

MINUTES
ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, February 14, 2019, 10:00 AM
Alta Community Center, 10351 E. Highway 210, Alta, Utah

PRESENT: Mayor Harris Sondak
Council Member Margaret Bourke
Council Member Cliff Curry
Council Member Elise Morgan
Council Member Sheridan Davis

STAFF PRESENT: John Guldner, Town Administrator
Chris Cawley, Assistant Town Administrator
Piper Lever, Town Clerk
Jen Clancy, Deputy Town Clerk
Mike Morey, Town Marshal
Nora Pincus, Town Attorney

OTHERS: Mark Haik, Mike Maughan, Polly Samuels, Sasha Patane (via telephone),
UFA Captain Mark West

1. WORK SESSION TO DISCUSS PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE CHANGES

NOTE: The Work Session was cancelled due to road closure.

2. CALL TO ORDER THE REGULAR SESSION

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Mayor Sondak called the meeting to order 10:00 a.m. and thanked Town staff for making the meeting possible today.

3. CITIZEN INPUT

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Mark Haik responded to a comment made by Mayor Sondak during the last meeting regarding a party making a GRAMA request with the intention of causing the Town to expend legal fees. He urged Mayor Sondak to familiarize himself with some of the Town staff's prior activities in terms of forcing people to expend legal funds unnecessarily.

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Mike Maughan, General Manager of the Alta Ski Lift Company, reported on the ski season, parking concerns, and the amount of snowfall. The ASL was looking to expand the Albion Basin parking lot this summer. They had already been approved for 50 additional spots, but they were going to ask for 150 spots.

Kyle Maynard, Director of the Friends of Alta, announced a few upcoming events and invited all to attend.

Mayor Sondak brought forward Item 5 to this point in the meeting.

5. SERVICE AREA UPDATE – KEITH HANSON

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Mayor Sondak introduced Keith Hanson, Water Manager of Salt Lake County Service Area #3 for a report.

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Keith Hanson gave two handouts to the Mayor and Council. The first handout was a copy of the SLCo Service Area resolution for a new interlocal agreement between the Service Area and the Town of Alta. He explained that the Service Area had been operating Alta's water system under contract since 1990, which needed to be renewed every two years. This agreement was mutually beneficial, and it seemed to work well. The draft service area resolution was going to be approved by the Board of Trustees in their February 26, 2019, meeting. He invited the Council to attend the board meetings. The second handout related to the water treatment plant, which was a critical piece of infrastructure in Alta. He gave a brief history and explained the charts and statistics in the handout. He strongly recommended that the Town and Service Area replace one of the Bay City Mine pumps this year. One pump has over 60,000 hours of use, and the other one has over 20,000 hours of use. It would cost roughly \$30,000 to replace one of the 30hp pumps with a 50hp pump. In addition, Mr. Hanson reported that the Service Area cleaned the entire sewer line during the previous summer, and during that process they replaced 12 manholes on the highway, with the Town contributing 27% towards that cost. Mr. Hanson previously met with the Alta Planning Commission about the potential for a sewer line to the West Grizzly Gulch properties, and he recommended that the Town move forward with that project. He also noted that those properties don't have a water main, but a lateral off the main line, which doesn't meet current standards. He reported working with ASL regarding utilities related to the additional parking at the Albion Base. Mr. Hanson recommended looking into looping the water system to run bi-directionally to prevent the entire system from shutting down when there was an isolated issue. He also noted the 2014 Forsgren plan addressed firefighting where outflow to fight fires can be faster than the ability to fill the tank.

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6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO EXTEND SERVICE AREA CONTRACT RESOLUTION 2019-R-1

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Mayor Sondak said that the resolution given to them by Mr. Hanson had not yet been reviewed by the Town's legal department, but he assumed it was similar to the one drafted by the legal department. He asked Town Attorney Nora Pincus to review the proposed resolution while he gave the Mayor's report.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

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Mayor Sondak thanked staff, UFA, the Town Marshals, and the Ski Area for helping to keep things running as smoothly as possible with the recent storms. There had been some issues with people not obeying the interlodge rules, and he asked that everyone try to make the rules known to those that may not be familiar with them. He introduced Polly Samuels, who was an Assistant City Attorney for Park City for 13 years, who now owns her firm that specializes in municipal law, emphasizing planning, building, and zoning. She had approached Mayor Sondak about working with the Town of Alta, and she's been talking with legal staff about improvements that could be made. Mayor Sondak reported on the decision of the ombudsman in response to a claim by Evan Johnson, and the ombudsman agreed with the position of the Town of Alta. The issue would be taken up with the US Forest Service rather than the Town. He reported on the temporary dog licenses issued since the last Town Council meeting, and the meetings that he had attended.

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The discussion turned back to Item 6, and Attorney Pincus said that she had no concerns with the resolution presented.

