



CITY OF ALPINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 1, 2026 – 5:30 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.*

- A. Public Hearing to obtain citizen views and comments regarding the first reading of Ordinance 2026-09-01, an ordinance amending chapter 16- boards, commissions, and committees, the code of ordinances regarding attendance requirements for members of city boards, commissions, and committees; amending the provisions for automatic vacancy due to absences; requiring advance notice of absences when practicable; providing for severability; Providing Cumulative and Severability Clauses; Providing for the Following Clauses: Findings of Fact, Inclusion in the Code of Ordinances, Cumulative, Severability, Proper Notice and Meeting, Public Hearing, and Effective Date.

4. **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS.** -

- A. Presentations & Recognitions
- B. Proclamations
 - i) Proclamation of Buildings and Code Staff Appreciation Day on September 1, 2026.
- 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.** -
- A. Approval of the August 18, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. (C. Espinoza, Interim City Secretary)
 - B. Approval of the excused absence of Councilor Lucy Escovedo from the August 18, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting. (C. Espinoza, Interim City Secretary)
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.*
- A. Presentation by the Big Bend Regional Hospital District staff regarding program and service offerings. (C. Eaves, Mayor)
10. **INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION ITEMS.** -
- A. Discussion regarding the AARP Housing Design Competition Tool Kit, including ways to promote community engagement and encourage creative housing solutions for older adults and residents of all ages. (H. Arredondo, City Manager)

- B. Discussion and possible action regarding the proposal submitted by TIP Strategies for economic development services for the City of Alpine. (H. Arredondo, City Manager)
 - C. Discussion and possible action on a proposal to set the 2026 proposed property tax rate at the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate, establish the date to formally adopt the tax rate, and authorize the publication of the Notice of Meeting to Vote on Tax Rate. (H. Arredondo, City Manager)
 - D. Discussion and possible action regarding the formal submission of the City Manager's Proposed Annual Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2026–2027; setting the date for the public hearing on the proposed budget; and authorizing publication of the notice of public hearing. (H. Arredondo, City Manager)
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. Approve the first reading of Ordinance 2026-09-01, an ordinance amending chapter 16-Boards, Commissions, and Committees, the Code of Ordinances Amending Article II Rules of Procedure regarding attendance requirements for members of City Boards, Commissions, and Committees; Amending the Provisions for Automatic Vacancy due to Absences; Requiring Advance Notice of Absences when practicable; providing for severability; providing for the following clauses: findings of fact, inclusion in the code of ordinances, cumulative, severability, proper notice and meeting, public hearing, and effective date.
 - B. Approve Resolution 2026-09-01, a resolution authorizing Visit Alpine to apply for the Anise Read Grant, a downtown revitalization grant program offered by Texas Downtown. (C. Espinoza, Interim City Secretary)
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).

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

- a. Discussion regarding legal matters associated with the City's finances and financial obligations. (H. Arredondo, City Manager)
- b. Consultation to seek legal advice regarding the legal authority and requirements concerning the City's Building and Standards Commission and Board of Appeals. (H. Arredondo, City Manager)

B. Deliberations regarding critical infrastructure facility § 551.0761:

- a. Discussion legal matters associated with the City's Municipal Water System. (H. Arredondo, City Manager)

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

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

16. **ADJOURN.** -

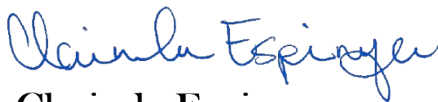
Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services are requested to contact the Office of the City Secretary at (432) 837-3301, option 1, three working days prior to the meeting for appropriate arrangements.

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 August 26, 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 26 day of August, 2026.



Clarinda Espinoza

Interim City Secretary

