

**ALPINE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Alpine City Hall, 20 N. Main Alpine, UT**  
**February 13, 2018**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Troy Stout called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The following were present and constituted a quorum:

Mayor Troy Stout

Council Members: Jason Thelin, Carla Merrill, Kimberly Bryant, Lon Lott. Ramon Beck was excused.

Staff: Shane Sorensen, Charmayne Warnock, David Church, Austin Roy

Others: Barry Johnson, Jared Inouye

**II. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** Lon Lott moved to go into closed session to discuss strategy on pending litigation. Carla Merrill seconded. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion passed.

**III. RETURN TO OPEN MEETING:** The Council returned to open session at 7:00 pm and took a five-minute break.

Mayor Troy Stout called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**A. Roll Call:** The following were present and constituted a quorum:

Mayor Troy Stout

Council Members: Jason Thelin, Carla Merrill, Kimberly Bryant, Lon Lott

Council Members not present: Ramon Beck was excused.

Staff: Shane Sorensen, Charmayne Warnock, David Church, Austin Roy

Others: Ed Bush, Loraine Lott, Mark Goodsell, Tom Watkins, Angela Adams, Sylvia Christiansen, Klaus Goeckeritz, Connie Goeckeritz, 808 Scout Troop, 940 Scoot Troop, Will Jones, David Fotheringham, Ross Welch, Bridget Whitney, Troop1112.

**B. Prayer:** Carla Merrill

**C. Pledge of Allegiance:** Cohen Zurcher

**IV. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Minutes of City Council meeting for January 23, 2018**
- B. Award Bid on the 100 South Road Project**
- C. Award Bid on the Alpine Waterline Replacement Project**
- D. Resolution No. R2018-04 in support of the Murdock Connector road.**

Shane Sorensen said they had opened the bids for the two projects. For the Waterline Replacement Project, they had 13 bids. The low bid came from Stapp Construction. He had checked their work records and recommended awarding the bid to Stapp Construction for \$213,297.00

For the 100 South Road Project, they received six bids. The low bid was from Red Pine Construction for \$259,041.00. Staff recommended accepting the low bid.

Mayor Stout explained that Resolution No. R2018-04 was in support of the construction of a connector road to be built in Highland between Alpine Highway and North Utah County Boulevard. It would be built to collector road standards.

**MOTION:** Lon Lott moved to approve the Consent Calendar with the correction on the Resolution to state that Highland City had been in discussion with the Pheasant Hollow HOA. Kimberly Bryant seconded. Ayes: 4 Nay: 0. Lon Lott, Kimberly Bryant, Carla Merrill, Jason Thelin voted aye. Motion passed.

#### **V. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mark Goodsell - 200 North: Mr. Goodsell said the traffic problem in Alpine had gone beyond tolerable. There were two major issues. First was safety. He said he could not back out of his driveway safely because of the speed of the traffic on 200 North. People came down the hill too fast. There were joggers, bikers and pedestrians on the road. The speed limit was 25 mph, which meant people traveled 35 mph. The police didn't ticket them unless they were at 40 mph. He said he'd put cones in the road to slow the traffic and the police showed up and told him they were illegal.

Mr. Goodsell said his second issue related to traffic's effect on property values. With all the traffic funneling down through the center of Alpine, the inner city would deteriorate. He said he didn't believe that enforcement was the solution. Somehow they had to convince the public to drive in a courteous, respectful way. Oregon was that way. If someone so much as put a foot on the pavement, the cars stopped. He suggested they organize a group of citizens and come up with the long-term solution that involved education and a visual aspect. He said 200 North was like a freeway. The police would have to sit there 24/7 to be effective. If one person was driving the speed limit, it would slow down the ten cars behind him. They needed more people driving the speed limit.

Ed Bush updated the Council on the Alpine Nature Center. They got about a hundred visits a day and even more on the Facebook page. They had a working relationship with the Monte L. Bean Natural History Museum in Provo. On April 7<sup>th</sup> citizens were encouraged to meet at the Alpine North Stake Center to help plant winter feed for the deer in Lambert Park. The purpose was to provide feed for the deer higher up so they weren't so inclined to come down into town. People could sign up online to participate in the planting. He said the bird watching was on hold because the leader was ill. They would begin nature hikes in Lambert Park and would award the kids with a pin if they completed all the hikes. They were also planning a water tour to show where the water sources were around Alpine.

