

**MINUTES
ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2007
10:00 AM
ALTA COMMUNITY CENTER
ALTA, UTAH**

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported on the municipal general election held on Tuesday, November 6, 2007. The election was managed by Salt Lake County Election Division, so the results that we have as of today are preliminary. The final results will not be available until the after the canvass of the election which will be held on Tuesday, November 20 at 5:00 pm in the Alta Community Center, Alta, Utah. The Mayor reported that preliminary results are as follows: Steve Gilman and Dave Richards were both elected to the two, four years seats on the Town Council and the results of the two year seat were Cliff Curry with 60 votes and Roger Bourke with 44 votes. He congratulated everyone that has won or could have possibly won and thanked everyone who participated in the process.

The Mayor reported on the annual road meeting which was held on Wednesday, November 7, 2007. It was a meet and greet meeting with all the public and private agencies attending that have anything to do with public safety on the canyon road. The Mayor recognized the efforts of Bill Levitt in forming this committee years ago.

The Mayor brought everyone up to date on the future of the Park and Ride lot between Little and Big Cottonwood Canyons called the swamp lot. The County owns the property in question and has told the City of Cottonwood Heights that until such time as they can provide space for a parking lot to replace the swamp lot, they will not turn that property over the Cottonwood Heights for a dog park.

It was also reported that UDOT is moving forward in replacing the electronic sign at the mouth of this canyon and will also replace the AM530 radio components and integrate the station into the Smart Traffic System. Alta Central has been working with UDOT in making this transition to the new sign and radio station as seamless as possible.

The Mayor and John attended the unveiling of Rocky Anderson's official portrait at the City/County building and on Sunday the Mayor heard former President Clinton speak at a fund raiser for his wife.

The initiative on the ballot to create a new school district on the east side passed as well. Contact has already been made with representatives from the four east side cities and the County on the next step in the process. The Mayor has committed to being part of the process and doing everything he can to make sure that the Alta School remains in place.

The same day as the election, the Mayor met with a representative of the Jordan School District at the Alta School to discuss ways to better utilize the limited space at the school and possibly capping the number of students that would be allowed to attend this particular school. New lap top computer service was also discussed.

The voucher issue was defeated by a large margin.

The Alta Planning Commission will be meeting on Tuesday, November 13th at noon at the Cottonwood Market Street Grill. It is an informational meeting with no action items on the agenda.

The Mayor reported on the most recent UFA meeting. One of the items discussed at this meeting was the effectiveness of VECC as it relates to all the outside public safety agencies.

The Mayor asked the Town Council for approval to enter into an interlocal agreement with Salt Lake County in obtaining a grant to help fund the program called “The Million Trees for a Million People”. The funding would help support our efforts and our commitment in planting 3,000 trees in Alta over the next 10 years.

There was a motion by Steve Gilman giving approval for the Mayor to enter into an interlocal agreement with the County to obtain a grant to help with the funding of the tree planting program. There was a second by Bill Levitt and the motion was carried.

The Mayor mentioned that opening day for the ski resort is still up in the air.

The next meeting of the Town Council will be Thursday, December 13, 2007.

TREASURER’S REPORT

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

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Town Administrator’s Report: John reported that the building season looks like it has come to an end. We have issued 13 permits worth a stated value of 4.7 million this year. We have collected \$46,500 in building permit and plan check fees.

We received a partial ruling from Judge Hilder on the Tolton GRAMA case. He stated that the Town has acted in good faith. There were three groups of records given to the

Judge to review that we felt should be withheld: personnel records, attorney client privileged information and records the Town have been classified as private and protected under Homeland Security. The Judge has ruled on the personnel records and decided most of these records are private and protected. The few that are not, Tolton must show cause as to why he needs to look at those records as it pertains to his stated reason relating to his land in Albion Basin. The Judge decided that the security records should be reviewed by someone other than himself and Dr. Tolton should pay for that review. He is still reviewing the attorney client privileged information.

Marshal's Report: Mike Morey read his report for the month which is attached for the record.

ARA Report: Susan reported that winter hours start next week. Sara Madsen will come on board as our other ARA employee for the winter. She reported on the AM530 radio sub-committee meetings between Mike Morey, Chris Templin and Chris from the Traffic Operation Center. The committee is ironing out the protocol for the operation of the radio station.

ARA decided to distribute about 7,000 of its brochures locally this year. You will see them valley wide in hotels and ski shops for example.

We are starting a post card project. The ad that appeared in the Wasatch Journal will be converted to a post card. The post card will be complimentary and passed out through the lodges.

ARA is currently updating their web site and will be adopting the snowflake logo which belongs to the Alta Ski Lifts Company.

Susan reported on the opening event for Ski Utah: The Fat Flake Festival.

UFA Report: Capt Wayne Rogers reported that UFA has committed to a four person station at Snowbird: a captain, an engineer/driver and two ALS paramedics. There are three shifts, all comprised of the same configuration.

