

**MINUTES
ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2014
10:00 AM
ALTA COMMUNITY CENTER
ALTA, UTAH**

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Paul Moxley and Harris Sondak were present. Cliff Curry was excused.
2. Consideration and possible selection of a new Alta Town Council member to fill a vacancy on the Alta Town Council due to the resignation of Merebea Danforth. 00:00:13

The Mayor announced that a notice was posted pursuant to state statute that allowed interested and qualified individuals the opportunity to submit their names and a letter of interest for the vacant position. That time frame closed on Monday July 7, 2014. Two people submitted their names: Maura Olivos and Elise Morgan. The Mayor gave each individual the opportunity to speak.

Elise Morgan explained that she has been a resident of Alta for the last 10 years and worked year round for the Alta Ski Lifts. Elise mentioned that she has been a member of the Alta Planning Commission for one year and has been representing the Town of Alta during the Mountain Accord project. Elise mentioned that she has always been interested in sitting on the Town Council and if appointed, will be eager to work on all the issues facing the Town.

Maura Olivos explained that she is the sustainability coordinator/ ecologist for the Alta Ski Lift Environmental Center. Maura mentioned that she has been in Alta since 2002 and a full time resident since 2006. Maura explained that Alta is her home and she wants to be involved in the Alta Town Council and Alta Planning Commission. Maura went on to say that she believes in civil service and ran for Town Council in 2013. Even though she did not win she captured 1/3 of the vote. Maura explained that she wants to work to bridge the gap between the Ski Lift Company, the Town and the non-profits in the Town. Maura continued by stating that she would love the opportunity to work with the Council and feels she has the background to be effective in this position.

Mayor Pollard thanked both Maura and Elise for their interest in the position.

Kate Black explained that the Town Council must take a vote in a public meeting and she recommended that the vote be taken as a "voice vote".

There were two candidates for this position: Elise Morgan and Maura Olivos. The Town Council was first asked to vote on Elise Morgan. Because the vote on Ms. Morgan was unanimous, no vote was taken on Ms. Olivos.

3. Swearing in of new Town Council member – Kate Black 00:06:30

The Mayor asked Kate Black to swear Elise Morgan in as the new member of the Town Council.

Elise Morgan took the oath of office and signed the official document. Elise will fill the balance of Merebea's term of office which is through December 31, 2015.

4. Mayor's Report 00:08:11

The Mayor updated the Council on the Mountain Accord Project. The system groups are in the process of finalizing goals and metrics to measure success throughout the process. At each of the next system group meetings the participants will take the four selected scenarios and try to overlap them on top of each other to create a preferred scenario(s) for the group as a whole. Chris Cawley reminded everyone how well represented the Town of Alta is on this project and but emphasized that the community of Alta needs to weigh in as well. The Mayor also announced that Mountain Accord is trying conduct a private grass roots fund raising effort.

The Mayor gave an update on the fiber optics project and the construction of the hub building. The actual fiber optics project will start very soon but the hub building has run into a few "snags" with some of the adjacent homeowners and may not be built this summer. A temporary "fix" will be put in place this winter.

The summer road opened on July 4th. The dust control that was applied did not take too well due to the rain that fell that afternoon.

Albion Grill is operating and the AM 530 radio will be utilized to disseminate summer information.

The Mayor announced that the Planning Commission will be meeting Monday the July 21st to continue the discussion on height, coverage, setback, physical step back, mechanical screening and definition of a hotel room. There will be a public hearing at this meeting on those issues.

The Mayor thanked everyone for their efforts on another successful Canyon Clean Up.

The next meeting of the Town Council will be August 14th.

Kate reminded the Council of the August 5th truth and taxation hearing at 6:00 pm.

5. Treasurer's Report – 00:22:39

Marcus Dippo read the monthly treasurer's report which is attached to the minutes.

Hearing no comments or questions, 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 was carried.

6. Departmental Report's – 00:23:30

Town Administrator's Report: John updated the Council on the Haik lawsuit that went to the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver. On July 1st the Court denied Haik's request for reconsideration and the Haik's have 30 days to go to the United States Supreme Court.

John reported on the Guy Jordan lawsuit against Kate Black.

John reminded everyone of the public hearing at the next Planning Commission meeting on July 21st and went over some of the issues that will be discussed.

John went over the progress being made on the land conveyance. The land should be conveyed to the Town by late fall early winter of this year. If we build any new buildings on this land, we must follow all the same regulations that all other building applicants must go through in order to obtain a permit.

John reported that the Town has issued two building permits this year.

Assistant Town Administrator's Report: Chris Cawley mentioned that staff and the Mayor have been reviewing the Town's surplus water contract and the inventory that was prepared with the assistance of Friends of Alta.

Chris continues to attend all the Mountain Accord meeting and Planning Commission meetings as well.

