

**ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 8, 2005
ALTA, UTAH**

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hearing no corrections or additions to the minutes of the December 8, 2005 Town council meeting, there was a motion by Paul Moxley to approve the minutes as submitted. There was a second by Steve Gilman and the motion was carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Levitt reported on the annual Council of Governments meeting held in Draper. He also reported on the annual Little Cottonwood Road Committee meeting. We had 30 different people representing many organizations that all work together to facilitate safety in the canyon. This committee also had a smaller working meeting within the last few days.

The Mayor announced that on January 3rd, 2006 there will be a swearing in ceremony for the new Mayor and re-elected council members. It will be held at the Rustler Lodge at 11:30 pm.

The Mayor announced that the annual audit for the Town will not be addressed until the January meeting.

Mike Morey recently received a letter from Mayor Carroon thanking him and his wife for their tireless work in raising money for the victims of Katrina.

The next meeting of the Town council will be January 12th, 2006.

The Mayor straightened out a misunderstanding about a recent proposed amendment to the Salt Lake Ranger District's Winter Travel Management Plan. This amendment would allow homeowners an exemption allowing motorized access to their homes in the Town of Alta through an area otherwise closed to public motorized use during specific hours; before 8 in the morning and after 5 in the afternoon.. This amendment is being proposed by the Forest Service not the Town of Alta. The Mayor suggested we ask the Forest Service to give citizens more time to comment and at the same time set up a meeting with Forest Service representatives and interested and affected citizens in Alta to see if we can arrive at a workable solution. The end of the official comment period is the first week in January. Staff was asked to set up such a meeting.

The Mayor also introduced Kim Fong, a representative from Whitmore Library. She spoke to the Council about updating the books and materials in our reading room and asked the Mayor and Council for suggestions and ideas on improving this room. She is also looking into the possibility of creating a system which would allow people to reserve books in other libraries and then have those books delivered to the person in Alta. Everyone thought this would be a great service for the residents of Alta. There were suggestions on how best to deliver these books. The Mayor asked Bill Lennon to work with Ms. Fong on this matter and to come back to the Council in January with some ideas. The Mayor thanked her for her efforts in working with us to bring additional library services to the citizens of our community.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

John reported on our lawsuits. We have copied over ¼ of a million pages of public records for Tolton. This has included all public emails and computer records as well.

The criminal trespass case of Tolton's has been postponed. His attorney filed a motion to dismiss the charges in District Court due to a procedural matter.

As to the Haik matter in District Court, Paul is not here to report on that matter due to the sudden death of his mother in law. The Mayor and Council passed on condolences to Paul, his wife and family.

There is no update on the MSI vs. The View lawsuit.

John reported that the new Watson's received a partial occupancy permit from the Town of Alta. Also, the building department has had 22 requests for building permits and sixteen have followed through and been issued. This translates into \$56,570 in fees and \$4.8 million worth of stated value. He believes that this is the year that the State of Utah will adopt a new and revised building code.

Also, John reported that Kathy LeMay has been offered a full time job with Murray City and will be unable to work for our building department. Both Jeff and Kathy have recommended that we hire an outside firm to do our inspections and some of our plan checks. We will be looking into this and will report back in January.

John reported that UTA will not start full time service in the canyons until the 18th of December. The Ski Lift companies and the Town have tried to convince UTA to start earlier but they cannot change the start date. Along those lines, the Town will try to buy the bus passes using CDBG funds for the month of January.

John mentioned that he is communicating with Salt Lake County about their voting redistricting questions in the canyon. It does not appear that they will change the district in our canyon.

John updated the Mayor and Council on the work being done by Utah Power near the bottom of the canyon on the main road. Lennon reminded everyone that the cable went bad in July and they are now just getting to repairing/replacing that section of cable. Utah Power has been meeting with the ski areas in the canyon about future needs in the canyon for power and has communicated the same with the Town of Alta.

There was no UFA meeting this month but John reported that they are actively trying to sell our fire truck.

