

**MINUTES**  
**ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2014**  
**ALTA COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**ALTA, UTAH**

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. All members of the Town Council were present.
2. Presentation and discussion on the 2013-2014 Financial Statement and Audit of the Town of Alta – Ross Youngberg & Alawna Echols, Eide Bailly. **00:00:21**

Ross Youngberg mentioned that before the Town Council today is a draft of the financial statements and audit of the Town of Alta – there are a few items Eide Bailly is still clarifying which should be finalized within a week. Mr. Youngberg explained the three basic funds of the Town – general fund & sewer and water enterprise funds.

Ross went over the balance sheet and the revenue and expenses of the general fund. The Town had to use around \$20,000 of its unreserved fund balance to balance the budget for 2013/2014. Ross also went over the balance sheets of the sewer and water enterprise funds. The water fund expended \$33,000 more than what it brought in in water revenue from user fees. Most of that difference was due to funding depreciation of \$56,000 – depreciation is not an outlay of cash. The sewer enterprise fund had adequate funds to fund its entire operation including depreciation.

Alawna Echols addressed the control structure of the Town. Alawna went over the three reports by the auditors found in this report: reports on the financial statements, state compliance and internal controls. The auditors did not report any findings as it relates to the state compliance report but did report on two findings in the internal controls reports – the preparation of the financial statements and the separation of duties within the staff of the Town.

Ross explained that to have an appropriate separation of duties you have to have more people involved in the daily preparation of financials – the Town has a very small staff.

Kate explained that the MD & A is a document that the Mayor and she prepare which gives an overview of the year's financial situation of the Town of Alta.

**There was a motion by Harris Sondak to give permission for the Mayor to sign off on the final draft of the Town of Alta's financial statement and audit for the fiscal year 2013-2014 once the final changes have been made by the auditors. There was a second by Paul Moxley. The Mayor opened the floor to discussion.**

Harris Sondak asked about the large expenditure of legal costs found in the planning and zoning budget. The Mayor stated those costs were associated with the settlement of the Shrontz lawsuit. The Mayor went on to explain that one of the reasons the Town had to use some its unreserved fund balance was because of the legal costs associated with this lawsuit.

Harris also asked, as it relates the Town assets, once the Town gets title to the land through the conveyance, does the land become an asset on the Town's books. Ross and Alawna both confirmed that the land does become an asset and a fair value must be given to the acres that the Town receives

through this process. Alawna explained that the easiest way to determine a fair value is to have an appraisal done of the land.

Paul Moxley asked if the Town could sell this land and the Mayor confirmed that the Town cannot. Paul went on to opine that if you cannot sell the land it has no value.

Cliff commented that even if the Town cannot sell this land it is extremely valuable to the Town.

Harris asked if the Town could borrow against the value of this land. Paul felt that if you cannot sell the land you probably cannot borrow against it.

The Mayor asked Ross to prepare a report on this matter in the next three months.

Harris asked if the land could become an asset that is disposed of in a bankruptcy. Paul explained that in a municipal bankruptcy you do not get a relief – you get a ten year payout.

**The Mayor called for a vote on the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion as carried.**

### 3. Presentation on the Utah Transportation Coalition Program – Cameron Diehl, ULCT

Cameron Diehl, who is the director of government relations for the League of Cities and Town (ULCT), explained that the League represents every city and town in the State of Utah – 244. The number one priority of 2015 is increased transportation funding – this is determined by its membership.

Numerous agencies both private and public have joined together to form the Utah Transportation Coalition. This coalition will try to educate the general public and advocate to legislators that there is an urgent need for funding for transportation. To the ULCT this means more transportation funding for local needs such as roads, bike paths, or transit. ULCT has been advocating with legislators for a funding mechanism for local government. One proposed mechanism is to allow cities and towns to impose a  $\frac{1}{4}$  cent sales tax that could be dedicated to transportation. Cameron ran the numbers for the Town of Alta and that  $\frac{1}{4}$  cent sales tax would generate approximately \$70,000 transportation revenue. This amount is significantly more than what the Town receives in C Road fund money – in 2011 the Town received \$13,254 in C Road Fund monies but spent \$30,000 on roads.

