

City of Alpine
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, September 10, 2024 – 5:30 PM
Minutes

1. **CALL TO ORDER.**

A. Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

C. Determination of a Quorum and Proof of Notice of the Meeting.

City Council Members Present:

Mayor Catherine Eaves
Councilor Eva Martinez
Councilor Reagan Stone
Councilor Darin Nance
Councilor Lucy Escovedo
Councilor Rick Stephens

Not Present: None.

City Staff and Stakeholders Present:

Megan Antrim, City Manager
Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary
Alessandra Gad, City Attorney
Darrell Losoya, Chief of Police
Abel Hinojos, Airport Supervisor

Other Attendees: None

Mayor Eaves announced that a quorum of the City Council was present at the City Council Chambers and City Secretary, Geoffrey Calderon, reported that the meeting agenda was posted by 2:00 P.M. on September 6, 2024.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

Each person in attendance who desires to speak to the City Council on an item on the agenda shall speak during this section. A Public Comment Card must be filled out and turned in to the City Secretary at least 5 minutes prior to the start time of the meeting. The Public Comment Card may be filled out at www.cityofalpine.com/councilcomments. Public comments may be made regarding agenda items only. Attendees must be physically present in order to address the City Council. Comments by proxy are not allowed. Public Comments are limited to 3 minutes per person. Unused time may not be yielded to other attendees. Please note that the City Council may only take action on items posted on the agenda. The Texas Open Meetings Act prohibits the Council from deliberating or taking action on an item not listed on the agenda. City Staff may ask commenters clarifying questions, respond with facts, and explain policy.

3. **PUBLIC HEARINGS.**

At this time, the Mayor will invite members of the public to address each item listed in this section. Comments made during this section are limited to the topic of each public hearing. Attendees must be physically present in order to address the City Council. Comments by proxy are not allowed. Public Comments are limited to 3 minutes per person. Unused time may not be yielded to other attendees. If more than one public hearing is being held, each person will be allowed to speak during each topic.

Open (5:31 P.M.)

- A. Public Hearing to obtain citizen views and comments regarding the second and final reading Ordinance 2024-09-04, an ordinance making appropriations for the support of the City of Alpine, Texas for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025; Appropriating money to a sinking fund to pay interest and principal on the City's indebtedness; Adopting the annual budget of the City of Alpine, Texas for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

Public Comments: None.

- B. Public Hearing to obtain citizen views and comments regarding the first reading of Ordinance 2024-09-05, an ordinance approving the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 proposed tax rate of \$0.439205 per \$100 of assessed valuation for the fiscal year October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 for use and support of the Municipal Government of the City of Alpine, Texas.

Public Comments: None.

Close (5:32 P.M.)

4. **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS.**

- A. Presentations & Recognitions
- B. Proclamations
- C. Community Interest Items
 - i) Mayor Announcements
 - ii) City Manager Announcements
 - iii) Council Member Announcements

5. **CHANGES TO POSTED AGENDA.**

NOTICE: *The City Council reserves the right to change the order of business at any time during the meeting. To change the order of business a motion, a second, and a majority vote is required.*

- A. **Items to be continued or withdrawn.** Items may be continued to the next City Council meeting or withdrawn from consideration during this agenda. Items to be continued or withdrawn require a motion, a second, and a majority vote.
- B. **Items to be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion.** Items may be withdrawn from the consent agenda by a simple request by the Mayor or any City Council member. *Items removed from the consent agenda* will be considered in the Items withdrawn from the consent agenda section directly after approval of the items not requiring separate discussion.
- C. **Action items to be added to the consent agenda.** Adding action items to the consent agenda must be requested by the Mayor or any City Council member and requires a motion, a second, and a majority vote.

D. **Time-Sensitive Items.** The Mayor, any City Council Member, or a member of City Staff may, by simple request, ask that time-sensitive items be considered during that section.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA.**

7. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

8. **REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS.**

Presentations are limited to 6 minutes each. A bell will ring when the 6-minute timeframe has been reached. If further time is needed the presentation may be extended an additional 4 minutes at the discretion of the presiding officer. After the initial period and extension have passed, the presentation may be extended further by a motion, a second, and a majority vote of the City Council.

9. **INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION ITEMS.**

10. **ACTION ITEMS.**

Action items are to be accompanied by a brief statement of facts, including where funds are coming from, if applicable. (Action items limited to 10 per meeting).

- A. Approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2024-09-04, an ordinance making appropriations for the support of the City of Alpine, Texas for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025; Appropriating money to a sinking fund to pay interest and principal on the City's indebtedness; Adopting the annual budget of the City of Alpine, Texas for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2024-09-14A: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Eva Martinez to adopt the proposed budget for 2024-2025 that reflects an increase in revenue derived from property tax revenues over last year's budget, discussion ensued.

RESOLUTION 2024-09-14B: Councilor Stephens moved to amend the original motion to reflect that we adopt the the budget for 2024-2025 that reflects an increase in revenue derived from property tax revenues over last year's *amended budget*. The motion was seconded by Councilor Reagan Stone. The amendment was adopted with the City Council voting in the following manner:

Councilor Stone: Aye
Councilor Martinez: Aye
Councilor Nance: Aye
Councilor Escovedo: Aye
Councilor Stephens: Aye

The City Council subsequently voted in the following manner to to adopt the original motion as amended:

Councilor Stone: Aye
Councilor Martinez: Aye
Councilor Nance: Aye
Councilor Escovedo: Aye
Councilor Stephens: Aye

- B. Approve the first reading of Ordinance 2024-09-05, an ordinance approving the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 proposed tax rate of \$0.439205 per \$100 of assessed valuation for the fiscal year October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 for use and support of the Municipal Government of the City of Alpine, Texas. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2024-09-14C: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Darin Nance to approve the motion as presented, the motion was adopted with the City Council voting in the following manner:

Councilor Stone: Aye
Councilor Martinez: Aye
Councilor Nance: Aye
Councilor Escovedo: Aye
Councilor Stephens: Aye

11. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS.**

Executive reports are limited to 10 minutes each.

City Mayor Report

City Manager Report

12. **CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS.**

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

NOTICE: *The City Council reserves the right to reconvene, recess, realign, change the order of business, or adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of the meeting prior to adjournment, to discuss any item listed above, as authorized by 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 551.087 (development).*

14. **ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

15. **ADJOURN.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. (6:18 P.M.)

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Catherine Eaves, Mayor

Geoffrey R. Calderon, TRMC
City Secretary & Chief Governance Officer

CERTIFICATION

I, Geoffrey R. Calderon, do hereby certify that this notice was posted at City Hall, in a convenient and readily accessible place to the general public, and on the City website at

www.cityofalpine.com pursuant to Section 551.043, Texas Government Code. The said notice was posted by 2:00 P.M. on September 6, 2024, and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of the said meeting.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL
this 6th day of September, 2024



Geoffrey R. Calderon, TRMC
City Secretary & Chief Governance Officer

