

**MINUTES
ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2008
9:30 AM
ALTA, UTAH**

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

MAYOR REPORT

The Mayor reported on the most recent UFA meeting where budget amendments were discussed. The time of the monthly meeting has been changed back to early morning.

The Mayor will be attending the Salt Lake County's Canyon Transportation Committee meeting later in the month. This committee has been given the task of deciding how to spend \$100,000. The committee will be looking at improving transportation in Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons. The focus has been on a campaign to provide information to people in the valley about the availability of park and rides and the use of UTA.

The Mayor reported on his visit to the Traffic Operation Center (TOC) with John, Claire and Mike. After the tour there was a meeting with the director of TOC. Concerns with integrating the signs at the bottom of the two canyons as well as the AM 530 radio station were discussed. The Mayor reported that Alta Central now has a dedicated computer and software to run the sign at the bottom of this canyon and the Mayor feels we have made some progress in this area. The sign will operate when there are "issues" facing Highway 210. The AM530 radio station at Wasatch and La Caille road will be controlled by TOC but the content of the message for this receiver will be provided by Alta Central. This site will also have information on Big Cottonwood Canyon which will be provided by TOC. The radio transmission in Alta which comes off an antenna at the top of Wildcat will be controlled by the Town and will have our message exclusively.

The TOC also agreed to attend the next County Transportation Committee meeting and provide the committee with information on what technology is in place as it relates to both the Cottonwood Canyons.

On September 25th the Conference of Mayor's met for their monthly meeting in Alta. Discussed at this meeting was the possibility of creating a Unified Police Authority.

The Mayor reported on the Special Legislative Session held this month. There was a moment during that session that we thought our \$450,000 appropriation for our Antimony Treatment Facility might be in jeopardy. After some calls and emails to Senator Walker, the legislature did not touch our appropriation.

Arbitration is taking place between the teams representing the new school district and the remaining district over the division of assets. It will be an expensive undertaking and the decision that comes out of this process will be binding.

The contest to name the new east side school district has come down to a dozen names. The decision on the name will be made by the new school district board within the next two weeks.

Kate Black reported on the progress made by Sara Madsen on resolving our issues with our zip code in Alta. Sara has made some contacts in the Post Office that have provided her with an assurance that Alta is now an option in our zip code area: our zip code area includes all of Little Cottonwood Canyon as well as parts of Sandy and the Granite area in Salt Lake County.

The polling place in Alta for the November 4, 2008 election will be the Albion Grill. The polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. The Mayor reviewed some of the local races that affect Alta. There will be early voting in two locations in Sandy from October 21st through October 29th.

The next meeting of the Town Council will be November 13, 2008.

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 Cliff Curry to approve the treasurer's report as read. There was a second by Dave Richards. The motion was carried with all members of the Town Council voting in the affirmative.

Kate reported that the Town is currently being auditing by Hansen, Barnett & Maxwell. Their report should be presented to the Town Council in their December 2008 meeting for review and approval.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Town Administrator's Report: John Guldner updated the Council on the history of the old Town electronic sign at the mouth of the canyon.

John gave a report on the three ongoing lawsuits: The View, Melville, and Tolton. The Town has a hearing before Judge Hilder on the Tolton case either on October 31 or November 3, 2008.

Since the last Town Council meeting there have been a few excavation permits issued by the Town. The total cost of those permits to the applicant is usually \$25.00 and because we are in the watershed, the applicant must provide information to the Town on how they will address erosion control, revegetation, stabilization and restoration of the disturbed

area. John gave a brief history of a recent situation in the Albion Basin where two individuals started excavating without a permit.

John reported that 13 building permits have been issued this summer, two are pending and there are two excavation permits pending as well. The Town has collected \$13,800 worth of fees associated with these permits.

John reported on a meeting hosted by Salt Lake County regarding resurrecting the 1964 Wilderness Bill where many local agencies were represented. John will be participating in future meetings on the issue and will report back to the Town Council.

Also at this meeting the Foothills Canyons Overlay Zone (FCOZ) was discussed. It was pointed out that this approach works well in the foothills of Salt Lake County but does not work well in the canyons more specifically the ski resorts. The Town of Alta is not governed by FCOZ because it is incorporated municipality in the canyon and has its own Planning Commission that addresses zoning issues. At this meeting, Onno Wieringa recommended that a representative of the Town co-chair this committee to re-vamp FCOZ so it does not harm the ski areas. John Guldner will co-chair this committee along with Gary Deseelhorst from Solitude.

