

**City of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 1st, 2016
5:30 P.M.
Minutes**

- 1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of allegiance to the flags – Mayor Ramos 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 Ramos led the pledge of allegiance to the flags.**

- 2. Determination of a quorum and proof of notice of the meeting – Councilor Antrim, Councilor Salas, Councilor Escovedo, Councilor Fitzgerald and Councilor Stephens were present. Mayor Ramos was also present. City Secretary Taylor said the meeting notice had been posted at 2:30 P.M. on October 28th, 2016. City Manager Zimmer, City Secretary Taylor, City Assistant Manager/Finance Director Megan Antrim and Abel Hinojos were also present.**

- 3. Presentations, recognitions and proclamations – (A. Ramos, Mayor) - None**

- 4. Reports –**
 - City Mayor’s Report – (A. Ramos, Mayor) – Mayor Ramos said there have been several tragedies that have hit our city in the last two months. He said our community needs to come together to start the healing. He said this would be a get together of all denominations to “bless the city”. He said it would take place on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving to lift our hearts up. He said it would be advertised on the radio and in the newspaper. He said it would take place about 7 P.M. Mayor Ramos said he attended a prayer vigil for domestic violence. He said young folks turned out and they had a good turnout. He said it was for a worthwhile cause. He said it was to inform our citizens that there are several avenues that they can call for help. He said it might help someone. He said he wanted to compliment the ladies of the Crisis Center. He also said he wanted to recognize the City Manager and the City Council for budgeting for the streets. He said they look great.**
 - City Manager Report – (E. Zimmer, CM) –**
 - Monthly Financial Report –**
 - Unaudited results through 12 months**
 - Finance staff working through accruals and preparation of materials for audit with Gibson/Ruddock**
 - Continued work on initiatives related to asset renovation – roads, water, sewer, gas – sustain this focus through new fiscal year**
 - OT dollars expending in key work groups**

- Checking account balances remain in good condition
- General Fund, Water/Sewer/Sanitation, Airport, Hotel Motel and Gas Revenues, Expenditures and Net Income chart
- October – 2014 through September 2016, GF /results YTD, Water/Sewer/Sanitation YTD, Airport Results YTD, HOT Results YTD, Gas Results YTD
- **Airport Rehabilitation Project Readout –**
 - Second Progress meeting with Lochner Engineering (Bob Jutton) and TxDot Engineer (Ryan Hindman)
 - Reviewed status of base material and composition
 - Looked at cost model for 4 variations to build project – overlay of asphalt versus base construction
 - Realistic date of construction to be FY 18-19
 - Will compete with TxDOT Highway projects
- **City Streets Readout**
 - Paving and Sealcoating
 - Jarret Dirt Work Projects 1) Fighting Buck Paved 2) Prep work Nearing completion on Ave. F 3) Prepping Cockrell Street
 - Better weather has helped our Public Works Team complete More Sealcoating – Marfa St., Phelps, Walker, etc.
 - Utilizing Type D Coldmix for chuckhole patching along with new product from EZ Asphalt
- **Civic Center Rehabilitation Readout**
 - Project Goals for this fiscal year – 1) Stage removal 2) Floor prep, stain and wax 3) Panic door replacement 4) Re-upholster chairs to match floors 5) New paving along back entrances on 12th Street 6) Possible Mural on South side of building 7) Minor landscape work
- **Texas Pacifico Rail Line Readout – Meeting October 25th in San Angelo, Texas**
 - Joint meeting with TxDot and Texas Pacifico held in San Angelo on October 25th – Participation from both entities, surrounding communities, CBP
 - Texas Pacifico entered lease agreement for line in 2001 from TxDot
 - Reviewed Strategic Plan – will post on CM blog the actual Document
 - Predominant current customers are energy industry
 - Locally working on replacement of ‘paddle’ at Del Rio Street Crossing and weed mitigation
- **Update on Police Department**
 - Two significant cases over last two months
 - Team working tirelessly on continued efforts to support Community
 - Staffing – need to replace current vacancy
 - Human Resources – ensure we give officers time off to rest,

- recoup and reset
- Positive support from community

City Staff Updates – None

5. Public Hearings –

A. To obtain citizens views and comments concerning Ordinance 2016-10-02, updates for Commissions and Boards (E. Zimmer, CM) – There were no citizens comments.

