

MINUTES
ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2010
10:00 AM
ALTA COMMUNITY CENTER
ALTA, UTAH

The Mayor called the meeting to order. Mayor Tom Pollard and Council members Paul Moxley and Cliff Curry were present. Dave Richards and Steve Gilman were excused.

1. Update on Antimony Treatment Plant operation – Keith Hanson.

Keith Hanson introduced to the Mayor and Town Council the following people who are visiting Utah to review and evaluate the operation of the plant: Archie McDonald and Robert Hogan from Pureflow Filtration, Dr. Fred Vance from Dow Chemical, Dr. Eva Neminski from Division of Drinking Water, and Kent and Pattie Troop, long time visitors to Alta and the Rustler Lodge.

Keith reported that the plant is operating very well and exceeding his expectations. He handed out and reviewed a graph that provides a snapshot of the operation of the plant over the last three months. Through blending 1/3 of the raw water with 2/3 treated water, the plant is able to provide culinary water that is below the EPA compliance limit of .006 ppm. Keith and his staff visit the plant on a daily basis and to date have found no major glitches with its operation.

The Mayor asked that as it relates to the 33%/66% blending, does Keith see the day that that ratio could be 50%/ 50% blending thereby extending the life of the media. Keith explained that the reason everyone is meeting today is to review the issue of trying to optimize this ratio and the life of the media. Keith wants to make sure the Town gives itself a cushion as it relates to testing below the EPA limit of .006 ppm but he will be reviewing the possibility of reducing the amount of water going through the filters and increasing the amount of raw water that is blended back into the filtered water. He reminded the Council that the Town's compliance with the State Division of Drinking Water is based on a running annual average of quarterly samples.

2. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pollard expressed his condolences to the entire Levitt family on the passing of former Mayor Bill Levitt on December 29th. The Mayor felt that two words expressed his feelings for all the lives that Bill touched over the years and for everything that Bill did for his beloved Alta: "Thank You".

The Mayor reported on the recent passing of Dan Adams, a long time employee for the Alta Ski Lift Company. He expressed his condolences to his wife Ann and two children.

The Mayor reported that on Friday, December 11, 2009, the Estate of Joanne Shrontz sued the Town of Alta and Salt Lake City. Our response to the claims are due by February 3, 2010.

Tom reported that in December he finally reached a goal that he had set and that was the placement of an entry sign to the Town of Alta. It was placed directly across the street from the Hellgate Condos.

The Mayor announced that Randy Park, District Two Director with UDOT, has been promoted to a new position. The Town will miss his support of our efforts in Little Cottonwood Canyon but looks forward to working with Cory Pope, who will be taking his place.

On Monday, January 4, 2010, the Mayor, Paul Moxley, and Cliff Curry were sworn in by Kate Black.

Sterling Codifier has the Town's code and will review the Town staff recommendations and ordinances that have been adopted since the book was returned to the Town for comments in 2006. Sterling anticipates that they will complete and return the Code Book to the Town for a final review by the end of June.

The Mayor reported on a meeting that John, Mike, and he had with Sheriff Winder on the newly formed Unified Police Department (UPD). There are many issues that need to be reviewed as it relates to the possibility of the Town of Alta joining the UPD. The Town currently has an extremely professional and hands-on police department managed by Marshal Mike Morey. The Town is very unique and our Marshal's department does a fabulous job addressing those needs.

Paul asked what the benefit was for the UPD to have the Town of Alta join their department. The Mayor explained that funding for this new department comes from a fee billed to the entity, which would be in addition to the property tax paid so the UPD would be getting additional funds from all the businesses in the Town if we joined.

The Mayor reported on the meeting of the Little Cottonwood Canyon Road Committee. There is a film crew that is filming the efforts of UDOT in making this Canyon safe for the public and the crew filmed this meeting. Some of the issues discussed were the metering that is and will be taking place on the weekends and the event that took place on December 30th where the road conditions were such that it took "forever" to empty out the canyon. The committee reviewed ways to work together better to make sure this situation does not occur again. The Mayor also noted that everyone that has a "critical employee pass" should go to the park and ride lot at the bottom of the canyon when the road is restricted at the mouth.

