

ALPINE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

on Tuesday, April 12, at 6:00 pm

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Carla Merrill called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

A. Roll Call: The following were present and constituted a quorum: Jason Thelin, Greg Gordon Kelli Law, Jessica Smuin, Lon Lott

B. Prayer: Lon Lott

C. Pledge: Kelli Law

Staff: Shane Sorensen, Austin Roy, Chief Brian Patten, Chief Brian Gwilliam, Craig Hall, Bonnie Cooper

Others: Will Jones, Breezy Anson, Alan Gillman, Krissy Shull, Wendy Garin, Whitey Anson, Lon Nield, Tracy Nuttall, Amanda Collins, Macie Collins, Cheryl Anson, Kaye Smith, Lonny Layton, Allyson Smith, Spencer Bautista, Ruby Bautista, Emma Smith, Megan Basil, Olivia Snow, Terral Cochran, Nina Cochran, Katy Myers, Bill Lawler, Kim Christensen, Angie Mazeika, Adrienne Williams, Heather Allen, Brenda Edwards, Darin Edwards, Debbie Merrill, Starr Shumway, Chris Thackeray, Rebecca Anderson, Nichole Holmgren, Rebecca Covey, Gayle Guercio, Frank, Guercio, Stephanie Conlee, Susie Hansen, Larry VanVactor

II. WORK SESSION

A. FY2022-2023 Budget Discussion

City Administrator, Shane Sorensen said the FY2022-2023 Budget will be affected by some grant opportunities and the largest item will be public safety wage increases. The city will be finalizing the tentative budget in the May then adopt the final budget six weeks later at a City Council meeting in June. He went on to explain the following categories of the budget and get guidance from the council on how they want to proceed.

General Fund –

The priority will be LPPSD (Lone Peak Public Safety District) budget. At the LPPSD board meeting tomorrow they will be going over the tentative budget. Alpine City's portion for police will increase 14.57%, for fire an increase of 8.06% and administrative an increase of 4.64%. There are a few Highland City employees that a portion of their wages are paid from this budget, they provide services for the LPPSD. The budget increase is for salaries. The total LPPSD increase will be 11.22%.

City Employee –

Inflation is up 8-9% in the last year. Utah reported it is up 1.2% just since March. Utah is higher than any other state in the nation at 10%. Some cities have done a mid-year wage adjustment for their employee. We will bring wage increases back to the next council meeting for approval. Comparing positions and wages with other cities is difficult. Just based on an employee's title you do not know how long the employee has been there or what their duties and responsibilities are.

Health Insurance –

The anticipated increase was 8% for medical and 2% for dental but came back lower. Medical insurance will increase 5.8% and 1.0% for dental totaling 6.8%. That was good news for the city.

Projects/City Improvements -

The city staff recommended that the city only do the projects that are necessary. Projects to do with things such as the city's parks, cemetery, trail, beautification projects and some street projects would come from the General Fund. Staff will be looking for grant opportunities for projects that aren't necessities. One grant that we have been looking at would help with a Main Street beautification project. Some grants may take a year to get ready to apply for because they have specific requirements. Mayor Carla Merrill requested to have a meeting with staff to get started on all the grant application processes.

Fire Station-

Staff is proposing to have a revenue bond against portions of sales tax to fund the fire station remodel. City Council member Jessica Smuin asked if there could be two scenarios of bonding this project. Shane Sorensen said another way to go about getting funding would be a general obligation bond/property tax bond. A property tax bond would need to go on a ballot at the next election. Going through an election would be a longer process to move forward. City

Attorney Craig Hall said a tax revenue bond is the most common way to go about getting money to do a project of this size. School districts tend to go with general obligation bond when building new schools because it is safer revenue source than sales tax.

Shane Sorensen said whatever excess the city has we put it into our Capital Improvements Fund. That is how the city has built projects throughout the city in the parks or trail etc. The city may still need to raise property tax if the council want to continue to do these projects. Jessica Smuin said the city does the RAP (Recreational, Arts, and Parks Cultural Funding) tax that could be used, just not this year. Shane Sorensen said the RAP tax would generate about \$100K. Mayor Carla Merrill asked what amount the city anticipated paying for the bond. Shane Sorensen said the bond for the fire house would be for 20 years at \$200K per year. Alpine City has not bonded previously for any other projects. If the city wants to continue to make improvements throughout the city there may need to be a property tax increase. Staff needs direction from council on how to move forward in order to present the tentative budget.