#### **VI. REPORTS and PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Stout said he had met with a representative from wildlife resources. DNR was planning a mass planting in Lambert Park on April 7<sup>th</sup> to provide winter feed for the deer. He appreciated Ed Bush's reference to the date. The DNR was trying to lure deer into the park with plants they enjoyed eating. They were also talking about providing water sources for the deer. People and scout groups were invited to help with the planting. Mountain biking teams could also help.

#### **VII. ACTION DISCUSSION**

**A. Planning Commission Appointment:** Mayor Stout said this item was postponed.

**B. PUBLIC HEARING - KM8 Annexation:** Mayor Stout opened the hearing for public comment. He said no action would be taken that evening.

Sylvia Christiansen asked what the proposed density of the project would be. Shane Sorensen said the petitioners had requested one-acre zoning and had a concept plan.

Ed Bush – Box Elder Drive. He said he'd seen the concept plan and the connection of trails. It looked as if the traffic from the development would travel down Grove Drive. He was concerned about the narrow crossing of Grove Drive over Dry Creek, and suggested there be some kind of improvement to widen the crossing.

Tom Watkins – Summit Way. Mr. Watkins had a question about how impact fees could be used to improve roads in Alpine. David Church said impact fees could not be used to cure existing deficiencies. They could only be used to take care of the estimated impact of the new growth created by the new development. Since annexations were typically not part of an Impact Fee Study, the City and the developer negotiated an annexation agreement regarding specific infrastructure needs. If impact fees were not used within six years, they had to be paid back.

Shane Sorensen said street impact fees could be put toward an oversized road. The developer would normally build the roads to serve their subdivision. If there were existing roads that would be impacted by the new development, fees could be used to pay for improving the road.

Mark Goodsell said that current Master Plan showed three exits out of Alpine. The proposed annexations would add more and more traffic to those three exits. How would that be addressed? Shane Sorensen said there could be another exit on the southeast side that would connect through Highland to SR-92 near the mouth of the American Fork Canyon. Alpine, Highland and Lehi had applied for fund to do a traffic study to alleviate traffic.

David Church pointed out that traffic from the areas seeking annexation would be traveling through Alpine whether the land was annexed or not. They could still develop in the county if not annexed into the city. He said that when he first started working for the City, there was a plan for an eastside road that went through the travel pit out to SR-92, but the Council, in response to residents on the east side of town, decided they didn't want another major road out of Alpine so they abandoned it and the road when from an arterial road to a local road.

Angela Adams - 600 North. She asked where the proposed annexation was located. When it was pointed out, she said she had looked at purchasing a lot in the part of Alpine but decided it was too far away and there were no good roads. She said it was probably in the best interest of the developers and the City to work together on what do to with roads.

There were no more comments. Mayor Stout closed the Hearing saying this was just one of the first steps in the annexation process and there would be other meetings.

**C. Pine Grove Annexation:** Mayor Stout said the developer had said he was not ready for a public hearing and had offered to pay for a second public hearing.

Ross Welch, representative for the Pine Grove annexation, said their biggest concern was water. They were waiting for the results on a test well, which was why they weren't quite ready for the hearing.

Shane Sorensen explained that both the areas for which the owners were requesting annexation were located higher up than could be served by Alpine's water system. The applicants would have to develop sources for both annexations.

Ed Bush said his concern for this annexation was the same as the previous one. The narrow culvert where Grove Drive crossed Dry Creek would need to be widened. He said he thought it would also be worthwhile to discuss a small developed park in Lambert Park that people could drive to and park. There were no improved parks in that area of Alpine. There would be some maintenance costs for the City but it would be worth considering.

There were no more comments and the Hearing was closed.

**D. Property Acquisition – Stevens Storm Drain Easement:** Shane Sorensen explained that as part of the cemetery expansion, they needed to reconstruct 600 North. One of the things they needed before reconstructing the road was a storm drain connection. They'd had part of it but were missing a section where it drained into Fort Creek on 200 North. There was a bottleneck in the system and they'd had some issues in the past with storm events. He had been working with Kenny and Loretta Stevens to acquire an easement for the storm drain. The Stevens were willing to allow the City to purchase the easement, which had been appraised. They City would purchase it for \$20,000. Part of the project would include restoration on the property. He said they couldn't improve 600 North without the easement and recommended approving it.