Marshal's Report: Mike Morey reported that he is attending all the transportation committee meetings with Mountain Accord. He welcomes public input on transportation ideas for this canyon.

Mike reported that UDOT is also excited about getting the fiber optics in the canyon because it will help them create a "smart road" - variable messaging signs, cameras and other public safety tools.

Mike mentioned the recent theft of the plaques in Memory Grove. One of the plaques has been recovered and the investigation continues on recovering the other plaque.

Mike asked all residents and businesses that travel the summer road to adhere to the speed limit and also asked all the local dog owners to "play" by the rules.

Station 113 has responded to numerous first aid cases in the Albion Basin area and on the summer road.

Mike Morey reported on the major accident involving one of our police vehicles and officer Tom Bolen. Tom escaped serious injury and the car sustained major damage.

7. Town Council Meeting Minutes – June 19, 2014 – 00:36:05

The Mayor announced that the minutes of this meeting have not been prepared due to Kate's shoulder surgery. They will be presented at the August meeting.

8. Closed Door Meeting to discuss litigation matters – 00:36:21

The Mayor felt there was no need to convene a closed door meeting today.

9. New Business – 00:36:31

As the Town gets closer to owning its own land, the Mayor would like to start the process of planning for the new Community Center which will be located on Town land. Clarence Kemp has already looked at the sloping issues on this site. The Mayor also discussed possible funding options for this proposed building – donations, bonding etc.

Harris asked about the fire place burning issues and whether or not the gas company will assist with converting those wood burning fire places to gas fire places. John did say that there have been funds available in the past to assist with retrofitting but has heard that there is currently no money available. He will follow through with this matter.

10. Citizen Input – 00:42:25

Maura Olivos commented that she was disappointed in not being appointment but will continue to work hard for the Town. Maura mentioned that there are rebates available through Questar for retrofitting wood burning fire places to gas.

Maura mentioned that they are working on re-routing the Albion Meadows Trail in front of the Albion Grill this weekend. Maura also reminded people that the Town of Alta restoration day will be held on Saturday the 19th where volunteers will be working on re-routing the lower Albion Meadows Trail around the “magic carpet” . Volunteers will also conduct restoration of the portion of this trail that traverses in front of the Snowpine, Rustler and Alta Lodges.

Roger Bourke felt that the burning restrictions that apply in the valley to wood burning stoves should not apply to Alta. Roger explained why he felt that this was the case. Roger still thinks it is a good idea to convert the fire places in Alta businesses and residences to natural gas.

Maura commented that studies have found that air quality in the valley is affecting the air in Alta and with the population growing in the valley it is important to address our air quality now.

Roger Bourke suggested that we could keep the traffic from speeding on the summer road if the road was “rougher” and asked if the Town should put in more natural barriers on the road.

Piper Lever reminded people that the standard fine for going 1-10 miles over the speed limit has gone from \$90 to \$120.

Maura asked if the Town could put some “animal crossing” signs on all our roads.

Mike Morey asked all the local businesses that have logos on their vehicles and resident vehicles to set an example and go the speed limit on the summer road.

11. Motion to adjourn – 00:52:40

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

Passed and approved this 14th day of August, 2014.

s/Katherine S.W. Black, Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT
JUNE 19TH - JULY, 10, 2014

MAJOR BILLS PAID

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| Payroll | \$33,704.77 | |
| Payroll Taxes | \$14,764.02 | |
| Health, Dental & Life Insurance | \$12,635.25 | |
| WRR - dust control | \$5,000.00 | |
| XYBIX - Downpayment on Alta Central Console | \$4,359.14 | |
| Morgan Valley Polaris - side be side | \$11,226.79 | |
| Telephone expenses | \$1,031.76 | |
| Wasatch Front Recycling | \$625.00 | |
| Energy Expenses | \$1,850.64 | |
| Alta Lodge - Clean Up Day Breakfast | \$767.00 | |
| Zions Public Finance - Final Payment 2011 Toyota | | \$1,106.72 |
| Other Town Bills | \$1,031.76 | |
| Total | \$88,102.85 | |

MAJOR REVENUES RECEIVED

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| Sales Tax/Uniform - April Collections | \$59,787.06 | |
| Sales Tax/Resort - April Collections | \$43,351.04 | |
| Post Office Contract Payment | \$1,166.67 | |
| Zions Public Finance -side by side funding | \$11,226.79 | |
| Court Fines | \$1,268.00 | |
| Dog Licenses | \$325.00 | |
| Energy Taxes | \$2,181.40 | |
| Telephone Tax | \$446.65 | |
| Other Revenue | \$1,806.78 | |
| Total | \$121,559.39 | |

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| General Fund Checking | \$18,562.32 |
| General Fund Savings | \$554,128.44 |