Mayor Carla Merrill asked what the councils' options could be. Craig Hall said a general bond could be a possibility during any general election in November. Shane Sorensen said that would be a property tax increase and he suggested the simpler option would be if the city were to do a property tax increase through the city's budget and truth in taxation and not go through an election process. The city has done this before when Cedar Hill left the LPPSD. In that process the council approve the budget, but it is subject to the truth in taxation which takes place in August. Another option is if the council would be willing to do less project and have lesser or maybe no tax increase. Mayor Carla Merrill explained why there has been a significant increase in salaries for our police force and fire department. It is simply to retain the employees we have. Other counties were paying 17-20% higher than Lone Peak Safety District, not Utah County as some of the other cities in Utah County have already made Mid-Year adjustments or announced increases for the upcoming year. Alpine and Highland City want to keep those employees with experience, we need to stay competitive with wages. Instead of hiring and training all new employees. Mayor Carla Merrill said she would like the city to continue future projects. She said she knows it is not popular but sees a need for raising taxes.

Water –

City Council member Lon Lott asked if the numbers for the capital improvement projects for water are just projected numbers. Shane Sorensen answered yes between \$400-\$500K. Water is coming from its own fund and would mainly be replacements so that the city does not get behind on its infrastructure. The city does have ageing waterlines.

Streets –

Shane Sorensen said in this current year's budget the city has spent \$700K on street maintenance. In previous years the city spent around \$400-\$500K. Cost have gone up and to get approximately the same work done was a little bit more because the city had the addition of the transit tax on top of the class C road funds. That money is dedicated for roads and sidewalks that is why it is higher in this year's budget. When we do a large project like 800 South, Pioneer Drive or Grove Drive, some of the money would come from the general funds. We can take money from the Class C Road funds for these road projects. He does not recommend delaying any street maintenance such as overlays.

Sewer –

Sewer line do not have many deficiencies just some maintenance.

Pressurized Irrigation (PI) -

The city just adopted our capital improvement plan. As part of the PI study Lewis and Young will have some recommendation to the city's PI system at the next council meeting. The city will need to bond for the of the improvement that will need to happen throughout the city. Shane Sorensen suggested taking some of the city's ARPA (America Rescue Plan Act) funds and putting that towards a new well. There are a lot of grant funds out there dealing with drought resiliency. Some of the grant the city will have to have matching funds. There is one grant the city is applying for to help build the new well or rehab an older well through the water smart program. Jessica Smuin asked what fund the new storage tank would come out of. A new storage tank could come from our water impact fund and could also come from a grant.

Lon Lott said the major difference in this budget then from years past will be wage increases for LPPSD and city employees and fire house remodel. He asked if the council could get a list of what projects are on the city's list to do this year. He would like to wait to see the list so that the council can review and see what projects could wait until later. The last time the city had a tax increase was three years ago and before that was twelve years. Three years ago, was Alpine School District had a big increase at the same time as Utah County. Alpine City had an insignificant portion of that tax increase. These items that the staff have brought to council tonight look like justifiable items for a tax increase. He would still like to see a list of projects before he decides. Shane Sorensen said he would get the council a list of proposed projects. Mayor Carla Merrill said these increases are a sticker shock, but she would rather see an experienced LPPSD personnel out keeping our residents safe and that is most important. City Council member Greg Gordon said the police force are down 20% of their officers. Shane Sorensen said many residents do not realize

that there is not a cola built into property tax. So, your tax rate is calculated by the state increase to give the same revenue the city had the year before plus new growth. So, there is not a three to four percent increase to the city's revenue. The only way to increase the revenues is through a property tax increase. City Council member Jason Thelin said the city should not raise taxes without thought but there are times to do it and the city has done it before specifically for the cost increase for the LPPSD. He would be in favor of looking into tying the administrative salary costs of the LPPSD to the tax increase as an option.

Shane Sorensen asked council if they had any projects, they had to forward them to him to put into the tentative budget.

B. Access Easement Language for Three Falls Plat Amendment

Shane Sorensen said Craig Hall suggested changing the current language on upcoming plat amendment for Three Falls. In order to have access that goes to the upper water tank. There have been several plat amendments for Three Falls, most have been simple lot line adjustments. The upcoming lot line adjustment has access easement which is a 20-foot-wide road leading to the water tank and shared public open space. The city wants to check the language and make sure all our bases covered and know what the language means. On the original plat the language said 20-foot shared public access easement. Now the most current plats language says 20-foot public access easement in favor of Alpine City. Staff is asking council for direction on what was intended here. So, staff can address any issues with the property owners and bring this back before council for approval.

