

**MINUTES
ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 10, 2007
ALTA COMMUNITY CENTER
ALTA, UTAH**

The Mayor called the meeting to order. The following members of the Town Council were present: Mayor Tom Pollard and Council members Gus Gilman, Paul Moxley and Dave Richards. Bill Levitt was excused.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor announced the results of the dog license drawing with John Bryn received the Class A license and Bill Burkee the Class B license. He reminded all the dog owners that having a license in Alta was a privilege and asked for their cooperation in abiding by all the rules set out in our ordinance.

As of May 1st the Town of Alta is contracting with Salt Lake County in picking up all of our recycled material. They have provided huge bins where the public may deposit all their recycled goods. They do not have to separate the material any more. Laura explained that the County will be picking up the recycled materials on Friday but they could easily be scheduled for one more day during the week. Another bin is already needed and Laura committed that one will be delivered this week. She went over the items that can now be recycled in the Town of Alta. This summer is a trial period and asked everyone to communicate with her if they have suggestions or see a need.

The Mayor gave an update on the School District Split presentation that various members of the Town Council attended last week. He felt it was presented in a very unbiased manner. He reviewed some of the highlights of that presentation. He also announced that the Town Council will have to decide by their July 2006 meeting whether they would like to see this matter on the ballot. The voters will ultimately decide on whether we should be a part of a new school district. The Mayor announced that there will be public hearings and presentations on this study for the public to attend on May 16 and 17th and May 29th and 30th at various schools on the east side of the Jordan District. The actual study is available on the Town's web site.

Mayor Pollard attended the monthly COG meeting where the hottest issue was the shortfall in ZAP money that was approved for various projects in the last election. After putting the final ZAP budget together they found they were \$20 million short for the projects that had been approved. The shortfall is caused in part by the money that has been set aside for the new soccer stadium in Sandy.

The Mayor reported on his meeting with Rep. Matheson and the Mayors of Moab, Park City and Salt Lake County where various subjects were discussed including the issue of renewable energy. The Congressman sits on a committee that works on renewable energy issues. This committee is trying to come up with a national standard. If passed,

then states would have to comply with this standard. His committee is also working on “café” standards for cars.

Laura went over the Town’s renewable energy program which includes a recent application for grant money to fund the placement of solar panels on the Alta Central Building or Town Office Building. We should hear on this grant sometime this summer. These panels would supply about 2% of our energy and will mostly be used as an educational tool for the Town. This will also help us generate energy to off set the extra amount we will be paying in purchasing 30% wind energy. We will be looking at 30 to 35% purchase of renewable energy for the Town of Alta’s energy needs for its buildings and water system.

Laura is also working with a group called Utah Clean Energy. They will be evaluating the entire community to see what percentage our community uses in renewable energy and where we could make some increases in this type of usage. The Alta Ski Lift Company uses 30% renewable energy and the Town is moving toward that goal as well. As the Town moves toward this goal, it sends a message out to the public that we are concerned about climate change and its effects.

The Mayor thanked Paul Moxley for delivering letters to our Senators and Congressmen in Washington. The letters addressed the possibility of acquiring land for the existing municipal buildings and facilities as well as a possible new building site for the Community Center.

Paul Moxley will also be representing the Town of Alta in Seattle at the Artillery Users of North America meeting on May 17th. There are issues regarding the use of artillery for avalanche control in our canyon.

The Mayor reported on the most recent meeting of the Road Committee where they talked about the possibility of installing the first two gas-x exploders above the Snowbird Village. We were turned down by the Highway Commission for funding of these units but we are told that UDOT might have some funding for this project. We should be able to supplement this money with private donations from the ski areas.

Little Cottonwood Canyon Clean-Up Day is June 12th. Sign up sheets have been distributed to all the businesses and posted at the Post Office.

The Mayor has been attending the Hospitality Task Force meetings. Participants are looking at the possibility of changing some of the state liquor laws to be more consistent with other states. Senator Walker recommended that this Task Force isolate two or three items that, within the framework of the current liquor law, could help make the law more user friendly from the point of view of businesses and visitors. The Visitors and Convention Bureau estimates that they loose 50% of possible conventions because people perceive that it is difficult to get a drink in Utah. The Task Force is trying to engage all concerned groups and citizens in this discussion.

The next meeting of the Town Council will be held the third Thursday of June: June 21, 2007. The Town Council will be holding a public hearing on the proposed 2007-2008 fiscal budgets and will vote on those budgets in the meeting following those hearings.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Town Administrator's Report: John Guldner was on vacation and Laura McIndoe gave his report. There has been no change on the lawsuits. She reported that the Town has potential dates in front of the Records Committee which could be changed because one of the members of that committee is illegal per Utah Code.

