

**MINUTES
ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2017
ALTA COMMUNITY CENTER
ALTA, UTAH**

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am. Mayor Tom Pollard and Council members Cliff Curry, Harris Sondak and Elise Morgan were present. Paul Moxley was excused.

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

The Mayor reported and reviewed the following matters:

- Thanks were extended to everyone who worked to make the holiday season a successful one.
- The Little Cottonwood Canyon Road meeting and the meeting to address traffic metering.
- Update on the Mountain Accord process and the Central Wasatch Commission.
- The TAP award from Utah Local Governments Trust.
- The participation in the Utah Cities Bench Marking Project.
- The Utah Elected Officials Day at the Legislature on January 25th.
- Rocky Mountain Power attendance at the February meeting to discuss the renewal of the franchise agreement with the Town of Alta; the agreement addresses the right of RMP to use easements in the Town of Alta related to power lines. The concerns of the Council that were brought up in previous meetings will be addressed by RMP. The question on the distribution of energy taxes was discussed as well.
- The notice of municipal election that will be posted this month informing the voters of the date of the general election and the at-large seats that will be considered: Mayor and two Town Council seats.

3. Treasurer's Report: 00:14:53

Marc Dippo read the monthly report into the record.

Hearing no questions or comments, there was a motion by Cliff Curry to approve and accept the report as presented. There was a second by Elise Morgan and the motion was carried.

4. Departmental Reports: 00:17:00

There were no reports given by the Town Administrator, Assistant Town Administrator or Town Marshal.

UFA: Rand Andrus reminded everyone to help the Town of Alta by shoveling out hydrants adjacent to the businesses and residences. Rand recommended that everyone that their smoke and CO2 detectors should be replaced every seven years; both devices wear out over time.

5. Town Council Minutes – December 8, 2016 – 00:18:08

Hearing no comments, questions or corrections, there was a motion by Harris Sondak to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2016 Town Council meeting. There was a second by Elise Morgan and the motion was carried.

6. Presentation by the Alta Chamber & Visitors Bureau (ACVB) of their Financial Compilation for 2015/2016 and request for matching funds – Maggie Sullivan – 00:18:46

Maggie reviewed the financial compilation for ACVB for year end June 30, 2016: please see attached.

Maggie requested the Town of Alta contribute the final \$2,000 available for matching funds to ACVB. The funds will be used for the Office of Tourism Australia campaign. Maggie reviewed the details of that program and also reviewed the results of the program similar to that that was conducted last year. Australia is the largest international market for Utah and currently lodges have quite a few guests from this country.

Onno Wieringa asked about history of the financial support from the town to ACVB. The Mayor commented that when the ½% sales tax was initiated, it was the intent of the Town to contribute the full amount generated by the ½% which at the time was around \$150,000; the current amount the Town contributes is around \$70,000. That decrease can be largely attributed to the Town's need to finance and budget for essential services.

Harris asked about the original commitment by the business community to contribute \$40,000 in membership dues. Membership dues currently total around \$21,000. Harris pointed out that there were two areas in the ACVB budget that are funded at a lower rate; contributions from the Town and membership dues from the business community.

The Mayor's recollection was that the original estimate of \$40,000 in member dues included a membership group that was much larger than just the Alta businesses.

Onno opined that if everyone felt like ACVB's marketing efforts were making a difference, then the Town should be giving ACVB more funds.

If there are more co-op marketing opportunities, the Mayor would be inclined to give more money to ACVB for this type of use. Maggie felt that there were co-op programs out there that she would have loved to participate in but couldn't because ACVB did not have matching funds available.

Maggie reported that the membership fees were increased by 5% this year.

There was a motion by Tom Pollard to allocate the remaining \$2,000 in matching funds to ACVB. There was a second by Harris Sondak and the motion was carried.