Mayor Carla Merrill said back in the April 2020 meeting the council was talking about changing border lines. She said Jason Thelin were concerned about having access to the North Mountain. When council approved the plat in June of 2020. At the meeting the developer said we would be allowed to drive up there. She said she feels all residents should have access to the area. Jason Thelin said the city already had the ability to have staff drive up to the area. He said previous City Attorney David Church had changed the wording so that the residents would have access to the North Mountain. Greg Gordon said this would be better option then having the public parking in the circle in front of the Three Falls residents' homes. Jessica Smuin said currently there is a gate up to protect where the private open space starts. Shane Sorensen said he remember from the meetings in 2020 was that the public access by bike or walking has never been in question. The question was if the public would be allowed to drive a motorized vehicle through that area. Greg Gordon said a car could drive up to the gate in the area, but it could be difficult to turn around. This is an area the city may not want open to the public in the winter months.

Lon Lott said his main concern is the ease of access for city staff to be able to get to facilities such as the water tank. Another concern would be having extra public access can lead to unwanted vandalism. Greg Gordon asked when the document says in favor of Alpine City could that be somehow construed to mean only city employees versus public access. Craig Hall answered that legally it would mean that Alpine City would determine how broad the access would be to the public. Mayor Carla Merrill said the word "public" should mean the Alpine City public. Craig Hall said "public" can mean whatever the council determines that it should mean and what access the city will allow the public to have.

Lon Lott said he didn't think there was enough room for a parking lot. If there is a lower area for a parking lot. Greg Gordon said there is parking for 2-3 by the tank but it is very steep. Lon Lott said there isn't a lot a room for more than four cars. Jason Thelin thought there could be maybe 6 parking spaces. Shane Sorensen said the slope of the hill in that area would make it difficult to additional parking. In fire or drought danger the city should not allow residents up in that area. Lon Lott was concerned about allowing the public to park all the way up to the tank.

Shane Sorensen said he needs direction on what language do you want staff to put on the plat. The original plat said it would be a shared access driveway. Mayor Carla Merrill asked the council how each one felt about allowing vehicles up the easement road. Lon Lott said he was not in favor of having any vehicles other than city employees use the access road. City Council member Jessica Smuin said she thinks residents' cars should be allowed up the easement road to have access to North Mountain and the trails. Kelli Law, Jason Thelin and Greg Gordon were all in agreement with Jessica Smuin. Greg Gordon added that the area should be well-regulated in case of fire risk.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve City Council minutes of March 22, 2022**
- B. Award Westfield Road Sidewalk Project**
- C. Resolution R2022-17: A Resolution in Support of Ukraine and Condemning Russian President Vladimir Putin**
- D. Resolution R2022-19: MAG Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan**
- E. Resolution R2022-20: A Resolutions Repealing Resolutions R2022-13 and R2022-14 Which Adopted Amendments to the Street Master Plan, Specification and Standards.**

F. Ordinance 2022-10: An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 2022-14 Which Adopted Amendments to City Code pertaining to the Major Street Plan and Major Arterials

Shane Sorensen asked if any of the council members had any questions about any of the items on the Consent Calendar.

Motion: Jason Thelin moved to have Action item (A) Final Plat - Old Moyle Mound Plat C and Action Item (C) Resolution R2022-18 to the consent calendar. Lon Lott second the motion. There were 5 yes votes and 0 no votes, as recorded below. The motion passed unanimously.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Jason Thelin		
Greg Gordon		
Kelli Law		
Jessica Smuin		
Lon Lott		

Motion: Lon Lott moved to approve the consent calendar as proposed with the edit made to the minutes of March 22, 2022, by Lon Lott and Shane Sorensen. Greg Gordon seconded the motion. There were 5 yes votes and 0 no votes, as recorded below. The motion passed unanimously.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Jason Thelin		
Greg Gordon		
Kelli Law		
Jessica Smuin		
Lon Lott		

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

David Martin
Eagle Scout
American Fork

David Martin presented and asked the council's approval for his Eagle Scout Project. David Martin said he was a member of the Lone Peak Mountain Bike Team. He said he had noticed that the Heritage Hills trail is in need of repair. He would like to also add a bike maintenance stand along with one or two benches by the existing kiosk. The benches could be positioned to deter the motorized vehicles from accessing the trail. The bike repair station would cost \$1700. He spoke with Smith Steelworks in Spanish Fork regarding the benches \$1920 for benches would take 4-6 weeks and have a concrete pad or a concrete post copper color. He is requesting assistance from the city \$6000 from the city. Saturday May 21st or June 4th

Carla Merrill asked if he was willing to raise funds on his own. Jason Thelin asked if he has worked with the Trail committee. He said he has spoken to Trail Committee chair Will Jones but could work more with him. Jessica Smuin asked about a 360 view if he has considered. Shane Sorensen said he would have to check and see if that would be on an easement or if was on city property. Will Jones said he had approved all the locations. Jason Thelin asked will if there were a priority the Trail Committee would do. Will Jones said he thinks that one bench and the bike repair would the highest priority. Mayor Carla Merrill said she would like to see matching funds. Bike shops have or donated or sponsored by whoever. Jason Thelin asked how he would be getting his service hours for the project. Picking up and installing and leveling. Jason Thelin agreed David Martin should raise some funds and agreed that this would be a great project for the city. Jessica Smuin said she thinks the city should give him a dollar amount. Doing some repairs on the trail. Craig Hall asked him if he has been following the handbook and get the appropriate signatures. Shane Sorensen said we do have money in the budget to cover things like this project. *David Martin said he will work with Shane Sorensen and get a signature from Jason Thelin for his Eagle Scout forms.*

