

**MINUTES  
ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2015  
10:00 AM  
ALTA COMMUNITY CENTER  
ALTA, UTAH**

1. The Mayor called the meeting 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 – 00:00:21

The Mayor reported that Mountain Accord is in the final public input process which will run through March 16, 2015. The Mayor encouraged everyone to visit the Mountain Accord website and provide their comments. The public comments will shape the recommendations going forward into phase two of this process.

The Town of Alta will be sponsoring a Mountain Accord open house on February 23, 2015 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at OLS. There are additional public meetings that will be held throughout the Salt Lake valley and in Park City.

The Mayor announced that as Mountain Accord moves into its second phase, a new interlocal funding agreement will have to be approved by the Town Council. Mountain Accord will be asking the Town of Alta for a \$20,000 a year commitment.

At the March 2, 2015 Town Planning Commission meeting we will have Logan Simpson consultants present the town center concept plan.

The Mayor reported on the monthly road committee meeting.

The Mayor reported that he has finished his term as chair of the UFA Board but will assume the role as chair of the Conference of Mayor's. Transportation is always a big issue discussed at these meetings.

The Mayor reported that a new location of the Hub building for the fiber optics project has been determined – adjacent to the current microwave building in the phone lot parking area across from the Peruvian Lodge. The approval process will proceed through Salt Lake County, as the building will not be located within the municipal limits of the Town of Alta.

The Mayor congratulated Maura Olivos for a nice write up in Ski Magazine.

The Town received a refund from the Utah Local government's Trust - \$3,500.

3. Treasurer's Report – 00:06:36

Marc Dippo read the treasurer's report. Kate Black provided the Council with a quarterly financial statement.

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

4. Departmental Reports – 00:09:05

Town Administrator's Report: John Guldner reported that in their February meeting, the Planning Commission voted to move the Ridge Line Protection Ordinance to the Council for their review. John reviewed the Town Council review process.

John also reported that at the last Planning Commission meeting the Commission decided to postpone any further conversation on amending the Base Facilities Zone to allow condos because of the current discussion that is taking place as it relates to Mountain Accord and land use issues that have recently been brought up during this process.

John reported that the Planning Commission will be holding an open house on March 2, 2015 to talk about the Logan Simpson Design study. The Planning Commission would like this to be a joint meeting with the Town Council. The Planning Commission would also like to hear from the Town Council on what they think the priorities should be in the Town of Alta going forward.

John updated the Town Council on the issue of wood burning in the canyon and the Salt Lake Valley.

John reported on the recent conversation on the success of the new homeless program funding. They are requesting the municipalities to continue this funding based on their current populations.

John and Elise attended the Utah Local Elected Official Day at of legislature. The focus for cities and towns at the legislature this year is funding for transportation.

John reported that the hold harmless on the local distribution of sales tax will expire on June 30, 2016. The Town of Alta has participated in this program for the last 10 years. Staff is working on possibility preparing legislation that would extend the hold harmless for the Town.

There is still no news on the land conveyance to the Town of Alta.

The Town was served by the State Ombudsman regarding matters related to water and building permits in the Albion Basin. The Town has requested that essential outside parties be brought in to this discussion.

Assistant Town Administrator's Report: Chris Cawley encouraged everyone in the Alta community to attend the Mountain Accord open house on February 23rd at OLS. The open house starts at 5:00 pm and there will be a brief presentation at 5:45 pm.

Chris reported that phase two of the Mountain Accord process will focus on in-depth environmental analyses on transit concepts and in depth economic studies on economic development trends that a transit system could influence.

Chris updated the Council on the Wasatch Legacy Project which is a collaborative organization of stake holders that discuss and address watershed preservation, restoration and recreation and facilities management in the Salt Lake area watersheds. This organization worked on the grist mill project at the bottom of the canyon. The projects have been using Forest Service money that may or may not continue, so they are looking at ways to pitch themselves to Mountain Accord executive board to help implement the goals of Mountain Accord.

Marshal's Report: Mike Morey reported that there will be traffic metering on all three days this weekend (President's Day). The canyon should be busy.

Mike updated the Council on the meetings that have taken place regarding back country rescues. We are working on a consistent message that goes out when this happens – everyone should be calling 911 when this type of incident occurs.

UFA Report: Mac Lund reported that UFA's ambulances have be out of the canyon quite a bit because of numerous injuries in both ski resorts. Mac also reported on the grass fires in the valley - you do not normally see fires like this early.

5. Town Council Minutes – January 8, 2015. – 00:28:19

Kate Black noted that she made one correction in the minutes.

