MINUTES
ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2011
10:00 AM
ALTA COMMUNITY CENTER
ALTA, UTAH

1. Call the meeting to order

The Mayor called the meeting to order and announced that there was no quorum present. Accordingly, the meeting would be an informational meeting only and no actions would be taken on any items on the agenda. Mayor Tom Pollard and Council member Cliff Curry were present. Council members Paul Moxley, Steve Gilman and Dave Richards were excused.

2. Mayor's Report

The Mayor gave a brief progress report on the Albion Grill and Hellgate area sewer projects and the water project at Powder Ridge. The Albion Day Lodge sewer line project is done and has been accepted by Cottonwood Improvement District. The Town has signed contracts with Wolfe Excavating to complete the sewer line repair near Hellgate and Newman Construction to complete the Powder Ridge Water line projects.

The Mayor gave an update on the 2011 Municipal Election. There are four (4) candidates that have declared their candidacy for the two open spots on the Town Council: Marabea Danforth, Steven Gilman, Mimi Levitt and Harris Sondack. Dave Richards has decided not to run this year for Town Council.

On July 19 there was an invasive week pull in various locations in the Town of Alta.

The Mayor reported that the dust control was put down on the summer road on July 21st and the road officially opened on July 28th. On August 4th the Forest Service campground in Albion Basin..

The Mayor reported that Salt Lake City came up to review the flow out of the Columbus Rexall mine. They took water samples and the report came back clean. Salt Lake City will continue to monitor this situation.

The Utah Geological Survey staff is continually monitoring the scarp near Flagstaff.

UDOT is working on the intersection of 9800 South and Wasatch Blvd. Turn lanes are being installed to help with the traffic flow at that intersection.

There are two events being held in the canyon this weekend that will affect traffic flow: the Snowbird Hill Climb and the Tour of Utah Bike Race.

The Mayor reported that UTA has yet to get back with him regarding the possibility of starting a UTA shuttle service between the two resorts.

The Mayor attended the executive committee of the Salt Lake County Mountain Transportation project and at that meeting they announced that Fehr and Peers will be conducting the study. There will be an interlocal agreement between all participating parties where the Town will be asked to contribute $5,000 toward the cost of this study. The first phase of this study is to create 3-5 feasible alternatives that will then be advanced to phase two. Phase two will involve an environmental study of those alternatives. The study will be looking at the most cost effective and efficient mode of transportation up the canyon. The following agencies will be participating financially in this study: UDOT, UTA, Wasatch Front Regional Council, Salt Lake County, Sandy City, Cottonwood Heights City, and the Town of Alta. The study is being launched this week with a projected completion date of December of 2012.

Also discussed at this meeting was study that will be addressing parking at the mouth of the canyon. Avenues Consulting firm, which is conducting this study, will be surveying the public over the Labor Day weekend.

The Mayor reported that he had not heard back from Qwest on the feasibility of laying a fiber optic line up the canyon.

The Mayor reminded everyone that Cottonwood Canyons Foundation will be holding a fund raiser tomorrow evening, September 9, 2011, at Alfs.

The Mayor brought up the study that the Town of Alta is conducting on Summer Economic Development. The Town will be holding a roundtable discussion which will be facilitated by Stephanie Frohman. The date, time and place of this event have yet to be set.

The Mayor announced that Salt Lake County has launched a program called "Commit to be Fit". This program will run for 13 months. There is a little competition to find the fittest community in Salt Lake County so the Mayor encouraged everyone to go on line to slfit.org and registered by zip and town.

3. Treasurer's Report

Marc Dippo read the monthly report. Action on this report will take place in the September meeting of the Town Council.

4. Departmental Report

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

John reported that only three building permits had been issued this summer with a stated value of $87,000. The Town has collected $1,000 worth of building permit fees.

The Planning Commission has been meeting to address the General Plan including a vision statement. They are also addressing the commercial element of the General Plan. A draft of these two elements has been written and they both will be put out for public comment in the very near future.

Assistant Town Administrator's Report: Claire Runge reported on her attendance at the Emergency Management Institute Training in Washington DC which entailed four days of training in emergency management planning and disaster simulations.

Claire gave an update on the progress being made on the Waste Management Study. The Town will be signing a new contract in the next few days that will complete this study.

Claire gave an update on the Town's request to purchase the artillery from the U.S. Army. The Army felt the application was a bit pre-mature. Until the Town has a physical display site with an address, the Army will not proceed with the request.

Claire addressed the question that was brought up on the liability issue as it relates to thee Emergency Operations Plan that was adopted at the last meeting. Kimberly Chytraus is currently addressing this concern and will have a report for the Council in the near future.

Claire reported on an Alta Ski Lift clean up day which has tentatively been scheduled for August 20, 2011 On August 25th Friends of Alta will be planting trees in the community and on August 30th the Friends of Alta will be conducting a invasive weed pull.

An informal audit was conducted by the Department of Energy on some of the Town's recent projects that were completed using DOE money. The Town did very well in that audit.

