

City of Alpine
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, January 21, 2025 – 4:00 PM
Minutes

1. **WORKSHOP MEETING - 4:00 P.M.**

- A. Funding Opportunities - Government Capital Presentation. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

Mayor Eaves called the workshop meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

City Council Members Present:

Councilor Darin Nance
Councilor Lucy Escovedo (*arrived late*)
Councilor Rick Stephens
Mayor Catherine Eaves
Councilor Eva Martinez

City Staff and Stakeholders Present:

Megan Antrim, City Manager
Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary

Not Present: Councilor Reagan Stone

Others Present: None.

Drew Whittington, Municipal Advisor for Government Capital Presented to the City Council regarding financing.

2. **CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR MEETING - 5:30 P.M.**

- 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.

Mayor Catherine Eaves called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. The meeting was held at City Council Chambers located at 803 West Holland Avenue and via Zoom Videoconference in the City of Alpine, Texas. Mayor Eaves led the pledge of allegiance to the flags. The following persons were in attendance:

City Council Members Present:

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

City Staff and Stakeholders Present:

Megan Antrim, City Manager
Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary
Cynthia Trevino, City Attorney
Kirk Caughman, Police Lieutenant

Not Present:

Others Present: 2 attendees.

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 January 17, 2025.

3. **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.

4. **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 of Ordinance 2024-11-01, an ordinance authorizing the vacation, abandonment, and sale of the unimproved portions of Saltillo Avenue, Monterey Avenue, Tuluco Avenue, and Avenue "C," all situated within Blocks One (1) through Six (6), Colima Addition to the City of Alpine, Brewster County, Texas; Authorizing the City Manager to execute a deed without warranty to the applicants Michael and Lynn McCarson; Directing that funds from the sale of the city's interest be deposited in the general fund for the purpose of street improvements; Providing for terms and conditions of such thereof; Providing for a Severability Clause; Providing for an effective date.

Public Comments: None.

- B. Public Hearing to obtain citizen views and comments regarding the second and final reading of Ordinance 2025-01-01, repealing Article III – Water Conservation Plan and Article IV – Drought Contingency Plan of Chapter 66 – Natural Resources to the Alpine Code of Ordinances; Establishing an updated Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan; Establishing criteria for the initiation and termination of drought response stages; Establishing restrictions on certain water uses; Establishing penalties for the violation of and provisions for enforcement of these restrictions; Establishing procedures for granting variances; Providing the establishment of up to a \$500 penalty per occurrence for violations of the ordinance; And providing for the following clauses: Cumulative, Penalty, Savings, Severability, Proper Notice & Meeting, and Effective Date.

Public Comments: None.

Close (5:32 P.M.)

5. **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS.**

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

6. **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.

RESOLUTION 2025-01-12: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Lucy Escovedo to continue item 10B and the Executive Session item to the next meeting, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion.

- 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 Removed from the Consent Agenda* portion of the meeting directly after approval of the items not requiring separate discussion.

No items were removed from the consent agenda for 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.

No action items were added to the consent agenda.

- 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.

No items were added to the time-sensitive items section of the agenda.

7. **TIME SENSITIVE ITEMS.**

8. **CONSENT AGENDA.**

- A. Approval of January 7, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)
- B. Approval of Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025 1st Quarter Investment Report. (M. Antrim, City Manager)
- C. November 2024, December 2024, and 1st Quarter of Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Office of the City Secretary (OCS) Reports including Legislative Services, City Council Activities, Board & Commissions Activities, Public Information, and Departmental Statistics and Updates. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)
- D. Approve payment of December 2024 monthly billing summary for Bojorquez Law Firm services. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2025-01-13: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Eva Martinez to approve the consent agenda, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion.

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

10. **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.

- A. Update from the Alpine Country Club. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

Amy White, Alpine Country Club presented to the City Council.

- B. Alpine Volunteer Fire Department Update from Chief James Etcheson. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

Item 10B was continued to the next City Council meeting by City Council action, by Resolution 2025-01-12.

- C. Update from Emergent Air. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

The representative from Emergent Air was not present at the meeting, and no update took place.

11. **INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION ITEMS.**

- A. Discuss the request for support from the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks (CABT) opposition of multiple Congressional bills allowing heavier tractor-trailers on our roads. (C. Eaves, Mayor)
- B. City Manager 2024 End of Year Report. (M. Antrim, City Manager)
- C. Finance Report - November 2024 Revenue and Expenses. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

12. **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 2024-11-01, an ordinance authorizing the vacation, abandonment, and sale of the unimproved portions of Saltillo Avenue, Monterey Avenue, Tuluco avenue, and Avenue "C," and Morilos Avenue, all situated within Blocks One (1) through Six (6), Colima Addition to the City of Alpine, Brewster County, Texas; Authorizing the City Manager to execute a deed without warranty to the applicants Michael and Lynn McCarson; Directing that funds from the sale of the city's interest be deposited in the general fund for the purpose of street improvements; Providing for terms and conditions of such thereof; Providing for a Severability Clause; Providing for an effective date. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2025-01-14: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Eva Martinez to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2024-11-01, discussion ensued.

RESOLUTION 2025-01-15: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Reagan Stone to amend the original motion to postpone the item to a future meeting, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion. The City Council subsequently unanimously voted to adopt the motion as amended.

Mayor Eaves called a 5 minute recess. (6:51 P.M.)

The meeting resumed. (6:56 P.M.)

- B. Approve the first reading of Ordinance 2025-01-02, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Alpine, Texas amending Chapter 74 – Parks and Recreation, Article I – In General, to the Alpine Code of Ordinances; amending and establishing rules and regulations for all city parks; Providing for the establishment of permitting processes for festivals, events, & alcohol; Providing the establishment of up to a \$500 penalty per occurrence for violations of the ordinance; Providing for the following: Findings of Fact, Enactment, Repealer, Penalty, Savings, Severability, Proper Notice and Meeting, and Effective Date Clauses. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2025-01-16: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Lucy Escovedo to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2025-01-02 as presented, discussion ensued.

RESOLUTION 2025-01-17: Councilor Reagan Stone moved to strike sec. 74-1(b). Councilor Lucy Escovedo seconded the motion. The amendment was not adopted with the City Council voting in the following manner:

Councilor Reagan Stone: For
Councilor Eva Martinez: Against
Councilor Darin Nance: Against
Councilor Lucy Escovedo: For
Councilor Rick Stephens: Against

The City Council unanimously adopted the original motion, Resolution 2025-01-16, as originally presented.

- C. Approve Order 2025-01-01, an Order of General Election for May 3, 2025, for the purpose of electing one Ward 1 Council Member and one Ward 3 Council Member for three year terms; with early voting from April 22, 2025, to April 30, 2025. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)

RESOLUTION 2025-01-18: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Reagan Stone to approve Order 2025-01-01, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion.

13. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS.**

Executive reports are limited to 10 minutes each. The City Council may hold a discussion during this section regarding any item listed on the agenda. No action may take place regarding report items, unless specified on the agenda.

City Mayor Report

City Manager Report

14. **CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS.**

15. **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).*

The executive session scheduled on the agenda was continued to the next City Council meeting per City Council action, by Resolution 2025-01-12.

- A. Consultation with Attorney § 551.072, Texas Government Code

i. Discuss the possible sale and/or acquisition of property for long-term overall city goals and planning, including city owned structures. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

16. **ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

- A. Action, if any, concerning any of the items listed in executive session. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

17. **ADJOURN.**

There being no further business, Mayor Eaves adjourned the meeting. (7:23 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 January 17, 2025, and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of the said meeting.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL
this 17th day of January, 2025.



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