Cameron went on to opine that an investment in transportation is an investment in air quality, transportation infrastructure, economic development and public health. The transportation paradigm in the State of Utah is changing – more demand for alternative means of transportation. As a result the Coalition has requested that every city and town throughout the state partner with the Coalition and pay a small contribution – the Town would be asked to pay \$100. The Coalition would create and provide to each member city and town professionally made communication tools to send out to its communities explaining the need for additional transportation funding.

Cameron explained that once the Governor has released his budget, the ULCT will have a better idea where this issue of transportation sits within that framework. What the League is hearing from the legislative leadership is that they want transportation to be a primary focus in this session.

The Mayor explained the proposed sales tax for transportation can be used for any type of transportation – from roads to sidewalks. For the Town, the Mayor felt that these funds could be used for improvements to the Town’s summer program.

Cameron went on to explain that the current negotiations on this matter involve whether or not the tax would be imposed by each individual city or town or by the county – the ULCT would prefer the city or town to have that authority. ULCT felt like the biggest needs throughout the state are at the municipal level. Cameron explained that they will also be trying to redefine transportation in state code. This would give municipalities more flexibility to spend money on projects that are relevant in each community.

Cameron explained that if the counties were authorized to impose this proposed tax, it might get diluted and reduced by the time it was distributed to the local municipality. The ULCT is currently negotiating this matter with all agencies.

Cliff asked how the fuel tax fits in with how much money gets distributed to the municipalities. Cameron explained that the current fuel tax is 24.5 cents and has not been increased since 1997. If the gas tax is increased by 5 cents, by the time it is distributed to the Town of Alta, the League estimates that it will mean an additional \$3,000 to the Town. There appears to be support for a 5 cent increase in gas tax – this number has been thrown around by the legislative leadership and the governor has said he would be willing to reevaluate the gas tax.

There is a proposal being contemplated by the ULCT that if the legislature supports an increase in the sales tax that the ULCT in turn would give back the future increase in C road funding – municipalities would generate considerably more money in sales tax as opposed to an increase in C road funding through a gas tax increase.

The Mayor explained that before the Council today is a resolution supporting the Transportation Coalition that would not only benefit the Town but collectively would benefit all cities and towns throughout Salt Lake County and the State of Utah. Cameron explained that during the local officials day in January the ULCT would like present to the legislators as many resolutions in support of transportation – transportation funding is a priority.

Harris asked if there was any clear statement about what the emphasis should be - roads or alternatives means of transportation. Cameron said that in redefining transportation that part of the conversation would be to insure that active transportation , mass transportation and other means of transportation be included in that definition .

There was discussion on whether or not the proposed legislation on sales tax would have language that would allow a municipality to impose “up to” a ¼ cent sales tax. Also discussed was giving the option to municipalities to either impose or not impose this sales tax for transportation. There is also discussion of putting a three year sunset on the option for municipalities to impose this tax.

#### 4. Mayor’s Report – 00:37:10

The Mayor reported on the following items:

- The Alta Ski Lifts opened on November 22nd.
- UTA full schedule skier bus service started on December 7th.

- Mountain Accord
- There have been two road committee meetings – the canyon evacuation plan was discussed.
- There was an update on the fiber optics project in the canyon. Because of a lack of a place to put the equipment, the activation of the cell phones using the fiber optics has not taken place.
- Liam Fitzgerald has retired from his position as regional coordinator for avalanche control and Bill Nalli has taken his place.
- The replacement for George Priskos has yet to be determined.
- Four traffic cameras in the canyon will be installed and linked to the fiber optics system in the canyon. These will be monitored by the UDOT Traffic Operation Center.
- The Town is still in the process of finalizing the planning study that is being completed by Logan Simpson Design Group. The Mayor and Chris are still working on some final edits.
- There was a meeting with Keith Hanson on the project that is treating the zinc coming out of the Howland tunnel
- The next meeting of the Town Council will be Thursday, January 8th.

