

MINUTES
ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, February 9, 2022, 4:00 PM
Alta Community Center, 10351 E. Highway 210, Alta, Utah

PRESENT: Mayor Roger Bourke
Council Member Carolyn Anctil
Council Member John Byrne
Council Member Sheridan Davis
Council Member Elise Morgan

STAFF PRESENT: John Guldner, Town Administrator
Piper Lever, Town Clerk
Jen Clancy, Deputy Town Clerk
Mike Morey, Town Marshal

SPECIAL MEETING

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER AND DECLARATION

00:00:00

Mayor Pro Tempore Elise Morgan called the meeting to order without an anchor location per a January 21, 2022 determination letter.

2. CITIZEN INPUT

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Del Draper spoke about the parking permit system and encouraged the Council to consider Alta citizen input when renewing or renegotiating contracts and agreements for next year. He expressed concern about the prospect of the Town making money from the parking fees.

3. TOWN WATER SYSTEM UPDATE – Keith Hanson

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Keith Hanson from Salt Lake County Service Area #3 informed the Council that the Town needed to replace the filter media in the water treatment plant this spring. The filter was becoming less effective against contaminants sooner than expected which indicated the need for replacement. Cost estimates have increased to about \$37K, in addition to the cost of sampling and arranging for appropriate disposal of the old media, which could add \$3K to the total. The period between changes has shortened and the next media replacement is projected to be needed in 2024. That expected cost will have to be included in the budgets.

Roger Bourke entered the meeting at this point. Keith continued to speak of capital projects that were needed to the Alta water system. He referenced a meeting with staff and Roger Bourke that resulted in identifying a project for this summer which involved upsizing a 2” pipe with an 8” pipe in the Peruvian

Acres area and also increasing the depth of the line. This project would increase the ability to fight a fire in the area if necessary. Engineering for this will be started this spring. ARPA funds could help pay for this infrastructure improvement. Another project that is expected to be complete in summer of 2022 is the conversion to natural gas to fuel both the east Grizzly pump house and a Bay City pump. This funding has been budgeted through a matching Bureau of Reclamation grant.

4. SKI AREA UPDATE

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Mike Maughan reported that the snow was holding up during an extended dry period, maybe snow coming next week. The ski area is working with the Forest Service on a plan to replace the Sunnyside chairlift during summer of 2022. Mike Maughan responded to questions to say he could probably share the ski area's arrangement with IKON by next month and that the "numbers" appear to be on track.

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Roger Bourke asked Dr. Carolyn Anctil to speak relating to COVID and appropriate steps to keep the community safe. She opined that the Town and lift company were doing a great job addressing measures to mitigate the spread of the virus including requiring vaccinations and masking. She said Utah was still high in infections, but the surge in cases seems to finally started to wane. Projection on where the virus is going to go is still a controversial subject. Roger Bourke commented that virtual town council meetings would continue as they are working well and are a conservative approach to public health.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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MOTION: Sheridan Davis moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Elise Morgan seconded the motion. No discussion.

VOTE: All in favor. The motion passed.

6. MAYORS REPORT

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- Roger Bourke said that he met twice with Ben McAdams, who has been charged with conducting a complete review of the CWC. In existence for 7 years, the group's ambitious objectives have not yet come to fruition and Roger is looking forward to seeing what the result of the evaluation produces.
- Roger stated that the Town Clerk was retiring and it is a priority to find a suitable replacement. There are announcements out and he asked that if anyone knows a highly qualified candidate to please recommend them.
- Roger said he was late due to this meeting due to attending a meeting with a group called the Students for the Wasatch who invited the mayor, as well as Snowbird and ASL general managers, to ride in an electric bus up the canyon. The bus performed impressively and the young people involved proved to be an inspiring group.

- He also reported that he was alerted by the Director of SLC Public Utilities, Laura Briefer about pending HB343 legislation concerning municipal water connections that could radically change the character of Albion Basin, and have a huge effect on the Town of Alta. John Byrne added that the bill was not clear about who would be responsible for the cost of these connections. Carolyn Anctil stated the legislation is disturbing and asked the mayor to keep the council informed about the contents and the movement of the bill. John Guldner added that the Utah League of Cities and Towns has also taken a position against the bill.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE ALTA LODGE REGARDING QUASI-PUBLIC PARKING

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Roger Bourke asked the Council to authorize him to execute an MOU, which would allow the Marshal's Office to enforce overnight parking regulations in the Alta Lodge's quasi-public parking area.

MOTION: Sheridan Davis moved to authorize the mayor to sign the MOU and Carolyn Anctil seconded the motion. John Byrne commented that the MOU seemed innocuous enough and that there was more important language in the original 2003 license agreement that benefits the Town and allows them to manage Interlodge conditions. No further discussion.

VOTE: All in favor. The motion passed.

Polly MacLean confirmed with the Council their knowledge of the latest version of this MOU that included minor edits and typographical or grammatical corrections. The Council indicated their acceptance.

8. NEW BUSINESS

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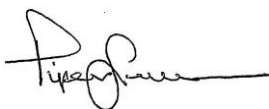
John Byrne noted that the Town seems to be doing well and the tone of the meetings has calmed down; other council members agreed and thanked the mayor for his cooperative leadership.

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN

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MOTION: John Byrne moved to adjourn and Sheridan Davis seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm

Passed this 9th day of March, 2022



Piper Lever, Town Clerk