**Noting that correction, Elise Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2015 Town Council meeting. There was a second by Harris Sondak and the motion as carried.**

6. Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Alta and Salt Lake County on behalf of the County Clerk Elections Division for the purpose of assisting the Town in conducting the Town's 2015 primary and general municipal elections – Kate Black – 00:29:00

Kate Black explained that for the past few years the Town of Alta has joined with all the other municipalities in Salt Lake County and contracted with Salt Lake County to manage municipal elections. The Town of Alta is still responsible to "run" the election. For example the Town will still be responsible to sign up candidates, collect campaign finance reports from those candidates and conduct the final canvass of the election(s).

Salt Lake County Election Division has requested that participating cities and the Town of Alta hold their elections through vote by mail. This would eliminate any polling location in the Town of Alta. Kate explained that the national trend is to conduct elections by this process and the cost to the Town of Alta would be about the same as if we had a polling location - \$2,500. Both the primary ( if one is required) and will be a vote by mail system.

Kate is asking the Town Council for approval to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Salt Lake County Election division to manage our municipal election for 2015.

Harris asked how everyone felt about the vote by mail process versus having a polling location in Alta.

Kate explained the sentiment surrounding having a polling location in Alta and also explained that there will be minimal amount of actual polling locations throughout the Salt Lake valley. Kate opined that the vote by mail process is the wave of the future and felt that the Town of Alta had to start embracing this process.

The Mayor would like to see the primary done by mail but would like to see the general election done using a polling location in Alta. Kate offered to check to see if we could proceed in this manner but felt that the Town would probably have to conduct its own elections without the help of the County if had a polling location in Alta.

Cliff wanted to know if there was going to be a polling location that is convenient to residents in the Town of Alta. Kate will check on this with the County Election Division.

Elise has been an election judge in Alta and commented that the County provides this community with all the electronic machines and other services to run our elections. Elise went on to opine that it would be hard to conduct our elections without the County assisting us in this process.

Jen Clancy, who also has sat as an election judge for the Town' municipal elections, opined that the Town should look carefully at the safety in running its own election. The County has provided the Town with that assurance. Jen also commented that the number of people that who actually vote at the Alta polling location is a pretty small – many people already elect to receive their ballots by mail.

Kate explained that if we conducted our elections independent of the County, she did not believe that they would provide us with the equipment necessary to do our elections electronically – we would probably have to go back to paper ballots.

Cliff felt that the Town would be more effective by having the election done by professionals that run elections for a living – it is a more effective use of the Town's resources.

Harris opined that even though it would be sad to do away with our polling location in Alta, he agreed with Cliff on this matter.

The Mayor asked staff to start a campaign that explains how the municipal elections will be held. He also encouraged everyone verify their voter registration and to check to make sure their address is correct.

**There was a motion by Elise Morgan to enter into an interlocal agreement to have Salt Lake County assist the Town in conducting its primary and general municipal election by a vote by mail process. There was a second by Cliff Curry and the motion was carried.**

7. Presentation by the Alta Chamber & Visitors Bureau (ACVB) of their Financial Statement for 2013/2014 – Maggie Sullivan & Joni Dykstra – 00:39:44

Maggie Sullivan reviewed ACVB's financial statement for the Town Council (attached to the minutes). Kate explained that the Town's interlocal agreement with ACVB required them to report to the Town Council once a year on their financial status.

8. Resolution 2015-R-1: A resolution adopting the Salt Lake County Multi-Jurisdiction Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan as required by the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 – Chris Cawley – 00:41:55

Chris Cawley reported that Town staff has worked with representatives from Salt Lake County and UFA to draft this new document which is based on information from Salt Lake County and previous hazard mitigation planning activities in the Town of Alta. The last time the Town Council passed a hazard mitigation plan was in 2008.

Chris explained that the new document is not too much of a departure from the 2008 document and is mostly a reformatting. FEMA now requires local jurisdictions to write their own hazard specific assessments and mitigation strategies and then forward them to the County to be adopted as part of a larger plan.

Chris explained that the Town's proposal is a living document and it is expected to be reviewed and updated annually. The most important section of this proposal is section six (6), mitigation strategies. This section recognizes current practices such as the support of the Town's partnership that conducts avalanche hazard mitigation and public safety notification.

Chris went on to explain that the plan does mention the Town would consider adopting a fire wise community's program.

The plan itself is a 1200 page document and contains all the individual jurisdictions plans in Salt Lake County. The document is on the Town's web site for public inspection.

**There was a motion by Elise Morgan to approve Resolution 2015-R-1 adopting the Salt Lake County Multi Jurisdiction Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Town of Alta. There was a second by Harris Sondak. The Mayor opened the floor to discussion.**

Elise referred to the list of items outlined in the plan and asked that if the Town does not complete any items on the list is funding withheld from the Town. Chris explained that that was not the case and the purpose of the document was to insure that the County remains available for federal funding in the event of a natural disaster. The list is there to assist the Town in setting goals when addressing hazard mitigation.

