ALPINE CITY COUNCIL ELECTRONIC/PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Alpine City Hall, 20 North Main Street, Alpine, Utah

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Troy Stout.

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

Council Members Lon Lott, Greg Gordon, Jason Thelin, Carla Merrill, (excused Jessica Smuin)

Staff: Shane Sorensen, Austin Roy, David Church, Chief Brian Gwilliam, Chief Val Schupe, Bonnie Cooper

Others: Paula Nielson, Ed Bush, Gale Rudolph, Haley Collins & children

A. Prayer: Greg Gordon
B. Pledge: Ed Bush

Mayor Troy Stout started out the meeting by saying he had hoped everyone had an opportunity to visit Lambert Park and see the completed paved access road. He said he has seen a lot of people utilizing the trails in Lambert Park.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve City Council minutes of August 11, 2020
- B. Lambert Park Paving Project Staker Parson: \$19,398.87
- C. Pioneer Road Project Final Payment Double D Construction: \$130,577.09
- D. Bond Release No. Brookside Meadows: \$296,535.65

Motion: Lon Lott moved to approve the Consent Calendar with amendments made of the August 11, 2020 Minutes by Lon Lott and Jason Thelin. Carla Merrill Seconded the motion. There were 4 Ayes and 0 Nays, as recorded below. The motion passed unanimously.

Nays

Ayes
Carla Merrill
Greg Gordon
Jason Thelin
Lon Lott

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Bush 1463 Box Elder Drive

As you know my wife, Judy Bush, died earlier this year after a multi-year struggle with leukemia.

Although she was being treated and hospitalized during these years, Judy became the prime information provider and content developer for the Alpine Nature Center website. Judy loved Lambert Park and each morning, weather, and health permitting, she would embark on a 3-4-mile hike, camera in hand, ready to document features of the park. Through tireless research, she was able to document and catalog over 120 different flowers, trees and bushes and she shared her daily discoveries each year in the What's in Bloom section of the website. Here one can find what is blooming and understand some of the history and uses of the flowers, berries, brushes, and trees of the park. Judy was always enthusiastic about sharing her fascination with nature with others, organizing countless "Lady Day Hikes", an "Alpine Water Tour", the contest to name the boulders overlooking Alpine, a contest to guess how many miles of trails Lambert Park has, and a developing a series of six hikes through the spring, summer and early fall, documenting what flowers could be found on each of the hikes (with souvenir buttons that could be won when the hikes were first published).

Judy also contributed content that highlighted some of Alpines many features (the aviary, the arboretum, the downloadable panoramic views from the Alpine Cemetery), interesting articles on the natural world around Alpine

(e.g., sunflowers, hawks, brushes, tarantulas, junipers, robins, woodpeckers, doves, penumbra, trails, acorns, glaciers, box elder trees, deer, mountain mahogany trees, fir trees) and stories on the people that make Alpine unique. All of these can be found in the Who Knew? section of the website.

Judy's energy, enthusiasm, and her never ending quest for knowledge has touched and uplifted many in Alpine and will be sorely missed. Her impact in just these few short years has been tremendous.

Many people I talked to after her death commented that we should name a trail in Lambert Park after her. To understand the overall interest in this memorial, I added to the website a section where people could voice their support of this idea. I have received over 500 submittals so far. Additionally, after posting this on Facebook I received nearly 1000 positive responses. So, at this time I am requesting that the Alpine City Council and its Mayor help people remember Judy and recognize the impact she has had by renaming a trail in Lambert Park for her. There are many trails Judy enjoyed, but my recommendation is for the upper part of the Spring Trail to be named for her (maybe called Judy's Trail?). Please see the attachment for the location of my recommendation. Currently Spring is an exceptionally large trail and can easily be divided into two trails. Judy always enjoyed walking there – the first flowers of the spring season can be found there, and she always was awed by the view over the valley.

I thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Mayor Troy Stout said this trail would be top portion of Spring Trail which is above the Alpine rodeo grounds. He said that trail has the best views. Council Member Lon Lott said he liked the idea of naming the trail after Judy. Mayor Troy Stout said he did not think the council needed to vote on it. Shane Sorensen City Administrator said the City at some point would need to put in on as an agenda item for it to become official and submit a formal request. Mayor Troy Stout said the City Council will take the name change of the trail into consideration.

Hailey Collins 554 West

Hailey read an email sent by her husband Benton Collins to the City Council. She also stated the no parking signs that were put up in her neighborhood were not put up by her. She also said as far as she was aware none of her neighbors put up the signs.

Dear Alpine City Council,

Thank you for discussing our email last meeting. Thank you for some of the wonderful suggestions that the city council discussed. We know that you have a difficult job trying to serve all the stakeholders in these situations and appreciate the difficulty of enacting viable solutions.

First: thank you for the information regarding efforts made in the past to help reduce the street parking.