Marshal's Report: Mike Morey reported that the summer road is now open and the summer booth is in full operation. It is staffed every day except for Tuesday. Mike reported that during the Tour of Utah Bike Race this Sunday, Snowbird is moving its entire employee parking to the Wildcat Parking Lot. They will be using a shuttle to transport their employees down to Snowbird and back.

Mike thanked the Ski Lift Company for facilitating the change out of signs on their main entry signs at Wildcat and Albion to summer seasonal informational signs.

Mike read his monthly report which is attached to the minutes.

5. Update from the Alta Chamber Visitors Bureau (ACVB)

Karen Travis reported that the new ACVB website went live on July 28, 2011. It is listed as DiscoverAlta.com and will be continually updated. ACVB put out a press release on the new site and an email blast will be going out as well announcing this site.

Karen announced that Mary Chamberland has been hired as the new part time ACVB Coordinator. The Chamber will be using the space provided them in the Community Center/Library and has assumed financial responsibility for the internet and telephone.

Through July 31, 2011, ACVB has collected $12,346.59 in membership dues. There have been 23 businesses and individuals that have joined ACVB and several more that have indicated their interest in joining. Kate Black indicated that the Town has written a check for $20,000 to date to ACVB. The Town had agreed to forward one half of the total that they had allogated in their budget by the mid July. Accordingly the Town will be forwarding the balance of the $43,000 shortly.

The Mayor informed Karen that there might be an opportunity for a member of ACVB to sit on the technical committee of the Mountain Transportation Study group. The Mayor will follow up on this matter with Kimi Barnett, a representative from Salt Lake County.

6. Discussion on the proposed Land Use Application and Approval Ordinance.

The Mayor explained one of the concerns that is addressed by this proposed ordinance is the outside agency requirements. This ordinance "front loads" the process by addressing any hurtles before the building starts on a project. John went on to explain that this proposal formalizes what the Town has done in the past. This proposed ordinance outlines this process so everyone will know what is required for an application to be complete.

The Mayor recommended that this item be addressed again in the October meeting, as there was no quorum present at this meeting.

7. Interlocal Agreement between Salt Lake County and the Town of Alta regarding the Mountain Transportation Study.

The Mayor explained that this resolution will formalize the $5,000 contribution from the Town of Alta to Salt Lake County for our portion of the Mountain Transportation Study. The $5,000 was part of the approved 2011/2012 fiscal budget passed in June. With no quorum present, the Mayor deferred action on this resolution until the October meeting of the Town Council.

8. Closed door meeting to discuss litigation matters.

There will be no action taken on this item, as there was no quorum present at the meeting.

9. Citizen Input.

Guy Jordan, from Powder Ridge thanked the Town of Alta for their financial support of the up grades to the Powder Ridge water lines. Powder Ridge has been having a lot of problems with their water lines and the Town of Alta approached the Powder Ridge Association with a proposal to upgrade and locate the water lines deeper in the ground

and will help that area in Town with many of their ongoing problems. The Mayor commented these improvements will help the Town of Alta provide better water flow to the area helps with the on going management of the treatment plant. To keep the lines from freezing, Powder Ridge was continuing ruining a small amount of water through their pipes which was having an impact on the antimony treatment plant.

Mark Haik commented that in a recent deposition of Mr. Kapaloski in the Shrontz case, it was pointed out that Mr. Kapaloski had recused himself from deliberations on the Patsy Marley matter in front of the Planning Commission. Also, in the past, Mr. Kapaloski has resigned from the Planning Commission for what Mayor Levitt called the appearance of a conflict of interest. Mr. Haik went on to opine that the nature of that conflict was never disclosed. In August of 2008 Mr. Haik requested from Ms. Black a copy of any recusals of Mr. Kapaloski and Ms. Black responded by saying she was unable to locate any such documents. Mr. Haik then appealed to Mayor Pollard and he responded by stating that he was unaware of any recusals being made by any members of the Planning Commission. Mr. Haik requested that the Mayor and Skip Branch ask Mr. Kapaloski when he recused himself from matters in front of the Planning Commission related to the Shontz Estate. If that record is found, Mr. Haik opined that it should be filed in the official records of the Planning Commission. Mr. Haik also opined that Mr. Kapaloski should resign either as special counsel to the Town or from the Planning Commission because it is a conflict to hold both offices.

Mr. Haik opined that the Mayor should provide the Town Council and Planning Commission with a list of municipal assets so they can have reliable information that is germane to the future planning for the Town of Alta.

Dan Gates, an Albion Basin home owner, commented that members of his family have been stopped three or four times when traveling into their home by various people monitoring traffic on the road. He was wondering if the Town could provide some sort of hanging tag or window decal that the homeowners in the Basin could use to help identify themselves to those managing the summer road. Mike Morey commented that this was a good idea and he would look into this for the homeowners.

Bob Pruitt commented that he had a break in his water line in the Basin and is fixing it himself.

The Mayor closed the informational meeting of the Alta Town Council.

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2011

Katherine S.W. Black
Town Clerk