

City of Alpine
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, July 16, 2024 – 5:30 PM
Minutes

1. **CALL TO ORDER.**

- 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 Reagan Stone
Councilor Eva Olivas
Councilor Lucy Escovedo

City Staff and Stakeholders Present:

Megan Antrim, City Manager
Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary
Alessandra Gad, City Attorney
Robert Rückes, Building Official
Chris Ruggia, Director of Tourism
Abel Hinojos, Airport Supervisor

Not Present:

Councilor Darin Nance
Councilor Rick Stephens

Others Present: Approximately 5 others.

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 Friday, July 12, 2024.

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, or at one singular agenda item. 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.

No public comments were made.

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.

- A. Public Hearing to obtain citizen views and comments regarding the second and final reading of Ordinance 2024-07-02, an ordinance approving Rezone Application 2024-06-01; Amending the official zoning map of the city by rezoning the property located at 1003 E. Gallego and legally described as 0.5 acres, more or less, lying in Brewster County, Texas, Lot Ten (10), the W 1/2 of Lot Nine (9), Two (2) and the W 1/2 of Lot Three (3), EXCEPT the North 20 varas of Lots One (1), Two (2) and the W 1/3 of Three (3), in Block Thirty-Three (33) Hancock Addition South of the Railroad, according to the map/plat of said addition filed in Plat Envelope No. 112, Brewster County Plat Records; Rezoning the subject property from R-4 Mobile Home District to C-1 Neighborhood Commercial District.

The public hearing opened at 5:32 P.M. The public hearing closed at 5:33 P.M. No public comments were made.

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.

Mayor Eaves announced that Councilor Stephens requested that item 10-D be postponed.

RESOLUTION 2024-07-13: On a motion by Eva Olivas and seconded by Lucy Escovedo to postpone item 10-D to the August 6, 2024, City Council meeting, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion.

- 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 withdrawn from the consent agenda section 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 items were added to the consent agenda for separate discussion.

- D. **Time-Sensitive Items.** The Mayor, any City Council Member, or a member of City Staff may request that time-sensitive items be considered during that section.

No items were added to the time-sensitive items portion of the meeting.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA.**

- A. Approval of June 11, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)
- B. Approval of July 2, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)
- C. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Boards, Commissions, and Committees calendar. (G. Calderon, City Secretary)
- D. Approval of the appointment of Iris De Leon to the Place 6 position on the Parks and Recreation Board. (C. Eaves, Mayor)
- E. Approval of the appointment of Kirsten Moody to the Place 3 (Arts & Historic) position on the Hotel Occupancy Tax Committee. (C. Eaves, Mayor)
- F. Approval of Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024 2nd Quarter Investment Report. (M. Antrim, City Manager)
- G. Approval of Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024 3rd Quarter Investment Report. (M. Antrim, City Manager)
- H. Approve payment of the June 2024 monthly billing summary for Bojorquez Law Firm services. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2024-07-14: On a motion by Eva Olivas and seconded by Reagan Stone to approve the consent agenda as presented, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

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

8. **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. Office of the City Secretary (OCS) Quarterly Reports including Legislative Services, City Council Activities, Board & Commissions Activities, Public Information, and Departmental Statistics and Updates:

- i. Quarter I Summary.
- ii. October 2023, November 2023, December 2023.
- iii. Quarter II Summary.
- iv. January 2024, February 2024, March 2024.
- v. Quarter III Summary.
- vi. April 2024, May 2024, June 2024.

(G. Calderon, City Secretary)

- B. Update from the Director of Tourism Chris Ruggia. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

Mayor Eaves called a short break. (6:06 P.M.)

The meeting resumed. (6:17 P.M.)

