MINUTES
TOWN OF ALTA: COUNCIL MEETING & WORK SESSION
September 9, 2026, 3:00 PM
Alta Post Office Building, 10351 E. Highway 210, Alta, Utah

PRESENT:	Mayor Roger Bourke Councilmember Carolyn Anctil (joined meeting end of work session) Councilmember Elise Morgan (joined virtually, left before meeting end) Councilmember Dan Schilling
STAFF PRESENT:	Chris Cawley, Town Manager Jen Clancy, Town Clerk Molly Austin, Assistant Town Manager Brooke Boone, Deputy Town Clerk Ted Spencer, Deputy Town Marshal
ALSO PRESENT:	Polly McLean, Legal Counsel
NOT PRESENT:	Councilmember Craig Heimark Mike Morey, Town Marshal

ALTA TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION – 3:00 PM

1. **Call the work session to order**

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Mayor Bourke called the work session of September 9, 2026 to order.

2. **Discussion regarding the Business License Study**

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Brooke Boone presented the 2026 Business License Study, explaining that the Town's previous study was completed in 2021 and that the new study was prompted by changes since that time, including the effects of COVID-19 and questions raised by the Town Council and CAPITAL Committee. Aaron Sanborn of Zion's Public Finance was available to provide technical information about the study. Boone explained that the study established maximum fees based on the Town's costs of administering business licenses and providing services, including enhanced services and disproportionate impacts. Staff proposed simplifying several business categories, combining the two hotel categories, renaming the service and retail categories, updating liquor licensing, and providing a single business license for all activity conducted by Alta Ski Area under the same entity registered with the State rather than licensing by building. Boone explained that Alta Ski Area had been submitting multiple applications using the joint licensing provision which made the comparison from one year to the next difficult so Boone had added the ski area's license costs together so total cost could be compared.

Boone reviewed the relationship between the 2021 adopted fees and the 2026 maximum fees. In 2021, most categories had been adopted at 100% of the study maximum, while the hotel and ski lift company categories had been set at 35%. Elise Morgan explained that the 2021 Council had considered the businesses' contributions to sales and property tax revenues when determining the fees and that the reduced percentage for the larger businesses was intended to balance those contributions against the cost of licensing and services. The 2026 study established the maximum amounts that could be charged, but Council could establish fees below those amounts. Staff presented options for the 2027 budget, including several percentages for the hotel, daycare, and ski lift company categories, while setting liquor license fees at the new statutory maximum of $46.21. Staff also proposed lower fees for the temporary business license category and charging a reduced fee to nonprofits to recover some of the administrative costs without charging the full base fee.

The discussion focused on whether the Town should continue with the 35% approach used for the hotel and ski lift company categories. Dan Schilling supported maintaining continuity with the 2021 approach, and Morgan indicated that 35% would fall between the two options presented by staff (28% and 50%). Jen Clancy explained that the Town could establish fees anywhere from zero to the study maximum and could return with a budget amendment if the adopted fees changed projected revenue. Council also discussed treating temporary businesses and nonprofits separately because of their different circumstances.

The Council then discussed the enhanced parking service component of the ski lift company fee after Mike Maughan, representing Alta Ski Area, raised concerns about whether that portion of the fee appropriately accounted for the Town's 2022 parking Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with Alta Ski Area. Maughan stated that the MOU was established because the Town did not have sufficient north-side parking for residents. Maughan said that, under the agreement, Alta Ski Area allocates parking spaces from its special-use permit for Town use, and the Marshal's Office provides services in the ski area's parking lots. Maughan questioned whether the enhanced parking service amount included in the business license study duplicated services already exchanged through that agreement. Maughan did not raise the same concern about the disproportionate-impact fee, which was based on service calls.

Aaron Sanborn explained that the study separately calculated the base administrative cost, enhanced services, and disproportionate impacts, and that Council had discretion to establish or eliminate individual components of the maximum fee. Chris Cawley and Polly McLean explained that comparisons with Brighton, Snowbird, and Park City were informative but not directly comparable because those jurisdictions have different law-enforcement structures and service arrangements. McLean noted that Brighton and Snowbird receive law-enforcement services through other governmental entities, while Park City operates its own police department, making their business license formulas different from Alta's circumstances.