5. Treasurer's report: **00:43:15**

Marc Dippo read the monthly report which is attached to the minutes.

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

6. Departmental Reports: **00:45:36**

Town Administrator's Report: John Guldner updated the Council on the following matters:

- The Utah Environmental Quality Board issued an exemption to wood burning devices over 7,000 feet which includes Alta. John thanked Cliff, Karen Travis and Roger Bourke for their efforts in this matter.
- There will a public hearing in front of the Salt Lake Valley Health Department board on December 11th to receive input on a policy to increase the restriction on burning wood from not only the red air quality days but also the yellow recommended no burn days. John will be attending this hearing.
- The Governor is recommending that there be a restriction on all wood burning and solid fuel burning devices from November 1st through April 1st.

Paul Moxley finds it troubling that the Town of Alta is looking for an exemption especially when you read the data on the damage that this kind of burning does to a person's breathing systems.

Cliff opined that from his perspective our position has nothing to do with ambiance - his position is based on science. Wood burning fireplaces in Alta don't contribute anything to the inversion in the valley.

John continued by updating the Council on the following:

- The land conveyance.
- The meeting with Marie Paulson on the possible change in the redistribution formula for sales tax , including trying to keep our hold harmless in place for the town's sales tax distribution.
- The building permits issued in 2014.
- The next Planning Commission - Monday, December 15th.

Assistant Town Administrator's Report: Chris Cawley updated the Council on the following matters:

- On December 10th at OLS some "navigators" helped possible enrollees with the options in enrolling in health insurance. There were 14 people that were assisted.
- The Town submitted a letter of intent to apply for a grant from the WFRC and subsequent to that letter was invited to apply for that grant. The total amount available to communities along the Wasatch Front is just under \$500,000 and common awards range from \$10,000 to \$50,000 – local matches are required. The due date for this application January 15, 2015. The Town will ask for staff training in different areas along with money to review the Town's General Plan and Land Use Ordinances.
- The Town newsletter will be coming out in the next few days.

UFA Report: Mac Lund reported that the inspections of the vacation rental are almost complete. Also, UFA will have more room at the Station 13th, as the Service Area #3 will be moving into their new building soon.

The Mayor thanked UFA for their quick response to a man who was having a heart attack – he believes that this response saved his life.

Marshal's Report: Mike Morey thanked Chris Cawley on his efforts updated on the Town's Emergency Management Project. Mike also thanked Piper for her efforts in selling the 2009 Toyota Police vehicle for \$22,000.

Mike also reminded everyone of the following:

- Any person or business that receives an interlodge closure email notification should respond to that email.
- There are a lot of dog licenses that have been issued and many of those dogs have been seen off leash – tickets will be issued if a dog is off leash.
- An avalanche came off the Westward Ho area and hit a deck at one of the Powder Ridge Condos. A gas leak also ensued from this incident.
- James Chickvary encountered a man with some mental health issues and with the help of UPD and UFA convinced the man to go to the hospital. While at the hospital he pulled a knife but was subdued and received the treatment he needed.
- In trying to find Watson's, a delivery truck driver programmed the address into his GPS and an hour later found his truck on Westward Ho road.

## 7. Town Council Minutes – November 13, 2014. **01:05:22**

Harris noted a typo in the minutes which Kate Black will address.

**Noting that typo, there was a motion by Cliff Curry to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2014 Town Council meeting. There was a second by Elise Morgan and the motion was carried.**

## 8. Discussion on Ordinance 2014-O-4: An ordinance amending certain sections of *Title 10, Chapter 4: Planning Commission* of the Town Code that address the composition of the Planning Commission - its number, quorum requirements and voting. **01:05:55**

The Mayor explained that this was a housekeeping matter to closely align the number of Planning Commission members with what other communities do and to help streamline the process. The Mayor said this ordinance takes the number of Planning Commission members from seven to five. The ordinance also clarifies that a quorum will consist of three members and any action brought before the commission needs a three person affirmative vote.