UFA responded three times within the last month to calls in Alta. He also reported that starting around the first of the year, UFA will be conducting fire inspections on all businesses in the Town of Alta.

The Mayor added that there is discussion taking place between the Forest Service and a certain group of homeowners in the Albion Basin area on a temporary exemption for OSV use this winter. The Town of Alta has been part of this discussion as well.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Stipulation on zoning for Patsy Marley: The Mayor stated that at this time, because of numerous reasons, the Town Council is not ready to discuss this

matter. He stated that he cannot commit other Councils to anything with regard to this particular area of the Town of Alta.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- 1. There was a motion by Steve Gilman to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2007 Town Council meeting. There was a second by Dave Richards and the motion was carried.**
2. Approval to join the Utah State Retirement system and authorize staff to submit the required paper work. The Mayor reminded the Council that this issue was discussed at the October meeting. Tom explained that the first step in this process is to authorize the staff to file the necessary paper work with the Utah State Retirement System. Legal Counsel with the State Retirement System will review said paper work to make sure that we are a qualifying agency. The paper work includes a copy of the minutes of this meeting, a list of the current full time employees and their salaries and benefits, a copy of the Town of Alta's Incorporation Papers and the completed application. Once we are approved by their legal counsel, it comes back to the Town Council for final approval in the form of a resolution. The proposal made to the Town Council was to buy back one year for all effected employees (2006-2007) and then proceed from that point on.

Tom Pollard made a motion to authorize staff to submit the required paper work to join the Utah State Retirement System. There was a second by Steve Gilman and the motion was carried with Tom Pollard, Steve Gilman and Dave Richards voting in favor of the motion and Bill Levitt abstaining. Paul Moxley was absent.

- 3. There was a motion by Tom Pollard to enter into a closed door meeting to discuss litigation matters. There was a second by Dave Richards. A roll call vote was taken**

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

The vote was unanimous and the motion was carried.

CITIZEN INPUT

The Mayor asked if any citizen would like to speak to any new issues. Everyone who spoke had three minutes.

First the Mayor provided Dawn Page paper work that detailed the cost of the Albion Basin shuttle service for this summer and the ridership numbers.

Karen Travis reported on a Legislative Task Force meeting held at the State Capitol on the issue of the recent increase in tax assessments and the effect it has had on property owner's property taxes. She encouraged everyone to contact their legislators and express support for review and changes with the current law.

Mark Haik asked if the Town had any plan in place to objectively measure the results of the Alta Resort Association in terms of increased revenues to the Town coffers.

Steve Gilman commented that the Town should put in place an evaluation but after five years. It has been three years since the public voted to increase the resort sales tax by ½% to fund this department of the Town.

Susan Ragsdale, who directs this department, commented that there are tracking mechanisms in place on many of the programs and promotions but often it is hard to determine if a person saw an ad in a magazine, saw a bumper sticker or went to our web site. She also commented that the committee is looking at changing ARA's name to better reflect its mission. One suggestion is the Alta Office of Tourism.

Onno Wieringa suggested that we send out our annual letter asking the vendors delivering goods to the businesses in the canyon to come up before 8:30 am. This would help alleviate the slow traffic that occurs when tourists have to follow delivery trucks up the canyon going 5 mph. during peak times. The Town would sign on to that letter.

Tim Evenden, a resident and business owner in the Town of Alta, reminded people that the school district split vote passed and wanted everyone to support the efforts to keep our Alta School in place as part of the new district.

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

CLOSED DOOR SESSION OF THE ALTA TOWN COUNCIL.

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 and Dave Richards: Marc Dippo, Treasurer: John Guldner, Kate Black and Piper Lever, Town Staff and Kim Chytraus and Katherine Lewis, legal counsel. Current and reasonable imminent litigation matters were discussed and no action was taken.

Katherine S.W. Black, Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

8-Nov-07

MAJOR BILLS PAID

Payroll - reflects one payroll period	\$17,860.07
Payroll Taxes	\$7,376.53
Attorneys	\$7,430.00
Health Dental and Life Insurance	\$9,817.62
Building Inspections	\$3,442.50
Brochure Printing	\$20,450.00
Homeland Security Purchases	\$5,139.00
ARA Promotions	\$8,853.00
Workers Comp Insurance	\$691.71
Road Work	\$1,788.21
Other Town Bills	\$13,362.55
Total	\$96,211.19

MAJOR REVENUES RECEIVED

Uniform Sales Tax - August Collections	\$6,368.26
Resort Sales Tax - August Collections	\$10,686.33
Property Taxes	\$674.73
Business and Liquor Licenses	\$5,749.00
Post Office Contract Payment	\$1,166.67
Court Fines	\$916.00
Energy Taxes	\$1,230.26
Dog Licenses	\$150.00
Other Revenue	\$673.80
Total	\$27,615.05
General Fund Checking	\$1,727.36
General Fund Savings	\$215,684.04