Tom Plofchan was interviewed on KSL TV. Thanks to Tom for representing our community so well.

John reported that there will be a meeting in a few weeks to discuss the County Cooperative Plan. The County will be asking the Town, through a resolution, to support the Cooperative Plan which will outline nine growth principals. John should have these principals outlined for the Town Council by the November Council meeting.

There will be an Alta Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at the Market Street Grill at Cottonwood. There will be discussion on Patsy Marley as well as the future planning efforts of the Town of Alta.

Marshal's Report: Mike Morey felt confident that the Town can work effectively with TOC in disseminating information through the sign at the mouth and the AM530 radio. Mike also asked everyone to use the Town web site which has a link to road conditions and interlodge information. Alta Central will be trying to update the information on the web site regularly.

On the 18th of October District Attorney Lohra Miller visited the Alta Marshal's Office. She listened to the Town's concerns and promoted some issues her office is trying to address including the ability of our Marshal's department to access computer software when filing a case. There was also discussion on the enforcement of our ordinances.

The Marshal's department is currently updating and standardizing all the parking signs in the Town. One of those signs will be placed on the Fire Station that shows the areas in Town where people can overnight park. The sign also encourages people to register their

cars with their employers. The Marshal's Office will be placing a call box near that sign that connects directly with Alta Central.

Mike read his monthly report which is attached to the minutes.

AVB Report: Susan Ragsdale reported that the new winter brochure is done with a focus on the history and the anniversary of the Alta Ski Area.

The Wasatch Journal ad is complete and will be published in the November issue. AVB also did an ad for the Salt Lake Magazine for November and the Ski Utah Vacation Planner. A banner add promoting Alta will also appear on Ski Utah's web page.

Susan reported on the Ski Utah kick off party at Snow Basin with local journalists. Ski Utah is also busy planning the Flat Flake Festival which will be held at the Gateway on Saturday, November 8th. The Warren Miller Premier will be held at Abravenal Hall on October 23rd.

AVB's first ad paid for by the Alta/Snowbird Campaign will show up in Skiing Magazine. The Alta video that was developed by AVB is now accessible on their web site.

AVB will be placing an ad on SkiTown .com which will appear in November 2008.

Susan proposed that AVB be closed on Sunday this year and the Mayor suggested that she take this recommendation to AVB's committee for their review.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There was a motion by Steve Gilman to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2008 Town Council meeting. There was a second by Paul Moxley. The Mayor opened the floor for discussion. The Mayor made a correction on page 7 of the minutes where "of leash" should read "off leash". With that correction, the Mayor called for a motion on the minutes with that correction. There was a motion by Steve Gilman to approve the minutes with that correction. There was a second by Dave Richards and the motion was carried.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 2008-O-8 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ALTA.

Kate explained that the ordinance in front of the Council today had been reformatted to reflect the manner in which we have amended the Animal Control Ordinance in the past. The recommendations made by Cliff Curry have not been altered in any way from his original draft of the ordinance.

It was noted that one significant change recommended in this ordinance was the method in which the new available dog licenses are drawn. The more consecutive years a person applies for a dog license the more priority they will have in the drawing.

Cliff suggested that if a person applies in four consecutive years for a dog license and their name is not drawn, that person should be considered first for a dog license. A drawing should be held only if it will resolve over subscription for available licenses for those that are on the priority list.

Steve Gilman likes this “weighted” approach. If people have applied year after year and have not had their name drawn, they should be given priority.

Cliff Curry made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2008-O-8 – An ordinance amending certain provisions of the Animal Control Ordinance with the following change: in Section 1: 13-225.A the word “person” should be underlined. There was a second by Steve Gilman. The Mayor asked if there was any further comment on this matter

Dave Richards felt that the Council had an opportunity to fix the dog ordinance and they did not do it this time around. Therefore he will be bringing up the subject of dogs next year.

Hearing no further discussion, the Mayor called for a roll call vote on the motion.

Dave Richards – nay

Cliff Curry – aye

Paul Moxley – nay

Tom Pollard – nay

Steve Gilman – nay

The motion failed with four members of the Town Council voting in the negative and one member voting in the affirmative.

CITIZEN INPUT

Julie Willis suggested that the Town of Alta should have information on dogs and the licensing of dogs etc available to the public on our web page. We should also have a link on our phone system where a person can push a certain number to go to a recording that provides information on this subject. She also commented that Town should look at redefining how a person gets a dog license in the Town of Alta.