Larry VanVector
379 E Allegany Court

Larry VanVector had concerns with a horse arena located near Healey Boulevard. He said he has observed light poles being installed. He is concerned that commercial lighting will be on the four light poles. He said he knows Alpine City has a code that pertains to lights, but it is only for sports courts or parking lots. He came to the city Council tonight to ask that they help shield the community for these types of commercial lighting in residential neighborhoods.

City Planner Austin Roy said he ran this by Craig Hall, and Craig Hall said he didn't think the code pertained to a horse arena. Greg Gordon said this was a spirit of the code when it was written. The lights could be considered a nuisance. Austin Roy said we would need to come up with a new ordinance to address this type of lighting, perhaps a dark sky type of ordinance. Jason Thelin asked if staff knew if electricity had been brought to the polls. Austin Roy said he did not know. The council agreed that a new code/ordinance should be written.

V. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation by Unsheltered Utah – Wendy Garvin

Wendy Garvin with Unsheltered Utah gave a presentation. Wendy Garvin explained Utah's issue with homelessness is affecting so many families. The group she represents is called Curbside Compassion. She understands that Alpine does not have an issue with homelessness. But she believes Alpine City can help get ahead of homelessness. Street camping has increased by 125% in Utah. Inflation is affecting everything within the state. The median cost of a home is \$500,000 this also affects the people renting these homes. The pathway to homelessness is they stay with their families or friends until they no longer can. Pre-homelessness is when someone is living with their parents and the parents suffer a financial loss. Then that can affect the adult child/adult child's family. In Lehi, American Fork, and Provo they have extended stay hotel that are by the week.

Wendy Garvin said when Rio Grande closed their shelter that meant there were not enough shelter bed and street camping increased. In a wealthier community many people may think they are helping someone by taking them to a place with resources such a Salt Lake City. But that is not always the case. By moving the homeless person that could mean moving them from a family member that may have been a form of support such a feeding them. Our group would love to have a homeless shelter located in Provo, Utah. We believe Aline, Highland, Lehi, and American Fork can get together and gather their resources. With the resources we could put together a center in Lehi or American Fork for those in need. Another resource is your police force. The police force can carry items such as kits or sleeping bag. The police can be allies for the homeless and be a positive relationship they can count on. Alpine City could provide hotel vouchers for shelter.

Wendy Garvin said they would love for ULCT (Utah League of Cities and Towns) consider a shelter in Utah County. Homeless Shelters can part of the city's infrastructure. Housing is the solution for homelessness. Affordable housing can help by putting in apartment buildings and making ten out of fifty apartments government subsidized so they are at a lower price for the resident. If the state concentrates all affordable housing in one area, then we have the projects. This is something that Alpine City can do to have a positive effect on homelessness.

B. Financial Report

Shane Sorensen said sales tax is up 11.38% from the previous year. The city is in good shape financially. There were some questions in a previous meeting regarding the Doubtful Account. This account is in the budget in cases a renter leaves town or a resident dies and they do not pay their bill.

VI. ACTION/ DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Final Plat - Olde Moyle Mound Plat C

Final Plat – Olde Moyle Mound Plat C was moved to Consent Calendar and approved.

B. Public Hearing - Creekside Park Proposed Conversion of One or Two Tennis Courts to Pickleball Courts

Mayor Carla Merrill opened the public hearing explaining that she would allow three people in favor of keeping the tennis courts and three people in favor of repurposing the tennis courts into pickleball courts. Each person had three minutes for public comments.

Public Hearing - Public Comments:

Spencer Bautista
1165 E Lone Peak Drive

Spence Bautista said although he loves pickleball he is against converting the existing tennis courts into pickleball courts. Alpine City has more than 10,000 people and only six tennis courts, which are always full. Several the youth in Alpine play on the High School team. Having more tennis courts as a resource for our children is a good idea.

The courts in Creekside Park are for the most part full. He said he would be in favor of raising money to have more tennis courts and pickleball courts.

Mayor Carla Merrill said at Timberline Middle School they have four tennis courts for a total of ten.