There have been three building permits issued for a total value of \$118,000. This translates into \$2,452 in fees to the Town of Alta. There are four permits waiting to be picked up.

Laura reported on her ongoing projects that she has been working on over the course of the last year. Some of them are as follows: coordination of the recycling program, renewable energy options, participation on the Jordan River Watershed Core Council which is address the 208 Water Quality Stewardship Plan, participation on two subcommittees of this Core Council, working on various transportation issues including the Strategic Planning group, Scenic Byways Committee, the issue of the tunnel interconnect and ongoing Homeland Security issues and administration.

Laura gave a progress report on the Scenic Byways Grant project and the Corridor Management Plan.

The RFP's for the Recycling/Garbage and Community Center Study have not been drafted and will be addressed within the next month.

Town Marshal's Report: Jerry Larson gave his monthly report which is attached for the record.

ARA Report: Meg is absent but prepared a report summarizing this year's campaigns and brochure. She is also working on final submittal of her 2007-2008 proposed departmental budget. That budget will be reviewed by the ARA committee on May 22nd.

UFA: No report was given.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. Minutes – April 12, 2007

Hearing no comments or discussion on the minutes, there was a motion by Paul Moxley to approve the minutes of April 12, 2007 as prepared. There was a second by Steve Gilman and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of the Council. Bill Levitt was excused.

2. Tentative Budget for the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year: The State of Utah requires that we put forth a tentative budget for the upcoming year so the public may review the proposal. The budget committee met to go over various aspects of this proposal. It should be noted that a few departments have substantial increases which are due in part to some building repairs and improvements. We will be looking at reorganizing the departmental budgets for next year by taking out the building costs of each department and creating a separate department for each building.

Kate explained that we have to announce that the proposed Certified Tax Rate on the tentative budget is based on a tentative taxable value provided by the County Assessor's Office of \$205,182,785 which translates into an estimated Certified Tax Rate of .001274. This proposed tax rate will produce property tax revenue for the Town of Alta of \$261,402. We are not anticipating an increase in our CTR for the fiscal year 2007-2008.

Representatives from the commercial department of the Salt Lake County Assessor's Office were present and commented on the fact that the assessed value of commercial property will be going up this year.

There was a motion by Steve Gilman to adopt the tentative budget as submitted. There was a second by Dave Richards and a roll call vote was taken.

Dave Richards	aye
Paul Moxley	aye
Tom Pollard	aye
Steve Gilman	aye
Bill Levitt	absent

The motion was carried with all members that were present voting in favor of the motion.

3. Ordinance 2007-O-1 – An ordinance amending certain sections of the Business License ordinance of the Town of Alta. This ordinance will allow for the issuance of a temporary or transient merchant business license within the Town of Alta.

The new copy of this proposed ordinance reflects a change that allows for the issuance of that type of license for not more than five days. Steve Gilman recommended that we go to seven days.

There was also a question on Section 9-313. If a business that has obtained a temporary license from the Town move the business to a different location over the course of the week, does that business need a separate license for each day. No, it does not need a separate license for each day.

Paul recommended that the ordinance reflect that a license fee will be required and that is noted in Section 9-311 – Application.

There was a motion by Dave Richards to approve Ordinance 2007-O-1 allowing for the issuance of temporary or transient merchant business licenses in the Town of Alta. There was a second by Steve Gilman. The Mayor called for a roll call vote on the motion.

**Dave Richards – aye
Paul Moxley – aye
Tom Pollard – aye
Steve Gilman – aye
Bill Levitt – absent**

The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of the members of the Council that were present. Bill Levitt was absent.

4. Resolution 2007-R-6 – A resolution establishing fee(s) for temporary business licenses in the Town of Alta. The Mayor announced that staff is drafting a resolution addressing this issue. He asked the Council for recommendations for that fee. Staff charges \$20.00 an hour for processing requests plus the cost of copying, so the initial recommendation was \$25.00 for a temporary license. Other cities charge a variety of rates for this type of business license. There would be time spent on processing the license and police time spent in enforcing the license.

They recommended that we set the temporary license fee at \$35.00. All businesses with these types of licenses will have to charge the sales tax rate in Alta.

Other matters: The Mayor described an information handout that Sandy, Draper, Cottonwood Heights and Midvale are mailing out to their citizens. This handout outlines the School District Split Report and answers a few questions on this proposal. Instead of the full color copy, the Mayor recommended that we copy them in black and white and mail them to the businesses and residents in the Town. We will also put it on our web site.

Hearing no further businesses before the Town Council, there was a motion by Dave Richards to adjourn the meeting. There was a second by Paul Moxley and the motion was carried.

Passed and approved this _____ day of June, 2007.

Katherine S.W. Black, Town Clerk