John reported that at the last COG meeting they recognized Bill Levitt as one of the longest, if not the longest- standing elected official in historical memory on the Council of Governments. They gave him a nice plaque in recognition for his long service to COG, his community and the state.

The Mayor reported on some recent issues with the jail and the cut back of funding. This cut back has affected Justice Courts and their sentencing of people to this jail. The public safety committee of COG will try to resolve this situation.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Marc Dippo read the monthly report which is attached for the record. Hearing no comments or questions, there was a motion by Bill Lennon to approve the treasurer's report as submitted.

There was a second by Tom Pollard and the motion was carried.

Kate mentioned that property tax revenue is starting to come in. Laura was asked if we would be receiving any Homeland Security Grant funds in the future. The Town will apply for 2006 funds in the near future, as the deadline for this application is May or June of 2006.

MARSHAL'S REPORT

Jerry Larson read his report for the month which is attached for the record.

ARA REPORT

Nick Como reported that with the advent of winter, phone calls have picked up at the ARA office. He reported on the \$5,000 grant from the Office of Tourism and the advertising campaign which will be funded by this grant.

We met with Consortium West recently and were given progress report from the principals. They assured the Town representatives that a final report with recommendations would be forthcoming and we asked for the same to be in to the Town by mid January. Lennon commented that this brings up the overall signage policy of the Town in relation to our General Plan. Tom Pollard agreed that we should review the Town's signage policy soon.

Nick Como commented that we have hired Kirsten Stockwell to work the ARA phones one day a week and fill in when necessary. ARA has phone coverage 7 days a week, 11 hours a day.

Nick was interviewed about Alta' night life by a local radio station. Also, he will be participating in two FAM trips coming up the canyon in the next month or so.

The AM530 radio is working much better and has a much stronger signal. It has been a useful tool this year and he hopes people are listening to it.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COUNCIL VACANCY AND REPLACEMENT PROCEDURES

Mayor Levitt announced that the Mayor elect Tom Pollard was elected to a four year seat on the Town Council. Two of those four years remain once he takes his oath of office as Mayor on January 3rd. Consequently, we are suggesting that anyone who feels qualified to fill the soon to be vacant seat on the Town Council should submit in writing to the Town Clerk their request or willingness to serve on the Town Council. He also recommends that they state the reasons why they wish to do so and how they feel they would make a contribution to the community if they were selected to fill out the remaining two years of Tom's council member term.

This announcement will be posted on our web site and he recommends that this information be submitted to the Town Clerk by December 30th. On January 12, 2006, after reviewing the submittals, the Town council will meet and formally decide which one they have selected. That person will be sworn in at that meeting on the 12th of January.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE ALTA PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE ALTA BOARD

The Mayor recommends that the following people get re-appointed to the Alta Planning Commission:

Skip Branch, Scott Muir and Joan DeGeorgio. They have all expressed their willingness to continue to serve on the Planning Commission.

Tom Pollard made a motion to re-appoint Skip Branch, Scott Muir and Joan DeGeorgio to the Alta Planning Commission. There was a second by Bill Lennon. Hearing no comments or questions the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of the Town Council.

Other members of the Planning Commission are Lee Kapaloski, Jan Striefel, Ed Blaney and Bob Woody.

The Mayor then asked the Council to re-appoint Guy Jordan to the Alta Board of Adjustment. He has expressed his willingness to continue his service on this Board.

Hearing no comments or questions on this matter, there was a motion by Tom Pollard to approve the re-appoint of Guy Jordan to the Alta Board of Adjustment. There was a second by Paul Moxley and the motion was carried.

The other members of the Alta Board of Adjustment are Diane Stahly, Marc Dippo, Lee Kapaloski and Paul Huber.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE CREATION OF ONE ADDITIONAL LOT IN THE AREA GENERALLY KNOWN AS NORTH GRIZZLY

John explained that the area in question is in the North Grizzly area or what Bill Lennon calls Emma Heights. A homeowner/land owner, Kim Kimball has an existing cabin located on 9.24 acres. He would like to create another lot out of these 9.24 acres and build another house just north of the existing house.

