

**MINUTES  
ALTA TOWN COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2007  
ALTA COMMUNITY CENTER  
ALTA, UTAH**

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor reported on the meet the candidates' night that was held this past Monday. It was well attended by the public.

The Primary Election was held the next day, September 11, 2007. The Mayor read the results of that election which are as follows: Roger Bourke, 31, Cliff Curry, 29 and Sarah Evans, 18. The results are not official until after the canvass which will be held on Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Community Center.

The Mayor announced that Jerry Larson and Anne Crowley have decided to leave the Town of Alta and move on in their lives to Washington State. Over their 20 plus years with the Town they have been an incredible part of our community and they will be missed. We presented them both with plaques that expressed our appreciation for their many years of service to this community

The Mayor announced that he has met with Mike Morey and he will be promoted to Town Marshal. The formal appointment of Mike to that position will take place in the October Town Council meeting.

The Town is also looking for a new dispatcher to replace Anne.

The Mayor introduced Susan Ragsdale, the Town's new ARA director.

The Mayor congratulated Kassia and Ryan from Hellgate on the birth of their son.

Due to ridership numbers, we will be ending shuttle service to Albion Basin. As of this week, the summer booth will only be staffed on the weekends from 9-4. The campground host in Albion Basin has left as well and the campground is officially closed for the summer season.

The August meeting of the UFA was cancelled because there were no agenda items. The September meeting will be next Tuesday.

Last week Mayor Corroon held a press conference to launch his campaign to plant one million trees for one million people in the next ten years. For the Town of Alta to commit fully, we would have to plant 3,000 trees over that time period. The Mayor also mentioned that the original 208 Study is going to be updated and the goal is to have this

completed by the end of 2008. Laura, who has been participated in this process, updated the Council on the progress that the 208 committee has made on watershed and waste water issues. At this COG meeting the new director of VECC, William Harry, gave a report. The members were also informed of the 21 year study being conducted on the impacts of the environment on children's lives. A subcommittee of COG also gave a report on the seven simple steps that citizens can take to improve the air quality in the valley.

There will be a "Conversation on Climate Action" at the old Salt Lake City Library on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm to 10 pm.

On September 27<sup>th</sup> the Rustler Lodge will be hosted the monthly Conference of Mayor's meeting.

On September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Alta Community Center the Forest Service will be hosting a meeting to update concerned home owners on the OSV travel plan.

The Mayor gave an update on the school district split issue. In the special legislative session, the rules that govern the mechanics of putting this issue on the ballot changed. The new rule states that if 80% of the effected area votes to put it to the voters, the issue could move forward. This in essence circumvented the County and the Town of Alta from the process even though the Town Council voted to support the decision to put this issue to the voters. The Mayor announced that he plans to continue to be part of the process not only because we have been involved since the beginning but also because of our public school in Alta.

The Mayor gave an update on the entry sign project.

Steve McIntosh reported to staff that about 75% of the sewer vents have been addressed on our portion of the line.

The next meeting of the Town Council will be on Thursday, October 11, 2007.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Marcus Dippo gave his monthly report which attached for the record.

**Hearing no comments or questions, there was a motion by Bill Levitt to approve the report as read. There was a second by Steve Gilman and the motion was carried.**

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The approval of the August Town Council minutes will be addressed in the October meeting.

## DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Town Administrator's Report: John reported that the Town has issued 12 building permits this year worth a stated value of 5.5 million. That translates into approximately \$50,000 in fees. He reported that Hellgate plans to be closed in by winter so they can work on the inside of the building.

John is working towards having an ordinance in place by the October meeting that would require everyone to sign a holdharmless agreement on the avalanche issue before their building is issued an occupancy permit. If any requirement such as this appears on the building permit, the owner of that building is required to comply per the Uniform Building Code. But to clean up this process, the Town should have an ordinance in place outlining this particular requirement. The question was posed that if a person buys an exiting home in our community must the new owner sign another holdharmless agreement for that building. If there is an existing signed holdharmless agreement in place, that agreement transfers with the sale to the new owner.

On October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> the County is holding a Watershed Symposium at the South Towne Expo Center in Sandy.

Laura reported that UDOT is installing two Gaz-Ex units in the Hilton slide path. They should be operational by this winter. Gaz-Ex is probably one of the most cost efficient and promising technologies that are available to control slide paths on the highway. She thanked Randy Park from UDOT for providing some of his discretionary funds for this project. The Town of Alta, Snowbird and the Alta Ski Lift company provided the matching funds.

She also reported that they have started the Scenic Byways project with meetings with many of the stakeholders.

Marshal's Report: Deputy Marshal Tom Bolen gave a brief report which included information on a 22 year old male that poached a deer for the "head only" in the Albion Basin. There will be numerous charges filed. He also reported on a bicycle accident in the canyon where Life Flight was called.