MOTION: Council Member Morgan moved that the Town Council APPROVE Resolution 2019-R-1 authorizing the extension and amendments to the Interlocal Service Agreement between the Town of Alta and the Salt Lake County Service Area #3. Council Member Curry seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent of the Council.

7. ACVB UPDATE – SASHA PATANE AND CHRIS CAWLEY

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Sasha Patane was present via telephone to present Alta Chamber and Visitor Bureau FY2018 financial statement and a mid-season snapshot of the various marketing metrics and website data. Mr. Cawley noted that the Council was not given the latter report before the meeting, so he projected the report on the screen. Ms. Patane walked the Council through the information in the financial and the marketing report, focusing on revenue, summer activities, and the statistics on website activity. Mayor Sondak requested that they consider creating a mobile app for the Town of Alta.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

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Town Treasurer John Guldner presented the Treasurer's Report for the period of January 7 to February 8, 2019, and highlighted a few items.

MOTION: Council Member Davis moved that the Town Council APPROVE the Treasurer's Report for the period of January 7 to February 8, 2019. Council Member Curry seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent of the Council.

9. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Town Clerk Piper Lever, reported that the Mayor and staff had the preliminary budget meeting with the Budget Committee, and they were hoping to have another meeting at the end of February.

Deputy Town Clerk Jen Clancy, said that they were in the nitty-gritty phase of Caselle coding, and they wanted to have accounts receivable up and running by the time the sewer and water bills were sent for the next quarter.

Town Administrator John Guldner, said that Council Member Bourke had discovered a program called Water Smart through the Bureau of Reclamation. The Town may be eligible for a grant for up to 50% of the cost of the upcoming water and sewer expenses which they would continue to pursue. Administrator Guldner reported on the power outages. Regarding the West Grizzly Gulch sewer feasibility project, he reported receiving three proposals, but that they didn't necessarily match up. The Town could anticipate spending somewhere between \$4,000 and \$6,000 for a firm to do an analysis of what it would cost to put in a new sewer line.

Mayor Sondak said that they would want to incorporate the information found by Council Member Bourke. He asked for more information at the next meeting.

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Assistant Town Administrator Chris Cawley said that there had been some inaccuracies in the newsletter regarding the dog licensing schedule. In March, the Town Council would discuss and determine whether a lottery or drawing was appropriate for the dog licenses. Individuals can submit their names for the drawing in April, and the drawing will take place on May 1st. He also reported glass recycling company was acquiring a new, smaller vehicle, which when acquired could offer more frequent collection than monthly.

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UFA, Fire Captain Mark West provided updates on the new ambulance and the Community Wild Fire Preparedness Plan for Alta. He encouraged everyone to keep fire hydrants clear during the winter and, if a kitchen fire occurs, cover the pot, don't use water nor baking soda to douse flames.

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Town Marshal Mike Morey reported on the crew's efforts in helping the ski area during the recent storms. He said that they were currently in the middle of a big avalanche cycle, and he urged everyone to remain aware while using the highways. It was also a good idea to familiarize themselves and others with the orange disks that mark safe zones along the highway.

10. APPROVAL OF THE TOWN COUNCIL JANUARY 10, 2019 MEETING MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

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MOTION: Council Member Bourke moved that the Town Council APPROVE the minutes from the January 10, 2019, Town Council Meeting, and the Treasurer's Report. Council Member Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried with unanimous consent of the Council.

11. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN SALT LAKE COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF ALTA; GRANT OF FUNDING TO PURCHASE VARIABLE MESSAGING SIGNS**

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MOTION: Council Member Bourke moved that the Town Council APPROVE the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Salt Lake County and the Town of Alta for funding, purchasing, and installing various signage products by having Mayor Sondak sign the agreement. Council Member Morgan seconded the motion.

Mayor Sondak reminded the Council that the Town had applied for and was granted \$100,000 to help improve the traffic flow, including variable messaging signs. Town Marshal Mike Morey had identified an immediate need for two mobile, programmable messaging signs that would total \$40,000. They did not have a proposal for the rest of the funding at this time.

A vote was taken, and the motion passed with unanimous consent of the Council.

12. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON TOA - SLCO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT TO CREATE A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AGENCY (CRA)**

This discussion was postponed.

13. **NEW BUSINESS**

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Mayor Sondak agreed that moving forward on the zoning was a good idea, so he proposed having a work session on Thursday, February 28th at 9:00 a.m. to replace the work session that was cancelled this morning. The Council was concerned about scheduling another early morning meeting and suggested holding the meeting in the afternoon or evening. Staff would send out a poll to determine a time that would work for everyone.

14. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

MOTION: Council Member Davis moved to ADJOURN at 12:07 p.m. Council Member Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried with unanimous consent of the Council.

Passed and approved this 18 day of March, 2019.

Jen Clancy, Deputy Town Clerk

