

**City of Alpine  
Special City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, August 4th, 2015  
3:30 P.M.  
Minutes**

- 1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of allegiance to the flags – Meeting was called to order at 3:30 P.M.**
- 2. Determination of a quorum and proof of notice of the meeting present. Mayor Rangra, Councilors Antrim, Salas, Fitzgerald and Stephens were present. Councilors Gonzales was absent and was excused. A quorum was present. Meeting notice was posted at 1:30 P.M. on July 31st, 2015**
- 3. Presentations, recognitions and proclamations –**
- 4. Reports –  
City Mayor’s Report -  
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being discussed separately unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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 #2 to review proposed FY 2015/2016 Budget (E. Zimmer, CM) – Mayor Rangra said this budget was well prepared, not to his surprise. He said he wanted to commend Erik for this report. City Manager Zimmer said the Budget had been a heavy effort between he and Megan, the Finance Director. He said they had both been here for about a year and a half. He said we are planning on keeping the tax rate****

the same and the rate is .5385. He said our revenues have been tight for this current year.

He talked about debt payments, roads and streets. He said we are doing 58% of what we want to do with streets this year. He said we would like to do 200 blocks next year. He said we have allocated funds for 57% of our streets. He talked about pot holes. He said the County is helping us with Sul Ross Avenue.

He talked about sales tax. He said 29% of our budget is used to pay debt.

He said concerning the Parks, it is one of our biggest budget issues. He said we have 12 parks and 4 people to maintain them. He said an “adopt a spot” program has been brought up to help with the parks. City Manager Zimmer said we also need to take care of the creeks. City Manager Zimmer said volunteerism is nice as far as the budget is concerned.

He also talked about Keep Alpine Beautiful and people dumping by the dumpsters. He said for us to hire someone just to pick up the trash by the dumpsters would cost each citizen \$1.50 extra per month.

City Manager Zimmer said we discussed the Airport at the last Council meeting. He said we will need to raise \$100,000 per year for the next two years. He said County participation in the airport was being discussed with the County.

He discussed our IT program.

Health insurance was discussed. He said our partially self-funded insurance is working well for us at the present time.

Insurance and Audit fees were discussed. He said the audit fees have been increased slightly. He said next year will be \$80,000 and they will hit the high points. He said we will budget it at \$90,000.

He said our legal fees increased 40%. He said litigation continues to come up. He said TPIA’s consume a significant amount of legal fees. He said our legal fees are itemized every month and we pay \$700 to \$800 a month for Municipal Court prosecution fees.

He said as far as salaries are concerned we are asking for a 3% raise for employees. He said we do not do an across the board raise. He said the employees will also keep their longevity pay.

He said concerning our police expense, a lot of programs are possible with APD. He said our number one priority is safety.

He said concerning the Hotel/Motal Taxes, we continue to support the arts. He said we are going to also allocate some funds for the Visitor’s Center.

He briefly talked about the Fire Department and Ambulance Service.

**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 – There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.**

**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 1:30 A.M. on July 31st, 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 1:30 P.M. on July 31st, 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