

**MINUTES
ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2008
10:00 AM
ALTA COMMUNITY CENTER
ALTA, UTAH**

The Mayor called the meeting to order. The Mayor and all members of the Town Council were present at this meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor announced that the agenda for this meeting was amended and posted on January 8, 2008.

The Mayor welcomed Cliff Curry, the new member of the Town Council. He reported on the swearing in ceremony for Steve Gilman, Dave Richards, Cliff Curry and Judge Balmforth that was held on Monday, January 7, 2008.

Tom thanked Bill Levitt for his 36 years of dedicated public service the Town of Alta.

On the 2nd of January the Town of Alta opened the six bids for engineering services for the antimony treatment project. Those in attendance decided to have all six companies make presentations to the selection committee on January 16th at the Alta Community Center. The cost estimates on this project have increased and we will be looking to the engineering company we pick to provide us with creative funding options.

The Mayor announced that on Friday January 11, 2008 the Division of Drinking Water Board will be meeting to address our request for a \$50,000 planning grant for engineering costs associated with the antimony project. They will also be reviewing our request for a three year variance to allow the Town to complete the planning and design phases of this project.

Over the holiday the Town's main computer server went down along with the information sign and AM530 radio. After many hours of work by our IT company, we finally have our system up and operational. The Mayor reported that we are still operating on our old sign and AM530 systems until all the bugs are addressed by UDOT on the new systems.

Mayor Pollard reported on the first meeting of the transition team for the new school district, which he attended on December 21, 2007. Also in December and letter with all the Mayor's signatures from the five participating cities and County was sent to the Lt. Governor requesting that the new name of the school district be the *Canyons School District*.

The Mayor reported on the monthly UFA meeting where ambulance service was discussed. An agreement was made where by UFA would respond with there ambulance to calls originating from 911 calls and that Gold Cross will be the company that does inter-hospital transfers and the like. Using VECC as our emergency 911 dispatch was also discussed.

The first Little Cottonwood Road Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 15th.

The Town sends there best to Bruce Remington, Piper's husband, who was caught in a slide this week and injured his knee.

In the Town Council's February meeting, there will be a discussion on a proposed fee schedule for GIS data and maps.

The Mayor reported that even though the new recycling program in Town accepts more material and is simpler for the user, it has been a challenge to empty the containers and to handle the volume of materials in those containers. The cost of this program has risen dramatically and as a result we will be looking at the possibility of charging next year for these services.

The Alta Planning Commission met on Tuesday, January 8th. Their new role and responsibilities as the Town's Land Use Authority was discussed, as well as their role as the Planning Commission. They also set a schedule for the next few months, which is as follows:

Discussion Meetings:

Tuesday – February 12, 2008 – 12:00 noon – Market Street Grill at Cottonwood

Tuesday – March 4, 2008 –12:00 noon – Market Street Grill at Cottonwood. This will be a joint meeting with the Alta Town Council.

Tuesday – April 1, 2008 – 12:00 noon – Market Street Grill at Cottonwood.

Public Hearing:

Tuesday, March 17, 2008 – 6:30 pm Alta Community Center, Alta, Utah

The Mayor also announced that with Bill Levitt retiring from the Council, there is a vacancy on the budget committee. The Mayor officially appointed Cliff Curry to the committee.

The next meeting of the Town Council will be Thursday, February 14th.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Marc Dippo read the treasurer's report for the last month. Due to an error in addition on that report, the vote on accepting the report was tabled until the next Town Council meeting to allow for the correction to be made.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Town Administrator's Report: John Guldner had no new items to report and discuss with the Town Council

Marshal's Report: Mike Morey reported that due to how busy his department has been of late, that no written report will be given today but one will be attached to the official minutes of this meeting. He thanked everyone in the community for the assistance during this recent storm cycle.

Mike addressed the question of when the County Sheriff and the DOT plan on doing their traffic study during the "red snake" period. They are working on putting together a plan for a Saturday in the near future.

Alta Visitor Bureau Report: Susan reported that the call volume has tripled over the last month. She also reported that all elements of the Office of Tourism grant program are in effect including the coffee sleeve that is being distributed in New York City. They should last for about two months. The New York times ad is still running as well.

The AVB website update is almost complete and the Alta/Snowbird landing page is up and running. Susan and Connie Marshall are finalizing the Feb. 5-8 press trip. Alta will be the featured ski resort on Skitown.com starting Feb 23rd.

We are looking for a graphic designer for the new brochure. Please contact Susan with any suggestions.

ACTION ON DECEMBER 13, 2007 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

There was a motion by Dave Richards to approve the December 13, 2007 minutes as written. There was a second by Steve Gilman. Hearing no discussion on this motion, it was carried by a majority vote of the Town Council. Cliff Curry abstained from this vote.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPOINTMENTS TO THE ALTA PLANNING COMMISSION.

The Mayor reported that Bob Woody and Ed Blaney have stepped down from the Alta Planning Commission and they were given a token of our appreciation for their many years of service.

The Mayor explained that as a result, two new members must be appointed. He also mentioned that Lee Kapaloski re-appointment to the Planning Commission must also be addressed.

The Mayor recommended that John Nepsted, a consultant with Fehr and Peers, be appointed to the Planning Commission. He has worked for Wasatch Front Regional Council and is working on the Scenic Byways Study and the Little Cottonwood Road Study. He would be replacing Ed Blaney on the Commission.

