City Of Alpine
BUDGET WORKSHOP & REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, September 2, 2025 – 4:00 PM
Minutes

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

   A. Budget Workshop to determine necessary amendments to the proposed budget ahead of official adoption. (G. Calderon, Interim City Manager)

   Mayor Pro Tem, Rick Stephens, called the workshop to order at 4:00 P.M.

   City Council Members Present:
   Councilor Lucy Escovedo
   Councilor Rick Stephens
   Councilor Eva Martinez
   Councilor Richard Portillo
   Mayor Catherine Eaves *(arrived late)*

   City Staff and Stakeholders Present:
   Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary
   & Interim City Secretary
   Darrell Losoya, Chief of Police
   Randy Guzman, Director of Gas Utilities
   Abel Hinojos, Airport Supervisor

   Not Present: Councilor Robert Ruckes

   Others Present: 3 other attendees

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

   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
   Eddie Molinar, Director of Public Works
   Mike Maciaz, Director of Utilities

   Not Present: None.

   Others Present: 11 other attendees

   Mayor Eaves announced that a quorum of the City Council was present at the City Council Chambers and Interim City Manager, Geoffrey Calderon, reported that the meeting agenda was posted by 2:00 P.M. on August 27, 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.

None.

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.

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.

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.

7. **<u>TIME SENSITIVE ITEMS.</u>**

8. **<u>CONSENT AGENDA.</u>**

A. Approval of the August 19, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. (G. Calderon, Interim City Manager)

B. Approval of hangar rental lease increase of $0.01 per square foot ground lease increase at the Alpine Casparis Municipal Airport. (G. Calderon, Interim City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2025-09-05: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Robert Rückes to approve, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion.

9. **<u>ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA.</u>**

10. **<u>REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS.</u>**
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. Presentation by the Big Bend Regional Hospital District staff regarding program and service offerings. (C. Eaves, Mayor)

11. **<u>INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION ITEMS.</u>**

A. Discuss the possibility of updating City ordinances to allow golf carts and other recreational vehicles to operate on City streets. (R. Portillo, City Council)

B. Discuss the proposed partnership between the City of Alpine and Alpine Independent School District for collaborative use and maintenance of the Manuel Payne Field located at Kokernot Park. (C. Eaves, Mayor)

C. Discuss a proposed resolution adopting a power pedestal rental policy and agreement; Establishing rental fees; Providing for fee waivers for city-sponsored events; Requiring release of liability; Providing for damages recovery; Providing for reduced nonprofit rates; Authorizing the City Manager to administer and implement the policy; And providing an effective date. (G. Calderon, Interim City Manager)

Mayor Eaves called a short recess. **(6:31 P.M.)**
The meeting resumed. **(6:37 P.M.)**

D. Discuss the Skyway Gardens II Development including concerns with the water pressure and the feasibility study conducted by Jacob | Martin. (G. Calderon, Interim 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 Resolution 2025-09-01, a resolution continuing collaborative improvement efforts for 2025-2026 between the City of Alpine and the Alpine Country Club to accompany the 2016 lease. (G. Calderon, Interim City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2025-09-06: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Richard Portillo to approve, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion.

B. Approve Resolution 2025-09-02, a resolution nominating a representative to the City of Alpine Solid Waste Advisory Committee (RSWAC) vacancy through the Rio Grande Council of Governments (RIOCOG) for a membership term of two years from Fiscal Year 2026-2027. (G. Calderon, Interim City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2025-09-07: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Richard Portillo to approve Resolution 2025-09-02 that formally nominates Adelina Beall as the representative, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion.

C. Approve Resolution 2025-09-03, a resolution nominating a City of Alpine representative to the Brewster County Appraisal District Board of Directors. (G. Calderon, Interim City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2025-09-08: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Robert Rückes to approve Resolution 2025-09-03, discussion ensued.

RESOLUTION 2025-09-09: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Richard Portillo to amend the original motion that Eva Martinez fill the vacancy on the Brewster County Appraisal District Board of Directors, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion. The City Council subsequently adopted the original motion as amended.

D. Approve Resolution 2025-09-04, a resolution authorizing the allocation of the of the city owned shipping container to the Alpine Emergency Services Board for use in Firefighting Trainingand granting access to the city owned Fire Training Facility (Burn House) and real property near the wastewater treatment plan to the Management of the Alpine Emergency Services Board. (R. Stephens, City Council)

RESOLUTION 2025-09-10: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Eva Martinez to approve Resolution 2025-09-04 authorizing the allocation of the city owned shipping container to the Alpine Emergency Services Board for use in firefighting training and granting access to the city owned fire training facility and real property near the wastewater treatment plant to the management of the Alpine Emergency Services Board, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion.

E. Renew the Director of Tourism contract for one-year term. (G. Calderon, Interim City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2025-09-11: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Robert Rückes to renew the Director of Tourism for a one-year term including a 5% increase, 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

B. **City Manager Report:** Employee Compensation; Streets; Water; Wastewater, Budget; Grants; Information Technology & Cybersecurity; Utility Billing Software Transition; Requests for Proposals; Smart Meters; Pending Projects, City Manager Search.

14. **CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS.**

RESOLUTION 2025-09-12: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Robert Rückes to move into executive session, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion. **(7:09 P.M.)**

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).*

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

a. Review and discuss the Texas Disposal Systems contract terms. (R. Stephens, City Council)

Personnel Matters § 551.074, Texas Government Code:

a. Review and discuss applications for City Manager and discuss feedback from department directors, scheduling of interviews with the City Council, and next steps moving forward. (G. Calderon, Interim City Manager)
b. Operational, Finance, and Personnel Discussions and Considerations to ensure that the City Council and the City Manager are aligned. (G. Calderon, Interim City Manager)

16. **ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

RESOLUTION 2025-09-13: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Richard Portillo to reconvene into open session, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion. **(8:22 P.M.)**

RESOLUTION 2025-09-14: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Eva Martinez to take no action after executive session, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion.

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

17. **ADJOURN.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Eaves **(8:23 P.M.)**

APPROVED:	**ATTEST:**
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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 27, 2025, and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of the said meeting.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL
this 27th day of August, 2025.

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

CITY OF ALPINE BREWSTER COUNTY TEXAS