

**MINUTES
ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2009
10:00 AM
ALTA COMMUNITY CENTER
ALTA, UTAH**

The Mayor called the meeting to order. All members of the Town Council were present.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor thanked the Alta Marshal's Office, the dispatchers, UDOT, County Sheriff and the Alta and Snowbird ski resorts for the efforts during the last snow cycle.

Mayor Pollard thanked everyone that was involved in the metering efforts on the highway during the course of this program. The Mayor believes that the net result of the program was very successful and his goal is to look at making it financial possible for next season. The Mayor opined that the program provides a more positive experience for not only the Alta visitor but the Snowbird visitors as well.

The full UTA schedule stopped last weekend. They are now operating on a partial schedule with only two buses coming up in the morning and two down at night.

The Mayor reported on his involvement with the process of updating the Salt Lake County Canyons Master Plan which is now called "Wasatch Canyons Tomorrow". The three main issues being addressed in this process are land use, recreation, and transportation and how those three areas effect watershed protection.

Many members of the Alta Community attended a meeting at REI where the issue of the proposed Flagstaff Lift was discussed. There were four speakers including Onno and Liam. Both Onno and Liam stressed that there was no proposal to build a lift to Flagstaff mountain. It is merely one of the alternatives for avalanche control should the day come when military artillery is not a viable alternative for providing control work above the village.

The Mayor reported on a meeting with the new Superintendent of the Canyons School District, Dr. David Doty. Dr. Doty is very forward thinking and very committed to keeping the public school in Alta. Dr. Doty updated the Town on the results of the arbitration between the new district and the old Jordan District. If the new school district ever bonds in the new future, the Superintendent is committed to allocating some of the bond money to help facilitate a new school class room in a possible new community center in Alta.

The Mayor reported that the Town budget committee met for the second time on the proposed 2009-2010 fiscal budgets. The committee anticipates that there will be a decrease in sales tax revenue which will result in no new raises of any of the town

personnel and budget tightening in other areas of the Town's operations. The Mayor anticipates using some of the unreserved balance to balance the proposed budget.

The Mayor and John attended the Salt Lake County Council of Government's meeting where an update was given on the County Cooperative Plan.

The Mayor announced that on Saturday, April 11th there will be an open house at OLS. The Town will ask people to fill out a four question questionnaire focusing on what people think Alta needs and what people would like Alta to look like in the future.

The Alta Ski Resort will be closing on Sunday April 19th.

The Mayor reported on the most recent UFA meeting.

The next meeting of the Alta Town Council will be on May 14, 2009.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Marc Dippo read the monthly treasurer's report which is attached to the minutes.

Hearing no comments or questions, there was a motion by Dave Richards to approve the minutes as submitted. There was a second by Cliff Curry and the motion was carried.

UPDATE ON ANTIMONY TREATMENT PROJECT – KEITH HANSON

Keith Hanson reported that in February of this year, the Town completed the backwash retention system which was constructed by DMC, a mining corporation in Salt Lake City. The most cost effective option was utilizing a room inside the mine tunnel. The backwash system has passed the leak test.

The drawings for the filter system have been approved by the State Division of Drinking Water and the drawings for mechanical and electrical operation of the system are currently being reviewed by staff at DDW. As soon as these drawing are approved, Service Area #3 will begin construction of the chemical feed systems.

Keith reported that he recently met with the Mayor and Town staff inside the building to review some options for the building and to bring them up to date on the progress with this project.

Keith reported that the Town had gone to bid on the media that will be used in the treatment plant. The bids are scheduled to be opened on April 22, 2009.

The filter vessels have been built by Pureflow and are currently be coated with the epoxy. The ancillary piping is being fabricated. The vessels are set for an early June delivery to the Town of Alta.

Keith updated the Council on the testing of the three medias. Each media has exceeded Keith's expectations as far as their ability to last. Because all three medias have operated so well, the Town has asked for bids from all three suppliers: Siemens, Severn Trent, and Dow Chemical. Keith reported on the testing results of each media as it relates to the yearly operational costs of the treatment system. If the Town ends up using the GTO media, it might not have to utilize the chemical feed system but the system will be in place for possible future needs.. He explained that the estimated annual costs of media and chemicals for each media is as follows: GFH: \$27,535: Sorb33: \$28,700: GTO: \$28,370 (with chemicals) GTO: \$17,150 (without chemicals).