Regarding parking: At some point on or around 8/21/20 signs were posted near the curbs of the neighborhood. These signs indicated that parking should be confined to the school parking lot for sporting events. On Saturday 8/22/20 Ted Spillman of the Code Compliance department for Alpine City knocked on our door and discussed the signs with me. He noted that they were not allowed to be put up and indicated that he assumed that I had created and posted the signs. I want to make clear to the council that we did NOT post the signs. We assumed the Utah Youth Soccer Association, Alpine city, or Timberline Middle School placed them, but we do not know who specifically put them up. The feedback we received from some of the residents in the neighborhood is that the signs as a gesture were appreciated. Unfortunately, they were not strictly adhered to and oftentimes seemingly ignored by the sporting event attendees.

It was the first week for football games this season and there were well over a thousand people at any given time at the football/cheer event on Saturday. As it was, the parking lot of the school was full. So, street parking occurred in masse from the hours of 9:00am to 3:00pm. Individuals parked illegally next to stop signs and in crosswalks. Local law enforcement gave multiple tickets/warnings. We noted one episode of concern when a boy and his dog were nearly hit by a car on Sycamore Lane as they were attempting to get out of their vehicle.

We would like to recommend that if the school is going to lease the fields routinely (as opposed to a one-time event) that they should also share in responsibility for risks these events incur. If their parking lot is insufficient to handle the size of the event, they should reduce the size of the event to a more manageable number (i.e. instead of three

football games being played at the same time on the field, reduce it to two games.) This will help to reduce the safety risk posed to residents and attendees.

Second:

Regarding speeding: We would like to echo the idea presented by Councilwoman Smuin regarding setting a unique speed limit for the surrounding streets of the schools in Alpine. We understand the speeding is a problem throughout the city, but potentially posting a lower speed limit might still reduce speeds. If an individual is used to driving 10 miles over the speed limit, and so typically would drive 35 mph down Sycamore Lane or Long Dr, they may drive only 30 miles an hour if the posted speed limit is 20 mph. That would increase the safety of the students and residents of the neighborhood.

We also would really appreciate any follow up discussion on a potential three-way stop being implemented at the intersection of Long Drive and Sycamore Lane. Individuals driving at night and turning from Long Drive onto Sycamore Lane have limited visibility and might not see items in the road or items parked on the side of the road until it is too late. A three-way stop would help mitigate that risk.

Thanks again for all your efforts for our beautiful city. We appreciate any help that can be provided.

Benton Collins, NHA

Mayor Troy Stout said the City Council sent a letter to Timberline Middle School to address the parking issue. Shane Sorensen said he and Jed Muhlestein City Engineer had a meeting with the principal of Timberline Middle School last week to discuss options to help with the parking issue. Shane Sorensen said the principal was very much onboard with helping. Shane Sorensen also said the school did not put up the no parking signs, but he suggested maybe the soccer or football leagues did. Carla Merrill City Council member had gotten complaints about the parking last week and drove over to the area. She also said if there is no speed limit sign posted it is always 25mph, all of the roads mentioned are collector roads. Hailey Collins said she has witnessed people parking in crosswalks, red zones, in front of fire hydrants, and in front of stop signs. She said she saw a child and his dog almost get hit in a crosswalk, this is becoming a hazard. She also said this is not only happening on Saturdays, but every night of the week except Sundays. She suggested if the Timberline Middle School is going to lease out their property for these types of events, maybe a solution could be only having one or two games or events at a time instead of multiple game at the same time causing thousands of people to congregate in that area. Mayor Troy Stout said we cannot paint all the curbs red in the area, but we can ask for Timberline Middle School and the leagues who are using the fields to help redirect the traffic and parking. Carla Merrill said unfortunately the schedule is already set for this year. Hailey Collins said even tonight there is a soccer event and the parking and traffic was an issue. Mayor Troy Stout said the City Council will continue to work with Timberline Middle School on the parking issue. Hailey Collins said leftover trash is also a major issue as well.

IV. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Update from Planning Commission: General Plan and Land Use Regulations – Gateway Roads and Streets

Austin Roy City Planner updated what took place at the last Planning Commission meeting held on August 18, 2020. He said the Planning Commission discussed the General Plan and Land Use Regulations with concerns to Gateway Roads and Streets. The Planning Commission concluded that the language in the General Plan needed to match so that the language would be consistent throughout out City ordinances and General Plan. He said the Planning Commission wants to make changes to the transportation portion on the General Plan and to have David Church City Attorney make some recommendations. David Church said the City needed an ordinance and an update to transportation Master Plan in regard to the city's neighboring municipalities. Austin Roy said a new ordinance 2020-16 is being drafted. He said the ordinance would emphasize the roads the City has planned for and stub streets with some of the new development in mind going into Highland. There will be a public hearing on September 15, 2020 in the Planning Commission Meeting and the new ordinance and transportation Master Plan will all be coming to the City Council at the end of September.

B. Presentation: Accreditation of the Lone Peak Police Department through the Utah Chiefs of Police Association – Chief Brian Gwilliam and Val Schupe, Executive Director of the Utah Chiefs of Police Association.

