

**MINUTES
ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2015
ALTA COMMUNITY CENTER
ALTA, UTAH**

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Mayor Tom Pollard and Council members Paul Moxley, Cliff Curry and Elise Morgan were present. Harris Sondak was excused.

2. Mayor's Report

The Mayor passed on the Town's condolences to the family of Bryce Astle, who passed away in Europe while skiing. Bryce was practically raised in Alta and was a personal friend of not only the Pollard family and their children but too many in the Alta community. He will be missed.

The Mayor reported on the storm that saved Christmas which brought to Alta some of the better skiing in the resort in a while.

The Mayor reported on the recent challenges on the highway during the holidays. This was "day one" for the new UDOT forman for Little Cottonwood Canyon and he admitted that he learned a lot really quickly.

The Mayor reported that many of the regular monthly meetings during the holiday season were cancelled.

Mountain Accord will get "fired up" again on Monday January 12, 2015 with an executive board meeting. The Town is tentatively planning an open house in Alta on Mountain Accord on Monday, February 2, 2015.

The Town will begin its budgeting process soon. Members of the budget committee are Mayor Tom Pollard and Council members Cliff Curry and Harris Sondak. Marc Dippo, the Town Treasurer, also attends budget committee meetings.

With the upcoming legislative session about to start, the League of cities and Towns will hold its annual Local Elected Officials day on January 28, 2015.

3. Treasurer's Report – 00:07:45

Marc Dippo read the monthly treasurer's report into the record.

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

4. Departmental Report: 00:09:56

Marshal's Report: Mike Morey mentioned the recent situation on the road and asked everyone to introduce themselves to Jake Brown, the new UDOT foreman in Little Cottonwood Canyon.

Mike dispelled rumors about traffic metering. The officers on the road near Snowbird are hired and paid by the Town of Alta. The Alta Ski Lift company is the Town's partner in this program.

Mike reported on recent moose encounters in the canyon.

Mike also reported on the recent media reports on back country rescue procedures. Ongoing meetings are being held between the Town, Salt Lake County Sheriff, and UFA to make sure that the message that goes out to the public is consistent. The Town also has a great working relationship with Wasatch Backcountry Rescue crew that often assists with situations like this.

Mike reported that three of the traffic cameras in the canyon have gone live – commuter link.

UFA: Mac Lund reported that their call volume does go up during the holidays. UFA is actively working with both clinics and Gold Cross to make sure the response to medical calls are handled in an efficient and timely manner.

Mac also reported that UFA has almost completed the vacation rental inspections in the Town of Alta.

5. Town Council Minutes – December 11, 2014 – 00:18:15

Cliff Curry made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2015 with the “typo” corrections that will be made by Kate Black. There was a second by Elise Morgan and the motion was carried.

6. Closed door meeting: 00:18:47

The Mayor saw no need to hold a closed door meeting.

7. New Business: 00:18:52

Paul Moxley would be happy to sit on a committee about wood burning in the Town of Alta. Mr. Moxley would like to review some of the science behind the recent discussions on wood burning and look at it from the standpoint of the possible health consequences. Cliff would be willing to sit on this committee. The Mayor agreed to work with staff in setting up this committee.

8. Citizen Input – 00:19:53

Paul Southam, who owns four (4) lots in the Albion Basin area of the Town, commented that would like to resolve or get some dialogue going on his grandfathered water that is being disputed. Mr. Southam is interesting in building cabins in the Basin and went on to mention the John Gates study that was completed with the current cabin owners in an area of the Albion Basin. Mr. Southam opined that this study indicated that the current cabin owners are only using 5,000 gallons on an annual basis. Mr. Southam went on to opine that he owns 18,000 gallons per lot and they would like to try and work through these issues. Mr. Southam asked for a contact person in the Town of

Alta that he and other land owners could contact to start getting some dialogue going toward a resolution on his issue.

