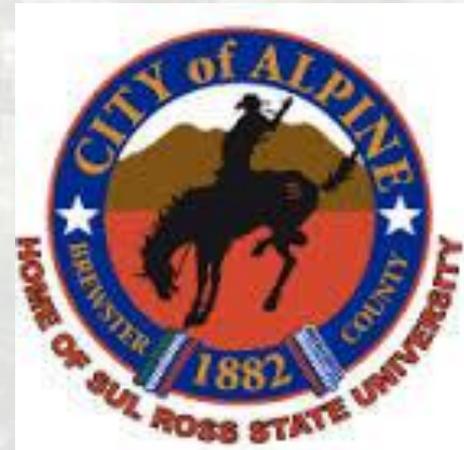


# City Manager Report December 6, 2016

City Council Meeting



# Year In Review

- 2016 was a productive year with much work completed on our infrastructure
- We hired and developed some very good employees this year
- Upgrades and additions to our website has allowed us to be more communicative with the public – also utilized a program with KVLF
- Department Feedback on following slides

# Tourism

- Successful year with key events continuing to flourish
  - Stewart Ramser presentation earlier in year highlighted positive impacts
- New ownership at two key hotels will drive more opportunities for visitors
- Civic Center Rehabilitation
- Program in place monitoring revenues associated with the HOT

# Airport

- Crack Seal  
Maintenance  
Project Complete

# Water - Sewer

- Team was battle-tested this year with employee turnover
- Wastewater treatment plant showed significant improvement in operations and water quality through support of Ron Ketterman
- Quantity of new water/sewer tap requests this year increased over previous years by 25-30%
- Fire-hydrant testing and rehabilitation plan re-instituted
- Meter replacement program put in place

# Gas

- **DIMP:** Footages for this fiscal year were met for both Alpine and Ft. Davis (4839ft. of steel retired from the system)
- **Railroad Commission Audit:** No violations were issued
- **TML Audit:** Performance Rating- 99%
- **Gas Bill Collections:** Consolidated with the water
- **5 Year Capital Plan:** 2 out of the 5 work trucks have been replaced

# Streets

- Close to 70 Street Blocks Sealcoated
  - Sustained focus on high traffic areas
- 22 Street Blocks rebuilt
  - Sustained focus on high traffic areas
- Alleyways in downtown being worked on
- Pothole work continues to improve
  - Utilizing Hot Patcher and newer type materials

# Parks

- Continued improvements with equipment at Parks driven primarily by donations through the Friends of Big Bend Parks
- Renewed sense of Volunteerism through the Adopt-A-Spot program
- Vision plan will help with traffic migration to the parks in CoA
  - Walking trails through creeks

# Police

- Replaced fleet of patrol vehicles utilizing asset forfeiture funds.
- Replaced and upgraded a substantial portion of mobile equipment for patrol fleet utilizing asset forfeiture funds.
- Completed conversion to digital radio capabilities for dispatch and officers. (Base radios, mobile radios, console and handheld radio)
- Continued Active Shooter Response training between Alpine Police Department, Brewster County Sheriff's Office, and Sul Ross State University police.
- Collaboration with SRSU on Law Enforcement Academy to conduct Basic Peace Officer Course during Summer 2016, Alpine police officers assisted as certified instructors in providing training to cadets.
- Purchased with asset forfeiture funds a specialized all-purpose event vehicle for department. Already has been utilized for special events such as "Pipeline Protest" to provide safety for event, and used for close patrols of downtown areas.
- Held another successful "National Night Out" event in October 2016.

# Animal Control

- Code of Ordinances Updated this year with important changes
- Healthy amount of volunteering and support from Alpine Animal Humane Society
- Project in motion for dog play area to the southeast of shelter
- Active participation by community in adoptions and microchipping
- Working with Advisory Board on additional ways to deal with feral cats

# Code Enforcement/Building Dept

## Code Enforcement

- Finish training/certification on Code Enforcement Officer in Training Patsy McWilliams (full integration)
- Increased abatement through proactive measures and court proceedings (mailings, radio ads, etc.)
- Increased abatement of sub-standard structures, and bring existing structures into compliance (rentals)
- Adoption of proposed ordinance updates and changes

## Building Department

- Revival of mapping system to benefit: Utilities, Planning and Zoning, and Code Enforcement
- Update various Code manuals to adhere to State versions of the same code
- Update Guidelines and Procedures Manual, permits, and inspections to reflect changes
- Streamline procedures for Water and Sewer Applications/Assessments
- Continue training and education on Plan review, and inspection procedures

# Keep Alpine Beautiful

- Combined total for Electronics Recycling Events amassed 42,000 pounds of e-waste recycled this year!
- Don't Mess with Texas Trash-off and DMWT Trash and Treasure Hunt saw over 250 volunteers clean up our city parks and neighborhoods as well as Highway 90 downtown
- KAB volunteers: Zeke Contreras and Cub Scout Pack 141 received recognition from Keep Texas Beautiful for their continued efforts in recycling and beautification.
- Adopt-A-Spot launched due in part to Union Pacific Grant. Dog Park adopted by Alpine Humane Society among others
- RGCOG grant cleaned up illegally dumped brush and tree limbs that were mulched and made available to all citizens free of charge.

# Municipal Court

- New Judge brought on middle of the year
- Report at this meeting will provide good insight to the direction our Court is moving
- New Court Clerk continues to do a really good job for the court
- Noticed a lot of activity on lots in the City after the court appearance notices went out

# Finance Department

- One billing location - continuous positive feedback from the public on having a central location
- Internal procedures - changes in procedures (monitoring, reconciling) have allowed for clearer understanding of needs for the financial department
- General Fund in good position entering fall season

# Financial Report

- New Reporting packet from Megan included in your back-up booklets
  - Questions? Comments?
  - Will Post Online after meeting – alongside CM Report
- Two Items tracking
  - Legal fees with litigation
  - Expenses related to Street Improvements contracted to Jarrett Dirt Works