

**MINUTES
ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 13, 2008
ALTA COMMUNITY CENTER
ALTA, UTAH**

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor commented on the recent November 4, 2008 election results. Karen Morgan will be our new State Senator and Marie Polson will be our State Representative. A letter of thanks was sent to Senator Carlene Walker for all her help in the past.

The turn out in the Alta district was substantial with over 140 people voting at our polling place and additional 40 plus voting early and absentee.

The Mayor announced that the Alta Ski Lifts will open this weekend, Nov. 15 and 16th and then will open full time for the rest of the season starting Friday, Nov. 21, 2008.

Our efforts to put a more permanent entry sign in the Town fell short again this summer but we did put metal "Town of Alta" signs on the main road and bypass road. Attached to those signs was a sign that reads "Dogs by Alta Special Permit Only".

The summer road was closed for the season on November 3rd.

The Mayor reported on the monthly COG meeting. The Mayor has been asked to give a presentation on GRAMA at their annual meeting with the legislature to be held on Dec. 4, 2008.

The Mayor encouraged everyone to give to the Homeless Shelter. The shelter is in need of basic supplies and clothing.

The Mayor explained that COG would like all cities and towns to participate and adopt an update to the Natural Hazard Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan. Staff will provide the Town Council with a draft soon and the Council will be asked to adopt a resolution in support of the plan at the December meeting.

The Mayor, John and Mike attended a meeting at the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office regarding Sheriff's plan to manage traffic at the bottom of the canyon during temporary road closures. Represented at that meeting were the two ski resorts, UDOT personnel, as well many residents of the Granite community at the bottom of the canyon. The plan is a work in progress and will be communicated to all effected parties before the winter season. The Mayor reviewed the proposed plan for the Council. One of the key

components was \$25,000 of funds earmarked by Mayor Corroon for personnel costs to help the Sheriff's Office manager this area at the bottom of the canyon. The ski areas have funded the Sheriff's costs for this effort in the past and will be relieved of this responsibility with these funds.

The Mayor mentioned the coverage that the press has given to the new Wilderness proposals.

The annual Little Cottonwood Road Committee was held at the Albion Grill on November 5th. Representatives from all agencies that participate in the operation of the canyon were present and spoke.

The Mayor reported on the meeting he attended where the name of the new school district was announced. The new school district will be called the Canyon School District. The following Wednesday the Mayor and Kate met with the new superintendent, Dr. David Doty, at the Alta School. Dr. Doty voiced his commitment to Alta that he did not see any changes to the status of the Alta School.

The Mayor reported that a Request for Bids has been advertised for the Antimony Treatment Project. The bid opening will be December 2, 2008 at 1:00 pm at the Town Office Conference room. Keith Hansen will be giving prospective bidders tours of the current water facilities in the next week.

Kate reported that Cottonwood Improvement District, who treats the Town sewer at the bottom of the canyon, will be undertaking a Capital Facilities Plan in the months ahead. Part of the study will review the current rate structure as it relates to future capital improvements in their district. For the upcoming fiscal year, the District is proposing a 7% increase in the rates they charge the Town. We are currently being charged \$2.74/1,000 gallons. The proposed rate will be \$2.91/1,000 gallons. Kate recommended that the Council consider raising the Town's sewer rates in the future to accommodate that increase in the treatment rate.

The next meeting of the Town Council will be on Thursday, December 11, 2008 at 9:30 a.m..

TREASURER'S REPORT

Marc Dippo read the monthly treasurer's report which is attached for the record.

Hearing no comments or questions, Dave Richards made a motion to approve the report as read. There was a second by Cliff Curry and the motion was carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Town Administrator Report: John reported on the new dog signs as you enter the Town of Alta. They say "Dogs by Alta Permit Only".

John reported that Hellgate Condo's finally received their occupancy permit. It has been almost two years since the fire.

John mentioned that the last building permit of the season was just issued. That brings the total number of permits issued to 16 which brought in \$14,000 in building permit and plan check fees.

John reported on the Alta Planning Commission meeting that was held on Tuesday, November 11, 2008. The Planning Commission continues to review the Patsy Marley application for a proposed subdivision. The Commission also discussed the proposed future planning study. A summary of some of the studies that have been completed in Alta was prepared by Carly Klien and intern working for the Town this winter. A copy of that summary is attached to the minutes. There are additional studies that will be reviewed by our intern in the future. Also, the Chair of the Planning Commission, Skip Branch, is trying to arrange a meeting with Miles Rademan, a planner from Park City, which could take place in January.

John spoke about a death of a person that was sucked to the bottom of a hot tub. As a result of this incident, there have been new rules and regulations imposed on hot tubs and swimming pools. All new commercial hot tubs will have to be inspected using these new rules. Existing hot tubs may also be inspected.

John reviewed the most recent hearing in front of Judge Hilder on the Tolton case. Tolton will be paying for an index of all the private, protected and controlled records.. Once that index is created, it will go to both attorneys and Judge Hilder for review.

Assistant Town Administrator's Report: Claire Runge gave an update on the Scenic Byways Grant and Report. The stake holders met in September and agreed that they would seek a National Scenic Byways Designation for both Little and Big Cottonwood Canyons. A sub committee has been meeting to review the very extensive and lengthy application for the national designation. The sub-committee decided that Fehr Peers would complete the application and submit it by the end of December 2008.

Claire explained that unlike most Scenic Byways designations that are looking to increase tourism, the stake holders for Big and Little Cottonwood Canyon are looking to manage existing tourism and provide safety improvements along the two travel corridors. The stake holders would also like to educate travelers on the importance of protecting the watershed.