Maughan also noted that Alta Ski Area had other arrangements with the Town that differed from the jurisdictions used for comparison. Mark Haik raised additional examples of Marshal's Office activities, including forest and watershed patrols, where other agencies also provide law-enforcement services and the Town does not receive direct revenue for those patrol activities. Schilling clarified that those activities were separate from the ski lift company fee discussion. Morgan suggested that one approach

would be to retain the established percentage for the ski lift company while removing some or all of the enhanced parking component because the MOU had not existed when the 2021 fee structure was developed. Schilling supported considering a substantial reduction rather than complete elimination, noting the continuing demand on the Marshal's Office associated with the large number of vehicles traveling to Alta Ski Area while also recognizing the Town's interest in honoring the MOU.

As the work session approached its conclusion, the Council did not reach a final decision on the enhanced parking fee. Clancy noted that Council Member Anctil had joined the work session and that the business license study would continue to be discussed during the regular Council meeting to follow.

(Carolyn Anctil joined the meeting)

3. **Motion to adjourn**

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MOTION: Mayor Bourke motioned to adjourn, and Dan Schilling seconded.

VOTE: All were in favor. The work session was adjourned.

RESULT: APPROVED

ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – 4:00 PM

1. **Call the meeting to order**

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Mayor Bourke called the September 9, 2026 council meeting to order.

2. **Citizen Input**

1:05:00

Darren Croft, a Cottonwood Heights resident and candidate for Utah House District 41, introduced himself to the Council and explained that the district included Alta, Snowbird, Brighton, and Solitude. Croft said they wanted to meet the Council and learn about issues of concern to the Town. Croft stated that they opposed the gondola and expressed concern about fire mitigation in the canyons. They described discussions with property owners in Big Cottonwood Canyon who had been seeking the ability to conduct fire mitigation on their properties and said recent progress had allowed some mitigation work to proceed under an exception to county regulations. Croft said they believed the exception should be formalized to allow ongoing and prioritized fire mitigation and other safety measures in the canyons. Croft thanked the Council for the opportunity to introduce themself, and Mayor Bourke invited them to return.

Shane Manwaring introduced themself as a candidate for Salt Lake County Sheriff and described his background, including 23 years with a local police department, service in the Utah National Guard, and experience commanding a large military unit in Afghanistan. Manwaring said one of their priorities as sheriff would be maintaining and strengthening the partnership with the Town of Alta and the Alta Town Marshal's Office. Manwaring identified addressing the Salt Lake County Jail as another priority. They cited a December 2025 legislative audit and described concerns about jail overcrowding and the release of individuals due to limited capacity. Manwaring said they believed the jail needed to be expanded and that additional capacity would allow individuals arrested while experiencing addiction to remain in custody long enough to receive assistance rather than being released while still experiencing withdrawal symptoms.

Kent Davis introduced themself as a candidate for Salt Lake County District Attorney and described their legal and military background, including four and a half years as a Salt Lake County deputy district attorney, federal judicial clerkship experience, work with the U.S. Department of Justice, a period as a public defender, and two combat deployments with the Army. Davis said they currently serve as Director of Cybersecurity and in-house corporate counsel for Woodbury Corporation and served on two Utah Supreme Court advisory committees. Davis explained that they were visiting all 23 municipalities in the county as part of their campaign for a countywide office and said Alta was their 19th stop. They described Alta as a unique jurisdiction because its Marshal's Office, Unified Police Department Canyon Patrol, and Unified Fire Authority operated across different parts of the canyon and cases from those agencies could ultimately be handled by the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office. Davis said they wanted the District Attorney's Office to maintain stronger communication with smaller agencies, particularly regarding charging decisions and cases referred by the Alta Marshal's Office. They said they would like to establish a direct line of communication with the Town, attend a town hall if invited, and meet with the Marshal's Office to learn what Alta needed from the District Attorney's Office. Davis provided their campaign website and thanked the Council for its time and stated they too opposed the gondola.

