

MINUTES
ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018
10:00 AM
ALTA COMMUNITY CENTER
ALTA, UTAH

The minutes of the March 8, 2018 will be drafted using a more summary format. The minutes will provide a summary of the comments made by members of the governing body, a record of any motion made by the governing body and the votes taken on those motions and the names of any person who made comments in the meeting and the substance, in brief of the comments.

1. Called the meeting to order.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. The Mayor and all members of the Town Council were present.

2. Citizen Input – 00:00:22

The following people spoke during citizen input: Susie Mills, Mark Haik, Elza O’Reilly and Mike Maughan. The following matters were brought up by these individuals:

- Matters related to the current review of the dog ordinance
- The status of the C Road fund audit and review of the current inventory of roads.
- Credit card convenience fees
- The assistance by town staff during a water line break near the west grizzly homes last summer.
- The status of the sewer line to the west Grizzly homes.
- Matters related to the snow pack on the mountain.

3. Mayor’s Report – 00:15:37

Mayor Harris Sondak provided a review of recent meetings he attended and matters related to the day to day operation of the town. These included:

- The meeting with Senator Wayne Niederhauser.
- The legislative session and bills of interest to the Town of Alta.
- The monthly UFA meeting.
- The February 14, 2018 budget committee meeting.
- The February 23, 2018 meeting with Bekee Hotze, USFS District Ranger, Mike Maughan, ASL and staff regarding the operation of the summer program.

4. Treasurer’s Report – 00:29:13

Marc Dippo gave a summary of the monthly treasurer’s report.

Hearing no questions or comments, there was a motion by Cliff Curry to approve the monthly treasurer's report as submitted. There was a second by Elise Morgan and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of the Town Council.

5. Departmental Reports – 00:30:29

Town Administrator's Report – John Guldner reviewed the following matters:

- The Road Committee meeting.
- The February 16, 2018 Planning Commission meeting.
- The review of the construction site ordinance.
- The most recent VECC meeting.
- The next meeting of the Alta Planning Commission – March 27, 2018 at 3:00 pm.

Rand Andrus, Assistant Chief/Special Operation, provided the Town Council with a brief update on UFA matters.

Town Marshal's Report: Mike Morey reviewed the following matters:

- The recent heavy snowfall and the impact it had on the operations/management of the road.
- A letter to the public related to the recent operations/management of the road.
- North side plowing.
- The up-tick in thefts in the community.
- Search and rescue efforts in the community.
- Review of current fire arm regulations in the State of Utah and the Town of Alta.

6. Town Council Minutes – February 8, 2018 – 00:49:50

The Mayor mentioned that the draft minutes were circulated by the Town Clerk to all members of the Town Council. They were returned to the Clerk with edits.

Hearing no further comments or questions on this matter, there was a motion by Margaret Bourke to approve the minutes with the edits and amendments. There was a second by Sheridan Davis and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of the Town Council.

7. Update and possible action on establishing a credit card convenience fee/electronic payment fee – 00:50:31

The Mayor asked Rich Mrazik to provide an overview of his research on the matter of establishing a credit card convenience fee/electronic payment fee.

Rich touched on the following matters related to this issue

- The town's agreement with its bank related to credit cards.
- The class action lawsuit brought by the credit card companies and the regulations that resulted from that legal action.
- The maximum fee that can be charged.
- The review of the merits of a flat fee versus a percentage based fee.

There was discussion by members of the Town Council on the pros and cons of charging a fee and whether to charge a fee for certain types of payments (sewer & water fees vs court fines and other charges). This discussion led to a consensus by the Town Council to not propose a fee at this time and instead review whether the town can recoup the cost of credit card fees into the sewer and water usage fees.

8. Update on Commercial Core Implementation project – Chris Cawley – 01:01:40

Chris Cawley presented a slide show put together by the consultant working on the project on the town's behalf. The presentation included new graphics depicting conceptual projects for lane and parking striping, barrier elements such as medians, a mid-block crosswalk, and pedestrian/bicycle lane delineation. Chris described that he would be continuing outreach to stakeholders to identify potential impacts from these conceptual projects to snow removal, parking, and traffic operations, and that a short-list of preferred projects would be provided in the near future, with a public open house to follow.

There was discussion and questions by members of the Town Council addressing the following areas of the project:

- The proposed B-5 curbing and the location of the same.
- The structure of the proposed medians in the middle of town and the time table of the placement of the same.
- The speed limit through town.

Mark Haik brought up the right of way issue in the canyon and the Town of Alta. Mike Maughan discussed the Alta Ski Lift SUP related to the main highway through the town.

9. Update – Town of Alta Summer Program – 01:28:40

Mayor Sondak provided an update on matters related to the operation of the summer program:

- The town's decision to operate the summer program for the 2018
- The town's SUP to operate the shuttle.
- The proposed fee to ride the shuttle.
- The ability and authority to manage traffic on the summer road during emergency situations.
- A written conveyance and agreed upon threshold - capacity in the basin and on the road.
- The proposal by the Alta Ski Lifts to operate the Albion Grill.
- The proposal by the Alta Ski Lifts to keep the public restrooms in the Grill opened 24/7 during the summer.
- Available funds through the Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant program.
- Staffing to assist with the management of the summer shuttle and tickets.
- The importance of disseminating of information to the public on various options available to them and details of the operations of the summer program.

10. Legislative Update - John Guldner and Rich Mrazik – 01:53:55

Rich Mrazik and John Guldner updated the council on six bills addressed during the 2018 legislative session that had some impact on the Town of Alta and Little Cottonwood Canyon.

11. New Business – 02:04:22

Council Member Margaret Bourke brought up the followings matters for consideration:

1. The merits of a second application of dust control sometime in August and the estimated costs associated with that application.
2. The merits of applying sufficient road base to the summer road – costs yet to be determined.
3. The merits and costs associated with hiring Glenn Haas, an expert from Colorado, to do a capacity study for the summer road and Albion Basin.

Margaret prepared a proposal titled *“Summer Program Add-Ons”* that was provided to council via email and handed out to the council at this meeting that addressed the aforementioned matters.

The Mayor recommended that the Margaret’s proposals be addressed in the next budget committee meeting.

12. Motion to Adjourn – 02:13:26

Hearing no further business before the Town Council, there was a motion by Elise Morgan to adjourn the meeting. There was a second by Sheridan Davis and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of the Town Council.

Passed and approved this 12th day of April 2018.

s/Katherine S.W. Black
Town Clerk