

**MINUTES
ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
WORK SESSION
THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2018
4:00 – 5:30 PM
ALTA COMMUNITY CENTER
ALTA, UTAH**

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. All members of the Town Council were present.

Also present at the meeting were Piper Lever, Kate Black, Mike Morey, Rich Mrazik, Kim Goldsmith, Jodi McLoughlin, Mark Haik, Celeste Horschel, GinnyMarie Leines, Chris Page and Dawn Page.

2. Citizen Input – 00:01:32

Kim Goldsmith recommended that some sort of identification be provided to vehicles of licensed Alta dogs that are traveling in the canyon, that a sign be posted at the mouth informing the public on the dog prohibition and suggested prohibiting the licensing of “vacation” dogs as those people are less likely to know and obey the rules.

3. Discussion on certain sections of the Town of Alta Animal Control Ordinance – 00:04:20

An updated draft of the proposed animal control ordinance was prepared by legal counsel and staff, provided to the council and made available to the public on the town’s website. The draft was used for reference during the review process at this meeting.

There were some preliminary comments by members of the town council on the recent draft of the animal control ordinance more specifically Class C licenses (commuters), after which it was decided to review each class of licenses in detail outlined in 5-2-3(c) of the draft ordinance.

The following are highlights of that discussion.

- The pros and cons of retaining commuter licenses and providing a process of putting a cap on the number of those licenses by resolution.
- The pros and cons of lowering the total number of current licenses that have been issued.
- The merits of grandfathering all current licensees especially those that fall under the proposed new class G category.

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- The definition of domesticated animal and regulating certain types of animals.
- The definition of household.
- Definition of residence and rearranging the sentence to clarify the meaning of residence.
- The definition of “pet”, the effects that has on licensing animals and the reason why the town is defining “pet”.

- Discussion on section 5-2-2(A) and who constitutes the “department of animal control” related to enforcement.
- Section 5-2-2(D) and the words domesticated animals.

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- The renewal time tables under section 5-2-3(B) – changes were recommended by the council and staff.

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- Discussion on Section 5-2-3(c) – number and classifications.
 1. The annual review by the council to determine whether there shall be an increase or decrease in number of licenses issued for that year and the reasoning behind that decision.
 2. The definition of Class A Licenses – the council agreed to some minor changes in the language.
 3. The definition of Class B Licenses – a discussion on including a person/company whose business is located within a premise leased within the town and the recommendation that two options be provided for consideration for the next review.
 4. The definition of Class C Licenses – a review of the individuals that would fall into this class, possible scenarios, how these scenarios would be addressed related to this class of license, the term “part time” and the minimum number of months. The council discussed minor changes to the wording of this section of the ordinance.

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5. The pros and cons related to the licensing commuter dogs and establishing a priority of those owners versus residents who have two dogs.
6. A poll and discussion of the council related to maintaining the licensing of computer dogs and keeping that classification of dogs in Class C. A discussion on grandfathering certain dog licenses and whether this should be reviewed on a case of case basis followed.

The council agreed that holding another work session on the matter of the revisions to the animal control ordinance was necessary.

4. Motion to adjourn – 01:30:07

There was a motion by Cliff Curry to adjourn the meeting and the motion was carried.

Passed and approved this 9th day of May, 2018

s/Katherine S.W. Black
Town Clerk