Mark Haik questioned the Town's remaining utility capacity and future development potential. Haik referenced an earlier budget meeting discussion in which Mr. Cawley and Ms. Clancy had indicated that the Town was nearly built out and said this raised questions about the remaining sewer capacity under the Town's agreement with Snowbird, the amount and potential uses of remaining water capacity, and how much additional development could occur. Haik requested that staff provide the Council with a basic fact sheet identifying the Town's water resources, sources, decision-making authority, communications with utility partners, and remaining capacity for future use. Haik also raised concerns about the Town's understanding of private property and future development potential. They noted that materials presented to the citizens' committee appeared to account only for private property assessed by Salt Lake County and did not include private property assessed by the State that could potentially be developed. In light of the Town's consideration of a general plan update and potential borrowing through the municipal debt markets, Haik said the Council and staff should have a clearer understanding of the Town's existing assets, utility capacity, private property, and future development possibilities before proceeding with substantial borrowing.

3. **Alta Ski Area update, Mike Maughan**

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Mike Maughan announced that Alta had selected Dave Hirosawa as its new general manager, with Hirasawa scheduled to begin on October 19. Maughan said Hirasawa had more than 20 years of ski industry experience, including positions with American Skiing Company, Talisker Canyons, Steamboat, Grand America Resorts, Snowbasin, Sun Valley, and Boyne Resorts. Maughan said Alta had received 23 applicants during the search and that they looked forward to introducing Hirasawa to the Town.

Maughan then provided an update on Alta Ski Area projects. The Albion Day Lodge remained on schedule for completion by November 1, and the cold storage building was expected to be completed shortly. The Grizzly restrooms were still on track for completion in the fall. Alta had completed terrain work near Big Dipper and the Supreme Lift and was completing revegetation, while the meadow snowmaking-line replacement had been completed. Work was also underway to replace fuel lines serving an emergency generator and the lift generator system. Maughan said the parking lot project was progressing, with the Wildcat lot being milled and scheduled for paving the following week. Alta was also considering adding parking near the entrance to the Cat Shop to serve residents of the new portion of the Albion Day Lodge.

Maughan reported that industry-wide skier numbers were down approximately 8 to 10 percent for the season to date among several major pass products, while Alta's numbers are flat compared with the previous year. Maughan reported they had received 458 applicants for approximately 120 available seasonal positions. Maughan thanked the Town and staff for working with Alta through the various projects and said they expected to remain involved in completing the transition and remaining work. Maughan explained that they would remain as president of the corporation through a transition period and expected to remain full-time through approximately December.

4. **Discussion regarding the Business License Study**

01:23:30

The Council discussed the updated business license study and the need to establish fees before the end-of-month deadline. Clancy explained that the study established the maximum fee that could be charged for each business category and that the Council could adopt any amount from zero to the maximum, either by category or through percentage-based adjustments. Aaron Sanborn of Zion's Public Finance explained that municipalities commonly adopt the full allowable amount to recover business licensing costs, while others reduce fees to account for other revenues generated by businesses, such as sales tax. He noted that there was no standard percentage reduction because communities and the services they provide vary.

Carolyn Anctil asked about the possibility of setting different percentages for individual businesses or categories. Clancy confirmed that the Council could set fees independently for each category. Schilling explained that the Council had previously directed staff to develop percentage options specifically considering Alta Ski Area, and that additional discussion was needed to address the Town's 2022 MOU

with Alta Ski Area concerning parking spaces and Marshal's Office services. It was noted that the value of that arrangement was an important consideration in determining the business license fee. Boone presented preliminary calculations for the council's consideration. Clancy noted that Alta Ski Area currently paid a total of approximately $8,000 in business license fees for the licenses received. Schilling said the 35% adopted in 2021 was a starting point and that there was not a straightforward analytical method for determining the appropriate amount because the discussion involved the broader collaborative relationship between the Town and Alta Ski Area.