B. To obtain citizens views and comments concerning Conditional Use Permit Fee, Ordinance 2016-10-03. (E. Zimmer, CM) – There were no citizens comments.

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.) –

A. Approve Council Minutes of October 3rd and October 18th, 2016. (A. Ramos, Mayor) –

Motion was made by Councilor Salas, by Resolution 2016-11-01, to approve the Council Minutes of October 3rd and October 18th, 2016. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion carried unanimously.

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 second and final reading of Ordinance 2016-10-02, updating Commissions and Boards (Stephens, Zimmer, CM) –
Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2016-11-02, to**

approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2016-10-02, updating Commissions and Boards. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.

9. Discuss and Consider approving second and final reading of Conditional Use Permit Fee Ordinance 2016-10-03. (E. Zimmer, CM) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2016-11-03, to approve the second and final reading of Conditional Use Permit Fee Ordinance 2016-10-03. Motion was seconded by Councilor Salas. Motion unanimously carried.
10. Discuss and Consider approving resolution appointing members to the TxStar Board. (E. Zimmer,CM). Motion was made by Councilor Fitzgerald, by Resolution 2016-11-04, to appoint City Manager Erik Zimmer, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Megan Antrim and Finance Clerk Abel Hinojos as the members of the TxStar Board. Motion was seconded by Councilor Salas. Motion unanimously carried.
11. Discuss and Consider approving resolution to authorize Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Megan Antrim to sell off Virtus share. (E. Zimmer, CM) – Motion was made by Councilor Fitzgerald, by Resolution 2016-11-05, to approve authorizing the Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Megan Antrim to see off the City’s Virtus Share. It was discussed that the share was obtained in the settlement of SWTMG Corporation. Motion was seconded by Councilor Salas. Motion unanimously carried.
12. Discuss and Consider appointing Committee to score submitted packets by engineering service providers for the TxCDBG 2017-2018 Texas Community Development Fund application and implementation. (E. Zimmer, CM) - City Manager Zimmer said he felt the Committee should be expanded from 2 to three members. He said tonight the Council should establish the committee and then come back on the 15th and do the Resolution. Councilor Salas made a Motion, by Resolution 2016-11-06, to appoint Councilor Escovedo, Mayor Ramos and the City Manager, Erik Zimmer as the Committee to score the submitted packets by engineering service providers for the TxCDBG 2017-2018 Texas Community Development Fund application and implementation. Councilor Escovedo wanted to also add Councilor Stephens to the committee. Councilor Salas amended her motion to include Councilor Stephens. Motion was seconded by Councilor Stephens. Motion unanimously carried.
13. Councilmember Comments and Answers –
Councilor Salas – said thanks to everyone for being here. She said we need to stick together in our community and be supportive of each other and keep praying.
Councilor Antrim – said she agreed with what Councilor Salas said. She said we need to heal and come together. She said we need to be mindful of

our community and how much we depend on each other.

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens to enter into Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Councilor Salas and motion unanimously carried. Council entered into Executive session at 6:20 P.M.

14. **Executive Session – Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney) and 551.074 (personnel matters)**
 - A. **Update on Scown litigation, Cause No. 2015-03-B0705-CV. Emily Livingston Scown and Barbara Scown V. The City of Alpine, Texas; in the 394th Judicial District Court of Brewster County, Texas. (E. Zimmer, CM) -**
 - B. **Review candidates for City Secretary position. (E. Zimmer, CM)**

15. **Action after Executive Session –**
 - A. **Take Action, if any, concerning Scown Litigation. (E. Zimmer, CM) –** Motion was made by Councilor Stephens to take no action. Motion was seconded by Councilor Salas. Motion unanimously carried.
 - B. **Take Action, if any, regarding review of candidates for City Secretary position. (E. Zimmer, CM) –** Motion was made by Councilor Stephens for the City Manager to contact the potential candidates and set up an interview for the candidates at the November 15th Council meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilor Salas. Motion unanimously carried.

16. **Adjournment.-** Motion was made by Councilor Stephens to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Councilor Salas. Motion unanimously carried. 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 2:30 P. M. on October 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.

Andres "Andy" Ramos, Mayor

Attest:

Margaret "Molly" Taylor, City Secretary

I, Margaret "Molly" Taylor, City Secretary, do certify that this notice was posted at 2:30 P.M. on October 28th, 2016, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Margaret "Molly" Taylor, City Secretary