9. **INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION ITEMS.**

- A. Discuss to move city elections to November general election. (R. Stone, City Council)
- B. Discussion on city employee salaries. (R. Stone, City Council)
- C. Discuss the FY 2024–2025 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

10. **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 second and final reading of Ordinance 2024-07-02, an ordinance approving Rezone Application 2024-06-01; Amending the official zoning map of the city by rezoning the property located at 1003 E. Gallego and legally described as 0.5 acres, more or less, lying in Brewster County, Texas, Lot Ten (10), the W 1/2 of Lot Nine (9), Two (2) and the W 1/2 of Lot Three (3), EXCEPT the North 20 varas of Lots One (1), Two (2) and the W 1/3 of Three (3), in Block Thirty-Three (33) Hancock Addition South of the Railroad, according to the map/plat on of said addition filed in Plat Envelope No. 112, Brewster County Plat Records; Rezoning the subject property from R-4 Mobile Home District to C-1 Neighborhood Commercial District. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2024-07-15: On a motion by Councilor Eva Olivas and seconded by Councilor Lucy Escovedo to Rezone from R-4 to C-1, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion with all members present voting in favor.

- B. Approve Resolution 2024-07-10, a resolution requesting that the Texas Legislature repeal Texas Tax Code Section 351.1035 stipulating how the City of Alpine may expend its Municipal Hotel Occupancy Tax Revenue. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2024-07-16: On a motion by Councilor Reagan Stone and seconded by Councilor Eva Olivas to Approve Resolution 2024-07-10, a resolution approving that the Texas Legislature repeal Texas Tax Code Section 351.1035 stipulating how the City of Alpine may expend its Municipal Hotel Occupancy Tax Revenue, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion.

- C. Approve Resolution 2024-07-11, a resolution authorizing an Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) with the State of Texas for a Mobility Plan Study for the City of Alpine. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2024-07-17: On a motion by Councilor Eva Olivas and seconded by Councilor Lucy Escovedo to approve, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the motion.

- D. Approve Resolution 2024-07-12, a resolution allocating expenditure of \$39,250 from the Hotel Occupancy Tax fund for Post Oak Preservation Solutions, LLC to conduct a Historic District Survey. (R. Stephens, City Council)

Item 10-D was postponed to the August 6, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting.

- E. Approve Lizard Bob Construction for utility repairs, to include Hwy 118 water leak, Gallego & Phelps Fire Hydrant, and 8th and Uvalde sewer line replacement (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2024-07-18: On a motion by Councilor Lucy Escovedo and seconded by Councilor Eva Olivas to Approve, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion with all members present voting in favor.

- F. Approve proposed City Charter propositions. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2024-07-19: On a motion by Councilor Reagan Stone and seconded by Councilor Eva Olivas to Approve, discussion ensued.

Mayor Eaves called a short break. (7:16 P.M.)

The meeting resumed. (7:21 P.M.)

RESOLUTION 2024-07-20: On a motion by Councilor Reagan Stone and seconded by Councilor Eva Olivas to approve the propositions as discussed, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion.

11. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS.**

Executive reports are limited to 10 minutes each.

City Mayor Report

City Manager Report

- i) Update on Water Infrastructure

- ii) Update on Wastewater Infrastructure
- iii) Update on Street Infrastructure
- iv) Update on Employee Compensation Plan and Actions

12. **CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS.**

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).*

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

RESOLUTION 2024-07-21: On a motion by Councilor Eva Olivas and seconded by Councilor Lucy Escovedo to move into Executive Session, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion. **(8:15 P.M.)**

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

- i. Discuss Customs and Border Protection Hangar Lease Renewal. (M. Antrim, City Manager)
- ii. Discuss Pending Public Information Requests and Attorney General Responses. (M. Antrim, City Manager)
- iii. Discuss the possible sale and/or acquisition of property for long-term overall city goals and planning, including city-owned structures. (M. Antrim, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2024-07-22: On a motion by Councilor Eva Olivas and seconded by Councilor Lucy Escovedo to move into open Session, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion. **(8:37 P.M.)**

14. **ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

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

15. **ADJOURN.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Eaves at 8:37 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/agenda pursuant to Section 551.043, Texas Government Code. The said notice was posted by 2:00 P.M. on Friday, July 12, 2024, and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of the said meeting.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL
this 12th day of July, 2024



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

