

**City of Alpine  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, October 20th, 2015  
5:30 P.M.  
Minutes**

- 1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of allegiance to the flags – Mayor Pro Tem Stephens called the meeting to order. Councilor Nancy Antrim gave the invocation. Mayor Pro Tem Stephens led the pledge of allegiance to the flags.**
  
- 2. Determination of a quorum and proof of notice of the meeting – Mayor Pro Tem Stephens, Councilors Antrim, Salas, Fitzgerald, and Gonzales were present. Mayor Rangra had an excused absence. The meeting notice had been posted at 10:30 A.M. on October 16th, 2015. City Manager Zimmer, City Finance Director Antrim and City Secretary Taylor were also present.**
  
- 3. Presentations, recognitions and proclamations –  
A. Proclamation for Food Day – West Texas Food Bank. (A. Rangra, Mayor)  
Mayor Pro Tem Stephens presented a Proclamation to the West Texas Food Bank for Food Day. Martha Latta and other employees/volunteers of the Food Bank were present to accept the proclamation.**
  
- 4. Reports –  
City Mayor’s Report - (A. Rangra, Mayor) – None  
City Manager Report – (E. Zimmer, CM) – City Manager Zimmer gave the following report:**
  - **Civic Center Update  
City Manager Zimmer reported on the Civic Center.  
\*Removed platform levels on north and south sides  
\*Removed bar area from north side  
\*Removed tile flooring on dance floor and glue  
\*Gutted bathrooms  
\*Removed directional railing at front part of facility  
\*City Manager showed an updated layout plan  
Anticipated Upgrades  
\*Fall 2015 – Phase 1  
\*Refreshing bathrooms – adding handicap stalls to each men’s and women’s  
\*Adding Roll-Up door on east side to allow for vehicle entry  
\*Repaint with neutral color  
\*Stain concrete floors  
\*Add electrical outlets to north area**

**\*Fall 2016 – Phase 2 – Design to be determined**

**• Income Statement, Budget Variance, Specified Activity Report**

**\*Unaudited results**

**\*Ad Valorem Tax Revenues – 101%**

**\*Civic Center Revenues – 66%**

**\*Sales Tax Revenues – 101% (even with loss of Alco)**

**\*Water Revenues – 104%**

**\*Sewer Revenues – 108%**

**\*Gas Division Revenues – 99%**

**\* Nothing substantive with department overages on budget**

**\*Showed charts of General Fund Results YTD, Water-Sewer  
-Sanitation Results YTD, Airport Results YTD, HOT Fund  
Results YTD, Gas Department Results YTD and Checking  
Account Balances**

**General Fund Trending Over Time**

**\*Started October 2013 with negative balance in the range of  
- \$251K**

**\*That negative amount increased into December 2013**

**\*Previous years had Checking Accounts for Fund 01 (General  
Fund) and Fund 04 (Water, Sewer, Sanitation) combined  
-Split Requested (via Resolution) in late fall of 2013 and  
completed in April, 2014**

**-Airport was also in the General Fund and Checks for Gas  
Vendors were made from the General Fund**

**\*Health Insurance was not being maintained properly**

**\*Outstanding checks during Software Conversion of July 2013  
in the amount of \$2,057,053.28 were cancelled in the system**

**\*Positive \$350K + this year (un-audited) in General Fund  
shows year over year improvement**

**\*Will need to continue on this trend to build reserve amounts  
to approximately \$500K.**

**Councilor Stephens said the only problem we seem to have is  
the cash flow problem right now. City Manager Zimmer said  
September, October and November are our crunch time.**

**City Staff Updates – None**

**5. Public Hearings – None**

**6. 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 Minutes of September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 (A. Rangra, Mayor) –

C. Approve Environmental Advisory Board appointment for Ward 3, Eileen Rouke. (E. Zimmer, CM)

Motion was made by Councilor Fitzgerald, by Resolution 2015-10-07, to approve items A, B and C of the Consent Agenda, which includes the accounts payable, the minutes and the appointment of Eileen Rouke. Motion was seconded by Councilor Salas. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Information or Discussion items – (Citizens are allowed to comment – limited to 3 minutes – after being called upon by Mayor.) –

A. Bi-Annual Read-Out from Airport Advisory Board – Kyp Angel, Chair. (E. Zimmer, CM) – Kyp Angel was not in attendance, however Megan Antrim gave a report on the Airport. She discussed Airport leases. She said the taxiway and the ramp are a concern to the pilots at the Airport. She said we have been talking to TxDot about having the cracks fixed. She said we have also talked to FAA and now are trying to see how we are going to approach this. She said we need someone to come out and do the job. She said we have a fly-in scheduled for October 24, 2015 at the Airport.