The draft Corridor Management Plan (the " Plan") prepared by Fehr Peers is quite lengthy. This plan will accompany the application. It is anticipated the Plan will have to be reviewed and adopted by the Town Council, by resolution, in its December Council meeting. The plans for each canyon will have to be adopted separately because the road that connects the canyons, Wasatch Blvd, was not included in the Plan.

If each canyon adopts the Plan separately, the stake holders anticipate that each canyon will receive \$20,000. These funds are “seed” money to help obtain grant money for the two canyons to help assist in with the stated goals in the Plan. Claire reminded everyone that both the canyons already have the designation of a State Scenic Byway.

Marshal’s Report: Tom Bolen read the monthly report which is attached for the record

AVB: Susan Ragsdale announced that Outside Magazine rated Alta/Snowbird #1 for snow. Wasatch Journal has our full page ad in its current issue and the Alta/Snowbird.com landing page is active.

Susan also explained that visitors to AVB’s web site may obtain a brochure request form and staff is also working on placing a site map on the web site as well.

The video on the web site has been receiving positive feedback.

The opening press conference hosted by Ski Utah will be held today, November 13, 2008 and next week there will be a round table lunch with local media. Also, the Flat Flake Festival is Saturday, November 15, 2008.

Sara Madsen is back working for AVB and Susan also announced that her office will be open on Sunday.

Susan gave an update on the status of the AM530 radio.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 9, 2008 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Hearing no comments or questions, there was a motion by Steve Gilman to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2008 Town Council meeting. There was a second by Cliff Curry and the motion was carried.

CITIZEN INPUT

Mark Haik stated that at the most recent Planning Commission meeting the Commission discussed the RFP for the long term planning study, the current state of the Town of Alta water contract, as well as the Albion Basin Road. Haik felt that Salt Lake City should write a legal memorandum on the status of the Salt Lake City water contract and the amount of water the Town has available under that contract. Mr. Haik stated that it seems premature to discuss long term planning in the Town of Alta when, in his opinion, there are still doubts about the status of the Albion Basin road and the amount of water in the Town’s water contract with Salt Lake City. Mr. Haik believes that the Town only as 115,000 gallons available in their contract. Haik believes that the Town should seek additional water for the long term needs of the Town before they hire an outside consultant to complete a plan.

Mr. Haik believes that the report prepared by the Town's legal counsel on the Albion Basin Road should be made available to the Council members and then shared with the public and the effected parties.

Mr. Haik opined that Mr. Kapaloski's defacto resignation from the Planning Commission should have been announced and if he has resigned by letter, that a copy of that letter should be available to the public as well.

Mr. Haik believes that the Town Council should make an affirmative statement to the petitioners in the proposed new sub-division such that the petitioners could have some indication as to whether the Town Council desires the development the petitioners are proposing. If the Town does not want the proposed sub-division, Mr. Haik believes that the Town should make that statement now so the petitioners will not have to continue spending vast sums of money.

Mr. Haik felt that with UFA's new equipment coming to the station at Snowbird, the Town should reconsider its relationship with UFA as it relates to its ability to service larger portions of the community.

Regarding the opening on the Planning Commission, Mr. Haik asked that he be considered for that spot.

Ginny Marie Leines asked if the Hellgate Road to her home was a public or private road. The Town will research this issue and get back to her.

Onno Wieringa asked for patience with the County Sheriff on their proposed solution to the traffic situation at the bottom of the canyon when there are temporary road closures. The Sheriff's will try to utilize AM530 radio more extensively and have additional officers during these situations. Snowbird and Alta will not be paying for the extra Sheriffs as they have done in the past. The Sheriff's Dept is also working on a system of disseminating information on temporary road closures via text messaging. Anyone interested can sign up by contacting the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office at slsruiff.org.

Onno announced that this Saturday, November 15, people can bring a warm and clean coat to the Ski Lifts and trade it in for one day ski lift voucher. The coats will be donated to the Catholic Community Services.

Onno reviewed the new UTA ski bus schedule which is estimated to start by the second week in December.

Hearing no further business before the Town Council, there was a motion by Cliff Curry to adjourn the Town Council meeting. There was a second by Steve Gilman and the motion was carried.

Passed and approved on this _____ day of _____, 2008.

TREASURER'S REPORT	
13-Nov-08	
MAJOR BILLS PAID	
Payroll	\$33,974.20
Payroll Taxes	\$13,656.59
Attorneys	\$40,534.87
Health, Dental and Life Insurance	\$9,810.44
Forsgren - Inspectors	\$3,229.98
Albion Basin Shuttle - final payment	\$3,750.00
AVB Promotions	\$6,090.00
Utah State Retirement Contributions	\$6,105.74
ESRI - ARC GIS Maintenance Agreement	\$4,000.00
Plan Checks	\$440.00
Workers Comp Insurance	\$557.02
Other Town Bills	\$13,020.34
Totals	\$135,169.18
MAJOR REVENUES RECEIVED	
Sales Tax Resort - August collections	\$5,133.14
Sales Tax Uniform - August collections	\$8,781.34
Property Taxes	\$1,506.30
Business and Liquor Licenses	\$10,260.00
Court Fines	\$1,005.00
Dog Licenses	\$205.00
Post Office Contract - 2 months	\$2,333.34
Alta/Snowbird Campaign Contributions	\$20,000.00
Energy Taxes	\$1,417.82
Summer Booth Donations	\$264.00
Building Permits	\$25.00
Telephone Taxes	\$646.18
Other Revenue	\$600.00
Total	\$52,177.12
General Fund Checking	\$32,365.45
General Fund Savings	\$211,861.55