Kate Byners
793 S 1130 E

Kate Meyers said Creekside Park is a beautiful area for tennis courts, but the nets not maintained well. There are two courts that are not usable in the morning, because of sprinkler spray onto two of the courts. She said she is not against pickleball. She would love to see pickleball courts added, but not at the risk of losing the tennis courts. If the city could build a pickleball court in Healey Park than the city should be able to pay for one at another park. The tennis courts at Burgess Park have fallen apart, that is why they became pickleball courts. She suggested if the council decided to convert the tennis courts that the pickleball that the pickleball players not be allowed to play on the tennis courts. There is also a problem with skateboarders using the courts.

Ben Smith
140 N 600 E

Ben Smith said he plays for Lone Peak High School tennis team. It is hard to get a tennis court in the summer months and at nighttime the tennis courts are filled with pickleball players. He is in favor of pickleball just not at the risk of losing the tennis courts. He said he thinks Creekside Park is a great location for pickleball courts and believes there is enough space.

Mayor Carla Merrill gave background of why the city wanted to convert the two tennis courts into pickleball courts. Originally the bid for four pickleball courts in Healey Park which was \$80K. That bid price has increased to \$160-180K. To convert two tennis courts into eight pickleball courts would be a lot cheaper.

Rebecca Anderson
592 E High Ridge Lane

Rebecca Anderson said she has been running a pickleball group out of the stake center for pickleball just two days a week for the past five years. There are between 25-30 residents participating during the winter. Through the colder months we can play indoor at the stake center but when it gets nice outside, we want to be out. Alpine has a need for pickleball courts. Resident would fill the courts. Residents of Alpine are going to be able to make connections with each other old and young alike. She has an 84-year-old woman playing pickleball and thinks more people would like to learn how to play.

Kelli Law asked how Mrs. Anderson felt about residents using the tennis courts for pickleball courts and dominating those courts. *Mrs. Anderson replied that the pickleball community is willing to share.*

Chris Thackery
215 W Estate Drive

Chris Thackery said he lives right next to the Burgess Park courts. Pickleball rules state that there is a certain duration that someone can play on the courts. He has been an advocate for pickleball courts in Alpine. He has run the tournament for Alpine Days. He regrets that any of this conversation would be about any exclusion between tennis community and pickleball community. In his mind this should have never been a battle about increasing the use of public lands. It is awesome when our community can come together and utilize the facilities. He said he does not think this is about limiting courts but trying to what do we do to support the needs of the community. Everyone here seems to be in favor of pickleball just not having them rededicating the tennis courts.

Whitey Anson
484 W Westfield Road

Whitey Anson said he agrees with the tennis players. The city needs to maintain the tennis courts. The two tennis courts at Burgess Park have nets that have been destroyed. The lights also need to be maintained at Burgess Park tennis courts. The city needs to fix the watering issue at the east side of the courts at Creekside Park. This is not about tennis vs. pickleball. USA tennis is now endorsing pickleball. If Alpine City does not have any more pickleball courts, we are not meeting the demands of the residents.

Mayor Carla Merrill said originally the pickleball community had asked to convert the tennis courts at Burgess Park into pickleball courts. The reason the city decided not to that is because of the lighted tennis courts at Burgess Park. The city felt that it was important to the community have lighted tennis courts as an option to play at night. The council looked for another location for the pickleball courts and that was not an ideal location and we settled on Creekside Park. The city only has four pickleball courts verses ten tennis courts. She is not for eliminated tennis the city needs to meet the demands of the residents.

Amanda Collins
1593 Rosana Lane

Amanda Collins said she plays organized pickleball and plays weekly. She is also a tennis mom; the Utah Valley Tennis League has grown 30-50% every year. Alpine is on a growing trend. When Alpine plays other cities Alpine has twice as many player compared to other schools. Alpine is having a higher demand for pickleball and tennis courts.

Lon Nield
965 E Quail Ridge

Lon Nield said he agreed with what Amanda Collins said. When the stake center was put in near his home the parking lot was leveled out for soccer fields. He suggested the city should put 16 pickleball courts in instead. That is only one acre out of Lambert Park. The parking would already be there. We could work with the church there. Grandparents can play with their grandchildren.

Jason Thelin said it is not the Lambert Park location or one or two acres. The city has a lot of other locations to put courts. It is a matter of cost at this point. He asked Lon Nield if he had any suggestion for raising funds/sponsoring to help with the costs of the pickleball courts. *Lon Nield said the city should try it and open it up to the community and see. Maybe the pickleball community could raise half and the city could cover the other half of the cost.*

Mayor Carla Merrill closed the Public Hearing.

