

**MINUTES  
ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 19, 2014  
10:00 A.M.  
ALTA COMMUNITY CENTER  
ALTA, UTAH**

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Paul Moxley, Cliff Curry and Harris Sondak were present. Merebea Danforth was excused.
2. PUBLIC HEARINGS – 00:00:30
  - To receive comments and questions regarding the final amendments to the 2013/2014 fiscal General Fund budget.

After a vote to open the hearing, the Mayor asked Kate Black to speak on this matter. Kate explained that there have been some minor changes to the budget since it was last amended- increases in the police department budget because of payroll expenses and gas purchases.

Kate also pointed out the overall general fund budget is significantly higher than the 14/15 budget mostly due to the legal fees associated with the Shrontz lawsuit.

The Mayor opened the floor to comments. Hearing none the Council voted to close this hearing.

- To receive comments and questions regarding the proposed 2014/2015 fiscal budgets (General Fund, Sewer and Water Enterprise Funds) and proposed Certified Tax Rate (CTR)

After a vote of the Council, the Mayor asked Kate for changes made to the tentative budget the Council passed in May. Kate explained that the final UFA budget was a slight bit less than anticipated.

The Mayor opened the floor to comments from the public. Hearing none, there was a vote to close the hearing.

- To receive comments and questions regarding the proposed 2014/2015 fiscal budget for the Alta Special Service District and proposed Certified Tax Rate.

After a vote of the Council to open the hearing, the Mayor explained that they are recommending that the budget and CTR be set at zero for the District for the upcoming fiscal year.

The Mayor opened the floor to the public. Hearing none, the Council voted to close the public hearing.

3. Mayor's Report: 00:03:33

The Mayor announced that on Monday, June 16th Merebea Danforth submitted her letter of resignation on the Town Council. She will be pursuing a nursing degree back east.

The Mayor explained that people interested in being considered to fill the remainder of Ms. Danforth's seat on the Town Council may submit a letter of interest to Kate or Piper by 3:00 PM Monday, July 7th. At the July 10th Council meeting the Council will vote for a person to fill the remainder of Merebea's term which is through December 31, 2015. The person must be a registered voter and have resided in the Town for 12 consecutive months prior to July 10, 2014.

Skip Branch, a member of the Alta Planning Commission, submitted his letter of resignation on Monday, June 16, 2014.

The Mayor gave an update on Mountain Accord. At the last executive meeting there was discussion on the existing conditions and future trend line reports from the four system groups. There was concern that some of the data from these reports had been left out so it was decided that these reports would be "working documents" as the process moves forward. These reports will be an integral part of the NEPA process.

The Mayor explained that the next process in the Mountain Accord project was to define goals.

On the 2nd of June a joint meeting between the Alta Planning Commission and the Town Council was held at OLS. The two bodies discussed height, coverage, setbacks and mechanical screenings. Water capacity, density and the definition of a room were also discussed. Some of these issues were remanded back to the Planning Commission. The Commission will be discussing those issues at their next meeting. The minutes of the joint meeting will be reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission.

The Mayor reported on the most recent meeting of UFA that he attended. The Board passed the annual budget which reflects a 4% increase in the Town's annual UFA fees.

Through some grant money, UTA is building a bus stop across the street from the Rustler Lodge.

The Mayor reported that the Crown Castle fiber optic project is moving forward. The location of the Hub building has changed a slight bit and the building is still going through the approval process with the County.

The Town awarded the contract for the summer shuttle service to Canyon Transportation and service will start on July 4th. The road will open on the 4th as well. The Albion Grill will open for business this summer which is a great addition to the summer services.

The Mayor reported that he and his wife Kate and John attended the "Dick Bass" day at the Capitol rotunda. It was a great celebration.

The annual cleanup day in the canyon will be held on Wednesday, June 25th.

The next meeting of the Town Council is July 10th.

#### 4. Treasurer's Report – 00:17:30

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

**Hearing no questions or comments, there was a motion by Paul Moxley to approve the monthly report as submitted. There was a second by Harris Sondak and the motion was carried.**

5. Departmental Reports – 00:19:52

Town Administrator's Report – John Guldner reported on the decision that just came down by the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. The Court ruled in favor of Salt Lake City and the Town of Alta. The Haiks have 14 days to file for reconsideration and after that they could appeal to the U.S Supreme Court.

Kate Black updated the Council on the Jordan vs. Kate Black lawsuit. Briefs are currently being filed by both parties.

The Planning Commission is meeting on Monday, June 23rd to review height, coverage, setbacks, mechanical screenings and building physical step backs. They will also address the definition of a hotel room and condo in the base facilities zone.

John updated the Council on the progress with the land conveyance to the Town. They are looking at adjusting boundaries around the Community Center. They are planning on including the land west of the Community Center which will include land under the new bus stop as well as the possible new site for the new Community Center. John reported that Clarence Kemp, the Town's engineer has looked at slope at the possible location of the Community Center site.

FEMA visited the Town to address possible sites in town that were in flood zones. There are about 100 sq. ft. near the creek at the west end of town that they have designated as a flood plain.

John reported on the memorial grove plaques that are missing. The Marshal's department is investigating.

