

City Of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 1st, 2017
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. Dick Zimmer gave the invocation. Mayor Ramos led the pledge of allegiance to the flags.
2. Determination of quorum and proof of notice of the meeting. – Councilor Curry, Councilor Salas, Councilor Fitzgerald, Councilor Escovedo, Councilor Stephens and Mayor Ramos were present. City Manager Zimmer said the meeting notice had been posted at 9:00 A. M. on July 28th, 2017. City Manager Zimmer, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director 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) –

Border City Mayor Conference – Mayor Ramos said he attended the Border City Mayor’s conference and met a lot of dignitaries. He said they talked about Economic Development but the biggest issue was NAFTA. He said there are a lot of questions to be answered. He talked about sending a proclamation to Washington D.C. He said they would meet with Mexican officials in Mexico next year.
 - City Manager Report – (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – None, will address discussion relative to budget during topic at Information/Discussion section.
 - 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being discussed separately unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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.) –
 - A. Appoint Kirsten Moody for Parks Board, Ward 1 (M. Curry, City Council)
 - B. Approval of minutes from City Council meeting on July 6, 2017 (E. Zimmer, City Manager)
 - C. Approval of minutes from Budget Workshop meeting on July 13, 2017 (E. Zimmer, City

Manager)

- D. Approval of minutes from City Council meeting on July 18, 2017 (E. Zimmer, City Manager)
- Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2017-08-01, to approve the consent agenda in its entirety. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.

7. Information or Discussion Items –

A. Quarterly Readout from Municipal Court Judge Chris Sandefur. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)-

Municipal Judge Chris Sandefur reported and gave an overview for the 2nd quarter. He said the court has almost completely gotten rid of the backlog except for Code Enforcement cases. He said these people are not showing up. He said these are cases that have to do with weeds, junk cars and other safety issues. He said high weeds are a fire hazard. He said if they do not show up they do arrest warrants but the city will not pay to extradite. He said every year during Viva Big Bend the magistrates stay busy. He said the Municipal Court Clerk is going to be certified and he is trying to raise the visibility of the court.

B. Fiscal Year 2017-18 Proposed Budget to include questions and answers (E. Zimmer, City Manager)-

City Manager Zimmer said the City has had two workshops. He said it would be necessary to decrease the Ad Valorem rate this year since the assessed value was going up. He said we need to contemplate not going over the rate. He said we need to increase the General Fund on the paving side and add another person to the Police Department. He said we are in a better position this year than last year. He said we need to find out what assets are necessary for the fire department. He said as far as the Parks go, no specific action has been taken. He said we should generate an additional 90 thousand plus dollars. He said we need to improve the offices at City Hall. He said the revenue will increase but the tax rate will not. He said our biggest issue is the Wastewater Treatment plant and how we handle our sludge. He said that overall project will cost \$250,000. He said Megan has done a lot of work at the Airport. Hotel Motel funds and advertising was discussed. City Manager Zimmer said after tonight he needs to do the Management Letter. He said the Council might need to have one special meeting to approve the budget.

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, own a business or property in the city limits of Alpine, will be allowed to speak if there is time available.) - None

9. City Councilmember Comments and Answers – No discussion or action may take place-

Councilor Stephens – said that was a great report on the budget and thanked Judge Sandefur for his report

Councilor Escovedo- said she did not have a comment

Councilor Fitzgerald -said kudos to the Finance Department and the City Manager. He said the budget was very professional work and a lot of time went into this.

Councilor Salas- said thank you Megan and Erik for the budget. Good job. She also thanked Judge Sandefur.

Councilor Curry- said thanks for all the hard work on the budget

Mayor Ramos- said Good Job to Judge Sandefur and thanked everyone for the hard work on the budget.

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2017-08-02, to enter into Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried. (6:15 P.M.)

10. Executive Session – Pursuant to Texas Government Code (Section 551.074 (personnel matters)). –

A. Deliberation regarding the selection of a new City Secretary for the City of Alpine. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) (6:26 P.M.)

B. Deliberation regarding the selection of a new City Manager for the City of Alpine. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – (6:45 P.M.)

11. Action after Executive Session – (7:05 P.M.)

A. Take action, if any, regarding the selection of a new City Secretary for the City of Alpine. (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2017-08-03, to direct the City Manager to take the action that was discussed regarding a new City Secretary. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.

B. Take action, regarding the selection of a new City Manager for the City of Alpine. (E. Zimmer City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2017-08-04, to interview 4 candidates on August 22nd at a special meeting for City Manager. These candidates are Jonathan Batt, J. Horry, Lane Jones and M.G. Spanial. Motion was seconded by Councilor Salas. Motion unanimously carried.

12. Adjournment. – There being no further action, 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 devices0 and 551.086 (economic development).

I certify that this notice was posted at 9:00 A.M on July 28th, 2017, 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:

Erik M. Zimmer, City Manager

I, Erik M. Zimmer, City Manager, do certify that this notice was posted at 9:00 A. M. on July 28th, 2017, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Erik M. Zimmer, City Manager