John also explained that the Utah Code changed last year and now allows the Town Council to approve anything under 10 lots as long as it was originally zoned and meets all the zoning requirements. It also has to have approval from the sewer and water agencies that service this area. This area was in the original Town of Alta that was incorporated in 1970 and it does meet all the zoning requirements as to size, coverage, slope and frontage on any road.

John stated that there is no real land use reason to turn this down and the only thing up in the air is approval of the sewer and water providing agencies. The Town of Alta provides water to this area as part of its contract with Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities. This area was part of the original Town of Alta incorporation in 1970.

John recommended that the Council approve this lot split resulting in two lots with the condition that there never are any more lots. They could not come back and ask for a variance for a third lot up on the top of Grizzly Gulch on the north side. We would also insist that he obtain approval from the Salt Lake Valley Health Dept for a holding tank and Salt Lake City Water, so we can get their blessing to extend the culinary water to the lot in question. He would also add that we should strongly recommend that they extend the sewer line to this area of town.

Lennon commented that the only thing stopping these homes from bringing the sewer line to this area is money. Having one additional home in the area might be the tipping point.

John reminded everyone that the applicant for this request is Kim Kimball.

Paul Thompson has reviewed this request and finds everything in order.

John also stated for the record that the process of approving the subdividing of this lot required that all property owners within 300 feet of the property be notified of this request. It also required that the notice be posted in the Town of Alta and on the property in question. All requirements have been met except for the posting on the notice on the property in question. Two property owners called with questions.

There were questions as to whether the Council should wait to vote on this matter until such time as the requesting property owner obtains all the necessary approvals from the required agencies.

Guldner recommended that the Council approve this split subject to approvals from the Salt Lake Valley Health Dept and Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities with a strong recommendation that the property owners in this area install a sewer line to their properties.

Bill Lennon felt that if the Council were to work with the property owners in the Emma Heights area of town that the concept of a sewer line would or could become a reality. He stated that because he is an adjacent property owner to Kim Kimball property being discussed at this time, he will recuse himself from any vote on this matter.

Guldner stated that the Town of Alta is in full support of installing a sewer lateral to this area but they have gone on record in the past of stating that they will not participate in the cost of such an effort.

Hearing no further discussion on this matter, there was a motion by Paul Moxley to approve the request of Kim Kimball (Culp Cabin) to create one additional lot out of his total of 9.24 acres which would allow for the construction of one additional cabin on the parcel. Our approval is conditional upon the approvals of the Salt Lake Valley Health Department for a full containment holding tank for sewer and Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities, Water Division, for connection to the Town of Alta culinary water system. While we can't require this, the Council strongly recommended that with the addition of this lot, all the owners get together to work on connection to the Town's main sewer line. There was a second by Steve Gilman. The motion was carried with Bill Lennon recusing himself from this action.

Kate Black reported on the progress with the street signage project along with the request for residents to install house numbers on their businesses and residences. A bid is being prepared from a company who will produce and install the streets signs in our community. She reminded everyone that they should **not** use their street address for mail that is delivered by the US Postal Service. If you use this address for that purpose, chances are that your mail will be returned to sender. FedEx and UPS deliveries may use this addressing system. Lennon asked if, when delivering mail through the US Postal System, a person could list both the street address and the PO Box. Kate explained that if you list the box number first and then the street address, she thought it could be delivered through our post office.

With that last piece of business, Tom Pollard, on behalf of the entire community, thanked Mayor Bill Levitt for his commitment and service to our Town over the last 34 years.

The Mayor thanked the people who have served on the Council over the years. He stated that it has been a privilege to work and serve as Mayor and it has been a wonderful wonderful experience. He received a standing ovation from those in attendance.

With no further business before the Town Council, the meeting was adjourned.