UFA reminded everyone at the road meeting that they are back to a four-person crew at Station 13 at Snowbird.

The Mayor and John attended the January 7th COG meeting, and at that meeting members were assigned to their committee appointments for the year. With air quality in the valley an important topic of discussion, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, and the Governor's Office will be launching an awareness challenge program on what everyone can do to improve air quality in the valley.

3. 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 Cliff Curry to approve the monthly treasurer's report as submitted. There was a second by Paul Moxley and the motion was carried.

4. Departmental Reports

Town Administrator's Report: John updated the Town Council on the lawsuits.

John reported that this has been the slowest year for building permits. Only 15 permits were issued with a total stated value of approximately two million dollars. He also mentioned that the Town had not updated their building permits fees since 1996 and he will bring a proposal in front of the Council for their February meeting.

John reminded everyone that the Census will be counting residents in Alta on April 1st of this year and encouraged the community to assist in notifying everyone of this event. Kate announced that there are temporary Census jobs available that will start mid April and continue for up to 14 weeks. The Salt Lake Census Office will train and pay those workers.

John updated the Council on the federal money that the Town applied for to help fund additional gaz-ex exploders. We were turned down the first time but will re-apply for those funds by mid-February.

The Planning Commission will be meeting next Thursday, January 21st at a new location: The Trio restaurant. The meeting starts at noon and the agenda has been posted.

On January 27th the Local Elected Officials day will be held at the State Legislature. Please notify the Town Office if you wish to attend.

John reminded the Council that this August will be the 40th anniversary of the Town's incorporation.

Assistant Town Administrator's Report: Claire brought the Council up to date on the Town's application for grant money through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program. The Town's application will be submitted by Tuesday, January 19th. We will be applying for funds to upgrade all the light fixtures in Alta

Central and the Community Center/Fire House and to complete a comprehensive energy audit of all of the Town buildings.

Claire reported that a meeting was held with Maura, Jen Clancy, Dr. Ken, and a representative from the Snowbird Clinic to discuss the possibility of forming a Community Sustainability Alliance. It is in the very preliminary planning stages.

Claire updated the Council on the no-idling signs that will be placed throughout the Town.

The Alta Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing on January 21st to address the proposed FEMA flood Damage Ordinance. If the ordinance passes through the Planning Commission, it will be forwarded to the Town Council for a public hearing and review.

The legislative session starts in two weeks and Kate and Claire will be attending the weekly Legislative Policy Committee meetings.

Claire has volunteered to write an article for the Alta Historical Society's "Alta Powder News" highlighting the 40th anniversary of the Town.

Claire explained that Salt Lake County has received a substantial amount of grant money to hire a consultant to bring all the municipalities in Salt Lake County into compliance with emergency operation planning. Mike and Claire will be working with the County's contractor to update the Town's Emergency Operation Plan.

Marshal's Report: Mike Morey read his monthly report which is attached to the minutes.

AVB Report: Sara Madsen was excused from this meeting and Kate gave a brief report on the progress of various promotional campaigns and the brochure.

5. Discussion with possible action/adoption on the following:

a) Minutes – December 10, 2009.

There was a motion by Paul Moxley to approve the December 10, 2009 Town Council minutes as submitted. There was a second by Cliff Curry. Hearing no comments or corrections, a vote was taken and the motion was carried with all those present voting in favor of the motion. Steve Gilman and Dave Richards were absent.

b) Resolution 2010-R-1 – A resolution encouraging anti-idling of vehicles in the Town of Alta.

This idea has been discussed this year and last year and just recently Park City passed a similar resolution which staff has reviewed. Cliff has worked with Claire on this issue

and thanked Claire for her effort in drafting this resolution. Cliff opined that the resolution speaks for itself and that the Town Council should adopt the resolution. The State Legislature is also considering a similar resolution.