Shane Sorensen said the water on the east end of Creekside Park the city cannot control the wind. The city has thought about putting a cement apron to block the water. Mayor Carla Merrill suggest putting in a dry landscape that would not require water. Shane Sorensen said sometimes with rock that is a temptation for children to throw them on to the courts of roofs of the pavilions. The city has signs posted prohibiting skateboarding and scooters on the tennis courts. The city staff needs help from the residents that are using the courts. Burgess Park tennis courts were asphalt, and the city had the cracks repaired. The city will be putting in new nets, resurfacing the courts, and fixing the lights. The city could do a better job maintaining the tennis courts.

Greg Gordon suggested two different options. The first being converting two the tennis courts into eight pickleball courts and add four more tennis courts. The second option put in pickleball courts in the southwest quadrant of Creekside Park near the parking lot. This area would be ideal because it is near the parking, restroom, and drinking fountain. Sound proofing could be put in to help with any noise. Shane Sorensen said the large grass area to the south of the tennis courts and basketball court was set aside for Alpine Days, future recreation center, or a library. The council at the time said that no organized sports could happen at this park. Creekside Park would be a family park. There will probably never be a park of this size in the city again.

Jessica Smuin said she had received an email suggesting the four pickleball courts go on the other side of the tree line to the south of the tennis courts. Benches could go between the pickle ball and tennis courts. Mayor Carla Merrill said she likes the idea of the pickleball courts on the north end. She also likes Greg Gordon's idea because have the parking split up would be a good idea. Shane Sorensen suggested if the city council wants to build more courts that they be pickleball courts, so that the dimensions are correct for a standard pickleball court.

Motion: Jessica Smuin motioned to approve four new pickleball courts as we were going to build in Healey Park and then convert one tennis court into two pickleball courts via flex not a full conversion but flex courts, with signage that says tennis has precedent over pickleball. No Second. Motion failed.

Mayor Carla Merrill was concerned that the lines that would be added for four flex court would be confusing for a tennis player. She has only ever seen two flex courts max per tennis court. *Whitey Anson said two pickleball courts typically go on one tennis court. Four pickle ball courts on a tennis court are possible but not ideal.*

Mayor Carla Merrill explained with pickleball flex court the players bring their own nets, the city would not provide the nets. Timberline Middle School has pickleball flex courts on its tennis courts. Greg Gordon asked Shane

Sorensen how much space was needed for a future building if that is what the city chooses to do. Shane Sorensen said there was not any kind of building laid out or parking in the area to the south of the tennis courts previously. Greg Gordon asked if the city does put in pickleball courts to the southwest end by the parking lot would there be enough room for a future building. Jason Thelin voiced concern about having room for Alpine Days activities.

Lon Lott said his perspective from being on the City Council for the past eight years is that this issue has been one of the most difficult. At the meeting all of us have listened to a presentation about homelessness. So, thinking the community and council could look at this with a different perspective. Then to ask ourselves what is important and what is not. He said he finds it interesting that as a community we cannot come to a reasonable solution or location. The council has been discussing this for quite a while now. Creekside Park seems like a better location than some of the other locations that the council has talked about. The city wants to provide for all the community and older people are playing pickleball and our community is becoming an older community and providing a sense of community. We are trying to provide it for everyone, and we thought we had a good solution. The city thought biggest concerns with putting the pickleball courts in Creekside Park would be with the neighbor around the park or using up more open space. The city thought we were compromising with the Creekside Park location. It sounds like the tennis community is growing. The city felt like leaving the tennis courts at Burgess Park was for the tennis community. If the city changed the location of the new pickleball courts to Burgess Park, there would be just as many people here representing that area as there are here representing Creekside Park.

Jason Thelin said the Planning Commission has already reviewed this item and they gave the City Council the recommendation to take the two tennis courts in Creekside Park and make them into eight pickleball courts. Community involvement is important, but it is also a way to never get anything done. Both the tennis community and pickleball community are very passionate about their communities. The city cannot make everyone happy.

Motion: Jason Thelin moved to deny the proposed pickleball considerations that the Planning Commission put forward and re-evaluate location. Greg Gordon seconded the motion. There were 3 yes votes and 2 no votes. The motion passed.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Jason Thelin	Jessica Smuin	
Greg Gordon	Lon Lott	
Kelli Law		

Mayor Carla Merrill said any delays will cost the city money because prices will only go up for pickleball courts. Greg Gordon suggested when finding an alternative location, the city should consider whether we need eight pickleball courts or two sets of four in different locations. Jessica Smuin suggested that council go back through all the communication that has occurred regarding pickleball locations. City staff has diagrams of recommended locations for pickleball courts to the north of the tennis courts.

Lon Lott explained to the public that the council was making a decision that would need to have four of the council to vote yes in order for the item to pass. A super majority vote would need to happen on any public open space in Alpine City. Mayor Carla Merrill said if the council votes to just modify the existing tennis courts, then the council does not need a super majority because most of the material already exists. Craig Hall said he did not think the council had the votes either way. Greg Gordon said he thinks the council needs more time to look at additional sites for the pickleball courts.

