

City Of Alpine
WORKSHOP & REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, February 17, 2026 – 4:00 PM
Minutes

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

- A. Workshop to discuss the implementation of an ordinance establishing regulations related to the operation of golf carts, pocket bikes and mini-motorbikes within the city; 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. (H. Arredondo, City Manager)

Mayor Pro Tem Rick Stephens called the workshop meeting to order at 4:00 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.

City Council Members Present:

Mayor Catherine Eaves, *Arrived Late*
Councilor Eva Martinez, *Arrived Late*
Councilor Rick Stephens, Mayor Pro Tem
Councilor Richard Portillo

City Staff and Stakeholders Present:

Henry Arredondo, City Manager
Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary

Not Present:

Councilor Lucy Escovedo
Councilor Robert Rückes

Others Present: 0 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:

Councilor Lucy Escovedo
Councilor Rick Stephens
Mayor Catherine Eaves
Councilor Eva Martinez
Councilor Richard Portillo
Councilor Robert Rückes, *Present Virtually*

City Staff and Stakeholders Present:

Henry Arredondo, City Manager
Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary
Cynthia Trevino, City Attorney
Kirk Caughman, Chief of Police
Abel Hinojos, Airport Supervisor
Eddie Molinar, Director o Public Works
David Martinez, Parks Foreman
Adriana Holguin, Public Works Admin. A
Chris Ruggia, Director or Tourism

Not Present: None.

Others Present: 7 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 February 11, 2026.

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.

- Roselyn Stanford, Ward 5, spoke in support of Action Item C, Resolution 2026-02-12 regarding the City Pool.
- Denis Foley, Ward 5, spoke in support of Action Item C, Resolution 2026-02-12 regarding the City Pool.

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 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.

Councilor Rick Stephens requested that item 15B be considered under the time-sensitive item portion of the meeting.

City Manager Henry Arredondo requested that Action Item 12C be considered under the time-sensitive item portion of the meeting.

7. **TIME SENSITIVE ITEMS.**

RESOLUTION 2026-02-13: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Eva Martinez to move into executive session, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion with all members present voting in favor. **(5:39 P.M.)**

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM 15B

Deliberation of Real Property § 551.072, Texas Government Code

Potential property acquisition by the City. (R. Stephens, City Council)

RESOLUTION 2026-02-14: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Richard Portillo to move into open session, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion with all members present voting in favor. **(6:04 P.M.)**

RESOLUTION 2026-02-15: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Eva Martinez that the City of Alpine take action to purchase the property for sale at the corner of Holland & 5th Ave, to accept the counteroffer of \$295,000 and that the seller pay for title insurance, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion with all members present voting in favor.

ACTION ITEM 12C

Approve Resolution 2026-02-12, a resolution acknowledging Critical Conditions at the City Swimming Pool; Finding That Major Repairs and Upgrades Are Necessary to Preserve a Significant Public Amenity; Authorizing Preliminary Approval to Proceed With Project Planning, Cost Negotiations, and Financing Options; Acknowledging the Use of a Cooperative Purchasing Method for Certain Services; and Providing for Future Council Action Regarding Final Scope, Procurement Method, and Expenditure of Funds. (H. Arredondo, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2026-02-16: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Richard Portillo to approve Resolution 2026-02-12 as presented, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion with all members present voting in favor.

8. CONSENT AGENDA.

- A. Approval of the February 3, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)
- B. Approval of the January 2026 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 January 2026 Invoice for Bojorquez Law Firm Services. (H. Arredondo, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2026-02-17: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Eva Martinez to approve the consent agenda as presented, 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. Tourism Update by Director of Tourism, Chris Ruggia. (H. Arredondo, City Manager)
- B. Alpine Public Library Update. (H. Arredondo, City Manager)

Mayor Eaves called a short recess. (6:58 P.M.)

The meeting resumed. (7:08 P.M.)

11. INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION ITEMS.

- A. Discussion and possible direction regarding updates to the official City logo and branding to incorporate Alpine's identity as a Dark Sky Destination. (C. Eaves, Mayor)

Mayor Eaves called a short recess. (7:27 P.M.)

The meeting resumed. (7:29 P.M.)

- B. Discuss Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Process and tentative timeline. (H. Arredondo, City Manager)
- C. Council Discussion and Direction Regarding the Structure, Level of Detail, and Policy Framework for the City's Future Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). (H. Arredondo, City Manager)
- D. Discussion regarding the tentative boards, commissions, and committees appreciation dinner and steps to be taken prior to the event. (E. Martinez, City Council)

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 2026-02-10, a resolution adopting the City of Alpine Community Services Grant Program policy and application; Finding that the policy serves a valid public purpose; Acknowledging City Council workshops and recommended updates; Providing for implementation; And providing an effective date. (H. Arredondo, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2026-02-18: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Eva Martinez to approve Resolution 2026-02-10 as presented, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion.

- B. Approve Resolution 2026-02-11, a resolution authorizing the City of Alpine Environmental Services Department to participate in the Keep Texas Beautiful and Texas Department of Transportation's Governor's Community Achievement Award Program. (H. Arredondo, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2026-02-19: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Richard Portillo to approve Resolution 2026-02-11 as presented, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion.

- C. Approve Resolution 2026-02-12, a resolution acknowledging Critical Conditions at the City Swimming Pool; Finding That Major Repairs and Upgrades Are Necessary to Preserve a Significant Public Amenity; Authorizing Preliminary Approval to Proceed With Project Planning, Cost Negotiations, and Financing Options; Acknowledging the Use of a Cooperative Purchasing Method for Certain Services; and Providing for Future Council Action Regarding Final Scope, Procurement Method, and Expenditure of Funds. (H. Arredondo, City Manager)

Action Item C was considered during the time-sensitive item portion of the meeting.

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; Boards, Commissions, and Committees.

14. **CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS.**

RESOLUTION 2026-02-20: 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. **(8:08 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. Discuss Hernandez v. City of Alpine. (H. Arredondo, City Manager)

- B. Deliberation of Real Property § 551.072, Texas Government Code

- a. Potential property acquisition by the City. (R. Stephens, City Council)

- C. Personnel Matters § 551.074, Texas Government Code:

- a. Operational, Finance, and Personnel Discussions and Considerations to ensure that the City Council and the City Manager are aligned. (H. Arredondo, City Manager)

16. **ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

RESOLUTION 2026-02-21: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Richard Portillo to move into regular session, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion. **(8:29 P.M.)**

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

RESOLUTION 2026-02-22: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Richard Portillo to take no action after executive session, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion.

17. **ADJOURN.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Eaves. (8:30 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 February 11, 2026, and remained so posted for at least 3 business days preceding the scheduled time of the said meeting.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL

this 11th day of February, 2026.



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