Claire agreed with Cliff and also mentioned that there is a lot of momentum now on this issue in part due to the recent air quality in the valley. She reiterated that this is a great time to remind people to “turn their keys”.

The Mayor had been involved with this issue as part of his participation in COG and the question came up, at what point is it more efficient to shut your car off and re-start it vs. let it idle. He believes that the more information we can provide the public on this issue the better understanding the public will have of how important it is to “turn their keys” and shut their car off.

There was a motion by Cliff Curry to approve Resolution 2010-R-1. There was a second by Paul Moxley. Hearing no further comments or questions, a vote was taken and the motion was carried with all those present voting in favor of the motion. Steve Gilman and Dave Richards were absent.

c) Appointment of Alta Planning Commission members.

The Mayor apologized that he has not contacted the Planning Commission members whose terms are up. He will have a recommendation for the Town Council by the February meeting.

d) Closed door meeting to discuss litigation matters.

The Mayor recommended that the Town Council vote to hold a closed door meeting that will convene immediately after the regular meeting of the Town Council adjourns today.

Hearing no comments or questions on this matter, there was a motion by Paul Moxley to hold a closed door meeting of the Town Council to discuss litigation matters. There was a second by Cliff Curry. The Mayor called for a role call vote on this motion.

Dave Richards – absent

Cliff Curry – aye

Paul Moxley – aye

Tom Pollard – aye

Steve Gilman – absent

The motion was carried with three members voting in the affirmative and two members absent.

6. Citizen Input

The Mayor recognized Roger Bourke. Mr. Bourke opined that one of the things he likes about the Town is its Police Department and he would not like to see the Town join the UPD. The personal relationships the citizens have with the members of Mike's department are a wonderful thing and all the cops are personable.

Mr. Bourke commented on the air quality in Salt Lake County and brought up the fact that California improved their air quality by mandating the type of gasoline that is available in their state. He recommended that this state study what programs that California has put in place to improve their air quality.

Mr. Bourke would like to know if someone could calculate the air quality both when the red snake is present vs. a normal day. In Roger's opinion biggest contribution to reducing emission would be to speed up the down canyon traffic. He acknowledges that the metering has made an impact but suggested that the Town take this a step further.

Mr. Bourke commented on the upcoming 40th anniversary of the Town and suggested that we try to get people involved that were here 40 years ago.

Karen Travis shared an observation she made of a large van that was blowing diesel smoke from the bottom to the top of the canyon.

Mark Haik mentioned that the Chair of the Planning Commission, at the Planning Commission in November, brought up the proposed Alta Ski Lifts development plans in and around the Albion base area of the resort and that he felt it would dramatically change the face of Alta. Mr. Haik also referred to Chairman Branch's comments at this meeting regarding the presentation of Myles Rademan. Mr. Haik recommended that the Council ask Mr. Rademan, Mr. Branch, members of the Planning Commission, Mr. Wieringa and the Board of the Alta Ski Lifts to come and share the outlook that the Ski Lifts have for their resort near the rope tow and the bottom of the Albion area.

Mr. Haik also urged the Mayor to share his ideas about who he is thinking about appointing to the Alta Planning Commission so people can comment on his ideas. Mr. Haik would also encourage the Mayor to replace the Alta Planning Commission in its entirety with people that are in the community.

Mike Morey asked permission of the Council to place a link on the Town's web site to the American Red Cross so people can, if they wish, donate money to help the victims of the Haiti earthquake.

Cliff Curry, on behalf of the Alta Lodge and the Levitt family, expressed his gratitude for the outpouring of sympathy with Bill Levitt's passing. He remembered Bill's contribution to the Alta community and the individuals that make up this community.