B. Quarterly EMS Update from Mike Scudder. (E. Zimmer, CM)- Mike Scudder gave his Quarterly EMS Update. He gave the numbers of calls for the quarter, broken down by month and types of calls.

C. Quarterly Municipal Court Update with Judge Trook to include Review of Violation flow from Code Enforcement through Court system. (E. Zimmer, CM)- Judge Trook gave a report. She said she would like to have the Scofflaw program to help in the fine collection process. She said the court already has Omnibus but it is not as good as Scofflaw. She said the Court is running smoothly.

D. TML Readout (R. Stephens)

- Mayor Rangra – was not present to give a readout.
- Councilor Gonzales – said there are different speakers at TML and you go and see what you want to go to. He said he talked to the other people at the meeting and the others have the same

problems we do. He said getting to know those people is a plus for us. He said it is fun to think positively instead of thinking negatively. He said the Council needs to be calm and thoughtful. He said other cities have all the same problems.

- **Councilor Fitzgerald** – said he went to a session on Annexation and De-Annexation. He said there is state aid coming to municipalities. He said he also went to a session concerning how to respond to an active shooter. He also talked about Municipal Bonds.
- **Councilor Salas** – Councilor Salas said she also went to the Annexation Session. She talked about the role of the Building Official/Code Enforcement Officer. She talked about Emergencies and how during the ice storm, we housed people in the Civic Center. She talked about annexation or de-annexation in the future.

**E. Monthly Readout – City/County initiatives from Councilor Gonzales. (J. Gonzales)** – He said he heard that the Chamber of Commerce was telling our visitors to go to Marathon and not Alpine. He said they talked about the library and how there should be equal treatment between Marathon and Terlingua. He said the Terlingua library is only open during the school year and gets 1/3 funding from the County. He said Marathon gets 1/3 and Alpine gets 1/3 of the funds. He said we need to work through that and see what is going on. He said he has had a lot of complaints from citizens in Alpine about the pot holes.

**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 or Mayor Pro Tem)**

**8. Discuss and Consider resolution to update signatories on checking accounts to: City Manager, City Secretary, Chief of Police, Captain of Police. (J. Fitzgerald)** – Motion was made by Councilor Fitzgerald, by Resolution 2015-10-08, to update the signatories on the checking accounts to: the City Manager, the City Secretary, the Chief of Police and the Captain of Police. Motion was seconded by Councilor Salas. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. Discuss and Consider any action concerning money budgeted for the parks, 40K for American Legion, 40K for Pueblo Nuevo, where the money was spent in the past and who authorized the use of the money. (J. Gonzales)** – Motion was made by Councilor Gonzales to table this item until a later meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.

**10. Council Member Comments And Answers – Councilor Antrim** said it was interesting to hear the reports. She thanked everyone for coming.

**Councilor Salas said thanks for everyone hanging out with us. She thanked everyone who gave reports and Erik and his staff for their hard work.**

**Councilor Fitzgerald – Complimented the City Manager on work well done.**

**Councilor Gonzales – said he saw the Alpine, Texas Day Tripper show and they do a pretty good job for Alpine. He thanked Mike Scudder and Eve Trook for their work and efforts. He thanked the Food Bank and said we should be concerned about food and the people who need it.**

**Councilor Stephens – thanked everyone for staying up. He said there was lots of good information in the Information and Discussion Section.**

**11. Executive Session – None**

**12. Action After Executive Session – None**

**13. Adjournment – There being no further business, meeting was adjourned upon the motion of Councilor Fitzgerald and seconded by Councilor Gonzales. 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 10:30 A.M. on October 16th, 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 10:30 A.M. on October 16th, 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