Maughan clarified that Alta Ski Area's concern was that the business license study included a $35,000 enhanced parking service fee even though the 2022 MOU provided for an exchange of parking spaces for Town services. Maughan said that, if the parking service fee remained part of the study, the existing MOU would need to be addressed because the same services could not appropriately be counted both as an enhanced fee and as consideration under the parking agreement. Maughan said Alta Ski Area was willing to meet with the Town to discuss a different arrangement but did not believe the enhanced parking amount should remain in the fee study while the MOU was in effect.

The Council agreed to continue the business license discussion rather than take action that evening. The Council scheduled a special meeting for Tuesday, September 15, at 3:00 p.m., with Maughan invited to participate.

5. **Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution 2026-R-29 repealing and replacing the fee schedule**

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The Council discussed Resolution 2026-R-29, which would repeal and replace the Town's fee schedule. Clancy asked the Council to adopt the resolution with the business license and liquor license changes excluded, while proceeding with the other proposed fee schedule updates. Staff clarified that the resolution could be adopted with the civil code enforcement and parking violation fee changes but would exclude all changes to business and liquor license fees.

> **MOTION**: Dan Schilling motioned to adopt Resolution 2026-R-29 excluding any changes to the business and liquor licenses. Carolyn Anctil seconded.
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> **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Councilmember Anctil – yes, Councilmember Morgan – yes, Councilmember Schilling – yes, Mayor Bourke – yes, Resolution 2026-R-29 was approved.
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> **RESULT: APPROVED**

6. **Discussion regarding application by Shallow Shaft, LLC to Amend the Text of the Base Facilities Zone Ordinance**

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Cawley advised the Council to consider the individual components of the proposed amendment, including treating the Zone C lots as conforming to the minimum lot size and width requirements and

creating a new permitted use limited to Zone C. Cawley noted that the decision was legislative and that the Council was not bound by the Planning Commission's recommendation, but that documenting the Council's legislative intent and policy rationale would be useful, particularly as the Town moves toward a general plan update.

Andrina Hougham explained that they were seeking to create a small year-round hotel with cooking facilities, a small cafe or community gathering space, employee housing, and covered parking. Hougham explained that the existing 0.21-acre lot had existed since 1956 and predated the current Town code. The proposed text amendment would allow the building to be repositioned and its footprint expanded from approximately 44% to 51% coverage, rather than the 65% maximum that applies in Zones A and B. Hougham explained they also proposed creating a new use for a compact hotel facility that includes hotel rooms with provisions for cooking exclusively within Base Facility Zone C. Hougham said the proposed use had been developed with Town staff and reviewed by both legal counsels, with revisions made through discussions with the Planning Commission and Council.

Jay Springer, legal counsel for the applicant explained that the proposed amendments had been drafted to limit their application to the specific circumstances involved, including the Zone C location, lot size and width, and a maximum of eight units. Springer characterized the proposal as allowing two properties that had historically existed below current minimum zoning standards to redevelop on their existing lots. Springer also addressed concerns about precedent, stating that the proposal was designed to apply to a narrow set of circumstances and that the Council had legislative discretion to determine whether the amendment served the public interest.

Mayor Bourke confirmed that there were two properties in Zone C and described the proposal as addressing coverage and frontage requirements for those properties. Anctil distinguished the proposed lot and building changes from the proposed new use, expressing concern that allowing kitchens in hotel rooms could establish a broader precedent for other hotels seeking major renovations. Cawley clarified that the Council could approve all, part, or none of the proposed amendments and could make changes to the provisions.

Schilling supported the full proposal, stating that they viewed the Zone C circumstances as sufficiently specific and did not believe the amendment would prevent the Town from addressing future applications individually. Schilling also cited the proposed building's visibility as a prominent public-facing structure, the proposed restaurant space, and covered parking as factors supporting the proposal. Cawley clarified that the property could not be converted to condominiums without Town approval of a condominium plat, and that condominiums were not a permitted use in the base facility zone. Elise Morgan also supported the proposal, noting the distinctive circumstances of Zone C and stating that a future applicant in another zone would still have to bring its own request to the Council. She said she viewed hotel rooms with small kitchens as distinct from condominium units.

