

**City of Alpine
Special City Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 18th, 2016
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. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers at 803 West Holland in the City of Alpine, Texas. Dick Zimmer 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 – Councilors Antrim, Salas, Fitzgerald and Stephens were present. Councilor Escovedo and Mayor Ramos were absent. City Secretary Taylor said the Meeting notice had been posted at 1:45 P.M. on August 15th, 2016. City Manager Zimmer, City Secretary Taylor, City Finance Director Megan Antrim and Abel Hinojos were also present. Citizens present were Mr. and Mrs. Dick Zimmer and Betty Fitzgerald were also present.**

- 3. Presentations, recognitions and proclamations – None**
- 4. Reports –
City Mayor’s Report - None
City Manager Report – (E. Zimmer, CM) - None
City Staff Updates – None**

- 5. Public Hearings –
A. Public Hearing to obtain citizens views and comments concerning FY 2016/2017 proposed Property Tax Rate (\$.5385 per \$100 – same as last year’s rate) for the City of Alpine, Texas. (E. Zimmer, CM) - Dick Zimmer said this was a great tax rate. He said he knows that by raising the tax rate we could get out of debt but he knows the Council and the Staff know what they are doing. He said he applauds their efforts.**

- 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being discussed separately unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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**

8. 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.) - None

9. Councilmember Comments and Answers – Councilor Fitzgerald – thanked the 3 members of the public out of the 6,000 citizens of our City for attending the meeting.

10. Executive Session – None

11. Action after Executive Session – None

12. Adjournment.- There being no further business, meeting was adjourned upon the motion of Councilor Fitzgerald and seconded by Councilor Salas. Motion carried.

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 1:45 P. M. on August 15th, 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 1:45 P.M. on August 15th, 2016, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Margaret "Molly" Taylor, City Secretary