

**MINUTES
ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2014
10:00 AM
ALTA COMMUNITY CENTER
ALTA, UTAH**

1. Call the meeting to order: 00:00:00 A.M.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Mayor Tom Pollard and Council members Cliff Curry, Harris Sondak and Merebea Danforth were present. Paul Moxley was excused.

2. Mayor's Report: 00:00:17

The Mayor reported that the ski area closed last Sunday, May 4, 2014.

The Mayor gave an update on the Mountain Accord project. The system groups have been meeting frequently and there will a vote in the executive committee to move forward on the recommendations from those groups. The Mayor reminded everyone that updates are available on their website, Mountainaccord.com.

The Mayor announced that Chris Cawley has been hired as the Assistant Town Administrator and will start on May 27, 2014.

The Mayor reported that the summer road is projected to be open on July 4, 2014 and the dust control will be applied to the road on June 26th, 2014. The summer program committee will be meeting again to finalize the details on the operation on this program.

The Mayor reported that at the most recent road committee meeting the issue of the fiber optics project was discussed – the poles in the canyon, the construction process this summer, and the hub building. The estimated start date for this project is the first week in June and construction can take place from 7:00 A.M. through 9:00 P.M. week days only from Tanners to the mouth of the canyon. They cannot start delaying traffic in the canyon until after 9:00 A.M. Most nodes or poles will be placed on the north side of the highway.

At this time the only subscriber using the new fiber optics is Verizon.

The hub building will be located outside the boundary of the Town of Alta on the north side of highway 210 near the "Hellgate" avalanche gate. The Salt Lake County Planning Commission has met on this matter and the Town has met with Crown Castle who is constructing the building. The Town has reviewed its list of concerns with Crown Castle and feels comfortable that all have been addressed. The Salt Lake County Planning Commission will meet again on this issue in their June meeting.

The Mayor updated the Council on the Jordan vs. Kate Black court case. On April 18th the Judge ruled from the bench that no discovery will be allowed in the case. The case will be moving into the briefing schedule.

The Mayor reminded everyone of the joint meeting of the Town Council and the Planning Commission on June 2, 2014 at 1:00 P.M. at OLS – the issues surrounding the Base Facilities zone will be discussed.

The primary election will be conducted by a “vote by mail” process.

Canyon Clean Up day will be held on Wednesday, June 25th.

The Mayor explained that at the April Town Council meeting the Council voted to allocate \$250 of CDBG funds to the Road Home in Salt Lake City. Due to contractual restrictions, the Town is only allowed to allocate \$47 to this facility. The Town, though, has written a check for \$135 as part of the Council of Governments program supporting the homeless shelters in the valley.

The Mayor reminded people that the June meeting of the Town Council will be held on the third Thursday of June – June 19th. Public hearings on the proposed budget for 14/15 and the amended 13/14 will be held. If the increase in the CTR is approved in the June meeting, a Truth and Taxation Hearing will be held in the early part of August.

3. Treasurer’s Report: 00:14:55

Marc Dippo read the monthly treasurer’s report.

Hearing no comments or questions, there was a motion by Merebea Danforth to approve the report as submitted with a second by Harris Sondak. The motion was carried.

4. Departmental Reports: 00:16:50

Town Administrator’s Report: John Guldner thanked Karen Travis, Mac Brighton and Scott and Mica Briggs for bringing the issues with the hub building into the forefront. Crown Castle was very responsive to everyone’s concerns. The Town thanked the Ski Lifts for their responsiveness as well.

John updated the Council on the Haik vs. Salt Lake City/Town of Alta case.

John updated the Council on the two excavation permits that were issued to two property owners in the Secret Lake area of the Town – both are void due to the fact that the State Engineer has put a stay on his decision on this matter pending a court decision.

John reported on the ban on wood burning stoves in Salt Lake County and whether or not it affects the Town of Alta – it does but only for single family homes. The legislature is working on trying to put in place a program where a homeowner can get up 75% reimbursement for retrofitting their wood burning stove to a natural gas stove. There is an exemption for sole source situations.

John reported that the Town is still on track to obtain the land under its buildings this fall.

John reported on a home in the basin that will be upgrading and maintaining his single family home.

John reported that a briefing document will be prepared in anticipation of the joint meeting between the Town Council and the Planning Commission on June 2, 2014.

John provided the Council with a Patsey Marley subdivisions update.

Town Marshal's Report: Mike Morey gave a brief report on an incident that occurred yesterday in the lower part of the canyon.

Winter parking restrictions have ended.

Mike reported that a state law goes into effect next Tuesday, May 13th that states that it will be illegal to manipulate a phone while you are driving a vehicle.

Mike reported on Homeland Security money that became available to the Town. Those funds will spend on updating all the police department lap tops and some of the computers at Alta Central. He asked if the Town Council agreed on the expenditure of those funds in this manner and they did.

