

**MINUTES
ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2007
ALTA COMMUNITY CENTER
ALTA, UTAH**

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Tom Pollard reported that July is when most people take vacations so many of the regular governmental monthly meetings were cancelled.

The school district split issue has been getting a lot of press of late. Most of the participating city and town councils have voted to put the issue to the voters but the County Council has yet to address this matter. We should know by the September meeting the status of this matter.

The Mayor reported that the OSV issue has not changed in the last month. The Forest Service is in the driver's seat on this matter and not the Town of Alta.

The Mayor reported that we have had a change in personnel at the Post Office recently. Penee has left and we have hired Gerry Meislohn who also works at the GMD.

The Town has been working diligently on the proposed entry signs to our community. We have two proposed locations: one on the main road and one on the bypass road. We are working on obtaining DOT and private property owner approvals and also the design.

The Mayor spoke to the issue of the large increases in everyone's property taxes for 2007. It appears that the entire canyon including the businesses were re-valued. The Mayor explained that Utah is a non-disclosure state which means that if you want to appeal your values, you do not have access to comparable sales information. Also in this canyon there is not a lot of inventory that changes hands that property owners can use. Bill Levitt reminded everyone that if property owners are successful with their appeals, the Town of Alta will receive less money in property taxes that was budgeted. John Guldner also mentioned that when property values jump the Town's Certified Tax Rate goes down. We cannot collect any more money than we did in the prior year without going to a public hearing. The Town Council chose not to go through that process this year and set the CTR at the rate that was given to us by the County.

The Mayor announced that the Town of Alta just received notice that we are the third EPA certified Green Community in Utah and the 10th in the nation. Kudos to Laura McIndoe for her hard work on this matter.

With all the interest in our moose population, everyone should remember that they are wild animals and care should be taken around them.

The Mayor reported on the HOG rally that started right after the Council meeting last month. It was well attended and it was great to see the energy in Alta. It was the Town's first attempt at promoting a summer event in Alta and hopefully we will be able to organize a similar summer event next year.

The Town is continuing to evaluate whether the Town should join the State Retirement Plan. The Mayor felt he could have a proposal to the Town Council by the next meeting on this matter.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Marcus 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 read. There was a second by Steve Gilman and the motion was carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Town Administrator's Report: John reported on the three lawsuits.

On July 17, 2007 Marv Melville filed a lawsuit against the Town of Alta and John Guldner personally. He went over some of his concerns with this lawsuit and will keep the Council up to date on this matter.

Kate review the results of the last hearing in front of the Records Committee on the Mark Haik matter concerning the closed door meeting held in December of 2006 and the Marv Melville records matter. The Committee ruled that the Town of Alta was in compliance in both matters: withholding of the tape for the closed door meeting of December 2006 and the proper classification of the withheld documents from Marv Melville.

John reported that the Town has issued 10 building permit this year with a stated value of 4.6 million which translates in the \$45,500 in fees to the Town. There are two or three on deck. He reported on the progress at the Hellgate and some issues that we have addressed of late.

Having experienced this situation personally, John reported that there are no "walk-ins" allowed at the Forest Service campground in Albion Basin. You must reserve a spot at least three days in advance and it must be done online. He will be calling the Forest Service to clarify this system. John will also inquire on the policy that does not allow people to drive through the campground.

Laura gave an update on the Scenic Byways project. The stakeholders will be holding their first meeting soon.

Kate reported that Steve McIntosh has walked the sewer line to take an inventory on the vents that need attention. We will be addressing those vents along with placing a new vent on a manhole located in the Grizzly Gulch area of Town.

Laura requested again that all businesses and residents break down and flatten **ALL** their cardboard boxes before putting them in our new recycling bins.

Marshal's Report: Tom Bolen read the monthly report that was prepared by Mike Morey.(see attached)

ARA Report: Meg reported that the brochure is being reviewed for the final time and it should go to the printer by the end of next week.

Meg updated the Council on her Office of Tourism interview for the 07/08 grant. They were very excited about the coffee sleeve program and will find out their final decision on the allocation of grant funds sometime next week.

She is reviewing all the other proposed campaigns that are part of the 07/08 winter season.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE APPROVAL ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. Approval of Minutes for the July 12, 2007 Town Council meeting.

The approval of the July minutes was tabled.

2. Approval of election judges for the Municipal Primary Election to be held on September 11, 2007 and authorizing the Mayor to appoint replacements if necessary

The Mayor explained that a primary is necessary in the Town of Alta, as there are three people running for the two year seat on the Town Council. The primary will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2007 and the polling location will be the Albion Grill. The three election judges being appointed for this election are Kent Jensen, Jen Clancy and Sam Goedecke.

There was a motion by Bill Levitt to approve the appointment for the aforementioned judges for the Primary Election. There was a second by Steve Gilman and the motion was carried.

The Mayor also announced the Utah Code requires that early voting dates, time and place be established and the public be notified. The Town of Alta establishes that early voting will take place in the Alta Town Office from 12:30 noon to 4:30 pm on the

following dates: August 28 – August 31, and September 4 – 7, 2007. Any questions should be directed to Kate Black or Piper Lever in the Town Office.

The Mayor announced that there will be a meet the candidate night sponsored by ACE on Monday, September 10, 2007 at 5:30 pm. All questions for the candidates should be emailed or sent by mail to Sara Gibbs at ACE.

Kate went over the voter registration deadlines for the Primary Municipal Election.

3. Closed door meeting to discuss litigation matters.

The Mayor announced that it will not be necessary to call for a closed door meeting at this time.

Finally, the Mayor announced that Meg Sitcoske will be leaving the Town of Alta at the end of this month. He thanked her for a job well done!!!!!! We are in the process of interviewing for this job and should have hired someone within the next two weeks.

With no further business before the Town Council, there was a motion by Steve Gilman to adjourn this meeting. There was a second by Bill Levitt and the motion was carried.

Approved on _____ day of _____, 2007.

Katherine S.W. Black, Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT	
9-Aug-07	
MAJOR BILLS PAID	
Payroll	\$39,973.57
Payroll Taxes	\$16,290.09
Health Dental and Life Insurance	\$9,836.73
Attorneys	\$2,740.00
Workers Compensation Insurance	\$691.71
Dust Control - WRR	\$6,975.00
Town Insurance - St. Paul Travelers	\$30,425.00
Homeland Security Purchases	\$12,533.45
Albion Basin Shuttle - July Payment	\$9,375.00
New Town Police Truck	\$25,070.00

Other Town Bills	\$7,944.48
Total	\$161,855.03
MAJOR REVENUES RECEIVED	
Sales Tax Resort	\$8,256.71
Sales Tax Uniform	\$6,099.02
Property Taxes	\$861.08
Building Permits	\$22,779.17
C Road Fund Transfer for Road Work	\$12,735.00
Dog Licenses	\$75.00
Business Licenses	\$35.00
Tele Tax	\$864.92
Post Office Contract Payment	\$1,166.67
Court Fines	\$540.00
Community Center use Fees	\$163.00
Booth Donations	\$240.00
Energy Taxes	\$1,745.91
Office of tourism Grant	\$14,000.00
Sales of Fixed Assets	\$6,900.00
Total	\$76,461.48
General Funds Savings	\$581,795.26
General Funds Checking	\$4,500.00