

**MINUTES  
ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 8, 2009  
9:30 AM  
ALTA COMMUNITY CENTER  
ALTA, UTAH**

The Mayor called the meeting to order. The following members of the Town Council were present: Mayor Tom Pollard and Council members Steve Gilman, Dave Richards and Cliff Curry. Paul Moxley was excused.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor passed on the Town's condolences to the Lawson family on the death of Janet Lawson on Christmas day. She was very supported of Alta and she will be missed.

The Mayor reported that it was a very busy and successful holiday season for the businesses in Alta. Because it was so busy, there was not a lot going on as far as municipal meetings.

The Mayor reported on the monthly road meeting held on Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. The issues of traffic metering and the new traffic situation that occurs at the bottom of the canyon when the road is closed were discussed. The Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office is putting a lot of man hours into traffic control program at the bottom of the canyon and the Sheriff feels like it is "somewhat" successful. The Mayor mentioned that if you are on a UTA bus that is full in this situation, that bus will go to the front of line when the road opens. The road committee also discussed the problem of trying to get Alta customers out of the canyon in a timely manner when the road is busy on the weekends and holidays. One solution that was addressed was to close the main road down and let only Alta traffic down the Bypass Road. Entry #2 at Snowbirds would also be closed and traffic would enter the road from entry #1. This will narrow the merge points down to two. The scheduling and cost of implementing this procedure are creating obstacles. The Town will continue to look at trying to meter traffic over some key weekends this winter to help with this problem. The Mayor also commented that UDOT has determined that there is not an acceptable location for any automated traffic signal in around entry one at Snowbird.

The Mayor thanked the Alta Marshal's Office, Alta Central Dispatchers, UDOT, County Sheriff and the two ski resorts for all their efforts over the very busy holiday period.

On Wednesday January 14<sup>th</sup>, the Town and its engineer will give a status report to the Division of Drinking Water Board on the Town's antimony situation and the progress it has made on the Antimony Treatment Project.

The Mayor, John, Claire, Onno and Bob Bonar have been working to put together an appropriation request to obtain funding to place nine more gaz-ex in place in Little

Cottonwood Canyon. If this funding comes through, the Mayor explained that the nine gaz-ex would be installed this summer.

The Mayor mentioned that people have approached him asking when the Town will comment on the proposed lift to the Flagstaff area. Neither the Forest Service nor the Town have received a proposal on this proposed lift and when we do, both entities will put it out to public comment. At this point in time, there is nothing to comment on and has only been discussed as a possible alternative to overhead firing in the Town. John also commented that Flagstaff peak is not in the Town of Alta and was not part of the land annexed by the Town in 2002.

The Mayor reported that after meeting with Skip Branch, Chair of the Alta Planning Commission, he would like to bring in Myles Rademen, a planner from Park City, to help facilitate an open discussion amongst community members with regard to what Alta should or could look like in the future. The presentation will be held on Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM at Our Lady of the Snows Center. The Mayor encouraged anyone who has an opinion about the future of Alta and cares about Alta, should come and listen to Mr. Rademan's presentation and participate in an open dialogue.

The Mayor asked if the Council would like to change the time of the Council meetings in the future. It was agreed that the Town Council meeting will start at 10:00 AM. The Town will notice this change on its web site.

The next meeting of the Town Council will be Thursday, February 12, 2009 at 10:00 AM.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

March Dipppo 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 submitted. There was a second by Steve Gilman and the motion was carried.**

#### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Town Administrator's Report: John reported that the application for the nine gaz-ex units is almost complete and the request for 1.4 million dollars will be submitted to the federal government within the next few days.

John reported that the Town's water contract with Salt Lake City is the same as it has always been: 265,000 gallons a day from a site specific source tied to a geographical area of the original Town.. There was only one change made in the contract since it was signed in 1976 and that was rate change charged by Salt Lake City. As part of the visioning process, the Town will be looking at the amount of water the Town is using

relating to current build out for vacant property that we have under the Town's current zoning.

It was suggested that Town staff do a study on SR210. John felt that it was not necessary to do a study on this road. He explained that SR210 is a state road and the Town has nothing to say about the road. All the old Forest Service Special Use Permits related to facilities in the Base Facilities Zone in the Town of Alta are adjacent to and touching SR210.

John reported on recent communications with Census 2010 representatives. The Town will be working closely with Census people to make sure everyone is counted in the upcoming 2010 Census.

