

**MINUTES
ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2013
10:00 A.M.
ALTA COMMUNITY CENTER
ALTA, UTAH**

1. Mayor Tom Pollard called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

Mayor: Tom Pollard

Council Members: Paul Moxley, Cliff Curry, and Merebea Danforth.

EXCUSED:

Council Member: Harris Sondak

2. Mayor's Report: 10:01 A.M.

Tom Pollard announced that Katie Lewis, our legal counsel, has left Parson Behle & Latimer and is taking a job with Salt Lake City. Rich Mrazik from the same law firm will be the Town's legal counsel and will be assisted by Liz Schulte.

Tom Pollard went over some of the effects of the government shut down on the Town of Alta including the closing of the summer road.

Tom Pollard reviewed some of the issues that were addressed in the monthly UFA meeting including the issue of consolidation as it relates to VECC.

Tom Pollard announced that there will be a scheduling conference for the Shrontz lawsuit on October 28, 2013 at 2:30 P.M.

Tom Pollard and staff continue to attend the Executive Committee and Steering Committee meetings for the Wasatch Summit program.

Tom Pollard attended a meeting in Alta with representatives from Transportation for America, a lobbying group in DC on transportation issues. On the 25th of September members of the Executive Transportation and Environmental Council met in Alta for their quarterly meeting and on the 26th of September the monthly Conference of Mayors meeting was held at the Alta Lodge. Transportation issues were discussed at all three meetings.

Tom Pollard announced that the Town Council held a work session on September 30th where they reviewed and discussed the proposal forwarded on to the Town Council by the Alta Planning Commission regarding on the Base Facilities Zone: coverage, height, setbacks and mechanical appurtenances.

Tom Pollard announced that Eide Bailey (formally Hansen Barnett & Maxwell) were in the Town Office last week conducting the annual audit and financial statement for the Town's fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.

Tom Pollard announced that there will be a “Meet the Candidate’s” night at 5:30 P.M. on Monday, October 28th at the Alta Community Center.

Kate Black explained that early voting starts on Tuesday, October 22, 2013 in the Alta Town Office. It runs daily from 11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. through Friday, November 1, 2013. The last day to apply for a domestic absentee ballot is October 31st and an overseas absentee ballot is October 16th. The Town Council is the canvassing board and the canvass for the election will take place on Tuesday, November 19th.

3. Treasurer’s Report: 10:11:23 A.M.

Marcus Dippo read the monthly report

Paul Moxley made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report and **Cliff Curry** seconded the motion. The motion was carried with all members voting in the affirmative.

4. Departmental Reports: 10:14:06 A.M.

Tom Pollard stated that John Guldner is attending training with the Utah Local Governments Trust for two days.

Assistant Town Administrator:

Claire Woodman and **John Guldner** attended the quarterly Salt Lake County Cooperative Planning meeting in Herriman. A draft document was handed out and reviewed at this meeting.

Claire Woodman gave a report on the progress that Adam Naisbitt has made in updating the GIS data for the Town.

Claire Woodman reported that the Town continues to be involved in the Salt Lake County Hazardous Mitigation Plan. The Town would like to outlined its concerns in the plan about avalanches in the canyon.

Claire Woodman mirrored some of the Mayor’s comments on the work that is being done with the Wasatch Summit program.

Claire Woodman and **John Guldner** attended a zoning day at the League of Cities and Town Conference this month.

Claire Woodman reported that the next meeting of the Alta Planning Commission will be October 21st at 4:00 P.M. at the Alta Community Center. Laynee Jones, the program facilitator for the Wasatch Summit program, will be giving a presentation.

Claire Woodman reported that, due to the government shut down, a few projects have been put on hold - Wasatch Legacy Project, the land survey for the Town of Alta by the BLM and the trail improvement project that involves federal funds.

Claire Woodman met with UFA on wild fire risks in the canyon and how the Alta community can get better prepared for such an event.

Marshal's Report:

Mike Morey reported that the summer booth has been closed for the season and he thanked the Ski Lifts for their cooperation in using the lower lot, bathrooms and working with the Town on the food vendors.

Mike Morey is working with UFA to complete some tune-ups on the Marshal's radio equipment and thanked UFA for their effort.

