

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

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

- A. Budget Workshop to review revenues, expenses, and determine council priorities. (H Arredondo, City Manager)

Mayor Catherine Eaves called the 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:

Councilor Lucy Escovedo
Councilor Rick Stephens
Mayor Catherine Eaves
Councilor Eva Martinez
Councilor Robert Rückes

City Staff and Stakeholders Present:

Henry Arredondo, City Manager
Clarinda Espinoza, Interim City Secretary
Kirk Caughman, Chief of Police
Abel Hinojos, Airport Supervisor
Jessica Isley, Building Official
Kim Morrow, Recreational Recreator
Mike Maciaz, Utilities Director
Chris Ruggia, Director of Tourism
Heather Yadon, Visitor Center Coordinator
Jennifer Stewart, Animal Serv. Supervisor
Adelina Beall, Env. Serv. Coordinator
Randy Guzman, Director Gas Dept.

Not Present: Councilor Richard Portillo

Others Present: 0 other attendees

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

- 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.

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.

City Council Members Present:

Councilor Lucy Escovedo
Councilor Rick Stephens
Mayor Catherine Eaves
Councilor Eva Martinez
Councilor Robert Rückes

City Staff and Stakeholders Present:

Henry Arredondo, City Manager
Clarinda Espinoza, Interim City Secretary
Cynthia Trevino, City Attorney
Kirk Caughman, Chief of Police
Abel Hinojos, Airport Supervisor
Jennifer Stewart, Animal Services Supervi
Daniel Pattinson, Animal Service Officer
Morgan Gottlieb, Animal Shelter

Nicole Anderson, Animal Service Officer
Aysiah Wiser, Animal Service Officer
Kim Morrow, Recreation Coordinator
Victor Santana, HIDTA Officer

Not Present: Councilor Richard Portillo

Others Present: 9 other attendees

Mayor Eaves announced that a quorum of the City Council was present at the City Council Chambers and Interim City Secretary, Clarinda Espinoza, reported that the meeting agenda was posted by 2:00 P.M. on July 29, 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.*

Public Comments: 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.*

Public Hearing: None.

5. **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS.** -

A. Presentations & Recognitions

B. Proclamations

- i) Proclamation of Monday, August 11, 2026 as 811 Day.
- ii) Presentation of a Proclamation Honoring Jodye Stone.

Mayor Eaves called a short recess. (5:39 P.M.)

The meeting resumed. (5:53 P.M.)

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.

- 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.

- 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 items were added.

7. **TIME SENSITIVE ITEMS.** -

8. **CONSENT AGENDA.** -

- A. Approval of June 23, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes (C. Espinoza, Interim City Secretary)
- B. Approval of the July 7, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. (C. Espinoza, Interim City Secretary)
- C. Approval of the July 21, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. (C. Espinoza, Interim City Secretary)
- D. Approval of the appointment of Donny Greenway to the Place 1 position on the Planning & Zoning Commission. (C. Espinoza, Interim City Secretary)

- E. Approve Order 2026-06-01, an order correcting the Early Voting dates & location & Name of Early Voting Clerk for the November 3, 2026 Order of General Election. (C. Espinoza, Interim City Secretary)
- F. Approve Order 2026-06-02, an order amending the information on Section III, IV & V for the November 3, 2026 Special Charter Amendment Election. (C. Espinoza, Interim City Secretary)

RESOLUTION 2026-08-01: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Robert Rückes to approve the consent agenda as presented, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion, missing the vote of Councilor Richard Portillo.

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. Alpine Volunteer Fire Department Update from Chief James Etchison. (H. Arredondo, City Manager)
- B. Presentation for the PetSmart Charities Adoption Partnership by Jennifer Stewart. (H. Arredondo, City Manager)

11. **INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION ITEMS.** -

- A. Discussion regarding the installation of a stop sign at the intersection of South Ragin Street and East Avenue I. (L. Escovedo, 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 agreement with PetSmart Adoption Partnership and City of Alpine Animal Services. (H. Arredondo, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2026-08-02: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Eva Martinez to approve the agreement with PetSmart Adoption Partnership and City of Alpine as discussed, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion, missing the vote of Councilor Richard Portillo.

- B. Approve vehicle contract with CAPPS funded through the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Grant. (H. Arredondo, City Manager)

RESOLUTION 2026-08-03: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Robert Rückes to approve the vehicle contract with CAPS funded through the High Intensity Trafficking Areas (HIDTA), the City Council unanimously adopted the motion, missing the vote of Councilor Richard Portillo.

13. **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.

14. **CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS.** -

RESOLUTION 2026-08-04: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Robert Rückes to recess into executive session, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion. (6:46 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).*

16. **ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION.** -

RESOLUTION 2026-08-05: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Robert Rückes to move into regular session, the City Council unanimously adopted the motion. (7:56 P.M.)

RESOLUTION 2026-08-06: On a motion by Councilor Rick Stephens and seconded by Councilor Robert Rückes 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. (7:57 P.M.)

APPROVED:

Catherine Eaves, *Mayor*

ATTEST:

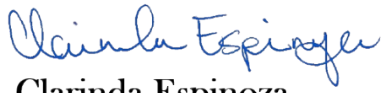
Clarinda Espinoza
Interim City Secretary

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services are requested to contact the Office of the City Secretary at (432) 837-3301, option 1, three working days prior to the meeting for appropriate arrangements.

CERTIFICATION

I, Clarinda Espinoza, 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 P.M. on July 29, 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 29 day of July, 2026.


Clarinda Espinoza
Interim City Secretary

