

**MINUTES**  
**ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JANUARY 11, 2007 – 10:00 AM**  
**ALTA COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**ALTA, UTAH**

The Mayor called the meeting to order. The Mayor and Council members Bill Levitt, Steve Gilman and Dave Richards were present. Paul Moxley was excused.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Hearing no comments or questions, there was a motion by Dave Richards to approve the December 14, 2006 Town Council minutes. There was a second by Steve Gilman. All those present voted in favor of the motion and the motion was carried.**

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor reported on the monthly UFA meeting that was held on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006. The members agreed to purchase a \$600,000 fire truck by trading in older vehicles and using funds earmarked for new purchases. It was also announced that in the January meeting the members would start looking at next year's budget. The Town of Alta's fire protection budget is based on 85% of the cost of one fire fighter. There are approximately 266 fire fighters in UFA and their annual budget is around 32 million. That translates into budget for the Town of \$88,000 per year. It is felt that the service and coverage provided by UFA to our community is much better especially with the addition of paramedic coverage.

The Mayor attended an "expanded" COG meeting in December where discussion was centered around setting the spending priorities for the sales tax funds that were approved by an initiative in the November 06' election. The Mayor explained that the initiative was passed under the presumption that the funds would be spent on "rail" projects. The Mayor explained the different rail projects and the funds that will be appropriated to those projects.

The Mayor reported on the first winter time Little Cottonwood Road committee meeting on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. The issue of the impact holiday traffic in the canyon was discussed along with the black ice problem in the lower part of the canyon. The possibility of reducing the speed on the road was discussed along with securing more off duty County Sheriff Officers for the program at the bottom of the canyon during temporary road closures and bad road conditions.

On January 4<sup>th</sup> the Mayor and Laura attended a strategy meeting where attendees discussed the Little Cottonwood Road Study that was completed in the fall of 2006. Discussion was centered on being proactive with the recommendations that were made regarding the canyon road. One of the concerns was how we are going to exist in the

canyon if somewhere in the near future military artillery is not an option for protecting the road from avalanches.

The Mayor reported on the most recent school district split meeting where the outside consultants gave an update on their progress.

The Mayor commented on the article that was written by an Associated Press reporter on the situation with dogs, dog restrictions and dog licensing in the Town of Alta. It was picked up by papers all over the world and as a result, the Town has received numerous phone calls and emails. Staff has tried to respond to most of the emails and concerns that have come into the office. The majority of people have been very understanding of our explanations on this matter.

The Mayor announced that Steve McIntosh will start conducting random grease trap inspections throughout the Town.

The Forest Service has indicated that they are in the final stages of analysis on the Over the Snow Vehicle question. Their decision should be coming out by the end of January or in early February.

On January 17<sup>th</sup> the Utah League of Cities and Town will be holding their annual meeting with state legislators. All interested members of the Council are invited to this meeting.

The Mayor reported on the January 9<sup>th</sup> Alta Planning Commission meeting where the main topic of discussion was an Albion Basin Management plan and making sure that this plan fits into the Forest Service Operational Plan with regard to capacity in that area of Town .

The Mayor announced that the additional ¼% sales tax for transportation will take effect on April 1, 2007.

The next meeting of the Town Council will be Thursday, February 8, 2007 at 10:00 am.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

**Marc Dippo gave the monthly report to the Town Council. Hearing no comments or questions, there was a motion by Steve Gilman to approve the report as presented. There was a second by Bill Levitt. All those present voted in favor of the motion and the motion was carried.**

## DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Town Administrator's Report: John Guldner reported on the recent emails on the dog article that appeared in papers.

John updated the Council on the three ongoing lawsuits: the View, Tolton and Haik cases.

No new building permits have been issued in the last month. He reported on a recent House Bill that will require a whole new numbering system for our building permits.

John gave an update on the Hellgate and their progress to resolve the questions concerning the rebuilding of the west building.

John reported on the COG meeting and the unveiling of the regional transportation program. There are two things of note for the canyon on this plan: future possibility of avalanche sheds and a transportation hub at the mouth of the canyon.