The Mayor agreed to email Mr. Southham his contact information.

Mark Haik commended the Town Council for agreeing to pursue the concept plan for the transit station and the other items in Logan Simpson Design Plan.

Mark Haik opined that there were serious shortcomings with the Logan Simpson Plan and what has transpired since the Council undertook the plan. Mr. Haik reviewed what he believed were those shortcomings: the RFP outlined a large task for the money that was being spent and two of the three firms that were contacted declined due to the proposed budget and the time constraints to deliver the product.

Mark Haik went on to opine that it is imperative for the Town to start down this road as it relates to this study and Mountain Accord by focusing on how and where development could occur in the future in Alta. Mr. Haik feels that the Logan Simpson plan is deficient in two areas: there was nothing in the RFP to communicate with the Alta Ski Lift Company regarding their long term plan and no mention of any residential component.

Karen Travis spoke to the County Health Department meeting held today where they gave Alta an exemption on the burning of wood and solid fuel during mandatory burn days in the valley. These exemptions apply to all businesses and residents above 7,000 feet. The Health Department has determined that the inversion does not reach above 6,000 feet.

Karen Travis also mentioned that the County Health Department commented that the number of wood burning fire places in the canyons was so minimal that the particulate matter is not affecting the air that we breathe. Karen feels that her renters should be able to use the fireplace in her home in Alta.

The County Health Department mentioned that their law cannot be more stringent than the state law and the state law has the 7,000 foot exemption.

John Guldner explained that this is round two of the process and felt that Karen Travis summarized the meeting very well. John went on to explain that the Governor has gone to the Air Quality Board and is proposing to restrict all wood burning in Salt Lake County from November 1st through April 1st. Public comment is being accepting on this proposal.

Karen Travis commented on the three days during the holidays when the road and resulting traffic delays was so bad.

Maura Olivos announced that the Alta Environmental Center is creating a monthly sustainability newsletter on a monthly basis. Unfortunately the "E" newsletter is not up and running at this time – please send Maura your email and she will forward a copy to you.

Maura also mentioned that they have been recognized by the National Ski Areas Association, Utah Business Magazine, and the Department of Energy through the Utah State governor's Office. Maura hoped that the businesses in Town could reap some benefits from these recognitions through their advertising.

9. Motion of adjourn.

Hearing no further business before the Alta Town Council, there was a motion by Paul Moxley to adjourn the meeting. There was a second by Elise Morgan and the motion as carried.

Passed and approved this 112th day of February, 2015.

s/ Katherine S.W. Black, Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

December 12, 2014 - January 8, 2015

Major Bills Paid

Payroll	\$45,621.59
Payroll Taxes	\$18,397.50
URS - 2 payments	\$11,202.84
Attorneys	\$6,274.23
Health, Dental & Life Insurance	\$13,841.86
Eide Bailly - partial payment for audit	\$10,000.00
UFA - Qrt Payment	\$27,797.50
Zions Bank - side by side lease payment	\$480.57
Zions Bank 2013 Toyota Truck lease payment	\$1,238.32
ACVB - monthly payment & Website Payment	\$8,000.00
Wasatch Front Recycling	\$2,500.00
Telephone Expenses	\$1,546.68
Energy Expenses	\$586.63
Other Town Bills	\$7,016.84

Total \$154,504.56

Major Revenues Received

Sales Tax/Resort - October Collections \$21,959.81

Sales Tax/Uniform - October Collections \$10,002.49

Property Taxes \$73,677.94

Business Licenses \$294.80

Dog Licenses \$1,500.00

Court Fines \$1,000.00

Energy Taxes \$4,029.55

Post Office Contract \$1,166.67

Salt lake City - Donation to Summer Program \$15,000.00

Liquor Allotment \$4,924.95

Telephone Taxes \$443.39

Other Revenue \$72.00

Total \$134,071.60

General Fund Checking \$16,091.71

General Fund Savings \$252,984.77