Harris asked about the table as well and wanted to know why avalanche is not mentioned in this table. Chris mentioned that the table reflects an old matrix. In 2008 the Council did express concern that avalanche was not listed as a hazard. In this new revised plan, the recognition of avalanche as a hazard has a lot of verbiage and addresses its mitigation.

Harris asked if it would make sense for the table to reflect the identified hazards reflected in 4.2 of the document which now includes avalanche. Harris went on to opine that it would make sense from the Town's point of view to be working towards a document that had a table that reflected a list of hazards that need to be addressed. Chris said he would get with the County representative's to see how this plan could be changed to reflect Harris concern.

The focus of the resolution in front of the Council is to recommit the Town's involvement and participation in the Salt Lake County program.

Cliff asked it is possible to take this hazard mitigation plan and use it as a vehicle for pursuing goals such as putting a better avalanche control program into place and possibility pursuing grant money to address this issue. Chris confirmed that in fact this document does get our foot in the door for a variety of federal programs to address programs such as our avalanche mitigation issues.

**The Mayor called for a vote on the motion and it was carried by a unanimous vote of the Town Council that was present.**

9. Appointment of Alta Planning Commission Member – 00:54:00

The Mayor explained that with the change in the required number of members on the Alta Planning Commission, with Elise coming over from the Planning Commission to the Town Council and the retirement of two members on the Commission, the Town Planning Commission has one empty seat. There has been an interest in filling that seat with someone with an architectural background.

The Mayor would like to recommend that David Abraham be appointed to the Planning Commission. The Mayor has spoken with Joan DeGiorgio, the chair of the Commission, who concurs with this recommendation.

Dave has worked in Alta for numerous years and has been an architect in Salt Lake City for over nine years.

**Elise Morgan made a motion to approve the appointment of David Abraham to the Alta Planning Commission. There was a second by Cliff Curry and the motion was carried by an unanimous vote of the Town Council that was present.**

10. Re-appointment of Alta Planning Commission members – 00:56:15

The Mayor recommended the re-appointment of two members of the Alta Planning Commission – Joan DeGiorgio and Roger Bourke.

Harris asked about the terms of the members of the Planning Commission. The terms are staggered five (5) year terms.

**Cliff Curry made a motion to re-appointment Joan DeGiorgio and Roger Bourke to the Alta Planning Commission. There was a second by Elise Morgan and the motion was carried.**

11. Appointment of John Guldner to VECC Board – 00:57:45

The Mayor explained that John Guldner has been representing the Town of Alta on the VECC Board and recommends that he be re-appointed to that board again for another year.

**Tom Pollard made a motion to re-appoint John Guldner to the VECC Board. There was a second by Harris Sondak and the motion was carried.**

12. Closed door meeting pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205 – 00:58:30

There will be no closed door meeting.

13. New Business – 00:58:34

Cliff Curry updated the Council on his meetings with Liz Schulte, John Guldner and Chris Cawley on the review of the Town's land use ordinances. This committee has met a few times and will eventually bring in some outside advisors such as Clarence Kemp to review some of their findings. Eventually the committee will make recommendations to the Planning Commission.

14. Citizen Input – 01:00:30

Roger Bourke commented that it will be sad to see the Town's polling place go away but he understands that vote by mail is the wave of the future.

Jen Clancy from Friends of Alta reminded people of the Alta Gala on April 3, 2015. Elfrieda Shane, the former owner of the Goldminers Daughter, will be honored at this event.

Now that Mountain Accord has released its Blueprint, Jen asked if members of the Town Council would be inclined to give the public a little bit of their concerns, opportunities or things that they are paying attention to with regard to the Mountain Accord process.. She went on to opine that Alta is very central to that Blueprint and she would like to hear their thoughts on what might be the best role for the Town moving forward.

Mark Haik commented that Ms. Shane is still the owner of the GMD.

Mark Haik is interested in what the Town Council and the Planning Commission think about the Cottonwood Canyons Task Force plan. Mr. Haik cited #2 under the Task Force Plan and opined that the parties to that agreement will be advocating in their constituencies for the Plan. Mr. Haik commented that at the last Mountain Accord board meeting he felt that a deal had not been made and those negotiations were still ongoing. Mr. Haik felt that the Grizzly Gulch area under consideration is the main sticking point in the negotiations.

Mr. Haik asked the Council to take a straw vote on whether they feel that the 300 acres that the Ski Lift Company owns in the Grizzly Gulch area should be part of the Ski Area permit area.

Mr. Haik asked Mayor Pollard what he advocated for in the Task Force process.