John commented on some recent articles about global warming in the papers and television and its effect on the skiing industry.

John congratulated the Ski Lift Company for appearing as one of the top ten resorts when it comes to environmental responsibility.

There is nothing new on the Melville situation in the basin.

Town Marshal Report: Jerry Larson read his report that covers activity in the last month. Jerry commented that the call out situation for deputies at the mouth of the canyon is moving in the right direction.

Jerry commented that he feels that the speed limit in the canyon should be reduced by another five miles per hour because of the recent accidents.

ARA Report: Meg reported that the "e" news letter will be going out to 500,000 Ski Magazine subscribers next week.

The Southwest Ad was completed for the Southwest Magazine and will appear for the whole month of February.

Meg reported that next week starts the Alta/Snowbird promotional press trips. We have had a good response on this program from journalists.

Bill Levitt commented that Dave Nicponski has been hired by several municipalities to see if the restaurant taxes collected by municipalities could be returned to the specific municipalities where it is collected. Currently this tax goes back to the County for primarily funding the Salt Palace.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AN IT MANAGER PROGRAM PROPOSAL – Laura McIndoe

Laura explained this program provides support for the Town's server, computers and software. Because of the Alta Central operation we require support on a 24/7 bases we could only find two companies to bid out on this service: Cannon Business Solutions (CBS) and Direct Pointe. Direct Pointe's bid was over twice as much as our current vendor, CBS.

We currently are paying \$967.00 a month of the service required by our offices for 10 hours per month of technical support. We reviewed last year's usage and found we could reduce the number of contracted hours to seven hours a month. This translates into a savings of over \$2,000 a year.

Laura recommended that we stay with the current vendor, Cannon Business Solutions. Their service has been very satisfactory. They provide support for all our computers in Alta Central, the Town Office and ARA at the Community Center. The library computers are serviced by the Salt Lake County Library.

Laura explained that we own all our computers but lease the server from CBS. Laura also explained that much of their technical service to the Town is provided remotely from their office down town which also saves us time and money.

**Hearing no further comments or questions, there was a motion by Steve Gilman to approve the proposal of IT management service from Cannon Business Solutions. There was a second by Dave Richards. All those present voted in favor of the motion and the motion was carried.**

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2007-R-1 – A resolution to oppose the proposed unsolicited offer to Delta Airlines, Inc. to provide an effective date of this resolution; and for other purposes.

The Mayor explained that the Town had received a letter and model resolution from a Sandy City Council person asking us to express concern about the potential impact to the State if the attempt by US airways to take over Delta Airlines takes place. Salt Lake City is a hub of Delta Airlines and has many direct flights from all over the country. Its positive impact on the Utah economy is tremendous and any disruption of that would be felt state wide.

**With no further discussion on this matter, there was a motion by Bill Levitt to approve and support Resolution 2007-R-1 opposing the proposed unsolicited hostile offer to Delta Airlines from US Airways. There was a second by Steve Gilman. All those present voted in favor of the motion and it was carried.**

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

Passed and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007

Attest:

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Katherine S.W. Black  
Town Clerk

<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>	
<b>11-Jan-06</b>	
<b>MAJOR BILLS PAID</b>	
Payroll	\$38,068.71
Payroll taxes	\$15,617.31
Attorneys	\$2,740.00
Health, dental and life insurance	\$9,841.25
Gas for town vehicles	\$8,655.39
ARA Promotions	\$8,288.00
Workers Comp Insurance	\$675.72
UFA quarterly payment	\$22,245.25
Other Town Bills	\$16,233.28
Total	\$122,364.91
<b>MAJOR REVENUES RECEIVED</b>	
Sales Tax Uniform	\$3,377.30
Sales Tax Resort	\$3,753.84
Property Taxes	\$64,474.22
Dog Licenses	\$960.00
Court fines	\$2,592.00
Post Office Contract	\$1,166.67
Business Licenses	\$75.00
Refund Workers Compensation Insurance	\$627.86
Energy Taxes	\$2,456.48
Building Permit	\$1,916.89
Totals	\$81,400.26
General Fund Checking	\$95,218.71

General fund Savings	\$222,862.99
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