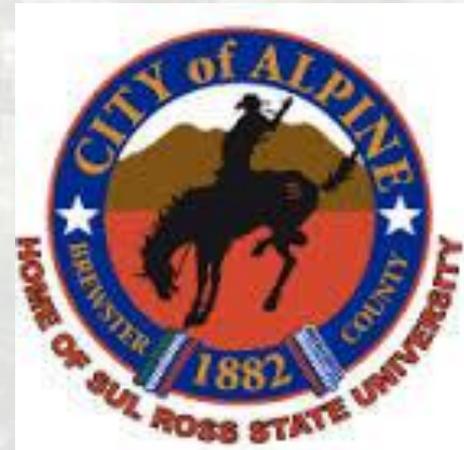


City Council Meeting September 6, 2016

City Manager Report



Backflow Protection

- TAC Rule 290.44 Water Distribution
 - (A) At any residence or establishment where an actual or potential contamination hazard exists, additional protection shall be required at the meter in the form of an air gap or backflow prevention assembly. The type of backflow prevention assembly required shall be determined by the specific potential hazard identified in §290.47(f) of this title (relating to Appendices).
 - (B) At any residence or establishment where an actual or potential contamination hazard exists and an adequate internal cross-connection control program is in effect, backflow protection at the water service entrance or meter is not required.
 - **(i) An adequate internal cross-connection control program shall include an annual inspection and testing by a licensed backflow prevention assembly tester on all backflow prevention assemblies used for health hazard protection.**
 - (ii) Copies of all such inspection and test reports must be obtained and kept on file by the water purveyor.
 - (iii) It will be the responsibility of the water purveyor to ensure that these requirements are met.

Backflow Protection pt.2

- City of Alpine Code of Ordinances Section 98-94 Protection Required; installation
 - (a) No water service connection to any premises shall be installed or maintained by the city unless the water supply is protected as required by state laws and regulation and this division. **Service of water to any premises shall be discontinued by the city if a backflow prevention assembly required by this ordinance is not installed, tested, and maintained, or if it is found that a backflow prevention assembly has been removed, bypassed, or if an unprotected cross connection exists on the premises. Service will not be restored until such conditions or defects are corrected.**
 - (b) The customer's system should be open for inspection at all reasonable times to authorized representatives of the city to determine whether cross connections or other structural or sanitary hazards, including violations of these regulations exist. When such a condition becomes known, the regulatory authority shall deny or immediately discontinue service to the premises by providing for a physical break in the service until the customer has corrected the condition(s) in conformance with state and city codes relating to plumbing and water supplies and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto.
- We currently have multi-step process to inform and ask for compliance. We have some individuals that have not complied and will have their water service discontinued.
- Common Triggers that develop the needs for testing:
 - Irrigation systems, Wells, Carbonated drink machines
 - Robert Polance reviews with any citizens or business owners having questions

Signage – Public ROW

- The City of Alpine works with Chris Weber and TXDOT on the monitoring of signs in the public ROW
- There is no specific State criteria regarding non permanent structures such as: tables and chairs, retail products, sandwich board signs, planters, etc.
- There are a couple of local ordinances regarding obstructing a public way (86-2 (a) Obstructions), and the size of a sign before needing a permit (78-2 Permits).
 - **86.2 (a) Prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to obstruct, or cause the obstruction of, any street, sidewalk or public way.**
 - **Chapter 78 is very comprehensive in regards to expectations**
- Nothing currently in the ROW has come to Chris's attention as being invasive or deterring from the function of the sidewalk

Public ROW pt.2

- Moving forward, in an effort to contemplate regulation what will inevitably become more and more common, we might want to consider the following criteria by which the current and future "allowable" encroachments are addressed.
 - No off premise signage for retail advertisement
 - Local guidelines regarding signage (size and number)
 - No obstruction of the required 48" path as required by ADA
 - No obstruction in the sight triangle of vehicular traffic
 - Cannot be permanent
- Most complete way to address is propose changes to the sign ordinance to specifically address these issues, work back with TXDOT, then bring new Ordinance(s) to Council.
- Would like to work with a Councilor on these changes
- Consultation with attorney on any changes will be important to ensure no violations of First Amendment occur

Contact Form - Website

- Currently we receive complaints related to nuisances (high weeds, junk vehicles, ordinance questions, etc...) in a variety of mediums (text messages, voicemails, calls, emails, hand written notes, etc...)
- The City also has a form on our Code Enforcement Site for citizens to utilize
 - http://media.wix.com/ugd/e7ed62_ade5efb2e1c945a0a305ab36974cf_d15.pdf
- Developing a new 'Contact Form' for the front page of our website
 - Ease of Use
 - Compilation of complaints
 - Ability to view outcomes and report back to City Manager and City Council