# City Of Alpine
## *REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING*
## Tuesday, July 1, 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:**
Mayor Catherine Eaves
Councilor Lucy Escovedo
Councilor Rick Stephens
Councilor Eva Martinez
Councilor Robert Rückes

**City Staff and Stakeholders Present:**
Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary & Interim City Manager
Cynthia Trevino, City Attorney
Darrell Losoya, Chief of Police
Abel Hinojos, Airport Supervisor
Jessica Isley, Building Official
Randy Guzman, Gas Utility Director
Mike Macias, Worker II
Carmen Rodriguez, Cust Serv. Clerk II
Victoria Sanchez, Director of Finance
Alexandra Tackett, Records Clerk

**Not Present:** Councilor Richard Portillo

**Others Present:** 5 other 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 June 26, 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.*

**Public Comments**: None.

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 Replat 2025-07-01, a replat application which would allow the applicant, Horticultural Consulting, LLC, to reflect the updated ownership of a recently purchased portion of public property. The subject property is located at or about 508 S. 5th Street and is legally described as a replat Lot 5, Block 1, J.W. Ferguson's Second Addition to the City of Alpine, Subdivision Plat on file in Envelope 96, Plat Records of Brewster County Texas. The record property owner is Horticultural Consulting, LLC. The Parcel ID of the subject property is 10378. The current zoning classification of the property is R-3 Apartment District. If the replat is approved the zoning classification of the subject property will remain R-3 Apartment District.

**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.

*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.

*Councilor Rick Stephens requested Items B, C and E to be 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.*

6. **TIME SENSITIVE ITEMS.**

7. **CONSENT AGENDA.**

A. Approval of the June 10, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes. (G. Calderon, Interim City Manager)

B. Approval of the June 17, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. (G. Calderon, Interim City Manager)

C. Approval of 2025-2026 Holiday Calendar. (G. Calderon, Interim City Manager)

D. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 City Meeting Calendar. (G. Calderon, Interim City Manager)

E. Approval of the 2025-2026 Agenda Deadlines Calendar. (G. Calderon, Interim City Manager)

F. Approval of the 2025-2026 Planning & Zoning Submittal Calendar. (G. Calderon, Interim City Manager)

G. Approval of the May 2025 Invoice for Bojorquez Law Firm Services. (G. Calderon, Interim City Manager)

**RESOLUTION 2025-07-01**: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Lucy Escovedo to approve the consent agenda items A, D, F & G as presented, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion.

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

B. Approval of the June 17, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes (G Calderon, Intermin City Manager)

**RESOLUTION 2025-07-02**: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Lucy Escovedo to amend the June 17, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes to reflect Item 11J being removed, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion.

C. Approval of 2025-2026 Holiday Calendar (G. Calderon, Interim City Manager)

**RESOLUTION 2025-07-03**: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Robert Rückes to amend the 2025-2026 Holiday calendar, to have January 2, 2025 listed as a day off, instead of April 6, 2025, and to dispose the original motion as amended, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion.

E. Approval of the 2025-2026 Agenda Deadlines Calendar (G. Calderon, Interim City Manager)

**RESOLUTION 2025-07-04**: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Lucy Escovedo to approve the deadline for the 2025-2026 Deadline calendar, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion.

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.*

A. Update from the Alpine Emergency Services Board. (G. Calderon, Interim City Manager)

B. Update from the Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend. (G. Calderon, Interim City Manager)

C. Update from Alpine Public Library. (G. Calderon, Interim City Manager)

10. **INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION ITEMS.**

A. Discuss the status of the smart meter project and plan for implementation going forward. (C. Eaves, Mayor)

*Mayor Eaves called a short recess* **(6:54 P.M.)**
*The meeting resumed* **(7:00 P.M.)**

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 the first reading of Ordinance 2025-07-01, an ordinance amending Appendix C – Zoning to the Alpine Code of Ordinances; Establishing proposed updates to include amendments to general zoning regulations, land use, acceptable uses, unacceptable uses, minimum standards, processes, permits, and general zoning issues in the city; Repealing

Chapter 78 – Signs; Establishing a new section in Appendix C – Zoning, providing for the regulation of signs within the corporate city limits of Alpine; 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. (G. Calderon, Interim City Manager)

**RESOLUTION 2025-07-05** On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Eva Martinez to approve, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion.