Keith mentioned that inorganic tests have been conducted on the water coming out of the media now that the water has hit the 6 parts per billion. TCLP tests have also been conducted on the media itself to make sure that media that is being disposed is not a hazardous waste. All the media have passed this test. Keith felt that the results of these two tests were needed before the Town could make a decision on the media. When the media is exhausted, it will be tested. If it meets TCLP, the media will be disposed of in the landfill for approximately \$25 per 55 gallon drum. If the by-product is a hazardous waste, the cost is considerably more.

Keith felt cautiously optimistic that the treatment plant will be completed by the Drinking Water Board meeting in September which will be held in Alta. He also feels that he will be able to keep the project under budget using the funds allocated by the State Legislature.

Steve Gilman asked when the Town would be making the decision on the choice of the media. Keith explained that the bids would be opened on April 22nd and would be evaluated by the Town's engineers. Once that evaluation is complete, the engineers will make a recommendation to the Mayor.

With no further questions on the antimony treatment project, Keith was asked to review the latest increase in fees charged by Cottonwood Sanitary District to treat the canyon sewer. The Town of Alta and the Service Area each have contracts with the sewer district to treat their raw sewer. The cost associated with that treatment is based on the district's costs at the Central Valley Treatment plant, the district's costs of transporting the sewer through their system plus the district's capital improvement costs. This translates into a significant increase in treatment costs to both the Town and the Service Area for 2009. As a result, the Service Area had to increase their rates to their customers by significant amount.

Keith explained that in 2002 the cost per thousand gallons to treat the sewer coming out of the canyon was \$1.94. The cost for 2009 will be \$2.87 per thousand gallons. Keith also explained that Cottonwood Improvement District is also in the process of developing a new capital facilities plan. Keith has been working with the District on this plan to make sure that the needs of Little Cottonwood Canyon are met.

Bottom line, Keith recommended that we make sure that our sewer lines are “tight” and that we conserve water. This will result in less raw sewer through the canyon line which will also result in a lower treatment cost to both the Town of Alta and Service Area #3.

The Mayor explained that based on our current sewer rates to the customer, the Town will barely be able to cover the cost of treatment. We receive approximately \$60,000 in revenue from sewer usage fees and it will cost \$60,000 to treat our sewer in 2009. This leaves no additional revenue to cover the cost of running the sewer system or to fund depreciation. The Town, therefore, will be looking at an increase in sewer usage fees for the upcoming fiscal year.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Town Administrator’s Report: John Guldner gave an update on the three lawsuits.

John reported on the progress of the Wilderness Committee meetings. The committee is getting close to recommendations on this matter.

John mentioned that the cost of dust control has gone up about 40%. The Town will be laying this solution on the summer road but might have to cut back a bit.

John reported on the recent maps received from FEMA that detail the flood plains in our area. The maps outline a very small area in the northwest area of the Town of Alta that is in a flood plain. John is talking with FEMA representatives to explain that this area is really not in a flood plain and is probably outside the Town of Alta.

John and Claire attended a stimulus summit where the federal funding package was explained to everyone. It appears that all the stimulus money has been earmarked. Information on police and energy grants was also reviewed.

The Alta Planning Commission meeting has been set back and will be held on Tuesday, April 28th. They will be looking at a possible expansion of the Snowpine to determine the set backs, at an amendment to the Powder Ridge PUD, and other issues.

Marshal’s Report: Mike gave his monthly report to the Council which is attached to the minutes.

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVED COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ON THE USE OF CDBG FUNDS FOR THE 2009-2010 PROGRAM YEAR

Mayor Pollard introduced Karen Wiley from Salt Lake County Community Development. Ms. Wiley explained that the CDBG program is basically a bricks and mortar program that could pay for improvements that benefit low to moderate income residents. She explained that up to 15% of the total funds allocated to the Town may be used to help fund outside agencies that have made application to the County for those funds. In the past the Town has aided such agencies as the YWCA Battered Women’s

Shelter and the Road Home. The Town of Alta is part of the small cities program that is administered by the County whose funds, in the last five years, have decreased. Ms. Wiley announced that next year's funds may increase if the proposed federal budget is passed.

