

MINUTES
ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2015
10:00 AM
ALTA COMMUNITY CENTER
ALTA, UTAH

1. Call the meeting to order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Mayor Tom Pollard and Council members Paul Moxley, Cliff Curry and Elise Morgan were present at the meeting location. Harris Sondak joined the meeting electronically through Skype.

2. Mayor's Report – 00:00:30

The Mayor reporting on the following matters:

1. Mountain Accord.
2. UFA did not meet in August. There was a fire at the bottom of the canyon in Cottonwood Heights and the Mayor was called and briefed on this matter.
3. A Conference of Mayors meeting was held where the transportation sales tax initiative was discussed.
4. The residents of Alta were reminded that this year's municipal election will be by mail only. Ballots will begin to be mailed on Monday, October 5th. The Alta Town Council has two seats available. Harris Sondak and Elise Morgan signed up to run for those seats in June. Margaret Bourke has filed as an official write in candidate. Margaret's name will not appear on the ballot but a line will be provided to write her name in.
5. The meet the candidate's night will be held Wednesday, October 7th. Questions may be submitted to Alta Community Enrichment.
6. The next Conference of Mayors meeting will be held at the Alta Lodge on September 24th at 12:00.
7. Kate explained the CDBG contracts that need to be amended and extended. The stair chair at the Community Center and the ADA ramp into Alta Central has not been addressed and both contracts for these projects need to be extended. Staff is recommending that a letter be addressed to the County from the Mayor requested those amendments and extensions.
8. The last weekend of the summer booth is September 19th and 20th. Weather permitting; the summer road will remain open through October. The campground is now closed.
9. There was a complaint to the Town and the news media from a family that was denied access to the shuttle in Albion Basin. The Mayor and Alta Shuttle have addressed the situation and letters will be written to the family.
10. There will be a meeting with the Forest Service and Alta Ski Lifts on the future plans for the summer program.
11. Jake Brown and the UDOT crew were thanked for all they have done on Highway 210 this summer.
12. The Council was thanked for being proactive in addressing the changes to the hunting ordinance in the Town Code.
13. The next meeting of the Town Council will be Thursday, October 8th.

3. Treasurer's Report: 00:13:22

Marc Dippo read the monthly treasurer's report.

Hearing no comments or questions, there was a motion by Elise Morgan to approve the treasurer's report read. There was a second by Paul Moxley and the motion was carried.

4. Departmental Reports: 00:15:29

Town Administrator's Report: John Guldner reported on the following:

1. The Town is working on an RFP for the Town's future planning study for the base facilities zone funded in part by WFRC. John went into details that the study will address. There are 12 available companies that the WFRC has identified and the Town gets to pick three to review. The study should start sometime in October.
2. The Town is looking at the possibility of updating its website.
3. An update was given on which computer aided dispatch system would be used by VECC. The County plans on trying to pick the final company in mid-October. The Town will have to make some changes to its dispatch and radio system in the future as it relates to this change.
4. The ULCT convention is next week and Elise, Chris and John will be attending.
5. Harris Sondak has submitted his name to sit on the ULCT Board of Directors.
6. There have been 12 building permits issued in 2015.
7. The Alta Planning Commission will be meeting on Wednesday the 23rd of September. The Commission will be doing a walking tour as part of their meeting.
8. An update was given on the progress made on the Town's procurement of its land from the Forest Service.
9. The Town has received a GRAMA request from Evan Johnson and the Town is responding.
10. An update was given on all the recent activities handled by the Alta Marshal's Office; it has been a busy month.
11. A meeting was held with Wade Budge who represents Patsy Marley. John gave an update on that meeting.

Marshal's Report: Mike Morey updated that Council on the follow matters.

1. Following the discovery of a boot and other items near the Hellgate Cliffs, an investigation took place. DNA testing is being done on the remains that were found and the Marshal's Department still waiting for the results of those tests.
2. Thanks were given to Rae, the campground host for her incredible job running the campground.
3. The booth will suspend operation on September 20th. Following that closure of the booth, the Ski Lifts will be doing repair and maintenance on upper Albion parking lot; drivers could experience delays.
4. A report was given on the recent kids that were missing; all were later found.
5. A report was given on the vehicle that was stolen on bypass road.
6. A report was given on a woman who was "dumped" out of a car near the booth. The investigation is ongoing.
7. A report was given on the most recent LEADS meeting; use of force protocol and the CADD system were discussed. The Town's reporting systems will probably need to be updated to address the new CADD system.

Town Clerk Report: Kate Black reported on the upcoming municipal election:

1. On November 17th the Council will be required to meet as the Board of Canvassers to review and accept the results of the election. The Council agreed to meet at noon on November 17th at the Alta Community Center.
2. The ballot proof for the 2015 municipal election has been approved. Voters will be asked to not only vote for the two open positions on the Town Council but on the transportation sales question.
3. The preliminary results of the election will be announced sometime after the polls close on November 3rd but the official results will not be available until after the canvas on November 17th.
5. Town Council Meeting Minutes – August 13, 2015 – 00:40:30

Kate explained that Harris Sondak submitted some corrections to the draft minutes which have been incorporated into the final draft.

There was a motion by Harris Sondak to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2015 meeting with the corrections. There was a second by Paul Moxley and the motion as carried.

6. Special Town Council Meeting Minutes – August 28, 2015 – 00:41:22

There was a motion by Elise Morgan to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2015 special Town Council meeting. There was a second by Cliff Curry and the motion was carried.