Substitute Motion: Jason Thelin modified his motions and moved to deny restriping a converting two tennis courts as recommended by Planning Commission, but instead instruct the city to see how much and how feasible it would be to put the pickleball courts to the north of the tennis courts in Creekside Park that would be of standard width and length for a total of four to eight units. No second. Motion failed.

Jessica Smuin said if Council member Thelin wants to have eight pickleball courts at the cost of \$360K would he consider her suggestion to do four standalone courts flex and only one tennis court converted to four pickleball courts. She asked what it costs to flex a court. *Whitey Anson said it would cost around \$3,000.* Jessica Smuin suggested six pickleball courts for \$163K. Potentially having the courts installed this summer.

Substitute Motion: Jessica Smuin moved to put in four new pickleball courts where staff identified to the north of the existing tennis courts and to take the west tennis court that is closest to the basketball court and turn it into a flex court for \$3,000 to get two more pickleball courts for a total of six pickleball courts. No second. Motion failed.

C. Resolution R2022-18: Approval of Timpanogos Special Service District 2022 Amended and Restated Sewer Treatment Services Contract and Collection Maintenance Agreement

Item moved to Consent Calendar and approved.

D. Approval of Bridle Up Hope Trail Easement

Shane Sorensen explained Bridle Up Hope has approached Utah County about accessing Tourism, Recreation, Cultural, Convention and Airport Facilities Tax Act Funds (TRCC Funds) to construct a trail on property they own that is located east of the horse barn and goes up the mountain. We understand that the trail will be a hiking and equestrian trail. As they have worked through the process with Utah County, an issue has come up that the project must meet the definition of “recreation facility” in Article 59-12-602(9) defined as “any publicly owned or operated park, campground, marina, dock, golf course, water park, historic park, monument, planetarium, zoo, bicycle trails and other recreation or tourism.” It is our understanding that Bridle Up Hope is requesting that the city accept an easement for the proposed trail and be the operator of the trail. If Alpine City is willing to do this, we recommend that a blanket temporary construction easement be granted to the city to allow the trail to be constructed. Once the trail is complete, the alignment of the as-built trail could be surveyed, and a legal description be written for a permanent easement. The temporary construction easement would go away once the permanent easement is recorded.

Program Director at Bridle Up Hope Nicole Hadlock said they have received a grant from Utah County. Bridle Up Home has worked with the Breezy Anson from the Trail Committee. Nichole Hadlock said that Bridle Up Hope services around 400 students. When the students graduate at the end of the program, they get to go for a trail ride.

Greg Gordon asked about where the public would be parking. Nicole Hadlock said parking would be at the mouth of American Fork Canyon, but foot traffic could come on Bridle Up Hope property. Greg Gordon asked about the trails connections to the Bonneville Shoreline. Jason Thelin said when he was on Planning Commission, he remembered founder of Bridle Up Hope Mr. Covey said that the area would always be open to the public. Will Jones said he is supporting this he did ride this trail. Jason Thelin said when the Pearce’s owned, but they don’t own it and Bridle Up Hope does not own it. There are no bikes allowed on the Bonneville shoreline. Will Jones suggested looking for an area for a parking lot by Warren Bradshaw’s home so that residents have easier access. We need to have signs to have no biker and have they will maintain it. Close the trail when weather is bad, and the trail is too muddy for horses to use. Bridle Up Hope has 21 months to finish the job. Nicole Hadlock said they would be finished sooner than the 21 months.

Motion: Jason Thelin moved to approve the Bridle Up Hope Trail Easement as proposed. Kelli Law seconded the motion. There were 5 yes votes and 0 no votes, as recorded below. The motion passed unanimously.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Jason Thelin		
Greg Gordon		
Kelli Law		
Jessica Smuin		
Lon Lott		

Motion: Jessica Smuin moved to extend the meeting until 9:30 pm. Greg Gordon seconded the motion. There were 4 yes votes and 1 no votes, as recorded below. The motion passed.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Greg Gordon	Jason Thelin	
Kelli Law		
Jessica Smuin		
Lon Lott		

E. Consideration for Approval of Farmer’s Market at Legacy Park – Carlyn Thompson

Petitioner withdrew

F. Approval for Installation of Trail Signs Restricting Uses on Certain Trails During Certain Times of the Year

Trail Committee member Breezy Anson said the following would be closed to horses, November 1st - May 1st. He and Shelly Butterfield are going to come up with a route for horse to take. Mayor Carla Merrill said she is concern with a single track in Lambert Park. Jessica Smuin asked if we can have them come back with a complete list of trails. Several trails have been repaired multiple times to mitigate damage from horses.