ARA Report: Susan Ragsdale started three weeks ago and is thrilled to be working for the Town. She is wide open to the Town Council on what they would like to see from this position: suggestions are always welcomed.

Susan reported that she has been familiarizing herself with all the lodges and many of the rental homes. She is following through with the projects that are already in progress such as the brochure. She also handed out the information on the Office of Tourism Grant to the Town Council. She commented that the brochure is very similar to last years and she would like to see next year's changed a bit to reflect the anniversary year.

## DISCUSSION ON RE-CERTIFICATION OF ALTA JUSTICE COURT

The Mayor explained that every four years the Alta Justice Court is required to go through a re-certification process. There are standards that need to be followed including some physical requirements with the Court Room that we have to meet. Some of these requirements have required a variance in the past. Jerry Larsen did express his opinion to the Mayor that we should keep the Court and Judge Balmforth.

Piper, the Justice court Clerk, commented that if we do not re-new the Court, the Town officers will have to attend Court in Salt Lake County. This would not only be inconvenient but would take them out of the Town, possibly on their own shifts.

The State also has physical requirements of a Justice Court such a separate table and chair for the Judge that is on a six inch riser, separate tables for the defense and prosecution, separate room for witnesses, victims and a jury deliberation room.

The State has granted the Town, in the past, a variance on the six inch riser but will not grant another one.

The Mayor stated that physically we have some challenges but asked Piper if operationally we had any challenges. She commented that in the past the Court did not break even but in the last few years the Court has been able to break even.

The Mayor commented that we are providing a service to the community by having a Justice Court.

Bill Levitt believes that we should continue with the Court which has always been run by great Judges and has a good reputation as a result. Paul Moxley stated that he agrees that the Court is beneficial for the Town and loosing money on the operation should not be a consideration. But he did comment on some possible new legislation coming down the pike with regard to the Court system in Utah which could effect whether the Justice Court System that are usually run by municipalities will continue in this manner if at all. If the State of Utah took the Justice Court system over, the Judge, for example, would become an employee of the State of Utah as opposed to the municipalities or the County.

Steve sees the benefit of having our Justice Court but at the same time feels like we should not put a lot of money into this building. He felt that if we could meet the requirements with a minimum amount of work, that he would support the move.

There were some suggestions to use different buildings for the Court in our community.

Paul Moxley felt that maybe we could use this pending legislation on the courts as a reason to get a continuing variance on these requirements. The reality is if you have good people running a Court it makes up for a lot of the other issues.

The general consensus is that we move forward with this re-certification with the understanding that we try to continue with some of the variances knowing that the proposed legislation might change the status of these Courts.

We will have to have a resolution before the Council in the October meeting to meet the deadline for the re-certification of our Court.

**ACTION ON CLOSED DOOR MEETING TO DISCUSS LITIGATION MATTERS.**

**There was a motion by Steve Gilman to have a closed door meeting of the Town Council to discuss litigation matters. There was a second by Bill Levitt. Hearing no comments or questions, the Mayor called for a roll call vote on this motion.**

**Dave Richards – aye**

**Paul Moxley – aye**

**Bill Levitt – aye**

**Tom Pollard – aye**

**Steve Gilman – aye**

**The vote was unanimous with all members of the Town Council voting in favor of the motion. The motion was carried.**

A closed door meeting of the Alta Town Council was held immediately following this meeting. The following people were present: Mayor Tom Pollard, Council members Bill Levitt, Steve Gilman, Paul Moxley and Dave Richards; Marc Dippo, Treasurer; John Guldner, Kate Black, Laura McIndoe and Piper Lever, Town staff; Dave Richards, Legal Counsel. Current and reasonable imminent litigation were discussed and no action was taken.

Passed and approved on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007

\_\_\_\_\_  
Katherine S.W. Black, Town Clerk

## TREASURER'S REPORT

13-Sep-07

### MAJOR BILLS PAID

Payroll	\$40,393.84
Payroll Taxes	\$17,091.33
Attorneys	\$6,149.20
Health Dental and Life Insurance	\$9,519.96
Workers Compensation Ins.	\$691.71
Yearly Rental for Storage Unit	\$2,328.00
Radios and Equipment for new Police car	\$2,903.43
Plumbing Work at Community Center	\$925.00
Other Town Bills	\$12,160.61
Total	\$92,163.08

### MAJOR REVENUES RECEIVED

Sales Tax Uniform	\$6,013.40
Sales Tax - Resort	\$10,346.87
Property Tax	\$1,080.64
Court Fines	\$942.00
Dog Licenses	\$175.00
Reimbursemnt from Insurance	\$1,146.57
Energy Taxes	\$1,291.93
Building Permits	\$115.14
Info booth Donations	\$692.49
Other Revenue	\$214.50
Total	\$22,018.54

General Fund checking	\$25,023.41
General Fund Savings	\$471,516.32