**There was a motion by Elise Morgan to approve Ordinance 2014-O-4. There was a second by Cliff curry. The Mayor opened the floor to discussion. Hearing none, the Mayor called for a roll call vote on the motion.**

**Elise Morgan – yes**

**Paul Moxley – yes**

**Tom Pollard –yes**

**Cliff Curry-yes**

**Harris Sondak – yes**

**The vote was unanimous with all members of the Town Council voting in the affirmative. The motion was carried.**

9. Discussion on Ordinance 2014-O-5: An ordinance amending certain sections of *Title 10, Chapter 6, Article D: Base Facilities Zone* of the Town Code with respect to height, coverage, yard regulations and adding sections addressing physical building step-backs and mechanical screening provisions to the Base Facilities Zone. 01:07:30

Kate Black clarified that, when editing the final draft of the ordinance for this meeting, she removed the words “View and” from only one location on the ordinance – it should have been taken out in two locations. That correction was made and the ordinance in front of the Council at this meeting reflects that change. The ordinance reflects the recommendations of a majority of the Town Council in the November Town Council meeting.

John also pointed out a typo – determine should read determined.

The Mayor called for a motion on this ordinance.

**Paul Moxley made a motion to approve ordinance 2014-O-5 as submitted with the aforementioned corrections noted by John Guldner and Kate Black. There was a second by Elise Morgan. The Mayor opened the floor to discussion.**

Harris Sondak commented that in the context of the discussion about the use of the facilities( condo discussion) plus the question with Mountain Accord, he feels that the Council is focusing on the wrong issues and that this would be an incomplete decision.

Elise Morgan commented that this decision will not stand alone and other decisions will be coming along. Elise felt that if the Council does not decide on these issues before them and waits for the decision on the condos, it will distract the Planning Commission.

The Mayor feels that this ordinance one component of the process and it gives the businesses that are considering development possibilities a base line of what they can utilize – mostly for the coverage and height issues. The Mayor felt that the Planning Commission is now discussing what the physical makeup of a possible building site would be and the components of what would or could go within that site in the future.

The Mayor received an email from a resident last night and went on to address that person's questions – what is used to create the conditions that are acceptable in Zone C and why are those conditions not applied to Zone A and Zone B. In Zone C there is no defined number or calculation assigned to the properties where as in Zones A and Zone B the criteria spelled out in these Zones were used in the calculations to come up with what were defined for those zones.

The Mayor also brought up a question on the definition of grade and the fact there is a difference of opinion on the Council on this matter. The Mayor opined that grade is a definition found in the current land use code of the Town of Alta. On advice from the Town's legal counsel, in order to alter that definition the Town would need to start that process at the Planning Commission level.

Paul Moxley commented that when the Council started this process they asked Roger Bourke, a Planning Commission member, what he thought – he felt that they had it about right. Paul has asked that during this process that the areas of dispute be put on a sheet and reviewed. Paul also commented on the email that was received from Ken. Paul felt because the Town has already approved properties with existing regulations and he does not feel that the Town can retroactively change that process. Paul is in favor of going ahead with the ordinance that is before the Council today and feels that if the Council has problems, it can resolve them as it goes along.

Harris said his concern is partly process and partly substantive. Harris felt that with what has been going on in the last few months with Mountain Accord, it appears that the Forest Service could well entertain the sale or exchange of land that near the hotels in Alta. If this exchange(s) take place it could affect what the Town would want to do with those properties – the factor of coverage in the base facilities zone.

Harris brought up the recently substantive issue related to the use in the BFZ. Within the last six months some property owners have starting talking about possible uses in the base facilities zone more specifically condos.

Paul commented that there is such a thing as perfection paralysis. In his opinion we can only control ourselves and if the landscape changes we can make adjustments.

Elise opined that if a land swap does happen the Planning Commission is going to have to rezone or add that area to new zone – the Commission would have to re-evaluate if when this happened.

Harris asked Elise if she could imagine a change the Forest Service ownership that would affect what she thinks should go into Zone A & B? Elise responded by saying that the Town does not know if and when the Forest Service would sell or exchange any of this land. She went on to opine that there are

businesses in the Town that have been waiting a couple of years for the action by the Town Council on the proposed ordinance in front of the Council.

