## City purchases Alpine Lumber, nearby land

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In a special session of the Gallup City Council, held June 29, a purchase of the land owned by Alpine Lumber was approved. The land is valued at about \$ 1 million but the city was able to buy it for \$400,000. The buildings formerly known as Alpine Lumber, 104 North Second St., and the parcel west of the buildings are included in the purchase.

City Councilor Allan Landavazo said the procurement of this property is beneficial for future development. No plan has been set for the future of the land but ideas that are in the brainstorming process include a possible convention center, retail space, a park and access for a Second Street underpass that would help traffic bypass the railroad crossing.

"I think it's a pretty good buy, actually an outstanding buy," Landavazo said.