

City Of Alpine
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, May 20, 2025 – 5:30 PM
Minutes

1. **CALL TO ORDER.**

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.

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:

Councilor Lucy Escovedo
Councilor Rick Stephens
Mayor Catherine Eaves
Councilor Eva Martinez
Councilor Richard Portillo
Councilor Robert Rücker *Arrived late*

City Staff and Stakeholders Present:

Megan Antrim, City Manager
Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary
Cynthia Trevino, City Attorney
Darrell Losoya, Chief of Police
Abel Hinojos, Airport Supervisor
Jessica Isley, Building Official
Jennifer Stewart, Animal Services Sup.

Not Present: None

Others Present: 4 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 May 16, 2025.

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.

Public Comments: None

4. **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS.**

A. Presentations & Recognitions

B. Proclamations

i) Proclamation of May as Community Action Month.

Mayor Eaves announced that May is Community Action Month.

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.

No items were continued or withdrawn.

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 time-sensitive items were added to the Time Sensitive Items portion of the agenda.

6. **TIME SENSITIVE ITEMS.**

7. **CONSENT AGENDA.**

- A. Approval of the May 6, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)
- B. Approval of the April 2025 Office of the City Secretary (OCS) Report including Legislative Services, City Council Activities, Board & Commissions Activities, Public Information, and Departmental Statistics and Updates. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)
- C. Approval of the April 2025 Invoice for Bojorquez Law Firm Services. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2025-05-14: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Lucy Escovedo to approve the consent agenda as presented, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion with all members present excluding Councilor Robert Rückes, who arrived late.

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

9. **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.

10. **INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION ITEMS.**

- B. Discuss Animal Services spay and neuter pilot program. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

Jennifer Stewart addressed the City Council regarding the Animal Services spay and neuter pilot program.

- A. Discuss City Council Representation on each of the Boards and Commissions. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

Discussion Item A took place after Discussion Item B so that Councilor Robert Rückes could participate in the discussion. City Manager, Megan Antrim, facilitated a discussion regarding City Council ex-officio positions on city boards and commissions.

- C. Discussion regarding Ordinance 2025-06-01, an ordinance approving Rezone Application 2025-06-01; Amending the official zoning map of the city by rezoning the property located at 702 E. Murphy and legally described as Lots One (1) and Two (2), Block Twenty-Five (25) Hancock Addition, to the City of Alpine, Brewster County, Texas; Rezoning the subject property from C-1 Neighborhood Commercial District to M-1 Industrial District. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

- D. Discussion regarding Ordinance 2025-06-02, an ordinance approving Rezone Application 2025-06-02; Amending the official zoning map of the city by rezoning the property located at 1009 E. Gallego Avenue and legally described as All of Lots Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), and Eight (8) and the East One-Half (E ½) of Lot Three (3) and Nine (9), in Block Thirty Three (33), Hancock Addition (South of the Railroad), save and except the North 20 varas of Lots Four (4) and Five (5), and the North 20 varas of the East One-Half (E ½) of Lot Three (3), Block Thirty-Three (33), Hancock Addition (South of the Railroad), as the same appears in the map or plat records on file in the Office of the County Clerk of Brewster County, Texas; Rezoning the subject property from R-4 Mobile Home District to C-1 Neighborhood Commercial District. (M. Antrim, City Manager)
- E. Discussion regarding Ordinance 2025-06-03, an ordinance amending Chapter 90 – Taxation, Article V – Short Term Rentals to the Alpine Code of Ordinances; Amending rules and regulations regarding short term rentals within the city limits; Providing the establishment of up to a \$500 penalty per occurrence for violations of the ordinance. (M. Antrim, City Manager)
- F. Discussion regarding Ordinance 2025-06-04, an ordinance amending Chapter 46 – Fire Prevention and Preservation, Article II – Fire Prevention Codes, Section 46-43 – Violations to reflect that fire permit and inspection fees may be set by annual City Council resolution; Providing the establishment of up to a \$500 penalty per occurrence for violations of the ordinance. (M. Antrim, City Manager)
- G. Discussion regarding Ordinance 2025-06-05, an ordinance amending Chapter 10 – Animals to the Alpine Code of Ordinances; Amending Section 10-48 – Registration of dogs and cats; Amending Section 10-49 Finders of lost dogs and cats; Amending Section 10-50 – Dead Animals, Duty to remove; Amending Section 10-52 – Keeping of Wild Animals and Exotic Animals; Providing amended language to provide additional clarification throughout the chapter; Providing updates to animal department and facility titles within the city; Providing the establishment of up to a \$500 penalty per occurrence for violations of the ordinance; And providing for the following: Findings of Fact, Enactment, Repealer, Penalty, Savings, Severability, Proper Notice and Meeting, and Effective Date clauses. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

11. **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 Resolution 2025-05-13, a Resolution approving the Use of Currently Budgeted Funds by Animal Services to Implement a Pilot Spay and Neuter Voucher Program, Providing Up to \$100 per Voucher to Assist Residents with the Cost of Spaying and Neutering their Pets. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2025-05-15: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Eva Martinez to approve, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion.

- B. Approval of Renaming of Sul Ross State University Campus Streets to revise the following Sul Ross State University (SRSU) roadways in the Master Street Addressing Guide (MSAG) database:

- i. UNIVERSITY CIRCLE
 - 1. Located at the end of EAST SUL ROSS AVENUE
 - 2. Revert back to original name “EAST SUL ROSS AVENUE”
- ii. WEST UNIVERSITY DRIVE
 - 1. Located between CENTENNIAL DRIVE & EAST SUL ROSS AVENUE
 - 2. Revert back to original name & add directionals “WEST CENTENNIAL DRIVE”
- iii. EAST UNIVERSITY DRIVE
 - 1. Located off CENTENNIAL DRIVE
 - 2. Revert back to original name, re-draw the roadway & add
- iv. CYR (FIRE LANE)
 - 1. Located off newly renamed WEST CENTENNIAL DRIVE
 - 2. Change name to “CYR MALL” & re-draw the fire lane path to reflect the appropriate ingress
- v. LOBO VICTORY LANE
 - 1. Located off US HIGHWAY 90
 - 2. Change name to “VICTORY LANE”
- vi. RIO LOBO DRIVE
 - 1. Located at the end of EAST AVE B
 - 2. Change name to “UNIVERSITY DRIVE”
- vii. RIO LOBO CIRCLE
 - 1. Located off newly renamed UNIVERSITY DRIVE
 - 2. Re-draw so that proper ingress is established. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2025-05-16: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Robert Rükes to approve renaming of Sul Ross State University Campus Streets to revise roadways, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion.

12. **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

13. **CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS.**

RESOLUTION 2025-05-17: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Eva Martinez to recess into executive session, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion. **(6:29 P.M.)**

14. **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).

A. Consultation with Attorney § 551.071, Texas Government Code:

- a. Letter of Demand - Stephen Seale
- b. Letter of Demand - Living Trust of James Distel
- c. Update on Customs and Border Protection Lease (M. Antrim, City Manager)

15. **ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

RESOLUTION 2025-05-18: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Eva Martinez to reconvene into open session, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion. **(6:52 P.M.)**

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

RESOLUTION 2025-05-19: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Eva Martinez to take no action, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion.

16. **ADJOURN.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Eaves. (6:52 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 May 16, 2025, and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of the said meeting.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL
this 16th day of May 2025.



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