Karen Wiley explained that because of the size of the Town of Alta, many of the residents do not meet the income guidelines. Because of that fact, a few years ago a survey was conducted to determine actual percentage of low to moderate income residents in the Town. She announced that another survey will have to be conducted to update these statistics.

Kate introduced Celeste the development director of the Road Home. She explained that the Road Home is the largest homeless shelter in the State of Utah. During the winter months there are two shelters run by the Road Home. She went over some of the programs and populations that they assist. She thanked the Town of Alta for their continued support of the shelters in the past.

The Mayor explained that the Town had received three written comments on suggested uses of CDBG funds for next year. They have been reviewed by staff to determine if they qualify under the CDBG guidelines. Some of the suggestions did qualify but many did not. The Town is recommending improvements to the town park, the Community Center, Alta Central low income housing units and support for the Town's recycling program.

The Mayor asked for public comment. Karen Travis asked if it was possible to allocate some of the funds to buy equipment for the medical clinic in the Town or to help offset costs for medical care for those employees in the Town that do not have medical insurance. Karen Wiley explained that there are medical clinics in Salt Lake County that do receive funds to help offset their unit costs of providing medical care to qualifying clients. In order for the local clinic to receive some of the "soft cost" funds, they would have to apply to the County for those funds. Karen explained that the clinic could not qualify for the 09-10 funds now available but they could apply for next year's funds through the County. There were some questions as to whether the Alta medical clinic was a for-profit or a non-profit clinic and how that would affect its ability to apply.

Roger Bourke asked if the entry signs for the Town of Alta qualified. Kate reviewed that project with Karen Wiley and it does not qualify.

Barbara Johnson from Wasatch Front Regional Council explained that each member city and town pays dues to this organization. Ms. Johnson asked the Town Council for \$157.00 from the CDBG allocation for their dues. This amount will not effect the total amount available to the Town for this program year. Therefore Barbara asked that the Town Council make a separate motion to authorize Karen Wiley to use the funds from the County's administrative budget to pay the Wasatch Front Regional Council for the Town of Alta.

Creighton Hart asked that even though the work on the trail head near the Snowpine did not qualify under the CDBG guidelines, can the work be done by the Town using other Town funds. Kate explained that if the Town can find the funds in general fund budget, it will address the work on the trail head.

Hearing no further comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing portion of the Town Council meeting.

UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED OSV ORDINANCE.

The Mayor announced that over the course of the last two Council meetings, the public has had an opportunity to make comments and suggestions on the proposed OSV ordinance. As a result, there is a revised draft of the proposed ordinance before the Council. Mike commented that each concern expressed by the public has been reviewed and many of those concerns are reflected as changes in this proposed ordinance. Staff has also reviewed the ordinance with legal counsel and made some additional modifications to the draft before the Council.

The Mayor recommended that we open up the comment period on this revised draft for one more week. The Council agreed to receive comments on this revised draft until April 17th. Staff anticipates that it will be able to place the draft ordinance on the web page for the public to review by the first of next week.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. The Mayor called for a vote on the minutes of the March 12, 2009 Town Council meeting:

There was a motion by Steve Gilman to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2009 Town Council meeting. There was a second by Dave Richards. Hearing no comments or questions, the Mayor called for the vote. The vote was unanimous with all members of the Town Council voting in favor of the motion.

2. Kate Black reviewed all the projects that staff is recommending that should be funded by the 2009-2010 CDBG program year funds (notice is attached for the record.) The Mayor called for a motion on these recommendations. Kate also reviewed the programs that will benefit from the soft cost money.