Hougham confirmed that, if the amendment were not approved, the applicants intended to demolish and rebuild a hotel within the existing footprint under the current code. Hougham said the proposed amendment would instead allow a year-round operation with a small restaurant, covered parking, and employee housing. Hougham emphasized that the applicants had been working with the Town for approximately three years and wanted to develop the property in a way they believed would benefit

the community. Anctil said she would prefer a restaurant or community space, while Hougham noted that Snowpine already provided a year-round restaurant open to the public.

The Council then discussed the procedural next step. Cawley advised that a public hearing was required before the Council could make a decision on the text amendment. Schilling recommended proceeding with the public hearing, and Cawley indicated that the matter could be scheduled for October or November, with a public hearing and possible action included on the agenda. The Council discussed the Planning Commission's prior action, with members clarifying that the Planning Commission had forwarded a neutral recommendation with Commissioner Askins voting against the recommendation.

The Council agreed the matter should be moved forward with a public hearing and possible action noted on a future agenda. Mayor Bourke noted they would be absent for the October meeting, and Morgan indicated they could chair the meeting. Hougham expressed concern about which Council members would be present, and the Council confirmed that a quorum was expected but individual participation was not guaranteed.

(Elise Morgan left the meeting)

7. **CAPITAL Committee Update**

02:09:20

Chris Cawley provided an update on the Capital Committee, facilities planning, and upcoming water and sewer project planning. Cawley reported that Steve Levy had left the Capital Committee after selling their home in Alta. Cawley explained that the Council had initially appointed eight members following an application process, although the committee charter provided for five to ten members. Cawley said the Town did not need to appoint a replacement immediately and noted that maintaining the current membership would preserve momentum and a productive working relationship. If the Council chose to add a member, staff recommended reopening the application process rather than recommending a specific individual. Council members generally agreed that the committee was functioning well and did not need to add a member at this time. Cawley noted that Levy's departure affected the geographic and utility-service-area representation on the committee, but staff believed the remaining members represented a range of neighborhoods, taxpayers, and utility relationships.

Cawley reported that the Capital Committee had held a productive meeting with Mayor Bourke, staff, Town Attorney Cameron Platt, municipal advisor Jeanette Harris from Zions Public Finance, and representatives from Sunrise Engineering. The committee had discussed the Town's revenues and expenses, water and sewer rates, ADA requirements, the business license study, and the financing of upcoming capital projects. Cawley explained that ADA compliance requirements applied to facility improvements and new facilities, rather than being triggered by a particular project threshold. A significant portion of the discussion focused on water and sewer projects because preliminary construction cost estimates were exceeding existing budgets. Cawley reported that staff was also preparing an application for a State of Utah low-interest water project loan program, which had changed from multiple funding opportunities during the year to a single annual deadline for 2026.

Cawley said the application was due the following week and that staff wanted the Capital Committee and Council to consider the trade-offs between debt financing and using available cash.

Cawley said the Capital Committee had established a regular meeting schedule of the first Wednesday of every other month at 11:00 a.m., with the next meeting scheduled for November 4. Cawley also reported that the Town was making progress toward issuing an Request for Qualifications for feasibility and programming related to the new facilities project, with the goal of releasing it the following week. Cawley noted that the Town had begun making progress with UDOT and was working collaboratively on the project.

8. **Update on water and sewer Capital Projects and design costs**

02:20:25

Cawley provided an update on the Town's water and sewer capital projects. Cawley reported that the Albion parking lot segment of the Crosstow water line was nearing completion, with the remaining work including connection to the existing system, cleaning, pressure testing, and project closeout. He noted that a minor change order might be needed for a valve omitted from the original scope. The Town had approximately $280,000 budgeted for the remaining project costs. For the Lower Alta Loop water project, staff was beginning design and permitting with field work targeted for completion before winter and construction anticipated the following summer. Cawley noted that the project had $40,000 budgeted for engineering, but additional pre-construction work had not been included in prior engineering budgets.

