plus the Mayor. He said Councilor Fitzgerald has withdrawn based on other personal needs so we need the approval for the travel and training for Councilor Bermudez, Councilor Gonzales and Mayor Rangra. Mayor Rangra said he might also withdraw depending on tomorrow. Motion was made by Councilor Gonzales to approve the accounts payable. Motion was seconded by Councilor Bermudez. Motion unanimously carried.

**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 the second and final reading of Ordinance 2014-02-01, an Ordinance of the City Council, of the City of Alpine, Texas amending the FY 2013/2014 Budget for the City of Alpine, Texas. (E. Zimmer, CM) -** The City Manager said he also wanted to share that we have made the packet that was presented to the council available online, which has been well received by the community. He said we have received very positive comments from people in the community with the ability to review it. He said the resident of the community who recommended and advised us on going through the ordinance also voiced a favorable reply this afternoon. He said he just wanted to state that he appreciated all of the guidance and all of the support and the comments back from the community have been positive as of this morning. Councilor Davidson made a motion, by Resolution 2014-02-17, to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2014-02-01, an Ordinance of the City Council, of the City of Alpine, Texas, amending the FY 2013/2014 Budget for the City of Alpine, Texas. Motion was seconded by Councilor Gonzales. Motion carried unanimously.
- 10. Discuss and Consider approving request by Brittany Polanco for horse permit for one 5 year old bay stud (horse has been fixed) as recommended**

by the Animal Advisory Board. Location of animal is 904 West Avenue H, Alpine, Texas. (E. Zimmer, CM). – The City Manager said he believed the excerpt from the minutes that was provided to the Council and the agenda outlines what our general recommendation was from the Animal Advisory Board. He said in talking with our staff, there was no reservation in approving this. He said he feels very comfortable in approving it. Motion was made by Councilor Fitzgerald, by Resolution 2014-02-18, to approve the request by Brittany Polanco for a horse permit for one 5 year old bay stud as recommended by the Animal Advisory Board. Motion was seconded by Councilor Bermudez. Councilor Davidson asked what the criteria was and how close of a neighbor do you have to be to get a letter. The City Secretary said 200 feet from the property where the horse will be located. She said there is a neighbor who is 50 feet away but who has no problem with the horse being there. She said there were no complaints against the horse from the neighbors. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Citizen's Comments (limit 3 minutes) This is the opportunity for visitors and guests to address the City Council on any issue. City Council may not discuss any presented issue, nor may any action be taken on any issue at this time. (Texas Attorney General Opinion JC-0169) –

Jim Street with the Alpine Avalanche said “you guys are doing a great job.”

12. Council Member's Comments –

Councilor Castelli – waived his comment.

Councilor Gonzales - also waived his comment.

Councilor Fitzgerald – congratulated City Manager's son for winning the golf tournament.

Councilor Davidson – thanked everyone for coming.

Councilor Bermudez – also thanked everyone for coming.

Mayor Rangra - said this had been a very short meeting.

13. Executive Session – None

14. Action – Executive Session - None

15. Adjournment – There being no further business, meeting was adjourned upon the motion of Councilor Fitzgerald, seconded by Councilor Davidson and unanimously carried.

I certify that this notice was posted at 5:15 P.M. on February 20th, 2014, 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.

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Dr. Avinash Rangra, Mayor

Attest:

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Margaret "Molly" Taylor, City Secretary

I, Margaret "Molly" Taylor, City Secretary, do certify that this notice was posted at 5:15 P.M on February 20th, 2014, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Margaret "Molly" Taylor, City Secretary