

**City of Alpine  
Special City Council Meeting  
Wednesday, July 1st, 2015  
4:00 P.M.  
Minutes**

- 1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of allegiance to the flags – Meeting was called to order at 4:17 P.M. Jo Beth McLeod gave the invocation. Mayor Rangra led the pledge of allegiance to the flags.**
- 2. Determination of a quorum and proof of notice of the meeting present. Mayor Rangra, Councilors Antrim, Salas and Stephens were present. Councilors Fitzgerald and Gonzales were both excused for their absence. A quorum was present. Meeting notice was posted at 9:30 A.M. on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015**
- 3. Presentations, recognitions and proclamations –**
- 4. Reports –  
City Mayor’s Report - Mayor Rangra said that former Councilwoman Angie Bermudez was ill and asked that prayers be said for her. He said also Councilor Gonzales’ wife was having eye surgery, so please say a prayer for her as well.  
City Manager Report –  
City Staff Updates –**
- 5. Citizens Comments (on agenda items) – (limited to 3 minutes) –**
- 6. Public Hearings –**
- 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being discussed separately unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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.)**
- 8. Information or Discussion items – (Citizens are allowed to comment – limited to 3 minutes – after being called upon by Mayor.) –**

**A. Budget Workshop FY 2015/2016 (E. Zimmer, CM) – City Manager Zimmer handed out Budget paperwork, including “Where Do Texas Cities Get Their Money” which lists the sources of municipal revenue – Property Taxes, Sales Tax, Franchises, Permits and Fees, Court Fines, Interest Earnings, Transfers from other funds, and Other Sources such as hotel occupancy taxes. It also stated that core city services like police, fire and EMS account for the majority of expenditures by cities. In addition, cities spend revenue on streets, municipal courts, parks and libraries. Another handout listed major building assets owned by the city. The third handout was City of Alpine Paving, which gave initial observations, background data, current material costs, current paving budget FY 2014-15, current vehicles, additional vehicles needed for full capacity operation, additional labor, mtc, and supplies needed for full capacity operation, new annual cost model for full capacity operation, other equipment to help with paving operation, data driven observations, and next steps. The last handout was salaries compared to other cities in the state of Texas in the range of 5,000 to 10,000 population. City Manager Zimmer said his top expectations were for increased revenue, staying in the black and no additional debt. Councilor Stephens said we need to have more money for the roads and continue to pay down the debt. It was discussed that paving should be funded about \$450,000 a year. Fire Hydrants were discussed and what state they were in. Mayor Rangra asked for the number of fire hydrants that were in good working condition. He said this was a serious matter. Economic Development was discussed through the Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Rangra said we need to direct the Chamber of Commerce towards economic development. City Manager Zimmer said his priority list is A. Roads, B. Airport, C. Sewer and D. Asset Management. He said we will have an auction in late July or early August to help gather some funds. Mayor Rangra said there are some people in town who have water wells and who are not connected to the sewer system. He said also sometimes 3 or 4 people are connected to the same water meter. City Manager Zimmer said we have discussed selling the old fire station. He said we really need to take care of the maintenance of the Sunshine House or give them the building. Reducing the number of parks in Alpine was discussed. Mayor Rangra said the parks improve the quality of life in Alpine. City Manager Zimmer said to operate all the parks well would take a \$500,000 budget. The landfill and illegal dumping was discussed. Ad valorem taxes were discussed as well as health care and the 5 year capital plan. The Hotel/Motel fund was discussed, the airport, conference and travel, technology updates, staffing and the EMS services.**

**9. 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)

10. Council Member Comments –

11. Executive Session –

12. Action After Executive Session –

13. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M. upon the motion of Councilor Stephens and seconded by Councilor Salas. Motion unanimously carried.

**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 9:30 A.M. on June 25th, 2015, 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 9:30 A.M. on June 25th, 2015, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

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Margaret "Molly" Taylor, City Secretary