7. Resolution 2015-R-9 – A resolution authorizing the execution of a multi-jurisdictional mutual aid agreement for sheriff and police services – 00:41:42

The Mayor explained that although the final agreement has not been distributed to all the jurisdictions involved in this agreement, the resolution before the Council authorizes the Mayor to sign that agreement once the final draft is available and has been reviewed by legal counsel and staff.

There was a motion by Harris Sondak to approve Resolution 2015-R-9. There was a second by Paul Moxley and the motion was carried.

8. Amendments to Contribution Agreement between the Town of Alta and the Alta Chamber Visitors Bureau (ACVB) for fiscal year 2015-2016. – 00:43:10

The Mayor explained that at the last Council meeting it was agreed that the contribution amount to ACVB would be increased by \$1,000 per month for an annual contribution not to exceed \$72,000. It was also agreed that the financial report that ACVB was required to provide the Town would be in the form of a financial compilation. The agreement before the Council reflects the aforementioned changes.

There was a motion by Elise Morgan to approve the amended contribution agreement between the Town of Alta and ACVB. There was a second by Cliff Curry and the motion was passed.

9. New Business – 00:44:25

Harris Sondak would like to see an electronic meeting protocol put in place so those that cannot attend the meeting in person can attend the meeting by Skype. Staff will work on a formal protocol for this type of situation.

Harris feels that there are good solutions available for storing energy that could be an alternative for the generators that are used by many in the Town; the use of a generator seems like a bad solution environmentally. Alta has an opportunity to be a model community in terms our sustainability issues and feels that the Town Council has a role to play in encouraging the use different types technology such as solar power.

Elise commented that Maura has done a lot of research on solar energy and its use in our town. The Mayor suggested that Maura do a presentation on her findings on this matter.

10. Citizen Input – 00:50:13

Scott Briggs mentioned the issues that many of the home owners are having with hooking up to the fiber to assist them with improving their internet access. Scott explained that it is proving to be nearly impossible for the individual home owners to get a fiber into the homes in Alta. Scott feels that the homeowners have no leverage with Syringa and asked if the Town and the Town Council could assist them in coming up with a solution to this issue. Mr. Briggs offered to do all the leg work. Scott went on to explain that the cost to the individual home owner is very substantial and makes this out of reach for each owner. Scott feels the Town could either help get all the homeowners together to approach this company or ask the company to come up with a more reasonable solution or cost.

The Mayor agreed to contact Syringa and Scott to start a conversation on this matter. Elise recommended that we look into getting a small community grant to assist the private homeowners with connecting to fiber.

Karen Travis asked about the foot race on September 19th and whether there will be road closures for this event. There will be no closures for this event.

Karen thanked the Council for increasing the funding for ACVB. She went on to ask Marc Dippo how close the Town is to using the entire sales tax amount that was supposed to be used to fund this organization. The Mayor estimated that the Town was at about 40% of that total amount.

Karen commented that the Sunday Tribune noted that Alta had the highest sales tax in the state and went on to opine that if the voters agree to increase the tax again (transportation question on the ballot) then people will think twice about buying products in our community. Karen feels that the transportation tax should be voted down.

Jen Clancy announced that there are a couple of volunteer opportunities coming up in the Town. On Friday, September 11th FOA will host an annual tree and memorial tree planting day. On Saturday September 12th there will be a hawk watch event in Alta. The final evasive weed pull will be held on Thursday, September 17th.

Roger Bourke took it upon himself to monitor traffic speed on the summer road on three separate days; he handed out his report. The great majority of those traveling the summer road are exceeding the 15 mph speed limit. Roger did not characterize this as a law enforcement problem but as a road problem. The speed issue is just one element of our overall summer road situation. Roger suggested that we look at the road as a system problem. Roger is willing to participate in gathering solutions to this issue.

The Mayor agreed that this is a system problem and not just a road problem. The Town is going to try and address all of this in our upcoming meeting with the Forest Service.

11. Motion to adjourn – 01:05:30

Hearing no further business before the Town Council, there was a motion by Paul Moxley to adjourn the meeting. There was a second by Cliff Curry and the motion was carried.

Passed and approved this 8th day of October, 2015

s/Katherine S.W. Black
Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

August 14 - September 10, 2015

MAJOR BILLS PAID

Payroll - 2 payroll periods	\$38,602.82
Payroll Taxes - 2 payroll periods	\$17,355.03
Attorneys	\$8,928.36
Health, Dental and Life Insurance	\$13,843.82
Forsgren - Inseptions and Plan Checks	\$2,298.51
ACVB - 1 month	\$5,000.00
Thomas Petroleum	\$4,952.90
Executech - new server plus labor to install	\$7,889.33
Matsuura Printing - Summer Brochures	\$1,400.25
A Company - Portable Toilets	\$1,054.00
Alta Shuttle -Summer Shuttle for August	\$7,161.00
URS - Contributions for two payroll periods	\$10,371.44
Telephone Expenses	\$1,472.46
Energy Expenses	\$1,624.69
Wasatch Front Recycling	\$625.00
Other Town Bills	\$8,144.62

Total \$130,724.23

MAJOR REVENUES RECEIVED

Sales Tax/Resort - June Collections	\$12,364.77
Sales Tax/Uniform -June Collections	\$7,487.66

Dog Licenses	\$30.00	
Post Office Contract - 1 month	\$1,166.67	
Court Fines	\$4,277.00	
Building and Plan Check Fees	\$4,318.77	
Donations	\$1,780.24	
Energy Taxes	\$1,975.93	
Telephone Taxes	\$522.45	

Total \$33,923.49

General Fund Savings	\$389,599.17
General Fund Checking	\$27,396.90