Mike Morey reported that Alta Central is looking for a part time dispatcher. Jared Higgins is retiring in November and Hailey Griffin will move into that full time position which opens up a part time position at Alta Central.

Mike Morey updated the Council on the burglaries in the Albion Basin and there was one jail case over the last month handled by Deputies Payne and Bolen.

UFA Report:

Chief Mike Kelsey reported on the ISO rating review that is being conducting on their fire department. The ISO rating determines the risk factor and insurance rates in different geographic areas that UFA serves. UFA should get those results within six (6) months.

5. Town Council Minutes – August 15, 2013 - **10:26:25 A.M.**

Merebea Danforth made a motion to approve the August 15, 2013 Town Council minutes as drafted. There was a second by **Paul Moxley** and the motion was carried.

6. Town Council Minutes – August 23, 2013 – **10:26:53 A.M.**

Cliff Curry made a motion to approve the August 23, 2013 Town Council work session minutes as drafted. There was a second by **Merebea Danforth** and the motion as carried.

7. Town Council Minutes – September 12, 2013 – **10:27:17 A.M.**

Paul Moxley made a motion to approve the September 12, 2013 Town Council meeting minutes as drafted. There was a second by **Cliff Curry** and the motion was carried.

8. Waste Management Discussion and Update - **10:27:50 A.M.**

Tom Pollard and staff are looking again at the issue of waste management in the Town. This stems in part from the fact that the Town will own the land on and around the Town owned structures. The Town has met with the Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District(the "District") that currently handles the recycling and did a walk-through of the possible sites .

Tom Pollard explained that the current garbage collection company is only picking up garbage from approximately 12 single family homes. If the Town provided waste management pickups it would address only residential homes and not commercial businesses.

Tom Pollard opined that as a result of the study the Town commissioned two years ago relating to garbage pick-up, he is not sure there is an appetite from the community to really move forward with waste pickup.

Tom Pollard opined that the recycling program the Town provides is very successful if not over capacity.

Claire Woodman went over some of the numbers from the survey that the Town did in conjunction with the study two years ago.

- 50 plus surveys were sent out
- 26 surveys were returned
- Of the 26, half wanted no change in garbage service and half something different (in Town compactor and all were Albion Basin home owners)
- Some said do not change anything because of the small amount of trash they generate.
- Another comment was that we are here only two weeks out of the year and don't want to pay for something they would not use

Tom Pollard commented that as a result of the District on site visit, there were pros and cons to dumpsters or compactors: the District could not service compactors and the Town would have to use a private contractor.

Merebea Danforth said we would be dealing with 37 homes as it relates to garbage service. If we serve all the residential properties, the total could bump up to 60.

Cliff Curry mentioned that there is a trend where more and more things are going to recycling and less to the landfills. The Town should consider this trend when contemplating any long term lease or contract for waste services or the building of waste collections sites in the Town.

Claire Woodman said that if we went with a compactor we would not be working with the District.

Tom Pollard discussed the pros and cons of recycling glass.

Cliff Curry commented that he sees the land acquisition as being starting point in this process.

Tom Pollard said the Town has been invited to attend a District's monthly board meeting and after that meeting he would report back to the Council on this matter. He is committed to continuing the current recycling program including looking at glass recycling.

Claire Woodman is hearing that the Council would like to look into recycling glass. The Council would also like to reach out to homeowners for more feedback on garbage service.

Ms. Briggs asked if the Town could provide a public garbage dumpster near the recycling center.

Tom Pollard mentioned that the concept of a community dump site like they have in Emigration Canyon is a possibility but the question is how to pay and who should pay for that site/service.

Merebea Danforth felt we do not have the economy of scale in the Town to pass on the cost of this service to the homeowners. She asked if there was an appetite from the businesses to participate in this service to help with the costs.

Claire Woodman felt that because of the volume of garbage generated by the businesses, they would not be interested.

Claire Woodman reviewed the costs associated with providing a community dumpster for waste using a private contractor. Assuming 50 households (not counting HOA's) it would be \$20.00 per household per month. If it were just a dumpster for the 37 homes in Albion Basin it would be \$40.00 per household per month. These figures are from the study commissioned two years ago.