Harris responded by saying that the only plans from businesses that he has seen are ones that involve the use of condos. So it feels like we are attempting to solve a problem by going well beyond what the problem demands at this moment in time.

John replied by saying that he knows of a couple businesses that are looking at changes to their buildings that take a little more room and they cannot do it under the current land use ordinance's. John went on to explain that the Commission is making progress on the issue of condos in the BFZ and if they recommend such a use, that use would fit inside the envelope that is being discussed in this meeting.

Elise asked Harris if the question of condos in the BFZ were before the Council today, would his feelings on this ordinance change. The Planning Commission looks at this ordinance separately from the condo issue in that this ordinance describes the envelope and condos fit within that envelope.

Harris opined that he has heard in the past the concern about "black" streets" and therefore there might be a concern about the percentage of a business's property that can be covered – 65% coverage with hotels generating revenues for the Town and is different than 65% where there might be largely empty condo's.

The Mayor opined that the Town is setting the envelope for what can be covered on a piece of property - how high the building can be and what the building could look like. The Mayor went on to ask that if he is on the street or at the rope tow looking at the building, its windows and the view shed it creates, does it make a difference whether that window houses a hotel room or a condo? What the Council is talking about today is the impact of the view shed.

Cliff opined that he has a major substantive concern with this proposed ordinance and he felt that it would be far wiser for the Council to find a consistent regulation for all hotels that are similarly situated with respect to the road going north and south. Cliff went on to opine that before adopting an ordinance, it would be very wise for the Council to have a look at various elevation views that can change depending on the parameters - unfortunately Cliff does not believe that that has been done.

Cliff went on to opine that apart from that issue, there are two drafting issues embodied in this ordinance that become substantive issues. The first is how we define the point from which height is measured and Cliff feels that to adopt the current language would be unwise and would promote mischief with respect to defining the point from which height is measured. On this technical point, the issue could be addressed in this ordinance by incorporating language into this ordinance rather than changing the other section of code that carries most of the definitions.

The other drafting point that becomes a very substantive point is that unfortunately this proposal does not include a definition of the word "step back" and he believes that this is a significant omission that then, although we sitting at the Council table may believe that we know what a step back is, I would suggest that someone who has ideas might be able to promote a different interpretation. In Cliff's opinion the Council would be making an error in not adopting or incorporating a definition of "step back" ..

For the reasons stated above, Cliff did not support the proposal in front of the Council today.

**Noting that there were no further changes made to proposed Ordinance 2014-O-5, the Mayor called for a roll call vote on the motion.**

**Elise Morgan - yes**

**Paul Moxley – yes**

**Tom Pollard – yes**

**Cliff Curry – no**

**Harris Sondak – no**

**The motion was carried with three members of the Council voting in the affirmative and two members of the Council voting in the negative. Ordinance 2014-O-5 was approved and passed.**

10. ACVB request for additional funding – Maggie Sullivan & Joni Dykstra: 01:31:15

Maggie Sullivan reviewed the new ACVB web site that recently was launched – Discover Alta.com. Maggie then went over the three ACVB promotions and invited everyone to the ACVB member and potential member get together at the Shallow Shaft on Tuesday, December 23rd.

Joni Dykstra thanked Maggie for her hard work in developing the web site with RDG, the company that they had hired to upgrade the ACVB website. The web site came in on time and on budget.

Joni thanked the Town for the initial contribution of \$7,000 to the website project. ACVB is asking for additional \$3,000 to help defray the remaining costs owed on this project.

Cliff Curry asked if the contract with RDG went \$3,000 over budget. Joni explained that ACVB paid an initial \$17,000 to this company to get the project started and paid another fee when it was launched. Now ACVB owes the final payment of \$5,500. ACVB had originally asked the Town for \$10,000 towards the development of a new web site and at that time, the Council only approved \$7,000. They are back today to ask for the balance or \$3,000.