The monthly January Planning Commission has been cancelled. The next meeting of the Alta Planning Commission will be held on Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Marshal's Report: Mike Morey reported that his department has been busy over the last month. They have been working closely with the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office on the procedures at the mouth of the canyon. Mike thanked the Alta Ski Lift Company for all their help during the last month.

Mike gave his monthly report which is attached for the record.

AVB Report: Susan reported that during the last month, AVB has had a spike in phone calls inquiring about lodging, pricing, ski school, and ski conditions. She has had good feedback on AVB's reservation online request form, which has been streamlined at the request of the Alta properties.

AVB has had a lot of planner requests coming in through the web site and Susan has had great feedback on the video that appears on the web site. The video will be expanded to include rental properties on the bypass road.

Susan reported on the lodging spread that will run as part of a Ski Utah advertisement and AVB has a new spring add in Salt Lake Magazine. She reported that AVB has printed postcards again this year that will be distributed to the lodges and will be free to the guests to mail to friends and family.

## MINUTES

**Hearing no comments or questions, there was a motion by Steve Gilman to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2008 Town Council meeting as submitted. There was a second by Cliff Curry. The motion was carried.**

RESOLUTION 2009-R-1 – A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE REGIONAL GROWTH PRINCIPALS FOR TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE IN SALT LAKE COUNTY

The Mayor reminded people of the presentation by Val Halford at last month's meeting on the regional growth principals in Salt Lake County. The Mayor expressed his belief that all the ideas in his presentation and this resolution are valid and good ideas that should be support by the passage of this resolution.

**There was a motion by Steve Gilman to approve Resolution 2009-R-1 as submitted. There was a second by Cliff Curry. The vote to approve this resolution was unanimous with all those present voting in the affirmative. The motion was carried. Paul Moxley was absent.**

CITIZEN INPUT

Sara Gibbs, ACE, thanked everyone that supported their large event over the holidays.

Sara also mentioned that there is a local person who would like to donate to the clinic through ACE. They are unable to route this donation though ACE have suggested that this person contact the clinic directly to see if they can help with the purchase of a special piece of medical equipment.

Sara thanked the Town for allowing Ace to locate their office in the Community Center for no rent but asked if the Town could address the air quality in the building. At times she is unable to work because of the diesel fumes that permeate the building from the DOT vehicles parked in the bays downstairs. The Mayor assured Sara that the Town will address this immediately.

Onno encouraged everyone to go hear Miles Rademan on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at Our Lady of the Snows.

Onno thanked the community for their patience during the most recent instability on north facing slopes in the resort. They have been very conservative when it comes to opening up these areas: safety for skiers in the most important consideration.

Onno commented that many people are still not happy with the situation at the mouth when the road is closed. It is a work in progress.

Dr. Libre goes above and beyond to assist everyone in this community with their medical needs and Onno encouraged everyone to help him with the purchase of his specialty medical equipment.

Onno announced there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on January 15, 2009 to celebrate the 70 anniversary of the Alta Ski Resort. It will take place at the bottom of Collins Lift at 9:00 am. Everyone was invited to attend.

**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 passed.**

**Approved by the Alta Town Council on the 12th day of February, 2009**

**Katherine S.W. Black/S  
Town Clerk  
Town of Alta**

Payroll	\$33,393.64
Payroll Taxes	\$13,344.10
Utah State Retirement Contribution	\$10,671.54
Attorneys	\$19,902.84
Health, Dental and Life Insurance	\$9,498.44
Electrical Work - Alta Central	\$3,805.00
Workers Compensation Insurance	\$557.02
HB & M - balance on annual audit	\$8,668.24
AVB Promotions	\$9,495.00
Other Bills	\$6,313.87
Total	\$115,649.69

**MAJOR REVENUES RECEIVED**

Sales Tax - Resort	\$10,986.89
Sales Tax - Uniform	\$6,562.19
Property Taxes	\$122,040.78
Telephone Taxes	\$712.61
Court Fines	\$599.00
Dog Licenses	\$225.00
Energy Taxes	\$2,861.35
Sale of Wells Cargo Recycling Trailer	\$1,650.00
Business Licenses	\$236.00
Other Revenues	\$678.00
Total	\$146,551.82
General Fund Checking	\$113,101.40
General Fund Savings	\$211,004.71

