

**City of Alpine  
Special City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, May 10th, 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 Council Chambers at 803 West Holland in the City of Alpine, Texas. 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 – Mayor Rangra, Councilors Antrim, Salas, Fitzgerald, Gonzales and Stephens were present. 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. Rangra, Mayor, R. Stephens, Mayor Pro-Tem)**

**Mayor Rangra said it was not on the agenda but he wanted to recognize Bake Turner. He said Mr. Turner was an asset to the Community. He said Mr. Turner was a famous person. He said he played with Joe Naimith and had a super bowl ring. He presented Bake with a key to the City of Alpine.**

**A. Presentation to Mayor Rangra for his four years of service (two terms) in office. (R. Stephens, Mayor Pro Tem) – Mayor Pro Tem Stephens made a presentation to Mayor Rangra for his four years of service (two terms) in office. He said the City of Alpine is saying “thank you” to Mayor Rangra. He said clearly, Avinash Rangra is a leader and Alpine would not be what it is today without leaders like Avinash Rangra. Mayor Rangra said it has been a pleasure. He said he had only planned to stay in Alpine for 3 years but he is still here and to blame it on the community. He said if it had not been for the community he would not still be here. He said our City is a Council/Manager government. He said we have fixed our water pressure problem and raised our sales tax while he has been here and there are a lot of new businesses here. He said the thing he is most proud of is the Texas Open Meeting Act. He said he happened to be a victim of that and he said, that he said that, with pride. He said the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit of Appeals partially overturned it and instead of time, place and manner it is now time, place and content. He said that means if three people are meeting what are they talking about. He said the state has to prove it and you are not automatically guilty. He said since then not a single person in the State of Texas has been indicted. He said that is very important. He said in the small**

communities there are not too many coffee shops or you want to take your family out, where are you going to go? He said we can go to a restaurant without having to leave if we see other Council members there. He thanked everyone and said this was one of the greatest Council's that he had ever worked with.

**B. Presentation to Councilmember Julian Gonzales for his six years of service (three terms) in office. (Mayor Rangra) – Mayor Rangra presented a plaque to Councilmember Julian Gonzales for his six years of service (three terms) in office. Councilor Gonzales said he was looking forward to retirement.**

**4. Reports –**

**City Mayor's Report - (A. Rangra, Mayor) – None**

**City Manager Report – (E. Zimmer, CM) – None**

**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.) – 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 Ordinance 2016-05-06 for the canvass of the votes for the May 7, 2016 City of Alpine General Election for Mayor and one Council Member (Ward 4). Ward 2 Councilmember was automatically elected since they were unopposed. All terms are full (two year) terms. (E. Zimmer, CM) – Mayor Rangra asked if all the Council had all of the information. He read the canvass documents and the number of**

votes that were counted. The Council agreed to the numbers. Mayor Rangra said there was an error on the Return Sheet on Election Day in the Mayor's race. He said it was not a serious error and the ballot count was right. He said the total for Ward 1 was listed as 46 instead of 26. He said once it was discovered we informed the candidates and checked with the Secretary of State to make sure everything was legal. He said we were advised that it was not that serious of a matter. He said we could consider it like a typo and proceed. He said it was not a recount. He said it was not a big mistake either. He said somehow whenever a small thing happens in Brewster County, it gets magnified on television. He said in a way that is good and we get a lot of publicity. He said it is not the kind of publicity that we like to see. He said that is what happened. He said we have an affidavit also from the Election Judge. He said this is all legal. He said Councilor Salas was unopposed and was automatically elected. Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2016-05-04 to approve Ordinance 2016-05-06 for the canvass of the votes for the May 7, 2016 City of Alpine General Election. Motion was seconded by Councilor Gonzales. Motion unanimously carried 5-0.

9. Swearing in of Mayor and Councilmembers Ward 2 and Ward 4 by the Honorable Roy Ferguson, State District Judge for the 394<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. (E. Zimmer, CM) – Judge Ferguson swore in the new Mayor and Councilmembers Ward 2 and Ward 4. He said he is here at the pleasure of the Council. He said it is a pleasure to swear in the new officials. He swore in Mayor Ramos first, then Councilor Salas as Ward 2 Councilmember and finally Councilor Escovedo as Councilmember of Ward 4. Mayor Rangra then presented Certificates of Election to the Mayor, Councilor Salas and Councilor Escovedo.

#### 10. Councilmember Comments and Answers –

Councilor Antrim – said she would like to thank everyone for coming. She said it is nice seeing a full house. She said she hoped many of them would return for our regular Council meetings. She said she would like to thank Mayor Rangra and Councilman Gonzales for their service to the City and she would also like to congratulate our new Mayor and new Councilmember. She told Councilor Salas she was glad she was still with us.

Councilor Salas – said she too would like to welcome the new Mayor and Councilwoman for Ward 4. She thanked Councilor Gonzales and Mayor Rangra for all of their dedication and hard work. She told them to enjoy their time off and not to forget to come and see us. She said “See you Tuesday”.

Councilor Fitzgerald – Thanked everyone for coming and said

**congratulations to the new people and best of luck to the ones that are leaving.**

**Councilor Gonzales – Councilor Gonzales said it had been a pleasure to serve with the City of Alpine and he would just like to remind the City Council that they are representatives of the people that voted them in. He wished everyone good luck.**

**Councilor Stephens - Thanked Councilor Gonzales and Mayor Rangra. He told Councilor Salas he was glad she was back on the Council and congratulated new Mayor Ramos. He said he looked forward to working with Councilor Escovedo.**

**Mayor Rangra – presented new Mayor Ramos with Robert’s Rules of Order and said it was his bible. He also ceremoniously presented Mayor Ramos with the gavel that remains on the Council bench.**

- 11. Executive Session – None**
- 12. Action after Executive Session – None**
- 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 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.

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Rick Stephens, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:

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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.

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Margaret “Molly” Taylor, City Secretary