Mark Haik opined that a majority of the trash in the winter time is generated by users of the national forest. Accordingly the Forest Service should be approached to provide financial assistance and space for garbage service.

9. Resolution 2013-R-9: A resolution authorizing the adoption of an amended and restated interlocal agreement adding new member agencies to the VECC: 10:49:28 A.M.

Tom Pollard explained that this agreement allows UFA and UPD to join VECC as member agencies.

Paul Moxley made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-R-9 as submitted and there was a second by **Merebea Danforth**. The motion was carried.

10. Discussion on Planning Commission recommendations to the Town Council on changes to the Base Facilities Zone: coverage, height, setback provision and screening mechanicals.
10:50:34 A.M.

Tom Pollard referred back to the discussion the Council had during the September, 2013 work session on this matter and asked the Council what they would like to see happen next as it relates to this issue.

Cliff Curry thought that the Council wanted to see an additional public hearing held earlier in the process.

Mr. Briggs asked if the Council would hold hearings when more of the homeowners were in town.

Tom Pollard stated that the Council anticipates another public hearing later in this process and this issue will continue to be a discussion item on the agenda. A Council meeting in the evening on this matter would also be considered. The Town staff will attempt to reach out through emails to the community on future meetings as well.

Mark Haik suggested that the digital/audio files from each meeting be posted on the Town's web site.

Claire Woodman asked the Council to provide her feedback on the map she prepared associated with this issue.

Cliff Curry felt that the Council will need to turn their attention the Deep Powder House as relates to this map and the zones.

11. Closed door meeting to discuss litigation matters – 10:56:53

Tom Pollard made a motion to hold a closed door meeting today to discuss litigation matters and **Paul Moxley** seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Merebea Danforth – aye

Paul Moxley – aye

Tom Pollard – aye

Cliff Curry – aye

Harris Sondak – absent

The vote was unanimous will all members that were present voting in the affirmative.

12. New Business – 10:57:28 A.M.

There was no new business introduced by the Mayor and Council members.

13. Citizen Input – 10:57:39 A.M.

Onno Wieringa, Alta Ski Lifts, brought up the following items:

- Mayor Ben McAdams was thanked for addressing the bathrooms at the park and ride which are now clean and up and running.
- He encouraged the Council to look at some sort of trail head/parking/public bathroom facility in the Town.
- He applauded Claire Woodman in trying to get everyone on the same page as it relates to garbage services.
- The Ski Lifts does glass recycling but they have to pay an outside vendor for this service
- The Mountain Collective product continues to be successful.
- He hopes that the government shutdown is resolved before the ski season starts
- All the Ski Lift company's projects are pretty much wrapped up
- Snowmaking will start as soon as it is cold enough
- At the end of October there is a four day National Avalanche School (ski area focused) in the canyon
- The Ski area is planning on opening November 22nd

Mark Haik mentioned and opined as follows:

- The Town Council should bring up conflicts of interest and how and when they should be disclosed.
- The Town Clerk should respond to his challenges that he brought in 2005 against some voters in the Town of Alta. The Town Clerk should identify how her policies have changed and if they have changed as it relates to voter challenges and the recent Gilman court decision.
- There have been significant items and buildings left out of the Base Facilities zone map that was recently prepared by Town staff.

Cliff Curry opined as follows:

- The Gilman decision is not binding on anyone except Mr. Gilman and Sherri Swenson. In the nature of a legal precedent, it is not a legal precedent.

14. Motion to Adjourn – 11:07:42 A.M.

Cliff Curry made a motion to adjourn the meeting and **Merebea Danforth** seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Closed Door Meeting – 11:23 A.M.

A closed door meeting of the Alta Town Council was convened at 11:23 A.M. Those present at the meeting were Mayor Tom Pollard and Council members Paul Moxley, Cliff Curry and Merebea Danforth; Marcus Dippo, Town treasurer, Kate Black & Claire Woodman, Town staff; Rich Mrazik, Town legal counsel. Litigation matters were discussed and no actions were taken. The meeting adjourned at 11:52 A.M.

Approved on this 14 day of November, 2013.

s/Katherine S.W. Black
Town Clerk