Mayor Tom Pollard made a motion to allocate the 2009-2010 CDBG funds in the following manner: The Road Home Shelter: \$750.00, the Road Home Winter Shelter. \$750.00, the Legal Aid Society- Domestic Violence Program, \$375.00, the YWCA Crisis Shelter, \$375.00, Alta Central Housing Rehabilitation, \$4,500 , Community Center Improvement, \$4,110, Alta Town Park Improvement, \$1,500, and the Town Recycling Program, \$2,340 and to authorize the County to fund the Town dues to the Wasatch Front Regional Council from the County's administrative costs. There was a second by Cliff Curry. Hearing no further

comments or questions, the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of the Town Council.

3. The Mayor explained that state law requires municipalities to amend their budget if any individual department exceeds its approved budgeted amounts. There are six departments that we anticipate will exceed their budgeted expenditures: administrative, non-departmental, planning & zoning, ARA, building inspection, and Class C road departments. The Mayor reviewed each individual department budget and the reason why each department will exceed their budgeted amount. Kate also explained that the Town is not holding a public hearing on this matter because it is estimated that the overall expenditures of the general fund will not exceed the budgeted amount as of the date of this meeting.

There was a motion by Paul Moxley to approve the budget amendments to the aforementioned departments. There was a second by Dave Richards. The motion was carried.

Paul asked for a monthly budget comparison report as part of the monthly treasurer's report.

4. The Mayor explained that over the last 10 years the Town has helped to fund a free shuttle service on the bypass road to the tune of \$2,500. Dan Ketner thanked the Town Council for their continued support of this service and asked for the same amount for next winter. He explained that ridership numbers have increased over the years. The Mayor asked if Dan was paying for the cost of the vehicle to come up and down the canyon each day. Dan explained that the partners pay an hourly cost of this vehicle which does include the cost of coming up and down the canyon. He also explained that the vehicle provides transportation for employees when it comes and goes down the canyon.

Hearing no further questions or comments, there was a motion to approve \$2,500 to assist with funding for the free Alta Bypass Shuttle for the 2009-2010 winter season. There was a second by Steve Gilman and the motion was carried.

5. The Mayor explained that the amendment to the Cafeteria Plan was more of a housekeeping item. Tom explained that the Town employees have an option of participation in a cafeteria plan and there was no documentation in the form of a Town resolution that specifically identified the details of that plan. National Benefit Services is requesting the Town to approve a resolution formalizing the actual plan.

Kate explained the details of the Town's cafeteria plan for the Town Council.

There was a motion by Paul Moxley to approve the amended Cafeteria Plan including Dependant Care Flexible Spending and Health Flexible Spending Accounts effective January 1, 2009. There was a second by Steve Gilman and the motion was carried.

CITIZEN INPUT

Roger Bourke announced the recent passing of Ms. Lawrence, Quinton's mother and Helen Levitt, Bill Levitt's sister.

Mr. Bourke also asked if the Town staff would email those that commented on the OSV ordinance when the revised edition is available on the web page of the Town.

Mr. Bourke expressed his concern about the proposed reduction of the dust control retardant on the road this summer. He asked if the Town could coordinate so the dust control goes down immediately following the grading that the Ski Lifts does on the road.

Hearing no further business before the Town Council, there was a motion by Cliff Curry to adjourn the meeting. There was second by Steve Gilman and the motion was carried.

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2009.

Katherine S.W. Black
Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

9-Apr-09

MAJOR BILLS PAID

Payroll	\$17,700.97
Payroll Taxes	\$6,822.34
Health, Dental and Life Insurance	\$9,501.22
Attorneys	\$1,518.00
Inspectors and Plan Checks	\$632.50
Workers Compensation Insurance	\$1,652.25
URS Contributions	\$3,088.71
AVB - Alta/Snowbird Campaign	\$22,139.77
UFA Quarterly Contract	\$24,884.67
Traffic Metering Payroll	\$2,700.00
Other Town Bills	\$16,195.08
Total	\$106,835.51

MAJOR REVENUES RECEIVED

Sales Tax -January Collections	\$51,060.69
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Property Taxes	\$17,522.88

Post Office Contract	\$1,166.67
Court Fines	\$618.60
Dog Licenses	\$375.00
Building Permit	\$175.00
Energy Taxes	\$5,769.87
Other Revenue	\$890.35
Total	\$208,795.17

General Fund Savings	\$345,470.19
General Fund Checking	\$33,382.91