

**City of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 3rd, 2016
5:30 P.M.
Minutes**

1. **Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of allegiance to the flags** – Mayor Rangra called the meeting to order. The meeting was held in the Civic Center. Lana Covington 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** – Mayor Rangra, Councilors Antrim, Fitzgerald, Gonzales and Stephens were present. Councilor Salas was absent. The meeting notice had been posted at 4:30 P.M. on April 28th, 2016. City Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Megan Antrim and City Secretary Taylor were present. City Manager Zimmer was absent.

3. **Presentations, recognitions and proclamations** –
 - A. **Proclamation for Nikki Woodward, Miss Rodeo Texas** – Mayor Rangra presented Nikki Woodward, Miss Rodeo Texas, with a proclamation, honoring her for her accomplishments.

4. **Reports** –
 - City Mayor’s Report** - (A. Rangra, Mayor) – None
 - City Manager Report** – (E. Zimmer, CM) – Assistant City Manager Antrim reported on the following items:
 - **TMRS – Texas Municipal Retirement System Update.**
 - Management Points**
 - Finance Department has updated all records to include correct names, spellings and dates
 - New employees are added on initial hiring, as required by TMRS
 - June 1, 2016 – TMRS Regional Re-Retirement Conference**
 - Open to the region
 - Employees looking at retiring will have the opportunity to ask questions about taxes, forms and payments
 - **Fire Hydrant Update**
 - Public Works and Utility Department continue to address the hydrants not working. Public Works has almost completed their list and will assist the Utility Department to complete the list.

- **Updated Billing Cards for Water/Sewer/Sanitation.**
 - The #1 customer complaint is the bills are changing from the postcards to the statements
 - June 1st billing will go back to the postcards for monthly billing and late notices
 - The City will be utilizing Eprint

City Staff Updates – None

5. Public Hearings –

A. Public Hearing to obtain citizens views and comments on Animal Ordinance 2015-11-01, amending Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances – Animals, Article I and Article II. (N. Antrim) – Councilor Antrim talked about dogs and adequate shelter for dogs, barking dogs and feral cats. She said if you feed the feral cats, you need to be responsible for them. She said some of them spread disease and were destructive. She said this Ordinance promoted better living conditions for domestic pets. She said there is a limit to the number of animals you can have and that is 6 pets. She said if you have seen the show Hoarders, you have seen people with an excessive number of pets. She talked about the microchipping process. She said the ACO would not be going house to house to see how many pets you have. Kevin said he does agree with the dog parts of the ordinance but not the cats part. He wanted to know where the number “6” of pets came from. Cheryl Eakens said Jennifer Stewart does a great job at the Animal Shelter. She said she supports the ordinance except for the numbers and types of animals. She said the way it reads is confusing. She said a provision should be made for approved foster homes. She said it needs to address foster animals. Angie Bermudez said we need more study on this ordinance before taking a vote. She asked what would happen to the dogs if you do not want your dog microchipped? She asked if there was a study done about feral cats? She said if we start doing away with cats we are going to start seeing more mice, rats and snakes around our houses. She said she feels like it is inhumane to do away with the feral cats. Dee Glenn said she understands the ordinance and it is not against feral cats. She said she is in favor of the ordinance. She said the main thing is to reduce the disease. Dale Christopherson said he does not have a specific question. He said we are really blessed in Alpine with our animal control. He said the Council is looking closely at this ordinance. He said he hoped this ordinance would encourage better citizenship. Cheryl Eakens said if you are feeding feral cats the city is asking that you have them spayed or neutered. She said the Alpine Humane Society has received a grant that will help with spaying and neutering.

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.) – None

7. 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 (up to) 10 per meeting.) (Citizens are allowed to comment—limited to 3 minutes – after being called upon by Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem) Citizens are required to state their name and the Ward in which they reside. Priority will be given to citizens of Alpine and those who own businesses or property in the City. Individuals who do not live in, or own businesses or property in the City limits of Alpine, will be allowed to speak if there is time available.)

- 8. Discuss and Consider approving Resolution 2016-05-02, setting fees for Municipal Pool per City Ordinance. (E. Zimmer, CM) – Assistant City Manager Antrim** said the pool does have water in it and we will be opening the pool on Memorial Day weekend. She said that is also graduation weekend, so the City will open on that Sunday. She said the application for life guards has gone out so people can apply. She said the true cost of running the pool includes lifeguards, pool parties, chemicals, chlorine and shock and everything that goes into keeping the pool at a regulated chlorine level so that people can swim in it. She said we also have a pump system and we have had to replace several things. She said we have updated signs and done some more painting. She said we are realizing that it is probably a little more than we anticipated. She said the pool was closed for quite some time so we are just trying to get everything up and running to where it is functioning perfectly. She said this year we have raised the rates. Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, to approve Resolution 2016-05-02, setting fees for the Municipal Pool per City Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.
- 9. Discuss and Consider approval of first reading of Traffic Ordinance 2016 - 04-01, regarding intersection at 5th St. and Murphy plus adjacent parkways. (C. Salas) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens to approve the first reading of Traffic Ordinance 2016-04-01, regarding the intersection of 5th Street and Murphy plus adjacent parkways. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried, 4-0.**

10. Discuss and Consider approving second reading of Animal Ordinance 2015-11-01, amending Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances – Animals, Article I and Article II. (N. Antrim) – Motion was made by Councilor Antrim to approve the second reading of Animal Ordinance 2015-11-01, amending Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances – Animals, Article I and Article II. Motion was seconded by Councilor Stephens. The number of animals the Ordinance allows was discussed. Feral cats were discussed. Councilor Gonzales said he agrees that cats carry disease but skunks and javelinas and deer do a lot of damage in town too. He said cats bring in rats as gifts. Carl Fleming said cats kill the quail in Alpine. Mayor Rangra asked if the Ordinance which states that citizens living outside the city limits can be subject to enforcement for 5,000 feet out of the city limits. Carl Fleming said those people need to call the Sheriff. After much discussion, tabling this item was discussed. Councilor Antrim withdrew her original motion and made a motion to further review this Ordinance before taking a vote. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

11. Councilmember Comments and Answers –

Councilor Antrim – said thank you to everyone for coming and complimented Nikki Woodward on her accomplishments.

Councilor Fitzgerald – thanked his constituents and said thanks to everyone for being here. He sent his compliments to his wife for taking him on a cruise. He said he was turning 70 years old.

Councilor Gonzales – said thanks for reopening the animal ordinance and that he looked forward to retirement.

Councilor Stephens - said thanks to everyone and thanks to the Woodwards.

Mayor Rangra – said thanks for coming and thanked the Woodwards. He also said at the next week’s meeting would be the canvass of the election.

12. Executive Session – None

13. Action after Executive Session – None

14. Adjournment – There being no further business, meeting was adjourned upon the motion of Councilor Fitzgerald and seconded by Councilor Gonzales.

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 4:30 P.M. on April 28th, 2016, 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.

Rick Stephens, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:

Margaret "Molly" Taylor, City Secretary

I, Margaret "Molly" Taylor, City Secretary, do certify that this notice was posted at 4:30 P.M. on April 28th, 2016, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Margaret "Molly" Taylor, City Secretary