

## City of Alpine

### Regular City Council Meeting, Tuesday, March 3rd, 2015, 5:30 P.M.

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Alpine, Texas will hold a meeting at **5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2015 in the Council Chambers, at 803 West Holland, in the City of Alpine, Texas** for the purpose of considering the attached agenda. This notice is posted pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act. (Section 551.043, Texas Government Code).

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE – THE USE OF CELLULAR PHONES AND SOUND ACTIVATED PAGERS ARE PROHIBITED IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS DURING MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.**

Members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to address the Council before agenda items are discussed. The audience is also allowed to comment during the discussion of the agenda items with the Council. Please speak into the microphone located at the podium and state your name and address. If you have a petition or other information pertaining to your subject, please present it to the City Secretary. State law generally prohibits the Council from discussing or taking any action on any issue not included on the agenda, but, if appropriate, the Council may schedule the topic for future discussion or refer the matter to staff. **NO PERSONAL ATTACKS ON COUNCIL MEMBERS OR CITY STAFF WILL BE ALLOWED.**

#### **Agenda**

1. Call to Order, Invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag —
2. Determination of a quorum and proof of notice of the meeting –
3. Presentations, recognitions and proclamations –
  - A. Proclamation for Meals on Wheels. (A. Rangra, Mayor)
4. Reports -
  - City Mayor's Report –**
  - City Manager Report –**
    - RU OK initiative with Alpine Police Department
    - Public Works Update – Guardrail at CC Estates
    - Interlocal Agreement for EMC Position – Update on progress
  - City Staff Updates –**
5. Citizens Comments (on agenda items) – (limited to 3 minutes) –
6. **Public Hearings –**
  - A. Public Hearing to hear citizens views and comments concerning zoning change request from Residential to Commercial. Owner is requesting this change to provide high quality student accommodations. Property identification/street address is 1003 Loop Road, Alpine, Texas and legal description is Kokernot Addition, Block 9, Lots 6 & 7 and South part of Lot 8. Record owner is Sara Rice, Missionary Baptist Foundation of America and Agent is John W. Carpenter. There was a notice published in the paper about this public hearing. The Planning and Zoning Commission postponed this item and did not act upon it. (E. Zimmer, CM)

7. **Consent Agenda – (Minutes, Financial reports, Department written reports, board appointments, etc.)** – (Notice to the Public – The following items are of a routine and administrative nature. The Council has been furnished with background and support material on each item, and/or it has been discussed at a previous meeting. All items will be acted upon by one vote without being discussed separately unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon. The remaining items will be adopted by one vote.)
    - A. Approve accounts payable. (E. Zimmer, CM)
    - B. Approve Council Minutes of February 3<sup>rd</sup>, and February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015. (A. Rangra, Mayor)
  8. **Information or Discussion items** – (Citizens are allowed to comment – limited to 3 minutes – after being called upon by Mayor.) –
    - A. Discuss the impact of HB 540 on the City of Alpine’s Home Rule Charter and constitutional authority, and negative effect on the rights granted the voters and citizens of Alpine to exercise powers of initiative and referendum. (A. Rangra, Mayor)
    - B. Discuss the impact of SB 343 on the City of Alpine’s Home Rule Charter and constitutional authority and powers. (A. Rangra, Mayor)
- Action items to be accompanied by a brief statement of facts, including where funds are coming from, if applicable.** (Action items limited to ( up to) 10 per meeting.) (Citizens are allowed to comment – limited to 3 minutes – after being called upon by Mayor.)
9. Discuss and Consider City Council review of Alpine Municipal Court data to better understand the status of the Court and to determine if any action is required to address the significant backlog of Municipal Court cases. (R. Stephens)
  10. Discuss and Consider authorize acceptance of West Texas HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) grant (G15SW0009) for the City of Alpine and the Alpine Police Department. Previously, the City of Alpine had received \$24,781.00 and this increases that amount by \$101,009.00 to a total of \$125,790.00. (E. Zimmer, CM)
  11. Discuss and Consider action to oppose the passage of HB 540 and direct the Mayor and City Manager to advise state elected officials of the City’s official position. (A. Rangra, Mayor)
  12. Discuss and Consider action to oppose the passage of SB 343 and

direct the Mayor and City Manager to advise state elected officials of the City's official position. (A. Rangra, Mayor)

13. Council Member Comments –

14. Executive Session –

15. Action after Executive Session –

16. Adjournment -

**NOTICE: The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed on the posted agenda, above, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney), 551.072 (deliberations about real property), 551.073 (deliberations about gifts and donations), 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (deliberations about security devices), and 551.086 (economic development.)**

I certify that this notice was posted at 2:30 P.M. on February 27th, 2015, Pursuant to Texas Open Meetings Act (Texas Government Code Section 51.043). 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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Margaret "Molly" Taylor, City Secretary