

City Of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 15th, 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. Lana Covington 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 Fitzgerald, Councilor Escovedo, Councilor Stephens and Mayor Ramos were present. City Secretary Cynthia Salas said the meeting notice had been posted at 9:00 A. M. on August 11, 2017. 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 - None
 - City Manager Report – (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – None
 - 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being discussed separately unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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. Approval of minutes from City Council meeting on August 1, 2017 (E. Zimmer, City Manager) - Motion was made by Councilor Stephens by Resolution 2017-08-05 to approve the minutes of August 1, 2017 minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Information or Discussion Items –
 - A. Overview of August 17, 2017 Board and Commission Training - Provide an overview to Council about the training planned for Boards and Commissions. (R. Stephens, City Council) - Councilor Stephens briefly went over the power point presentation for the training. City Secretary reached out to the Board and Commissions to confirm attendance. Councilor Stephens will go over the responsibilities of each chair. Councilor Stephens will reach out to individuals that didn't attend training. Attorney Adolfo Ruiz will present training on TOMA and Roberts Rules of

order.

- B. Fire and Rescue Service Agreement - City of Alpine - completed by Chris Barron, ED, State Fire Marshall's Association. (J. Fitzgerald, City Council)**- Councilor Fitzgerald said copies of the inspection had been distributed and no response from the copies that went out. Councilor Fitzgerald and Commissioner Garrett with set up recommendations from Chris Barron's report and forward to city attorney Adolfo Ruiz for review. Chris Barron's report showed that the fire department had to much equipment. Councilor Stephens stated that county will not use funds until a plan is in place. Mayor Ramos asked how we would handle a 501C3. Megan Antrim stated that money was given to the City of Alpine for the fire department.
- C. Brewster County Appraisal District Update. (R. Stephens, City Council)** - Councilor Stephens reported that earlier today he had attended the Brewster County Appraisal District meeting and that tax roll values were up both in the county and city.

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 I there is time available.) -

- 8. Discuss and Consider the first reading of Ordinance 20017-08-01 to amend Section 54-205. Abatement of weed or grass in excess of 48 inches (R. Stephens, City Council)** - Councilor Stephens drafted an Ordinance that requires citizens with weeds or grass over 12 inches to comply and the ordinance also changes the abatement from 48 inches to 24 inches. Councilor Stephens made a motion, by Resolution 2017-08-06, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2017-08-01. Councilor Fitzgerald second the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.
- 9. Discuss and Consider the revaluation of property on North Bird Street and North half of unopened Street located in Kokernot Heights Additon between Lot 23 at 1010 North Bird and Lot 230 at 1002 North Loop Road which was sold as per the amended appraisal for \$19,000 and approved at the June 6, 2017 City Council meeting. The buyer submitted a second appraisal for the City Council to review. (J. Fitzgerald, City Council)** - Councilor Stephens stated sale 1002 North Loop Road, the buyer submitted a second appraisal. Johnny Carpenter requested another appraisal and asked to reconsider the second value of \$11,600. Paul Loeffler, the Appraisal, said he conducted a market value appraisal on the property and explained how he arrived at the value. Councilor Fitzgerald made a motion, by Resolution 2017-08-07, to approve the new appraised value of \$11,600 for the property at 1002 N. Loop Road. Councilor Escovedo second the motion. Councilors Curry, Escovedo, and Fitzgerald voted in favor. Councilor Stephens abstained from voting. Motion passed.
- 10. Discuss and Consider the first reading of street closure for Hotel Ritchey to allow agent Mattie Mattaei to install porch. (Erik Zimmer, City Manager)** - Councilor Stephens stated that part of the deed easement has existed since the beginning of time. Councilor Stephens questioned what would happen with this ordinance from a lega point of view. Assistant City Manager said she had no back up on this item. Councilor Stephens stated that the council could amend the ordinance describes the closure of a

street instead of a sidewalk. Councilor Stephens made a motion to table this item until next meeting on the 22nd of August. Councilor Fitzgerald second the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

11. Discuss and set dates for special meeting on 2nd Hearing for Tax Rate and Public Hearing for FY 2017-18 City of Alpine Budget.(Erik Zimmer, City Manager) - Dates for the second hearing for the Tax Rate and Public Hearing for FY 2017-18 City of Alpine Budget were set as follows. Motion was made by Councilor Fitzgerald, by Resolution 2017-08-08, to set the 1st date of September 5, 2017, 2nd date set for September 12th, and 3rd and final date set for September 19th, to approve the Tax Rate. Motion was seconded by Councilor Escovedo. Motion carried.

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

Councilor Stephens – said thank you for the participation and it was a good meeting.

Councilor Escovedo- said she was glad to be here. Boy Scouts troop 41 interviewed her two weeks ago.

Councilor Fitzgerald -said thank you and especially to my constituents.

Councilor Curry- said thank you for showing up

Mayor Ramos- said that ordinance do come up an we have to adhere to them

Motion was made by Councilor Stephens, by Resolution 2017-08-09, to enter into Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried. (6:29 P.M.)

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

A. Discuss appointment of new council person for Ward 2. Related to Alpine City Charter Section 3.06 (E. Zimmer, City Manager) (6:29 P.M.)

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

A. Take action, if any, concerning appointment of a new council person for Ward 2 (E. Zimmer, City Manager) – Motion was made by Councilor Stephens by Resoluiom 2017-08-10, to ask City Secretary to reach out to the three candidates to submit to city council a statement of desire and intent of why they feel that they would be a good candidate to represent Ward 2. Including any additional qualifications that they would like to be taken into consideration. The three candidates being: Mike Davidson, Mary Ann Lujan, and Ramon Olivas.

15. 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:

Cynthia Salas, City Secretary

I, Cynthia Salas, City Secretary, do certify that this notice was posted at 9:00 A. M. on August 11, 2017, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Cynthia Salas, City Secretary