**RESOLUTION 2025-07-06**: On a motion by Councilor Robert Rückes and seconded by Councilor Eva Martinez to approve with amendments discussed, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion.

B. Approve Replat 2025-07-01, a replat application which would allow the applicant, Horticultural Consulting, LLC, to reflect the updated ownership of a recently purchased portion of public property. The subject property is located at or about 508 S. 5th Street and is legally described as a replat Lot 5, Block 1, J.W. Ferguson's Second Addition to the City of Alpine, Subdivision Plat on file in Envelope 96, Plat Records of Brewster County Texas. The record property owner is Horticultural Consulting, LLC. The Parcel ID of the subject property is 10378. The current zoning classification of the property is R-3 Apartment District. If the replat is approved the zoning classification of the subject property will remain R-3 Apartment District. (G. Calderon, Interim City Manager)

**RESOLUTION 2025-07-07**: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Robert Rückes to approve, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion.

C. Approve the ratification of Resolution 2025-06-20-F, a resolution appointing Geoffrey R. Calderon as Interim City Manager. (G. Calderon, Interim City Manager)

**RESOLUTION 2025-07-08**: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Eva Martinez to approve, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion.

D. Approve the City Manager Job Description. (G. Calderon, Interim City Manager)

**RESOLUTION 2025-07-09**: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Robert Rückes to approve, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion.

E. Approve the Director of Public Utilities Job Description. (G. Calderon, Interim City Manager)

**RESOLUTION 2025-07-10**: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Robert Rückes to approve, 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**

i) Employee Compensation; Streets; Water; Wastewater, Budget; Grants; Information Technology & Cybersecurity; Utility Billing Software Transition; Requests for Proposals; Smart Meters; Pending Projects.

13. **CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS.**

**RESOLUTION 2025-07-11**: On a motion by Councilor Robert Rückes and seconded by Councilor Eva Martinez to recess into executive session, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion. **(7:56 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. Personnel Matters § 551.074, Texas Government Code:

a. To evaluate the Interim City Manager's recommendation on appointment, reassignment and duties related to the hiring of a Director of Public Utilities. (G. Calderon, Interim City Manager)
b. To evaluate the duties and performance of duties of the Interim City Manager related to Operational and Personnel Matters. (G. Calderon, Interim City Manager)

**RESOLUTION 2025-07-12**: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Robert Rückes to move into open session, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion. **(8:59 P.M.)**

**RESOLUTION 2025-07-13**: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Eva Martinez to extend past 9:00 P.M., the City Council unanimously adopted the motion.

**RESOLUTION 2025-07-14**: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Robert Rückes to move back into executive session, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion. (**8:59 P.M.)**

15. **ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**RESOLUTION 2025-07-15**: On a motion by Councilor Robert Rückes and seconded by Councilor Rick Stephens to move into regular session, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion. **(9:18 P.M.)**

A. Action, if any, concerning any of the items listed in executive session. (G. Calderon, Interim City Manager)

**RESOLUTION 2026-07-16**: Councilor Rick Stephens moved that City Council approve the City Manager's recommendation to appoint Mike Macias as Director of Utilities. Councilor Robert Rückes seconded the motion. The City Council voted to adopt the motion with all members voting in favor.

16. **ADJOURN.**

*There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Eaves.* **(9:19 P.M.)**

**APPROVED:**

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Catherine Eaves, *Mayor*

**ATTEST:**

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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 June 26, 2025, and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of the said meeting.

**WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL**
**this 26th day of June, 2025.**

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

CITY OF ALPINE BREWSTER COUNTY TEXAS