7. Resolution 2017-R-1 – a resolution confirming Clinton E. Balmforth as Justice Court Judge for the Town of Alta Municipal Justice Court – 00:29:20

The Mayor announced that Clinton Balmforth stood for a retention election in November 2016 and was retained by the voters of Salt Lake County. Judge Balmforth is willing to be the judge for our Municipal Justice Court.

The Town will not get the full six years from Judge Balmforth as he is mandated by state law to retire when he is 75.

There was a motion to approve Resolution 2017-R-1 confirming Clinton Balmforth as Justice Court Judge for the Town of Alta Justice Court. There was a second by Harris Sondak and the motion was carried.

8. Resolution 2017-R-2 – A Resolution approving a two year equipment lease agreement with Zions Bank to fund the purchase of a 2017 Toyota Tacoma – 00:30:50

Kate Black explained that the Town Council amended the budget in November of 2016 in order to proceed with the ordering of a 2017 Toyota Tacoma. This vehicle will replace the 2011 Toyota that Kevin Payne is currently driving.

Toyota stopped making the Tacoma for fleet sales throughout the country this year. Accordingly Tony Divino sold the town a truck “off the lot” at a discounted price.

Rich Mrazik’ firm is preparing a legal opinion on the lease that is in line with a small transaction. Zions Bank requires this opinion before the funds are released.

There was a motion by Harris Sondak to approve Resolution 2017-R-2 approving the lease with Zions Bank pending the receipt of the legal opinion and the final VIN number for said vehicle. There was a second by Cliff Curry and the motion was carried.

9. Local public Safety and Firefighters Surviving Spouse Trust Fund Cost-Sharing Agreement - 00:34:00

The Mayor explained that Trust has been set up to assist cities and towns with health insurance premiums for the surviving spouse of a police officer who has a line of duty death. For the first two years after the death of a police officer, the town would be required to pay for health insurance for the surviving spouse and dependents up to the age of 26. After that two year period the town could make application to the Trust to reimburse the town for the full premium cost. If the Town joins the Trust, the cost would be \$95.00 per officer per year.

Kate explained that after a review of the cost sharing agreement and the applicable code on this matter, there were a few unanswered questions. Kate recommended that the Town table any action until the Town’s attorney and staff have reviewed this matter carefully. Kate went on to outline a few of the areas of concern on this matter.

There was also discussion on whether the Town of Alta should look into joining the public safety retirement program for its officers. Kate will look into the details of this option.

Paul Skeen the Town’s accounting did not recommend that the Town fund the two years of health insurance premiums by setting aside the equivalent in a reserve account.

10. New Business – 00:44:50

Cliff Curry brought up the question on the sales tax on purchases through Amazon and how that would play out as it relates to the Town receiving their portion of the sales tax.

Kate contacted the sales tax division of the State of Utah to have them provide the details on the sales tax distribution. The distribution will be modelled after the collection and distribution of telephone tax: the distribution will be based on the five plus four zip code formula.

The Mayor mentioned that legislation could be introduced this session to address the current “sunset” with the holdharmless on the sales tax for the three public entities; the hold harmless could go away altogether.

The Mayor brought up the application by the Shrontz Estate for a special use permit request related to their parking proposal on their land. The Mayor asked if the Town should entertain changing the requirement that mandates that the Shrontz Estate have onsite parking; was there another way to address parking for the Shrontz Estate. John reviewed the recent requests and proposals by the Estate on the parking situation.

Harris asked who regulated the parking in the Town of Alta; Mike Morey confirmed that the Town regulates the overnight parking. Harris asked if the Town could designate parking for the cars associated with the Shrontz Estate homes.

Rich recommended that if the Town was open to discuss parking with the Estate that we reach out to Wade Budge who works with the Shrontz Estate.

11. Citizen Input – 00:55:25

Roger Bourke commented on the following matters:

- The current overnight parking in the Town and how to address the need for more parking.

Related to Roger’s question, Cliff Curry asked who makes the rules related to overnight parking in the Town of Alta and asked for Mike Morey and Onno Wieringa’s perspective on this matter. Cliff asked if the vehicle owners should take more of the individual risk of their cars could be hit by an avalanche.

