

MINUTES
ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2015
10:00 AM
ALTA COMMUNITY CENTER
ALTA, UTAH

1. Call the meeting to order

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

2. Mayor's Report – 00:00:10

The Mayor reported on the following matters:

1. The Conference of Mayor's meeting was held at the Alta Lodge this month and was well attended. The main topic of discussion was Mountain Accord.
2. The Council of Governments also met and expressed their support for Mountain Accord.
3. The Mayor and staff had a meeting with Mayor McAdams who expressed his desire to work with the Town of Alta and possibly help with some funding of community projects.
4. Mountain Accord met on September 14th in Park City where the contract for the program manager was discussed. There was an update on the Grist Mill project near the bottom of the canyon and redoing some of the trails near this area. Also the committee was updated on the federal land designation options of the lands throughout the central Wasatch area; what should this area be named.
5. On Thursday, September 17th there was a memorial tree planting for Bill Lennon.
6. There was graffiti found on rocks in Memorial Grove. A thank you went out to FOA and UFA for assisting with the removal of the graffiti.
7. The Utah League of Cities and Towns held their annual convention. John, Chris and Elise attended some of the sessions. Also, Harris was nominated to sit on the ULCT Board but unfortunately did not get appointed. Chris gave a report on one session he attended.
8. UFA met last month and the role of the search and rescue task force was discussed; this group is highly respected throughout the country.
9. The Town had a water line break on the main highway near Hellgate. The Mayor authorized the expenditure of funds to repair the line.
10. There was an update on Mayor's effort to address internet access to the fiber line for local residents. The Mayor has contacted representatives from Comcast who plan on coming up with a proposal to address the residents' concerns. It was pointed out that the fiber coming up the canyon was designed for more of a commercial use than residential use as it relates to costs. There was a suggestion by members of the Council that we look at setting up some sort of special district or entity to address the residential use of the fiber.
11. There was a report on the upcoming municipal election. All mail in ballots must be postmarked by November 2, 2015; the day before the election. If people have questions they were directed to the County Clerk's website; clerk@slco.org. The Town has two at-large council seats up and Harris Sondak and Elise Morgan have both filed their declarations of candidacy forms. The Town has also received one write in Declaration of Candidacy from Margaret Bourke. The transportation sales tax issue is also on the ballot.
12. The next meeting of the Town Council is Thursday, November 12, 2015.

13. Kate reminded the Council of the official canvass of the municipal election which will be held on Tuesday, November 17th at noon at the Community Center.

3. Treasurer's Report: 00:25:05

Marc Dippo read the monthly report.

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 Cliff Curry and the motion was carried.

4. Departmental Reports: 00:27:24

John Guldner and Mike Morey were excused from this meeting so there will be no reports from those departments.

The Mayor was asked my Mike to report that there have been a few cars that have been broken into not only in Alta but at the mouth of the canyon. The public has been advised to report anything suspicious to the Marshal's department.

UFA Report: UFA is starting to do conduct their fire inspections throughout the Town of Alta.

5. Approval of the Town Council meeting minutes of September 10, 2015. 00:29:20

Kate noted that both Harris and Cliff had handed in edits and corrections to the minutes which have been incorporated into the final draft.

There was a motion Harris Sondak to approve the minutes with the comments and corrections. There was a second by Cliff Curry and the motion was carried.

6. Resolution 2015-R-10 – A resolution requesting the recertification of the Alta Justice Court – Piper Lever; 00:29:47

Piper explained that state statute requires that municipal courts be re-certified every four years; the Alta Justice Court (Court) expires in February 2016. The administrative office of the courts requires that the re-certification packets be received by the end of this month in order for the staff to review the packets.

The packet includes an application and a resolution that must be addressed and passed by the Alta Town Council. It also includes an opinion letter from the Town's legal counsel and affidavit that the Judge signs that certifies that he is familiar with all the court requirements and that the court meets all those requirements.

Liz Schulte reviewed the entire packet and had a brief conversation with the State Court Administrator's Office.

Harris asked for a review of how the Town of Alta's Justice Court operates. Piper explained that court is held once a month in the Community Center. The Town built a six inch riser and the Judge sits on that platform; this is one of the requirements. Judge Balmforth wears a black robe and Tom Bolen is the

bailiff for the court. Judge Balmforth is a full time sitting Judge for South Jordan and very familiar with the law. The Town of Alta does appoint the Judge for the Alta Justice Court.