**MOTION:** Jason Thelin moved to authorize staff to sign the Memo of Understanding on behalf of the City and authorize the purchase of the easement. Kimberly Bryant seconded. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Jason Thelin, Carla Merrill, Kimberly Bryant, Lon Lott voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Stout suggested the Council take a ten-minute break prior to the Open Meeting Training.

The Council recessed at 8:05 pm. They returned at 8:15 pm.

**E. Open Meeting Training – David Church:** Mr. Church said the state legislature required cities to hold an annual training on the Open Meeting Act. It applied to all public bodies. A public body was defined as two or more persons officially created and authorized to conduct public business and was supported by tax revenue. The planning commission was a public body. An ad hoc one-time meeting committee was not classified as a public body.

Meetings conducted by a public body had to have an agenda that was noticed at least 24 hours before the meeting. It had to be posted on the state noticing website, at the location of the meeting, and a copy sent to new media outlets. The public had to be allowed to come to the meeting, but they did not necessarily get to comment or participate actively in the meeting. A quorum had to be present to take action on an item.

Mayor Stout asked if a quorum of members showed up at a PTA meeting, would they be allowed to discuss city issues. David Church said the Code required that all deliberations and acts were to be done openly. If the council members were deliberating on issues, it would be cheating. He said that if council members showed up at a meeting with a hot issue and just voted with little or no discussion, people would know it had been discussed outside the meeting. City council decisions needed to be discussed openly and in public.

Sylvia Christiansen asked if the public could comment on an item that was not noticed as a public hearing. David Church said that was not a problem if the mayor/chairman chose to allow public comment, but it would not count as a public hearing unless it was noticed as such. Only certain types of actions required a public hearing. Land control regulation required a public hearing as did adopting a budget, setting their own salaries, borrowing money or vacating streets. Other public hearings were voluntary.

## **VIII. STAFF REPORTS**

Shane Sorensen reported on the following:

- Residents were now able to text a 911 call. It would be very useful in a hostage situation. He said that Nephi and Juab counties were now part of the Utah County Dispatch.
- He and the Mayor had met with representatives from Snowbird about the plans for American Fork Canyon which included water and mine cleanup. They would revegetate the restored area and had plans to put in yurts for public camping.
- He and the Mayor had met with Melanie Ewing about the 2018 Alpine Days events, which were essentially the same as last year. He asked the Council to look at the list of events and let him know if there were some that did not come across as hometown type events. Mrs. Ewing did not plan to chair the 2019 events so they would need to look for a new chairman.
- They had an agreement for the PI meter grant and would be holding a public hearing.
- The Council had approved contracting with Municipal Code Online to make the city codes searchable. The Development Code was completed and they would begin working on the Municipal Code.
- Kenny Stevens was a brick mason and had repaired the rock monument in Legacy Park for no cost to the City which they appreciated.
- The City had set aside funds for the widening of Grove Drive but since that was on hold, he would like to use those funds for 600 North so they could move forward with the cemetery expansion.
- There was a brief discussion about water guzzlers in Lambert Park since a lot of deer came into town to find water. There was money in the budget for deer control that could be used for that.

## **IX. COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

Lon Lott said he'd received a letter of complaint about the dog droppings in the park. Shane Sorensen said the public works department had installed five dog waste stations throughout town, but not one in McTeer Park. Mr. Lott suggested they put a reminder in the Newslite about the leash law and cleaning up after your pets. In areas where there were pocket parks, they could send a mailer to the people and remind them to clean up after their dogs.

Kimberly Bryant said the Youth Council Easter Egg Hunt was scheduled for March 31<sup>st</sup> in Creekside Park. She also recommended attending the training in St. George because she'd found it to be very helpful when she was first elected to the Council. David Church said it was on April 25-27.

Troy Stout said he'd talked to someone who had the equipment and knowledge to broadcast their meetings on the internet, and would do it for free, although at some point there might be a cost. David Church said a number of cities did that. If Alpine chose to be on camera, they would want to be more formal in their proceedings.

Troy Stout said he would like to have public hearings noticed front and center on the webpage, and also advertise them on Facebook.

**MOTION:** Kimberly Bryant moved to adjourn. Carla Merrill seconded. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Kimberly Bryant, Carla Merrill, Jason Thelin, Lon Lott voted aye. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.