Mike commented that there are a lot of moving parts to the overnight parking situation in the Town. In the Grizzly area there is overlapping permitted uses; day parking areas versus overnight parking areas. There are also some logistical problems as it relates to equipment and the cleaning of the parking lots in the Grizzly area.

Mark Haik commented on the following matters:

- The current status of the Shrontz Estate settlement agreement and development.
- Requested that the Town reconcile the staff’s view on how much water the Town has and the Town’s legal counsel’s view on that same matter.

Scott Briggs commented on the following matter:

- The internet access for residents in the Town of Alta is absolutely inadequate. In order to increase internet capabilities in the Town one would have to hook onto the fiber network. The monthly fee to the provider for a single family home is \$3,000. Mr. Briggs opined that for a community to be cut off from the internet in this day and age is absolutely unacceptable. Mr. Briggs asked the Town to reach out to Syringa and help resolve this situation.

Cliff thought there might be approaches to address this situation. Could the Town bring Syringa up to talk about providing services to our community and could the Town form a public utility district to service the residential community. Cliff also asked about what it would take to wire the signal to those residences.

Scott Briggs described what he currently has related to internet at his home in Alta.

The Mayor agreed to reach out to his contact at Syringa.

Onno Wieringa commented on the following matters:

- Onno announced that Mike Maughn is going to be the new General Manager of the Alta Ski Resort.
- Onno gave an update on the status of the HUB building. Onno reminded everyone that the HUB building is located on land owned by the Alta Ski Lift Company and suggested that Mike be contacted on the matter of fiber to the residents of the community.
- Onno opined on the continuation of metering in the canyon.
- The overflow parking in Grizzly.
- His support of the Mountain Accord process and its focus on long term transportation solutions in the canyons.
- The issue of parking related to the Shrontz Estate. Onno opined that the people buying into this subdivision are buying into a parking structure; they will not want to park in overflow parking in the Grizzly area. Onno shared the history of a proposal to build a shared parking structure behind the maintenance building on Forest Service land.

Roger Bourke opined on the cost of a tunnel.

Mark Haik commented on parking and asked that a map be prepared on the location of the road right of way, the Town property lines and other private property in the Town. This would, in his opinion, facilitate a competent analysis of the parking in the Town.

12. Motion to adjourn.

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

Passed and approved this 9th day of February, 2017.

s/Katherine S.W. Black
Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT
December 9, 2016 - January 11, 2017

MAJOR BILLS PAID
Payroll - 2 payroll periods(includes one time bonas) \$46,989.82
Payroll Taxes - 2 payroll periods \$16,604.36

Health, Dental and Life Insurance	\$13,978.74	
URS - two payroll periods	\$12,283.85	
HSA Yearly Employer Contribution	\$20,700.00	
HSA Employee Contributions -2 payroll periods	\$1,197.70	
Attorneys	\$6,540.31	
Forsgren - 1 month	\$3,355.80	
Utah Local Government Trust - Workers Comp. - 1 month		\$529.50
UFA - Quarterly payment	\$29,319.15	
Telephone Expenses - 1 month	\$1,955.36	
Energy Expenses - 1 month	\$2,697.05	
Planning Commission Remuneration	\$1,800.00	
Other Town Bills	\$7,092.47	

Total \$165,044.11

MAJOR REVENUES RECEIVED

Sales Tax/Resort -October Collections	\$20,297.96
Sales Tax/Uniform -October Collections	\$11,754.05
Property Taxes	\$36,083.18
Court Fines	\$1,073.40
Dog Licenses	\$760.00
Energy Taxes	\$3,670.35
Business Licenses	\$818.40
ULGT - TAP Grant Award	\$1,744.75
State of Utah - Liquor Tax Distribution	\$4,380.78
Telephone Taxes	\$491.57

Total \$81,074.44

General Fund Savings	\$348,126.07
General Fund Checking	\$28,467.00