Hearing no further comments or questions, there was a motion by Cliff Curry to approve Resolution 2015-R-10 which allows for the re-certification of the Alta Justice Court. There was a second by Harris Sondak and the motion was carried.

7. Update on WFRC local planning resource program project – Chris Cawley: 00:34:52

Chris updated the Council on the following matters relating to the WFRC planning resource program project;

1. The Town of Alta has sent out a RFP on this project to a pre-selected pool of consultants provided by WFRC .
2. The document that was sent out was produced by Town staff and WFRC project managers.
3. The document reflects the scope items recommended by the Alta Planning Commission.
4. The document also reflects WFRC best planning practices.
5. WFRC holds the funds to be awarded to the consultant that is chosen and they hold the Town's matching funds which have already been forwarded to this agency.
6. On September 23rd the document was submitted to five (5) consulting firms.
7. The responses from these firms are due on October 12th.
8. WFRC will do all the required reporting on this matter to all outside agencies.
9. A selection team from the Town of Alta and WFRC will be assembled to review all the responses.
10. The actual selection process guidelines are set out by WFRC.
11. The consultants will be ranked and the ultimate choice will be the Town's.
12. The Town anticipates that the selection will be made by the end of October and the process will begin sometime in November.
13. The scope of work is broad and the hope is that the consultant will prioritize the items and alternatives.
14. The goal is to do a small area plan focused on the commercial core of the Town of Alta that would be adopted into the current General Plan.
15. The Town would like the document to provide comprehensive information about current conditions, establish more details goals for what transportation and pedestrian connectivity would look like in the future, would establish what kind of development the Town would like to have in the base area, would establish some goals for conservation and open space, would create base line information on the Town's public utilities in the base area, and establish some goals for recreation facilities and trailheads.
16. The Alta Planning Commission will be hosting public meetings on the process and then hold a final public hearing and make a final recommendation to the Town Council. The Town anticipates this will take four to six months.
17. There were comments on the Mountain Accord process and how that affects this planning process.

The Mayor asked if a time frame was defined by the grant and in the proposal. Chris said it was just a recommendation.

Harris Sondak asked if it was appropriate to insert into the contract with the consultant firm a time table independent of the expenditure amount; the Town wants to stay on track with this process.

Harris asked if \$70,000 was enough to buy a good analysis. Chris opined that he thought this amount would buy the Town a good end product. Chris also commented that WFRC felt that \$70,000 was a sufficient amount of money to complete this study; \$60,000 will be provided by WFRC and \$10,000 is the Town's local match.

Tom pointed out that these types of grants are available every year and it would be in the Town's best interest to apply for funds to complete a follow up for next year. Chris explained that a letter of intent for next year's funds is due at the end of October. Chris intends to submit that to WFRC and is reviewing what the logical follow up would be for the Town in this process.

Chris explained that adoption is a priority in the WFRC consultant selection criteria and in their local government application review criteria; what is the approach for adoption and what is the budget for adoption.

Harris asked if the following could be incorporated into the final document: economic, environmental and sustainability aspects of the Town as a criteria on what the Town is looking to achieve, what amenities that Town has to offer including utilities and finally try to address the exact boundaries of the proposed land swap that is part of Mountain Accord (the maps that have been published are not great resolution and specific details).

Chris spoke to the sustainability comment from Harris by stating that the Wasatch Choice for 2040 document is essentially a set of regional planning principals based around encouraging future growth in a concentrated fashion around public utilities.

8. New Business; 00:53:48

Harris Sondak opined that it has been a very confusing transportation situation at the airport over the last few months, as they have deregulated taxi services. When a patron exits the terminal to get a taxi to locations outside Salt Lake City they have to start negotiating with taxi driver on how much to pay for the service. Harris complained to the airport authority and got a call back. A rule has been implemented that says that west of 500 east the cost for a taxi is \$25.00 and east of 500 it is \$30.00; this is just in Salt Lake City, however. Harris felt this could create a problem for those coming through the airport whose destination is Alta because they do not know that the actual boundaries of Salt Lake City are small. Harris felt that the Town ought to have a conversation with a representative of the Airport Authority about this situation because our concerns related to transportation and taxi companies are different than those for Salt Lake City.