Cliff expressed that our community and the problems that we face are problems of affluence. The people in Haiti had nothing to start with and now they have been devastated in ways that people cannot begin to comprehend. Cliff asked everyone to decide what they are going to do to assist in the efforts in Haiti. In that vein, Cliff would recommend that people look at the following agencies when donating money to this effort: Save the Children and Doctors Without Borders. Both of these agencies were already in Haiti before the earthquake.

Mr. Bourke asked Cliff if the Levitt family had decided when they would be holding a public recognition of Bill Levitt this spring. Cliff responded that it is probably going to be on a Friday night in July and the family will try to announce this date by the end of April.

There was a motion by Cliff Curry to adjourn the Town Council meeting. Paul Moxley seconded this motion and it was carried.

7. Closed door meeting to discuss litigation matters.

A closed door meeting of the Alta Town Council was called to order at 11:27 a.m. on Thursday, January 14, 2009 at the Alta Community Center in Alta, Utah. The following people were present: Mayor Tom Pollard, Council members Paul Moxley and Cliff Curry, Marc Dippo, Treasurer, John Guldner, Kate Black, Piper Lever and Claire Runge, Town staff, and Kimberly Chytraus, legal counsel. Randy Dryer, legal counsel, was also present via phone conferencing. Litigations matters were discussed and no action was taken. The closed door meeting was officially adjourned at 12:40 p.m.. Kate Black and Claire Runge left the meeting at 12:08 p.m..

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2010.

Katherine S.W. Black
Town Clerk

Major Bills Paid

<u>Payroll - 5 payroll periods</u>	<u>\$93,679.19</u>
<u>Payroll Taxes - 5 payroll periods</u>	<u>\$34,820.35</u>
<u>Attorneys - 2 months</u>	<u>\$14,655.91</u>
<u>Inspectors</u>	<u>\$3,293.00</u>
<u>Utah Retirement Contributions - 4 payroll periods</u>	<u>\$12,384.75</u>
<u>AVB Promotions</u>	<u>\$5,430.00</u>
<u>Workers Compensation Insurance</u>	<u>\$1,269.92</u>
<u>AVB Brochure Expenses</u>	<u>\$13,398.00</u>
<u>Health, Dental and Life Insurance - 2 months</u>	<u>\$21,711.78</u>

<u>Election Costs - Carr Printing/Salt Lake County</u>	<u>\$1,190.01</u>
<u>Planning Commission Remuneration</u>	<u>\$575.00</u>
<u>Metering Expenses</u>	<u>\$2,025.00</u>
<u>Recycling - Salt Lake County Sanitation</u>	<u>\$840.00</u>
<u>UFA Qrt. Expenses</u>	<u>\$24,628.00</u>
<u>New Entrance Sign</u>	<u>\$6,900.00</u>
<u>Storage Unit - Yearly Rental Fee</u>	<u>\$2,568.00</u>
<u>Other Town Bills - 2 months</u>	<u>\$25,536.59</u>

<u>Total</u>	<u>\$264,905.50</u>
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Major Revenue Received

<u>Sales Tax - Uniform for 2 months</u>	<u>\$6,431.05</u>
<u>Sales Tax - Resort for 2 months</u>	<u>\$8,718.04</u>
<u>Property Taxes</u>	<u>\$234,484.73</u>
<u>Business Licenses</u>	<u>\$1,132.00</u>
<u>Court Fines</u>	<u>\$2,010.00</u>
<u>Energy Taxes</u>	<u>\$3,040.76</u>
<u>Dog Licenses</u>	<u>\$1,150.00</u>
<u>Post Office - 2 months</u>	<u>\$2,333.34</u>
<u>Building Permit</u>	<u>\$57.57</u>
<u>Telephone Taxes - 2 months</u>	<u>\$1,603.51</u>
<u>Other Revenue</u>	<u>\$629.44</u>

<u>Total</u>	<u>\$261,590.44</u>
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<u>General Fund Checking</u>	<u>\$53,426.71</u>
<u>General Fund Savings</u>	<u>\$140,836.39</u>

