

**City of Alpine
Special City Council Meeting
May 15th, 2014
6:00 P.M.
Minutes**

1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of allegiance to the flag – Mr. Zimmer gave the invocation and Mayor Rangra led the pledge of allegiance to the National and State flags.

2. Determination of a quorum and proof of notice of the meeting – Mayor Rangra and Councilmembers Fitzgerald, Gonzales and Castelli were present. It was determined that a quorum was present. Councilor's Bermudez and Davidson were absent.

3. Presentations, recognitions and proclamations – None

4. Reports – None

City Mayor's Report -

City Attorney Report –

City Manager Report –

City Staff Updates –

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 the City of Alpine May 10, 2014 General Election, for the Offices of Mayor, Councilmember Ward 2 and Councilmember Ward 4. (E. Zimmer, CM) –

The City Manager said our City Secretary, Molly Taylor, has provided you with the packets with the information as outlines for the City of Alpine Election. He said we are asking the Council to accept the Ordinance for the Canvass. Motion was made by Councilor Fitzgerald, by Resolution 2014-05-06, to accept Ordinance 2014-05-01. Motion was seconded by Councilor Gonzales. Motion unanimously carried.

10. Presentation to outgoing Council Member. (E. Zimmer, CM) – Councilor Davidson was not present to accept the presentation.
11. Swearing in of Mayor and Council Members for Wards 2 and 4 by District Judge Roy Ferguson, introduction of Mayor and Council Members. (E. Zimmer, CM) – Mayor Rangra, Councilmember Ward 2, Cynthia Salas and Councilmember Ward 4, Julian Gonzales were sworn in for their two year term by District Judge Roy Ferguson. Judge Ferguson introduced himself as the District Judge of the 394th Judicial District which includes Brewster County and said it was his privilege in the name and the authority of the State of Texas to administer the Oath of Office. The new Council was seated and announced. Mayor Rangra said he wanted to take this opportunity to thank the people of Alpine for electing two Councilmembers and the Mayor. He said he wanted to thank the previous Council, regardless of some of the differences that we have had. He said he thought we conducted the meetings in a very orderly, civilized manner, which is the way it should be. He said this year, that started today, we are going to see disagreements and agreements and a little bit of screaming. He said that is like adding salt and pepper to food. He said he likes spices. He welcomed Councilor Salas who said she wanted to thank everyone for their support and said she will work hard for everyone. Councilor Gonzales said he also wanted to thank everyone for their support and know that he was going to do the best that he can. Councilman Fitzgerald said he thought it was a real good year last year and there have been disagreements but the thing that he has found that he really likes is at the end of the meeting, even though we may have argued and disagreed and voted against each other, almost always the council gets together after the meeting and goes to Riata and has tortilla soup or something. He said he thinks it is important that we do not mix business and personal. He said this side of the table is business and that side of the table is personal and we should not let one interfere with the other. He said he welcomes Councilor Salas. Councilor Castelli said welcome Councilor Salas. He said it is a new year and we still have work to do and he is looking forward to working as a group to accomplish the goals of the city. He said congratulations to both of you on your reelection.
12. 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) -

Joseph Goldman – said he would like to say that this election expresses a mandate for the whole community. He said the people who won, won by a large majority and that means that you are representing a large majority of your specific ward and of the city. He said the city is behind you and it should be full speed ahead.

13. Council Member's Comments and Answers - None

14. Executive Session - None_

15. Action - Executive Session – None_

16. Adjournment– There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

I certify that this notice was posted at 5:00 P.M. on May 12th, 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.

Dr. Avinash Rangra, Mayor

Attest:

Margaret "Molly" Taylor, City Secretary

I, Margaret "Molly" Taylor, City Secretary, do certify that this notice was posted at 5:00 P.M. on May 12th, 2014, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Margaret "Molly" Taylor, City Secretary