5. Minutes – March 13, 2014 Town Council Meeting/Work Session – 00:31:38

Recognizing that Kate made some minor corrections to the draft minutes before the Council meeting, there was a motion by Cliff Curry to approved the minutes of the March 13, 2014 Town Council meeting. There was a second by Merebea Danforth and the motion was carried.

6. Minutes – April 10, 2014 Town Council Meeting/Work Session. 00:32:33

Recognizing that Kate made some minor corrections to the draft minutes before the Council meeting, there was a motion by Merebea to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2014 Town Council meeting. There was a second by Harris Sondak and the motion was carried.

7. CDBG Program Year Amendments – 38th, 39th and 40th Program Years – 00:32:56

Kate Black explained that staff is proposing that funds that were to be spent on certain projects in the 38th and 39th program years be reallocated to different projects in the Town. The first project addresses a minor construction project at Alta Central. Kate is recommending that \$5,433 be reallocated to replace the carpet/flooring in the bedrooms at Alta Central.

Kate is recommending that the left over 38th and 39th year funds for the park be spend on the new picnic tables in the 40th program year.

The largest amount is the \$11,714.90 which has been carried over for about four years. These funds were allocated for long range planning studies. Staff is recommending that these funds be spent to address the upgrades to the sidewalk that goes to the Alta Central building which address the ADA access concerns.

All the 38th and 39th year project funds will be rolled over to the 40th program year, 2014/2015, and become part of the 40th program year contract.

There was a motion by Harris Sondak to approve the amendments/uses to the 38th and 39th CDBG program year funding. There was a second by Cliff Curry and the motion was passed.

8. Request for financial support of the Alta Resort Shuttle for 2014-2015 – Dan Ketner: 00:35:20

Dan reported that the Alta Resort shuttle had another good year and he thanked the Town for their continued support of the winter shuttle service. Dan requested that the Town continue their support at the \$4,000 level for the 2014/2015 winter season. Dan also provided ridership numbers to the Council for the past several years – the numbers have increased steadily.

Although this is not an action item on the agenda, the Mayor and Council acknowledged Mr. Ketner's request and \$4,000 for this service will be put in next year's budget.

9. Report and update of ACVB's 2013/2014 winter season and request for financial support for 2014/2015 – Dobber Price and Maggie Sullivan.

Dobber Price explained that his term as president of ACVB expired as of May 1, 2014 and Joni Dykstra has taken over that position.

Joni introduced herself to the Council, explaining that she is the marketing director for the Alta Lodge and has been with ACVB since its inception a few years ago. Joni thanked the Town Council for their past support of the Chamber and asked for the Council's financial support at the same level for the 2014/2015 fiscal year - \$60,000.

Maggie Sullivan updated the Town Council on all the programs and promotions that ACVB sponsored for the 2013/2014 winter season – the ACVB website, the Alta Sleep Around, Discover Alta, the Australian promotion and Alta in April.

Maggie reported that there was an ACVB board retreat in April where they created goals for the new year. They will be visiting all the businesses this summer to review what they feel ACVB is doing well and where they can improve. The Board is also putting together their 2014/2015 Office of Tourism Grant application.

Joni explained that the Board agreed that the website needed updating – making their website more responsive. ACVB is seeking bids from different vendors on this project. Once they decide on a company, ACVB will come back to the Town Council with a request for additional funding for this project.

10. Tentative Budgets for the 2014/2015 Fiscal Year – General Fund, Sewer & Water Enterprise Funds; 00:43.50

The Mayor went over some of the highlights of the proposed budget. The Mayor explained that it has been four years since the Town passed a tax increase. This year the Council is proposing a 10% increase

in the property tax rate. This increase will generate approximately \$30,000 in additional revenue for the Town. Only 10% of the total property tax paid to Salt Lake County each year comes to the Town of Alta.

The Mayor went over some of the general fund highlights for the public and Council.

- The Town budgeted for a 5% increase in health insurance costs
- The Town is proposing a 2% cost of living increase for all our full and part time employees.
- The Town has budgeted for an upgrade to the sidewalk near Alta Central - \$15,000
- The Town is projecting a 7% increase in the Town's contract amount with UFA for the Town's fire protection.
- The Town has budgeted \$30,000 for a new police vehicle and will sell the oldest vehicle in the fleet. The town should be able to get around \$18,000 for the old vehicle.
- The Town has budgeted \$10,000 to upgrade the dispatch consol.
- The Town has budgeted \$20,000 for the recycling contract with the District
- The Town has budgeted \$75,000 for legal fees.
- The Town has budgeted \$40,900 for insurance costs
- The Town could purchase a new "side by side" vehicle for use by the summer program and police departments.