For the sewer system, Cawley said the Town was planning to replace a segment of sewer pipe located in the Wildcat parking lot the following summer. Preliminary pre-construction costs, including surveying, easement work, environmental requirements, and other tasks associated with work on Forest Service land, were significantly higher than the $20,000–$30,000 previously budgeted for engineering. Cawley said the master-plan estimate of $386,000 for the project might not be sufficient and that engineers were evaluating an alternative to excavating the approximately 30-foot-deep sewer line. Cawley also discussed the leaking water lateral serving the Deep Powder House. After repairs in the spring did not resolve the leak, the service area capped the line and established an interim temporary connection. Cawley explained that under the current utilities' ordinance, the Town owns and is responsible for pipes up to the meter, which in Alta is generally located inside the building. Because the existing lateral was in very poor condition, staff anticipated approximately $30,000–$40,000 in costs to establish a new connection. Cawley said staff was working with the Town Attorney and engineers on proposed code amendments that would change the Town's responsibility for water laterals so that the Town would generally own the main line and meters but not the laterals, which is typical in other communities.

Cawley then discussed how to fund pre-construction work for the water and sewer projects. He explained that the Town had budgeted engineering separately but that municipalities commonly include pre-construction work and the associated capital project within the same project budget. Staff proposed proceeding with up to approximately $70,000 in pre-construction costs for the water project and $60,000 for the sewer project using existing engineering and capital funds, rather than waiting for an October budget amendment. The Town would subsequently amend the budget to consolidate the

engineering and capital amounts once more information was available. Cawley said the field work would allow engineers to complete designs and develop more accurate opinions of probable construction costs before the Town determined whether additional funding would be needed. Council members expressed support for proceeding, noting the importance of addressing the sewer project and water-system improvements rather than delaying the work. Staff anticipated bringing the budget amendment to the Council in October.

Cawley also discussed the State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan program administered by the Utah Division of Drinking Water. He explained that the program offers low-interest financing, potentially around 1.5%–2%, and could include principal forgiveness depending on the project and community characteristics. The Town appeared to qualify based on the relationship between local water bills and median adjusted gross income. Cawley said construction inflation made the financing opportunity significant because construction costs could continue increasing while the Town saved for projects through cash financing. Staff was preparing an application before the September 15 deadline and expected that the Town would not know until November at the earliest whether it would receive an award.

(Meeting Pause: Dan Schilling briefly stepped outside the meeting space causing a pause to the meeting, until he returned and a quorum was reached)

Cawley said the proposed application would seek funding for three remaining projects identified in the water system master plan: the Lower Alta Loop and sewer projects already discussed and a water storage tank project. He noted that the storage tank project was less defined and had unresolved issues that could affect whether it could be included in the application. If the Town received an SRF loan, however, the resulting debt service would need to be paid from the water fund and could require future water-rate increases. Clancy reported that the Town's municipal advisor had analyzed the potential financing and believed the Town could manage the debt without large increases to water rates. Cawley said the amount under consideration was approximately $3.5 million, although the projects would require additional definition before the Town could determine the final costs and financing needs. The Council agreed that staff should proceed with the application while recognizing that the Council would make the financing and water-rate decisions if an award was offered. Cawley concluded that staff would proceed with the engineering field work, bring the budget amendment forward, and continue developing the SRF application.

9. **Mayor's Report**

02:46:40

Mayor Bourke reported on the recent death of Jerry O'yama, a longtime Alta resident, artist, and community member who had worked at the Alta Lodge and later managed the Blackjack with Allyn Hart for more than 30 years. Mayor Bourke also reported on a fatal hiking accident at Devil's Castle on August 19 involving a 16-year-old hiker and noted the response of Alta's emergency services and other agencies. Mayor Bourke reported that they and Mike Maughan had met with UTA regarding winter bus service and that service for the upcoming ski season would be substantially the same as the prior season. Mayor Bourke expressed frustration with the inability to make changes to the service before UDOT is expected to assume responsibility for canyon bus service. They also reported that Senator

Cullimore was considering legislation for January intended to further enhance bus service in the Cottonwood Canyons and was seeking metrics to evaluate the service. Retired Millcreek Mayor Jeff Silvestrini had been asked to lead that effort, with a September 1 meeting attended by approximately 50 people.