**Paul Moxley made a motion to approve the payment to ACVB of an additional \$3,000. There was a second by Cliff Curry. The Mayor opened the floor to further discussion.**

Harris asked where the additional three thousand would come from in the budget. The Mayor felt that the Town would be very busy this winter and could see additional revenues over what they budgeted for originally. Kate also said that the Town has collected more business license fees than it budgeted.

**A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.**

Joni assured the Council that ACVB would have analytics on the web site usage in a few months.

11. Resolution 2014-R-13: A resolution encouraging the State of Utah to address comprehensive transportation funding. **01:40:22**

Kate Black explained this resolution, if passed by the Council today, would be forwarded to the League of Cities and Towns which in turn will be delivered to all the members of the legislature in January.

Harris Sondak commented that he is of two minds. As a Council member in Alta he is happy to have \$70,000 as additional sales tax revenue for the Town of Alta because most of the sales tax is generated by visitors to our community. On the other hand as a citizen of Salt Lake County he is not in favor of additional sales tax because he believes that sales tax is regressive – we ought to increase the gas tax. Harris also realizes that everyone benefits from transportation and would like to see the transportation funding mix a bit more specified.

The Mayor opined that he hears of the woes of other cities and towns in the valley as it relates to maintaining the roads in their communities. Much of that burden comes out of their respective general funds and many of the transportation challenges they face are today. The Town's benefit to supporting this effort could be more funding for the summer program. The support from the Town would be a good gesture – it would say that we understand that everyone has road and transportation issues.

Paul thinks the Town should think about this in terms of what is best for Alta. We should also consider that if the County collects the tax, there could be administrative costs and the Town might have less control over receiving the sales tax dollars. Paul feels the Town should show support for the bigger community and all the cities and towns in the state.

Cliff feels that the Town should support this effort.

**The Mayor made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-R-13 that encourages the State of Utah to address comprehensive transportation funding. There was a second by Paul Moxley and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of the Town Council.**

12. Cooperation Agreement with Utah Transportation Coalition. **01:46:48**

The Mayor explained that this agreement states that the Town will work with the Utah Transportation Coalition and will provide \$100.00 toward that effort.

**Harris Sondak made a motion to approve the Cooperation Agreement with the Utah Transportation coalition and pay \$100.00 to that organization. There was a second by Elise Morgan and the motion was carried.**

13. Closed Door Meeting pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205: **01-47-23**

There will be no closed door meeting.

14. New Business: **01:47:29**

Cliff Curry feels that there are a lot of little ways that the Town's land use ordinances are broken; for example that some of the drafting that has become outmoded and some definitions need to be fixed. Cliff would like to be part of a committee to address these issues and asked that John Guldner and Liz Shulte join him on that committee. Cliff would welcome another Council member to join as well. Cliff went on to opine that the Town needs some omnibus, comprehensive fixes made to the Town's land use code and the Town also needs to address some of the definitions in this ordinance. Cliff would also suggest that the committee give themselves a time line and then present their recommendations to the Planning Commission. Cliff suggested a time line of three months.

The Mayor and Council supported this recommendation and the Mayor asked Cliff to chair this committee. The Mayor suggested that the composition of the committee be determined and announced at the January Town Council meeting. The Mayor also commented that funds were budgeted in the original budget for this effort.

15. Citizen Input: 01:50:50

Jen Clancy from Friends of Alta announced that through a partnership with the Alta Environmental Center and Tracy Avery, FOA has placed a bird feeding station between the Shallow Shaft and the Town Office building. This station will complement the breeding bird survey and Jen encouraged people to visit this site. There have been many many people that have already visited the site. There has been a citing of a bird that has only been seen one other time in the State of Utah – the brown capped rosy finch. Jen also announced that every second Monday of the month Friends of Alta and the Alta Environmental Center will be conducting birding tours.