The Mayor is also recommending that Rob Voyer be appointed to the Commission. He would be replacing Bob Woody who was the at-large member of the Planning Commission. Rob has worked in the past in Alta at the Alta Lodge and Rustler Lodge and then started, with Tim Evenden, the Albion Grill restaurant. He has since left our community and owns his own restaurant concession business in the valley.

Mayor Tom Pollard made a motion to approve the appointment John Nepsted and Rob Voyer and the re-appointment of Lee Kapaloski to the Alta Planning Commission effective today, January 10, 2008 and the termination of the terms of Bob Woody and Ed Blaney effective today, January 10, 2008. Paul Moxley seconded the motion and it was carried by a unanimous vote of the Town Council.

PRESENTATION BY WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL – Sam Klem

Mr. Klem explained that Wasatch Front Regional Council is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for this region of Utah. WFRC is comprised of an 18 member board that are selected by the County Councils.

One of its functions is to adopt a Regional Plan and administer that plan for the area that it represents. They also decide on the long range transportation plan: the proposed canyon snow sheds are in this plan. The reason projects like this need to be on this plan is because a project must appear on a regional if it is to receive federal dollars. Also, even if it is state funded, it must be on the list as an approved transportation project.

Mr. Klem went over some of the projects currently being funded through money approved by the WFRC. The Transportation Plan must be updated every four years and the next one is scheduled for 2011.

He then explained the second side of what WFRC does: administering the Transportation Improvement Program. This program actually allocates funds to projects about six years out. Even though the “big” money for these projects go directly to the projects like UTA, the WFRC must approve the expenditure of these funds.

Mr. Klem went over the process of submitting plans for projects to the WFRC.

One of the items that funds address from this organization is “corridor preservation”.

Mr. Klem also commented that WFRC is drafting a Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. If a city or town adopts this plan, then they are eligible for federal disaster money if one takes place in their municipality.

Onno Wieringa asked if the Plan could be amended to reflect a possible re-alignment of the canyon road in addition to money for snow sheds. First, COG would have to vote to amend the plan. They would then send their request to WFRC who would have to do the same.

Laura asked if we should address the urban vs. rural designation that this canyon falls into. He recommended that we speak to this situation as soon as possible.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Klem for his time and valuable information.

CITIZEN INPUT

The Mayor asked that everyone who speaks limit their comments to something “new”. Each person will have up to three minutes to speak.

Onno Wieringa asked if the Council was going to do something “special “ for Bill Levitt to recognize all his years of service to the community. The Mayor mentioned that the Town will be putting something together for him within the next two months.

Onno gave his support to Mike Morey’s efforts to create a plan for straight line within the Town of Alta.

Roger Bourke thanked the Council for putting Citizen Input back on the agenda. Roger also asked if he could receive the “rules” for straight line as they currently exist. Mike assured everyone that an email would be going out in the near future about this concept and asking for ideas from the citizens and businesses of our community.

Paul Moxley asked if a mass email could be sent out to help disseminate information. Mike commented that this process is already in place and that anyone wishing to be put on the list, must contact Jared Higgins at Alta Central.

Cliff spoke to the issue of making sure all the doors in the businesses and homes have signs when there is no interlodge travel in effect.

Frank Perkins is really looking forward to addressing this “straight line” issue as well.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION ON CLOSED DOOR SESSION TO DISCUSS LITIGATION MATTER.

There was a motion by Steve Gilman to go into a closed door meeting to discuss litigation matters. There was a second by Cliff Curry. The Mayor called for a roll call vote on this motion.

- Dave Richards aye**
- Cliff Curry aye**
- Paul Moxley aye**
- Tom Pollard aye**
- Steve Gilman aye**

The motion was carried with all five members of the Town Council voting in favor of the motion.

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

A closed door meeting of the Alta Town Council was held immediately following this meeting. It started at 11:13 pm. Those present at that meeting were as follows: Mayor Tom Pollard and Council members Paul Moxley, Stave Gilman, Dave Richards and Cliff Curry: John Guldner, Kate Black, Laura McIndoe, Town Staff: Marc Dippo, Town Treasurer and Kimberly Chytraus, Legal Counsel. Current and reasonably imminent litigation matters were discussed. No action was taken. The closed door session was adjourned at approximately 12:00 noon.

These minutes were passed and approved on the _____ day of _____, 2008.

Katherine S.W. Black
Town Clerk

**TREASURER'S REPORT
10-Jan-08
CORRECTED**

Major Bills Paid

Payroll	\$36,938.83
Payroll Taxes	\$14,463.58
Attorneys	\$4,380.00
Health, Dental and Life Insurance	\$9,555.10
Building Department - Forsgren	\$1,895.00

Audit Work	\$13,456.52
Office of Tourism Grant Promotions	\$23,860.00
Gas Tank Refill	\$10,709.64
UFA Quarterly Contract Fee	\$23,862.00
Workers Compensation Insurance	\$518.71
Election Costs Paid to Salt Lake County	\$3,200.00
Other Town Bills	\$20,691.01
Total	\$163,530.39

Major Revenues Received

Sales Tax Uniform	\$3,125.52
Sales Tax Resort	\$3,513.15
Property Tax	\$116,554.99
Court fines	\$521.00
Dog Licenses	\$325.00
Energy Taxes	\$2,470.17
Office of Tourism Matching Funds from 4 outside participating agencies	\$31,000.00
Other Revenues	\$934.18
Total	\$158,444.01

General Fund Checking	\$35,909.73
General Fund Savings	\$213,883.40