The Trails Committee is recommending preventing damage from occurring that the Forbidden and Three Falls trails be closed to horses and mules from November 1st to May 1st and that the trails be signed accordingly. Jessica Smuin voiced concern about taking a vote before seeing all the trails including the one Breezy Anson and Shelly Butterfield would be coming up with.

Motion: Kelli Law moved to close forbidden and Three Falls trail from November 1st – May 1st. Jason Thelin seconded the motion. There were 4 yes votes and 1 no votes, as recorded below. The motion passed unanimously.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Jason Thelin	Jessica Smuin	
Greg Gordon		
Kelli Law		
Lon Lott		

G. Poppies Preserve and Restoration Plan

Jessica Smuin explained she had recently applied for grant to build some paths and fencing to protect the poppies and ruins in Lambert Park. The grant opportunity is through the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation. The anticipated time frame for awarding of the grant is May 5, 2022.

The Lambert Poppy Trails are some of the oldest trails in Lambert Park dating back to the 1960’s. The trails, poppy garden and Lambert Homestead are a tremendous asset to Alpine City. Residents have visited the poppy garden and ruins for decades creating family memories over multiple generations.

In recent years its increased notoriety has endangered the area and it is no longer sustainable in its current state. Outdoor enthusiasts, in the thousands, visit the site during the blooming season, from late May to mid-June. The flowers are trampled, and the ruins are climbed upon and damaged. Immediate action must be taken to preserve this historical treasure.

Jessica Smuin said the fencing proposal would be a temporary measures be installed that will protect the poppies and allow them to revegetate and rehabilitate while a permanent solution is put in place to sustain Lambert Ruins for years to come. The temporary measures include temporary fencing that would be placed around designated areas. The proposed temporary fence placement should be installed as soon as possible. Kelli Law asked about are we purchasing the fence. Shane Sorensen said we can get it from Home Depot. Jessica Smuin said the grant \$45K. Lon Lott asked what the final plan will cost. Jessica Smuin said she would send the spread sheet she created to Lon Lott. Kelli Law said he was in favor of preserving the poppies. Shane Sorensen said the city would need approximately 830 feet of fencing at a cost of less than \$5K. Lon Lott suggested getting permeant fencing around the poppies. Jessica Smuin said eventually the city will get posts with cording to designate the paths with areas for photo ops. The fencing being purchased now would block the area for a two seasons in order to restore the poppies. Jason suggested signage.

Motion: Kelli Law moved to approve the poppies preserve and restoration plan as proposed. Greg Gordon seconded the motion. There were 5 yes votes and 0 no votes, as recorded below. The motion passed unanimously.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Jason Thelin		
Greg Gordon		
Kelli Law		
Jessica Smuin		
Lon Lott		

VII. STAFF REPORTS

Chief Brian Patten

Chief Brian Patten reminded council and staff about the LPPS meeting Wednesday morning.

Bonnie Cooper

City Recorder Bonnie Cooper reminder the council of two upcoming events. Alpine’s Youth Council will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday 9am at Creekside Park. Mayor Carla Merrill said the Youth Council had switched the time to 10am. Bonnie Cooper reminded the council about Saturday the 23rd 8am at Lambert Park there will be a trail cleanup.

Shane Sorensen

Shane Sorensen said construction on the Lambert Park flow trails is going to start soon. There will be signs posted showing which areas will be closed.

Montdella project on Main Street has been sold. The company that has purchased it are very serious about completing the project. They have some changes that they want to make to the windows and brick. The company will go through Planning Commission with their proposed changes and then come before the City Council. Jason Thelin said Montdella was approved by the Historic Gateway Committee. He asked if the property owner would have to do that again. Shane Sorensen said we don’t have an ordinance saying that they can’t go through the process again.

Roundabout beautification project is in progress. The Alpine City sign can come later.

Legacy Park sprinklers will start soon, and we are going to do a section at a time. Greg Gordon asked about flowerpots. Mayor Carla Merrill suggested getting the pots ordered soon.

PI lines are being filled this week. All lines will be fully operational by the 15th of April. Some areas in Utah will only be allowed to water one day per week. This year does not look great water wise due to the drought.

VIII. COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Lon Lott

Lon Lott asked if anything can be done with the gofer problem at the bowery by the rodeo grounds. Shane Sorensen said he has check into getting rid of the gofers and unfortunately there are not any good solutions.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None held

Motion: Lon Lott moved to adjourn. Jessica Smuin seconded the motion. There were 5 yes votes and 0 no votes, as recorded below. The motion passed unanimously.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Jason Thelin		
Greg Gordon		
Kelli Law		
Jessica Smuin		
Lon Lott		

Adjourned at 9:28 pm