John reported that VECC and UPD dispatch are physically going to connect on July 1st.

John updated the Council on the wood burning issue in private homes as well as commercial facilities.

Assistant Town Administrator's Report: Chris Cawley spoke to all the summer stewardship events including the Town of Alta restoration day on Saturday, July 19th. This year volunteers will be working on the lower Albion Meadows trail.

Chris updated the Council on the presentation the Alta Ski Lifts made on their proposed trail master plan. This proposal has not been submitted to the Forest Service but will in the near future. The Ski Lifts would be willing to meet either individually with the Council or do a presentation at a Council meeting on this proposed plan.

Chris gave a brief update on the Mountain Accord meetings he has attended.

Chris has set a target of August for his first addition of the newsletter.

UFA Report: Mac Lund updated the Council on some of the trainings their staff is going through.

6. Town Council Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2014 - 00:43:00

**There was a motion by Cliff Curry to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2014 with the changes made by Kate prior to this meeting. There was a second by Harris Sondak and the motion was carried.**

7. Awarding of Town Insurance ( Liability, Property & Auto) and Workers Compensation insurance for the period July 1, 2014 – June 30 2015 – Greg Baumgartner, Utah Local Government’s Trust. – 00:43:30

Greg reviewed the proposal from the Trust and mentioned that the Town has performed very well over the past year as far as property and liability claims. Greg reported that the Trust did issue a dividend in October of 2013 which for the Town was around \$7,800. The Trust hopes to continue their partnership with the Town. The total premiums for liability, auto and property are \$41,835.92 and the total premium for workers compensation insurance is \$ 6,527.46.

**Hearing no questions or comments, there was a motion by Paul Moxley to approve the proposal for the Town’s liability, auto, property and workers compensation insurance as submitted by the Utah Local Government’s Trust. There was a second by Harris Sondak and the motion was carried.**

8. Contribution Agreement between the Town of Alta and the Alta Chamber Visitor’s Bureau (ACVB) for fiscal year 2014/2015. – 00:46:15

The Mayor explained that as part of the budgeting process for next year, the Town has allocated \$60,000 to ACVB or \$5,000 a month. The original agreement was reviewed by legal counsel and there is only one change to that agreement: ACVB is required to provide a financial statement to the Town within 90 days instead of 30 days.

**Hearing no further comments or questions, there was a motion by Cliff Curry to approve the 2014/2015 contribution agreement between the Town and ACVB. There was a second by Harris Sondak and the motion was carried.**

9. Resolution 2014-R-5 – A resolution approving a two (2) year municipal lease with Zions First National Bank for a 2014 Polaris Ranger 800 side by side. – 00:47:55

The Mayor reported that the Town’s municipal leases run through Zions Bank. The Town requested Zions Bank to draft a two year lease for a 2014 Polaris Ranger 800 side by side. The leasing documents have been reviewed by legal counsel and three changes were made as a result of that review. This vehicle will used primarily by the summer booth employees and the police department and will provide a higher level of safety for our employees.

Kate explained that the lease will not be funded until early July and the formal written legal opinion will be written by Liz and forwarded directly to Zions Bank. The first payment will be in August of 2014. To help offset the cost of this new vehicle, the Town sold the snowmobile and the smaller ATV.

**There was a motion by Paul Moxley to approve resolution 2014-R-5 approving a two year municipal lease with Zions Bank for a 2014 Polaris Ranger 800 side by side. There was a second by Cliff Curry**

**and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of the Town Council that was present at this meeting.**

10. Resolution 2014-R-6 – A resolution to amend the 2013/2014 fiscal General Fund Budget.  
00:50:40

The Mayor mentioned that the Town Council held the required public hearing today on this matter. The amendments are by department to cover any increased expenditures that were not part of any prior amended budget.

**There was a motion by Cliff Curry to approve Resolution 2014-R-6 amending the 2013.2014 general fund budget by departments. There was a second by Paul Moxley.**

Kate explained by passing this resolution you are approving exhibit “A” which are all the amendments to the general fund budget not only on the expense side but the revenue side of the general fund budget.

**Hearing no further questions or comments, the Mayor called for a vote on the motion and it was carried.**

11. Resolution 2014-R-7 – A resolution adopting the budgets (General Fund, Sewer and Water Enterprise Funds) and proposed certified tax rate for the Town of Alta for fiscal year 2014/2015  
– 00:52:00

The Mayor explained that the Town is proposing an increase in property taxes – a 10% increase over the Town tax rate for the 13/14 fiscal year. The increase will bring to the Town an additional \$44,000 in tax revenue. It has been four years since the last tax rate increase by the Town. The new tax rate will be .001200 – the tax rate for 13/14 was .001091.

Kate explained that the new taxable value for the Town is \$280,228,981.00 and based on that value the state has set our rate at .001042. If the Town wants to set a higher rate, the Town is required to hold a hearing. By passing the proposed budget today, the Town will be required to hold that hearing.

