



CITY OF ALPINE
EMERGENCY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 1, 2026 – 3:00 PM

City Council Chambers, 803 W. Holland Avenue, Alpine, Texas 79830

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.

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.*

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.*

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- A. **Items to be continued or withdrawn.** Items may be continued to the next City Council meeting or withdrawn from consideration during this agenda.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withdrawn require a motion, a second, and a majority vote.

- 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.
- 6. **TIME SENSITIVE ITEMS.** -
 - 7. **CONSENT AGENDA.** -
 - 8. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA.** -
 - 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.*
 - 10. **INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION ITEMS.** -
 - 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. Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.045 an emergency meeting is called regarding an urgent public necessity creating an imminent threat to the public health and safety due to a municipal water well and distribution system disruption and discussion of matters related thereto:

Approve Resolution declaring an emergency related to municipal water supply failure, authorizing emergency procurement pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §252.022, and authorizing the City Manager to take all necessary actions to protect public health and safety, including repair or replacement of municipal well infrastructure and related services. (H. Arredondo, City Manager)
 - 12. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS.** - *Executive reports are limited to 6 minutes each. A bell will ring when the six-minute timeframe has been reached. If further time is needed the presentation may be extended an additional four 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. Executive reports do not require individual items to be listed for presentation, but no discussion may take place during this section unless the items are listed on the agenda.*
 - A. **City Mayor Report**

B. **City Manager Report:** Employee Compensation, Personnel, and Organizational Development; Budget and Financial Administration; Capital Improvement Program and Infrastructure Projects; Streets and Transportation; Utilities Operations (Water, Wastewater, and Utility Systems); Smart Meter Implementation; Utility Billing Software Transition; Information Technology and Cybersecurity; Grants and Funding Opportunities; Requests for Proposals and Procurement Activities; Public Safety and Emergency Services Coordination; Economic Development and Tourism; Elections, Charter Amendments, and Governance Matters; Intergovernmental Relations and Regional Partnerships; Boards, Commissions, and Committees; Pending and Ongoing Projects.

13. **CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS.** -

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).*

15. **ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION.** -

A. Action, if any, concerning any of the items listed in executive session. (H. Arredondo, City Manager)

16. **ADJOURN.** -

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 551.045, Texas Government Code. The said notice was posted by 9:00 P.M. on April 30, 2026, and remained so posted for at least one hour preceding the scheduled time of the said meeting.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL

this 30th day of April, 2026.



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



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

May 1, 2026

Agenda Item No. 11A

Department: Office of the City Manager

Sponsor: Henry Arredondo, City Manager

Memo Prepared By: Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary

Staff Recommendation:



AGENDA ITEM

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Purpose

To declare an emergency related to a municipal water supply failure and authorize emergency procurement and response actions necessary to protect public health and safety.

Background

City staff identified a critical mechanical and/or infrastructure failure at one of the City's municipal water wells, resulting in a significant reduction in available water supply. This well is one of the City's primary production sources, and the failure has placed increased strain on the remaining system and threatens the City's ability to maintain adequate water pressure and meet daily demand.

The situation presents an imminent threat to public health and safety, including the potential for reduced fire flow capacity and the risk of boil water notices if system pressure declines further. Immediate action is required to stabilize the system and maintain essential water service.

Under Texas Local Government Code §252.022(a), the City may procure goods and services without standard competitive bidding when necessary due to a public calamity, to preserve or protect public health and safety, or due to unforeseen damage to public property. Based on legal guidance, this situation meets all applicable criteria, allowing the City to proceed with emergency procurement measures.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council:

- Declare an emergency related to the municipal water well failure;
- Authorize the City Manager to execute emergency procurement for repair or replacement of the affected well, drilling of a new well if necessary, and procurement of engineering, testing, and related services;
- Authorize emergency expenditures necessary to respond to the situation; and
- Ratify any emergency actions already taken to address the water supply issue.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

1. 2026-05-04 Emergency Measures due to Water Utility Issues and Conservation

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

Expenditure Required: N/A
Savings Anticipation: N/A
Current Budget FY 2025-2026: N/A
Additional Funding: N/A

APPROVERS

Alexandra Tackett, Deputy City Secretary
Geoffrey R. Calderon, City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS

CITY OF ALPINE

COUNTY OF BREWSTER

RESOLUTION 2026-05-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ALPINE, TEXAS DECLARING AN EMERGENCY RELATED TO A MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY FAILURE; AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT PURSUANT TO TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §252.022; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, INCLUDING REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF MUNICIPAL WELL INFRASTRUCTURE AND RELATED SERVICES; RATIFYING PRIOR ACTIONS, IF ANY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Alpine has identified a critical mechanical and/or infrastructure failure at one of its municipal water wells, resulting in a significant reduction in available water supply; and

WHEREAS, this failure threatens the City's ability to maintain adequate system pressure, meet daily demand, and comply with regulatory requirements, thereby posing an imminent threat to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the City must take immediate action to stabilize the water system, including but not limited to repair or replacement of the affected well, drilling of a new well, and procurement of engineering, hydrogeological, and related services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §252.022(a), a municipality may procure goods and services without complying with competitive procurement requirements if necessary due to (1) a public calamity requiring immediate expenditure, (2) a need to preserve or protect public health or safety, or (3) unforeseen damage to public property; and

WHEREAS, the failure of a municipal water well constitutes a public calamity and an imminent threat to public health and safety, and qualifies for exemption from competitive procurement requirements under state law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that immediate procurement of goods and services related to water well repair, replacement, drilling, and associated infrastructure is necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Alpine; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to authorize the City Manager to take all necessary actions to address this emergency and to ratify any emergency actions already taken.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALPINE, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY.

The City Council hereby declares that an emergency exists due to the failure of a municipal water well, which poses an imminent threat to public health and safety and the integrity of the City’s water system.

SECTION 2. AUTHORIZATION OF EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT.

Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §252.022(a), the City Council authorizes the procurement of goods and services necessary to respond to this emergency without compliance with standard competitive bidding procedures.

SECTION 3. AUTHORIZATION OF CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager is hereby authorized to take all necessary and appropriate actions to address the emergency, including but not limited to:

- Repair or replacement of the affected municipal well;
- Drilling and development of a new municipal water well;
- Procurement of engineering, hydrogeological, and testing services;
- Acquisition of equipment, materials, and contractors necessary to restore water service;
- Implementation of temporary water supply or pumping solutions; and
- Execution of contracts and agreements necessary to carry out these actions.

SECTION 4. EMERGENCY EXPENDITURES.

The City Council authorizes emergency expenditures necessary to respond to this situation, including expenditures exceeding standard purchasing thresholds, subject to available funding.

SECTION 5. RATIFICATION.

All prior actions taken by the City Manager and City staff in response to this emergency are hereby ratified and approved.

SECTION 6. COUNCIL OVERSIGHT.

The City Manager shall provide updates to the City Council regarding actions taken under this Resolution, and all emergency procurements shall be documented and presented for formal ratification as appropriate.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE CITY COUNCIL ON THIS THE 1ST DAY OF MAY, 2026 BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALPINE, TEXAS.

Catherine Eaves, Mayor

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