

City Of Alpine
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
Tuesday, August 26, 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 Richard Portillo
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
Randy Guzman, Gas Utility Director
Victoria Sanchez, Director of Finance

Not Present: None

Others Present: 4 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 August 19, 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.

- Kay Tscheyka, Ward 1, addressed the City Council in support of the Alpine Public Library funding.
- Cathy Johnson, Ward 1, addressed the City Council in support of the Alpine Public Library funding.
- Don Wetterauer, Ward 1, Executive Director of Alpine Public Library, addressed the City Council in support of the Alpine Public Library funding.

3. **BUDGET & TAX RATE WORKSHOP.**

- A. Budget Workshop to determine necessary amendments to the proposed budget ahead of official adoption. (G. Calderon, Interim City Manager)
- B. Review the Certified Values received from the Brewster County Appraisal District. (G. Calderon, Interim City Manager)
- C. Review the 2025 Truth in Taxation worksheet and tax rate options. (G. Calderon, Interim City Manager)

4. **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 a record vote on the proposed tax rate for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 to be incorporated into the budget ahead of official adoption. (G. Calderon, Interim City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2025-08-33: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Robert Rückes to approve a proposed M&O tax rate of .417159 and an I&S proposed tax rate of .007578 per \$100 value for a total of .424737 for \$100 of property value, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion with members voting in the following manner on roll call vote:

Councilor Richard Portillo: Aye
Councilor Eva Martinez: Aye
Councilor Robert Rückes: Aye
Councilor Lucy Escovedo: Aye
Councilor Rick Stephens: Aye

5. **CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS.**

6. **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).*

7. **ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

8. **ADJOURN.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Eaves. (6:51 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 August 19, 2025, and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of the said meeting.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL
this 19th day of August, 2025.



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