Mayor Bourke reported that the Central Wasatch Commission had held a half-day retreat focused on establishing a National Conservation and Recreation Area, an effort that had been underway for several years. Mayor Bourke then recognized Chris Cawley for their work with the Utah Renewable Energy Program and Jen Clancy for managing the Town's Truth in Taxation process, including completing the extensive required checklist. Clancy credited Polly McLean with providing significant assistance during the Truth in Taxation process.

Mayor Bourke then gave the astronomy report in response to a question about the Moon's day-night cycle. Mayor Bourke explained that the Moon rotates on its axis at the same rate that it orbits Earth, a condition known as synchronous rotation. As a result, the same side of the Moon generally faces Earth, while lunar day and night each last approximately 14 Earth days. Mayor Bourke clarified that the side not visible from Earth is properly called the far side rather than the "dark side," because it also receives sunlight. They explained that gravitational effects between a planet and its satellite can produce synchronous rotation.

Mayor Bourke announced that the next Town Council meeting was scheduled for October 14th at 4:00 p.m.

10. **Approval of consent agenda:**
    - **August 11, 2026 Public Hearing and August 12, 2026 Town Council Meeting Minutes**
    - **September Staff and Finance Reports**

02:58:20

Mayor Bourke brought up an issue with the online version of the consent agenda, specifically that pages containing landscape-oriented figures were not displaying correctly. Clancy explained that the issue could be addressed through the user's computer or viewing settings.

MOTION: Dan Schilling motioned to approve the consent agenda for September 9, 2026. Carolyn Anctil seconded.

VOTE: All were in favor. The September 9, 2026 consent agenda was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

11. **Questions regarding department reports**

03:00:00

Jay Torgersen of Unified Fire Authority reported on a recent search and recovery incident in Alta resulted in the death of a 16-year-old hiker that involved the Alta Marshal's Office, DPS, Salt Lake County Search and Rescue, Unified Fire, and other personnel. Torgersen said the Snowpine Lodge provided a place for the family and friends to remain while the recovery was coordinated. Torgersen said the individual was recovered that evening, allowing the family to avoid having their loved one remain on the mountain overnight, and the accompanying friends were brought down safely. They characterized the response as a strong cooperative effort and specifically noted the Alta Marshal's Office's assistance. The councilmembers suggested the Town thank Snowpine Lodge for providing support to the family during the incident. Ted Spencer added that Alta's proximity to a major metropolitan area and its mountainous terrain presented inherent risks, and the community worked to mitigate those risks.

12. **New business**

03:04:00

Carolyn Anctil raised a question about the Town of Alta and Alta Ski Area not being represented at an upcoming climate summit in Sun Valley. Anctil said a local resident had asked why Alta was not listed among the attendees and noted that the summit appeared relevant to ski communities and environmental issues. Chris Cawley explained that the Town had historically maintained a limited conference travel budget but agreed that there could be value in participating in forums focused on climate and mountain communities. They discussed the Mountain Towns 2030 conference and the Colorado Association of Ski Towns as potential opportunities for future Town participation. Cawley also suggested that climate-related issues could be incorporated into the Town's General Plan.

Dan Schilling briefly raised dark-sky policies and agreed with Cawley that the General Plan would be an appropriate place for that discussion.

Cawley then reported that the State had lifted its Stage 2 fire restrictions and that the Town had issued an order rescinding the corresponding local restrictions in Alta. They noted that the rescission had been provided to the Council as required notice. Polly McLean clarified that the State's restrictions had been lifted the previous Saturday, while the Town's standard summer fire restrictions remained in effect. Torgersen explained that although significant fire risk remained in parts of the State, recent moisture and cooler temperatures led the State to determine that Stage 2 restrictions were no longer necessary.

13. **Discussion and possible action to commence a closed meeting to discuss a matter authorized by Utah Code section 52-4-205**

No call for a closed meeting.

14. **Motion to adjourn**

03:09:55

MOTION: Dan Schilling motioned to adjourn, and Carolyn Anctil seconded.

VOTE: All in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

RESULT: APPROVED

Passed this 14th day of October, 2026

Jen Clancy, Town Clerk