The Mayor went over the Water Enterprise fund budget.

- The Town has budgeted \$20,000 for capital improvements which include the upgrade and replacements of water meters and the possible replacement of a fire hydrant
- The Town has budgeted \$5,000 for engineering for a water project to be completed in the summer of 2015.
- The Town does not anticipate any increases in the water rates.
- The Town will be making their last "budgeted" payment on the water bonds that funded the improvements made in 1995 to the water system. The final payment comes from the debt service reserve fund.

The Mayor went over the Sewer Enterprise fund budget.

- The Town does not anticipate any increase in the sewer rates
- The Town does not anticipate any capital expenditures in the sewer fund
- Regular maintenance will take place on the sewer line – TVing the line and the inspection of the manholes.

The total for the General Fund budget is \$1,562,402 and the anticipated property tax revenue is \$322,080. The proposed Certified Tax Rate (CTR) is .001200. The Town has budgeted \$950,000 in sales tax.

The Mayor explained that the Town has one of the lowest CTR's in Salt Lake County because we have our own police department and we contract with UFA for fire service. If the Town was a member of

UPD there would be a line item on a property owner's tax rate notice of .002200 and if the Town were a member of UFA a tax rate of .002100 would appear on the tax notice of residents in the Town of Alta.

There was a motion by Harris Sondak to approve the tentative budgets for the Town of Alta for fiscal year 2014/2015 as submitted. There was a second by Merebea Danforth. The Mayor opened the floor to discussion.

Cliff asked what made up the other financing sources in the budget - \$30,000. It was determined that was the initial distribution by the bank for the purchase of the new police vehicle. Cliff also asked if the Town would be using some of its reserve fund balance to balance the budget. The Town will have to use \$30,522.

Cliff opined that to raise the property taxes by \$30,000 is simply to keep up with the effects of inflation over the past four years. Because of the way that Utah law is written, the Town is limited to a set dollar amount when we set our CTR. Cliff feels that this is not a real tax increase but simply keeping up with inflation.

Hearing no further comments or questions, the Mayor called for a vote on the motion. All members present voted in the affirmative and the motion was carried. Paul Moxley was absent.

11. Closed door meeting to discuss litigation matter: 00:55:12

There was no need to call for a closed door meeting.

12. New Business: 00:55:25

There was no new business brought by the Town Council at this meeting.

13. Citizen Input: 00:55:50

Onno Wieringa thanked everyone for helping the Ski Lifts get through another great season. Onno reported that visits were up, tax revenues in the Town should be up, snow density was 10% higher than the 30 year average, and the snow level was 10% down from normal.

Onno thanked ACVB for the work they do for the community especially all the work that went in Alta in April which has become quite a big event – Onno felt that between 500-600 extra tickets were purchased each day of this event.

Onno cautioned ACVB on their redesign of their web site especially when it comes to possible overruns.

Onno announced that the Ski Lifts will open Albion Grill this summer – opening on July 1st and closing sometime in September. The hours of operation will be 11:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m. Tim Evenden, who has run the Albion Grill for years, is moving to Canada with his family and the Alta ski Lifts will be taking over the winter operation of the Grill.

Onno said that this summer the Ski Lifts will be re-vamping the cork screw run – they will close lower Collins Gulch for three months.

14. Motion to Adjourn

Hearing no further business before the Town Council, there was a motion by Cliff Curry to adjourn the meeting. Merebea Danforth seconded the motion and it was carried.

Passed and approved this 19 day of June, 2014

s/Katherine S.W. Black
Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

April 11, 2014 - May 8, 2014

MAJOR BILLS PAID

Payroll	\$40,006.80
Payroll Taxes	\$14,315.02
Attorneys	\$24,000.00
Health, Dental & LiFE Insurance	\$12,059.65
ACVB - 2 months	\$10,000.00
Traffic Metering	\$2,025.00
Toyota Lease Payments	\$1,938.06
Energy Costs	\$2,699.87
Telephone Costs	\$1,277.64
Other Town Bills	\$2,602.71

Total \$110,924.75

MAJOR REVENUES RECEIVED

Sales Tax/Feb. collections - Uniform	\$50,574.98
Sales Tax/Feb collections - Resort	\$146,171.95
Property Tax	\$17,222.31
Post Office Contract	\$1,166.77
Court Fines	\$580.00
Alta Ski Lifts - Reim for metering & early morning patrol	\$6,412.12
UDOT/Alta Central Communications	\$15,000.00
Sale of ATV	\$2,000.00
Reimbursement - CDBG Funds	\$1,500.00
Energy Taxes	\$9,978.35
Business Licenses	\$266.00
Other Revenue	\$510.00

Total \$251,382.48

General Fund Checking \$50,618.05
General Fund Savings \$417,894.81