Mr. Haik asked if the Town had a inventory of the property that they advocated to be swapped.

Mr. Haik commented that Ms. DeGiorgio, chair of the Alta Planning Commission, serves on the federal land task force. Mr. Haik felt that Ms. DeGiorgio should declare whether or not she has a financial interest in that contract.

Now that Logan Simpson has been paid for their consulting work with the Town, Mr. Haik asked if there a final draft of that concept can be made available to the public.

Mayor Pollard announced that the final product from the Logan Simpson Design contract will be released at the March 2nd Planning Commission meeting.

The Mayor also asked the Town Council members to be available at the Mountain Accord open house to give their opinions on the Mountain Accord process and Blueprint.

Elise Morgan said that as a resident she does have opinions on the Mountain Accord Blueprint. Elise went on to opine that nothing officially has come in front of the Town Council on this matter but will be in the next couple of months. Elise encouraged residents from the community to come to her and make their opinions known. She does not represent people in the valley – she represents the residents of Alta and wants to hear from as many of them as she can on this subject.

Cliff Curry appreciates comments from the residents of Alta as well and defers to the Mayor to set the public forums for this to be discussed both by Town Council members and the public. Personally, Cliff is always happy to share his own thinking and his email address is on the Town's web site. Cliff commented that he welcomes and willing and eager to hear comments from the citizens of the Town and will keep an open mind and listen to what others are saying.

Creighton Hart commented on the snowmobiles that are coming over from Dry Fork and suggested that we install game trail cameras. Creighton also commented that ACE will turn 18 on March 13th.

Onno Wieringa agreed with Creighton in that there are snowmobiles and four wheelers coming over the pass into this canyon.

Onno commented that the Mountain Accord Blueprint is in a 40 days comment period. At the end of that period, the executive committee will review the input received during this period and will refine the Blueprint. Onno encouraged everyone to weigh in on this matter. Onno opined that Cliff is right in deferring to the Mayor to represent the Town in this process.

Onno opined that in the Cottonwood Canyon Negotiation Task Force there is an agreement that as a participant you will be an advocate for the conclusions of that Task Force. Onno went on to opine that the whole nature of the Mountain Accord process is that you will not get total agreement - if you are at the table and there is consensus then you are an advocate.

Onno commented that he just finished hosting 750 of our ski area friends and neighbors at the Winter Trade Show at Snowbird. They had a great time in Little Cottonwood Canyon.

Cliff clarified that he does not think it is his role to be an advocate for whatever deal is preliminarily agreed to. Cliff feels his role is to be an advocate for what he believes to be in the best interests of the Alta community which may be different.

John Guldner announced that Jaqueline Pollard, the Mayor's daughter, is now the age champion big mountain skier of the world by winning an event in Europe. Tom's son Andrew also placed third in the recent big mountain competition at Snowbird. Congratulations to them both.

15. Motion to adjourn – 01:19:40

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

Passed and approved this 12th day of March, 2015.

s/Katherine S.W. Black  
Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 9, 2015 - February 11, 2015

MAJOR BILLS PAID

Payroll	\$31,323.40
Payroll Taxes	\$14,471.05
Health, Dental and Life Insurance	\$13,841.86
Attorneys - 2 months	\$7,590.87
Forsgren - Plan Checks/Inspections	\$2,061.38
Thomas Petroleum - Gasoline for Fleet	\$3,678.92
Traffic Metering	\$6,120.00
Workers Compensation Ins - 2 months	\$1,087.86
Eide Bailly - final payment on audit	\$9,000.00
Logan Simpson Inc.	\$10,000.00
Wasatch Front Recycling	\$2,500.00
Alta Planning Commission Remuneration	\$2,025.00
Alta Shuttle - Bypass Shuttle Payment	\$4,000.00
ACVB - monthly payment	\$5,000.00
Zions Bank - Side by Side	\$480.57
Zions Bank 2013 Toyota	\$1,238.30
Zions Bank - 2014 Toyota	\$831.03
Energy Costs - 2 months	\$5,644.99
Telephone Costs	\$2,499.49
Other Town Bills	\$5,108.41
Total	\$128,503.13

MAJOR REVENUES RECEIVED

Sales Tax/Uniform - November collections	\$23,558.97
Sales Tax/Resort - November collections	\$62,903.75
Salt Lake County - Property Taxes	\$10,717.35
Court Fines	\$2,980.00
Dog Licenses	\$5,050.00

Post Office Contract Payment	\$1,166.67
Energy Taxes	\$8,253.37
Telephone Taxes	\$403.46
Other Revenue	\$663.67
Total	\$115,697.24
General Fund Checking	\$25,992.51
General Fund Savings	\$255,690.36