Mark Haik commented that the Town undertook a project in 2004 to re-codify their ordinances such that they could be put on the Town’s web site which would make the ordinances more accessible to the public. In May 2006 Sterling Codifiers returned a work product to the Town for their comments. Mr. Haik commented that the Town has paid a significant amount of money to have this project completed and asked when the

Town Council is going review the work product and make the necessary changes such that the Town can follow through and complete this project.

The Mayor commented that the Town knows this codification project is still not complete and knows it needs to be addressed.

Kate Black explained the Town decided that when the “work product” was returned to the Town from Sterling Codifiers that staff would review the entire project before it passed its recommendations on to the Town Council. It is a very large document and staff has been consumed with other items of interest and has not had the time to review the document. Sterling has done a very nice job of compiling our ordinances and staff will try to address this project at its earliest convenience.

John commented that all the Town’s ordinances are available in the Town Office.

John thanked Snowbird, Alta Ski Lifts, and Salt Lake County for helping clean up and reveg the swamp lot between Little and Big Cottonwood Canyons. Due to their efforts and commitment, the public will be able to continue to use this lot as a park and ride lot.

John passed on that Alta and Snowbird has been getting a lot of press on KUER.

Onno Wieringa commented that the Alta area still is doing well in the rankings in the various ski magazines. Onno mentioned that there is a down hill passing lane near Tanners that should help the traffic flow down the canyon.

Onno thanked Jerry Giles from Snowbird on his efforts to retain and clean up the swamp lot.

Onno reported that the UTA scheduling for the winter is almost finalized. He reviewed UTA’s new approach especially with the more direct buses to Alta early in the morning that will address employee transportation issues. Bill Hodge explained a new concept that UTA is using with their bus scheduling: the hub concept. UTA will be shuttling people from the downtown district to the park and rides at 9400 S. and Highland, the mouth of Big Cottonwood, and the park and ride at 6200 south and Wasatch. Those buses will turn around and head back downtown. UTA believes this will free up more buses to run more frequently from the park and rides to the resorts and back. This will also allow UTA to stack buses for peak times in the afternoon.

Onno touched on the Wilderness Bill. The Alta Ski Resort is looking at this process as a chance to rearrange as well as add on to the wilderness areas. The biggest impact to the resorts from the current wilderness area is the transportation corridor in this canyon. The two wilderness areas almost touch the highway in areas in the lower canyon and this affects the resorts’ ability to conduct avalanche control work. They currently have an exemption for the control work that must be done in those areas. Onno felt that the committee should all look at the wilderness areas near the road and remove that designation. The committee should then look at other areas along the Wasatch Front that

could be designated wilderness. Onno reminded people that in the United States the total number of skier days occurs on one tenth of one percent of all Forest Service land. Onno felt that is high impact but good use. Onno also felt that the wilderness community should be helping the resorts give people a good place to recreate as the valley grows and as the State of Utah promotes its ski industry. The process has to be a little bit of give and take.

Julie Willis felt that the Town, Alta businesses and other community organizations should promote the use of public transportation to guests that staying in Alta as opposed to those guests renting cars.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT	
9-Oct-08	
MAJOR BILLS PAID	
Payroll	\$33,489.71
Payroll Taxes	\$13,324.72
URS Contributions	\$6,060.91
Attorneys	\$254.30
Health, Dental and Life Insurance	\$10,165.30
UFA Quarterly Payment	\$24,884.67
AVB Brochure Mailing	\$12,019.08
AVB Promotions	\$3,190.00
Workers Comp Insurance	\$557.02
Albion Basin Shuttle Payment	\$6,525.00
Plan Checks	\$440.00
Other Town Bills	\$17,854.85
Total	\$128,765.56
MAJOR REVENUES RECEIVED	
Sales Tax - Uniform	\$10,644.35
Sales Tax - Resort	\$24,787.65
Office of Tourism Grant - 08/09 Promotions	\$20,826.30

Office of Tourism Grant - 07/08 Final Payment	\$18,250.06
Court fines	\$2,844.55
Energy Taxes	\$2,126.36
Dog Licenses	\$75.00
Building Permits	\$1,147.40
Sale of Recycling Trailer	\$1,200.00
Other Revenues	\$399.50
Total	\$82,301.17
General Fund Checking	\$20,093.79
General Fund Savings	\$281,631.99