**There was a motion by Harris Sondak to approve Resolution 2014-R-7 which approves the proposed budgets for the 2014/2015 fiscal year and sets the certified tax rate at .001200. There was a second by Paul Moxley. Hearing no further comments on this matter, the Mayor called for a vote on the motion and it was carried.**

Kate explained that a truth and taxation will now be held and the County has set the date for municipalities for Tuesday, August 5th. The Town Council decided to hold the public hearing at 6:00 pm at the Alta Community Center.

Kate explained that the public will have a final chance to comment at the hearing and after that hearing the Council will take a final vote on the CTR.

12. Resolution 2014-R-8 – A resolution adopting the final budget and certified tax rate for the Alta Special Service District (ASSD) for fiscal year 2014/2015 – 00:59:20

The Mayor explained that during the public hearing on this matter it was announced that the budget and tax rate for the ASSD will be -0-.

**There was a motion by Cliff Curry to approve Resolution 2014-R-8 which sets the budget and CTR for the ASSD for 2014/2015 at -0-. There was a second by Paul Moxley and the motion was carried.**

13. Albion Grill's limited restaurant license –00:59:50

The Mayor explained that the Alta Ski Lifts will open the Albion Grill this summer and need to apply for a limited restaurant license as part of that operation. Part of the application process is to ask for local government consent.

**There was a motion by Harris Sondak to express the Council's enthusiastic consent to the granting of that license to the Albion Grill. There was a second by Cliff Curry and the motion was carried.**

14. Alta Town Council meeting schedule for fiscal year 2014/2015 – 01:01:40

The Mayor explained that the Council meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 10:00 AM at the Alta Community Center except for June's meeting which is held on the third Thursday.

**There was a motion by Harris Sondak to approve the 2014-2015 Town Council meeting schedule as submitted. There was a second Paul Moxley and the motion was carried.**

15. Closed door meeting to discuss litigation matters. 01:02:20

The Mayor announced that there will be no closed door meeting.

16. New Business – 01:02:28

Harris asked Maura to a meeting to give a presentation on the proposed Alta Ski Lifts trail master plan. Maura would be willing to make this presentation and reminded the Council that the Lift Company is currently working with the Forest Service on their proposal. Maura also explained that the Ski Lifts is open to receiving feedback from interested people.

The Mayor suggested that we reach out to the Town's state representative and ask that person to a Council meeting.

17. Citizen Input – 01:4:25

Mark Haik suggested that Town Council invite Dick Bass to a Meeting and share his views on responsible development.

Mr. Haik concurred with Mr. Sondak in that the Ski Lifts should be invited to share their proposed trail master plan. The Town should also invite the Forest Service to a meeting to speak to this issue.

The Mayor felt that Mr. Bass would probably not be making any more public appearances. Mr. Haik recommended that the Mayor invite Mr. Cumming instead and the Mayor said he would extend that invitation.

Jen Clancy from Friends of Alta gave an update on the zinc remediation project in the Howland tunnel.

Jen announced that the National Forest Foundation has awarded funding to develop an agreement and final engineering work for a full scale treatment plant to treat the zinc. After completion of this first phase, the partners will seek approval and funding for the implementation of the rest of the project.

Maura Olivos updated the Council on future events in Alta – weed pulls, trail restorations, updated signage, and bird surveys. The events are on line through the Alta Ski Lift web site.

18. Motion to adjourn – 01:13:14

**There was a motion by Harris Sondak to adjourn the Town Council meeting. There was a second by Cliff Curry and the motion was carried.**

Passed and approved this 14 day of August, 2014.

s/Katherine S.W. Black, Town Clerk

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

May 9, 2014 - June 19, 2014

#### MAJOR BILLS PAID

Payroll - 3 payroll periods	\$45,371.13
Payroll Taxes - 3 payroll periods	\$21,723.92
Attorneys - 2 months	\$42,900.00
Health, Dental & Life Insurance	\$12,059.65
Clinton Blamforth - Justice Court Judge	\$4,625.00
AAUNAC	\$2,000.00
Utah League of Cities & Towns - Member Dues	\$1,257.13
Toyota Lease Payments	\$1,921.03

URS - 2 payments	\$8,556.89	
Recycling Costs - 2 months	\$2,625.00	
LBI - new carpet in Post Office/Town Office Entry		\$1,813.50
ACVB - 2 months	\$10,000.00	
Homeland Security Purchases/Computers & radio batteries		\$8,225.94
Telephone Expenses	\$1,767.57	
Energy Expenses	\$2,712.53	
Workers Compensation Payment	\$448.66	
Planning Commission Remuneration	\$1,875.00	
Thomas Petroleum	\$6,425.18	
Other Town Bills	\$10,538.00	
Total	\$186,846.13	

MAJOR REVENUES RECEIVED

Sales Tax/Resort - March Collections	\$164,218.82
Sales Tax/Uniform - March Collections	\$57,842.64
Energy Taxes - 2 months	\$11,441.10
Court Fines	\$420.00
Business License	\$100.00
Homeland Security Grant Reimbursement	\$9,602.94
Post Office Contract Payment	\$1,166.67
Dog Licenses	\$225.00
C Road Funds	\$2,646.62



Other Revenues \$1,398.24

Total \$249,062.03

General Fund Checking \$21,893.21

General Fund Savings \$515,645.26