Onno Wieringa from the Alta Ski Area always encourages people to visit and help with the Town's economy by spending and paying sales tax. Onno continued by commenting and opining on the following:

- Onno complemented the Council and the Commission on the work that they had done and will do to create a balance with buildings, water and transportation centers that will hopefully let us survive.
- Onno explained that the snowboarder's lawsuit with the Alta Ski Lift company is not over – it has been appealed to the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver.
- Onno felt that dog "pee" is almost bad to look at as dog "poop" and no one picks up dog "pee". He asked everyone to clean the "pee" up around their buildings.
- Onno thanked George Priskos for his many years of service to the canyon.
- The Supreme and Cecret Lifts will open on Friday, December 12th.

Mark Haik commented and opined on the following:

- The problem is not necessarily dark windows, whether they be hotel or condos, but it is that no one is coming into this market place.
- He advocated for some objective measure regarding the success or failure of the marketing efforts by ACVB.
- The Town's Request for Proposal (RFP) contains actions items; it encourages capital investments and encourages discussion with the Town Council, Planning Commission and Forest Service about land holdings around the Town core. Mark asked the following questions: has an action item been deleted from the proposal, are the action items going to be worked on and if so when is the consultant going to interact with the Council and the Planning Commission.

Scott Briggs commented on the following:

- Expressed his appreciation for the work that the Commission and Council did on the land use ordinances.
- He asked if the Hub Building for the fiber optics at the original location near the Hellgate gate has been "nixed". The Mayor responded by saying that particular location has been taken out of the running. The cell companies are not using the fiber optic network because they have not been able to find a new home for the hub building.

- He asked about the proposed rail line that shows on the Mountain Accord website and where they propose to locate that line near the upper bypass road. The Mayor said there are various proposals; up the bypass road, up the main road and maybe a tunnel through the Westward Ho area. Nothing has been decided. The Mayor recommended that the public submit comments on these various proposals. Mr. Briggs asked if the notion of a tram up the canyon was dead. The Mayor said it is probably dead mostly because of the time that would take for a person to move up the canyon on a tram. Mr. Briggs asked the Mayor to question that notion.

Creighton Hart commented on the following:

- He felt that the Town will have to find alternatives to its current economic structure because we are seeing more climate changes in the canyon.
- He recommended that people watch the “Big List” movie about birds.
- Wasatch Backcountry Rescue does an avalanche search and rescue dog school at the Peruvian and he asked for people to volunteer to be rescued by these dogs. The school will be held from January 11-15, 2015.

16. Motion to Adjourn: **01:08:07**

**Hearing no further business before the Town Council there was a motion by Elise Morgan to adjourn the Town Council meeting. There was a second by Harris Sondak and the motion as carried.**

Passed and approved this 8 day of January, 2015.

s/Katherine S.W. Black  
Town Clerk

#### MAJOR BILLS PAID

Payroll - 3 payroll periods	\$48,212.08
Payroll Taxes - 3 payroll periods	\$21,679.45
Health, Dental and Life Insurance	\$13,841.87
Attorneys	\$13,310.97
ACVB - 3 months	\$15,000.00
Forsgren - 2 months inspection fees	\$2,747.44
URS - 2 payments	\$9,141.02
ESRI - GIS License Renewal	\$3,741.02
Wasatch Front Recycling	\$1,500.00
Zions Bank - side by side payment	\$480.57
Zions Bank - 2014 Toyota Payment	\$831.03
Zions Bank - 2013 Toyota Payment	\$1,238.32
Energy Costs	\$1,899.28
Telephone Costs	\$1,702.35
Globalstar - Annual Fee for Satellite Phones	\$1,115.38
ULGT - Workers Comp Fees	\$543.93
Other Town Bills	\$7,958.77
Total	\$144,943.48

MAJOR REVENUES RECEIVED

Sales Tax/Resort - September Collections	\$9,189.14
Sales Tax/Uniform - September Collections	\$6,261.72
Property Taxes \$175,464.90	
Sale of 2009 Toyota \$22,000.00	
Telephone Taxes \$467.92	
Business & Liquor Licenses \$4,062.60	
Dog Licenses \$250.00	
Court Fines \$1,000.00	
Energy Taxes \$2,505.22	
Post Office Contract Payment \$1,166.67	
Total \$222,368.17	

General Fund Checking \$27,711.00
General Fund Savings \$261,854.97