Cliff mentioned that the Alta Lodge works with Alta Shuttle and suggests that their guests make a reservation with this company or another shuttle service that is licensed with the Town of Alta.

The Mayor commented that as the manager of the Rustler Lodge it is often his experience that the taxi cabs don't have the necessary equipment to travel in the canyons.

Harris said it is very confusing at the airport and has seen cars acting as taxis that merely have magnetic signs on their doors.

Harris also asked if the Town should approach UTA about providing better service between Snowbird and Alta. Chris Cawley mentioned that the Town has had some conversations with one of UTA's staff about this situation. Harris said this is not only an issue in the winter but in the summer as well.

Cliff Curry mentioned that he has been working with Chris Cawley to find a solution for glass recycling in the Town of Alta.

9. Citizen Input: 01:04:31

Mark Haik spoke about a letter sent to the Albion Basin property owners that was co-signed and from Laura Briefer and Mayor Pollard. Mr. Haik asked why the letter was presented to the Planning Commission as a draft and not written on letterhead. Mr. Haik reviewed the reasons he felt that the Town Council should read the letter. Mr. Haik also submitted a GRAMA request for information pertaining to the letter and recommended that the Town Council also review this request and Ms. Black's response.

Mr. Haik asked the Council to apprise themselves of the acts of their jurisdictional partners with regard to water and the change application that was put in 1993 and approved in 1997 and will be amended pursuant to matters disclosed in the letter from Ms. Briefer and Mayor Pollard.

Mr. Haik asked about the meetings to be held that were also mentioned in the aforementioned letter; the GRAMA response letter does not indicate that such meetings have been scheduled.

Mr. Haik spoke about the land conveyance to the Town; the survey done as part of this conveyance should be reviewed by the Planning Commission. As it relates to this survey, Mr. Haik recommended that the road right of way be reviewed.

Jen Clancy thanked the crew at fire station #13 for helping remove the graffiti at Memorial Grove.

Ms. Clancy spoke to the program that Friends of Alta and Alta Shuttle have together. Alta Shuttle donates 2% of all revenue generated by transporting customers to and from the airport to FOA and recommended that local businesses use Alta Shuttle.

Ms. Clancy is excited about the WFRC grant for planning and opined that it is critical that the Alta Ski Area be involved and become willing participants in this process.

10. Motion to adjourn

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

Passed and approved this 12th of October, 2015.

s/Katherine S.W. Black

TREASURER'S REPORT
September 11 - October 8, 2015

MAJOR BILLS PAID

Payroll - 2 payroll periods	\$38,075.78
Payroll Taxes - 2 payroll periods	\$16,616.53
Attorneys - 2 months	\$6,465.51
Health, Dental and Life Insurance	\$13,843.82
UFA - Qrt Contract	\$28,726.75
Forsgren - Insepctions and Plan Checks	\$2,450.13
ACVB - 1 month	\$6,000.00
Syringa - fiber installation	\$1,341.92
Yiptel-Balance on Phone system	\$5,060.70
Revcord - Software for Alta Central Recorder	\$1,519.00
Utah Local Government Trust - Workers comp	\$513.10
A Company - Portable Toilets	\$1,813.93
Alta Shuttle -Summer Shuttle /final payment	\$3,927.00
URS - Contributions for two payroll periods	\$10,392.47
Telephone Expenses	\$1,643.91
Energy Expenses	\$1,733.06
Other Town Bills	\$6,977.79
Total	\$147,101.40

MAJOR REVENUES RECEIVED

Sales Tax/Resort - July Collections	\$8,593.12
Sales Tax/Uniform -July Collections	\$5,740.98
Dog Licenses	\$75.00
Post Office Contract - 1 month	\$1,166.67
Court Fines	\$3,932.00
Building and Plan Check Fees	\$4,045.73
Business and Liquor Licenses	\$1,680.75
Energy Taxes	\$1,859.93
Telephone Taxes	\$420.97

Total \$27,515.15

General Fund Savings	\$280,598.15
General Fund Checking	\$16,025.60