Chief Brian Gwilliam introduced Executive Director of the Utah Chiefs of Police Association Chief Val Schupe. Chief Val Schupe presented Accreditation to the Lone Peak Police Department through the Utah Chiefs of Police Association. A police department who is awarded this accreditation means that they are in compliance with over 180 standards of federal, state and city ordinances. They must submit a report yearly showing that they comply and will be renewed every five years. This usually takes three years and Chief Brian Gwiliam and his department did it in less than one year, his staff should be complimented for that. He said it is extremely important that cities know that their police force is in compliance with laws, statutes and there will be many more laws and statutes coming out. He said the Utah Chiefs of Police have a board of directors that goes through the standards every year to take standards out that should not be there and put others in, such as the use of force and choke hold and once the state legislators have reconvened the Association will be putting those into the list of standards. He said the insurance companies for Alpine City and Highland City paid for this accreditation. He said the Association gave a sticker for each officer to put in the window of their vehicle and a plaque was also presented. Chief Brian Gwiliam said he wanted to publicly thank Lieutenant Jamey Brooks who is the accreditation manager.

Mayor Troy Stout wanted to offer his appreciation to Chief Brian Gwilliam and the entire police force on the Accreditation.

Chief Brian Gwilliam gave an update on the police force, four new hires who are going through training, one officer retired, and three others choose to work with other agencies. Carla Merrill asked for more enforcement at Timberline Middle School area, for the parking issue that was discuss in the Public Comment Section of the City Council meeting tonight. Chief Brian Gwilliam said he would like to encourage citizens to call the station and he would ask officers to make extra patrols in the area around Timberline Middle School.

V. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Resolution No. 2020-12: Amendment to Resolution No. 2020-01 Electronic meetings

David Church explained Governor Herbert did not re-issue the suspension of the anchor requirement within the Open and Public Meetings Act. He said the Utah State Legislature provides cities to modify the anchor location under Open Public Meetings Act without needing a gubernatorial order (HB 5002). He said public body chair must make a written determination that meeting together would create a substantial risk to health and safety to then hold an electronic meeting without the anchor location. He said the public body must provide in the determination in the meeting notice and read the determination at the meeting. He said the public body must provide a link to the electronic meeting in the notice. He said the suspension of the anchor location is limited to 30 days. He said this is for the City Council as well as the Trail committee or Planning Commission.

Lon Lott City Council member asked if in section 1 item (3) of Resolution No. 2020-12 if there was a word that was left out. David Church said there was a mistake and "au" should be "all" instead. Mayor Troy Stout said the Resolution would be good in case there was ever another emergency like a fire, and it appears the COVID-19 situation is not changing. David Church said the City Recorder can notify the public electronically.

Motion: Carla Merrill moved to amend Resolution No. 2020-01 with Resolution No. 2020-12 with the following changes to Resolution No. 2020-01: Section 1 line 3 au should be all, and punctuation should be put in. Lon Lott Seconded the motion. There were 4 Ayes and 0 Nays, as recorded below. The motion passed unanimously.

Ayes Nays
Carla Merrill
Greg Gordon
Jason Thelin
Lon Lott

Carla Merrill said she had to leave the City Council Meeting, but wanted to bring up that the fact that the sensor appears not to be working at the four way stop light on the way to Lone Peak High School coming out of Alpine into Highland City (Canyon Crest Road and Timpanogos Highway). Shane Sorensen said he would contact UDOT.

B. Conditional Use Application – Farmer's Market

Balance Studio 195 E. 200 N. CC 8-25-2020

Paula Nielson, Owner

To: Alpine City Council

Re: Upcoming Farmers Market/Outdoor Market

Please find the attached information regarding our proposed Outdoor Market to be

held on Saturday, September 19th & Saturday, October 10th from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm.

We are planning gather 5-10 vendors together in our parking lot for a small,

outdoor "farmers" type market where vendors can sell handmade items and fresh produce & products to our community.

We would love to include food vendors that could sell produce, jams, honey, etc.

We plan to close off our parking lot and encourage people to walk to our event.

There is adequate street parking for event, if people want to drive.

We have a full size restroom at our studio that will remain open for use during the event.

Snoasis that currently leases our property will be closed for the season.

Each vendor will be assigned a spot the size of our parking stalls

Balance Studio has general liability insurance that is sufficient for this event.

We don't foresee more than 50-60 people at this event at any given time.

We are excited to offer our location for this event (that we hope to keep having in the years to come) that is a cornerstone in our historic gateway district in our

beautiful Alpine community. This year more than ever, we need something to help

our city members feel like a community again!

We would appreciate your approval of this conditional use permit.

Greg Gordon City Council member asked Paula Nielson how many vendors she anticipated at the event. Paula Nielson said she has 14 parking spots and intended to give each vendor a spot, but for the two events she was only going to have 5-10 vendors. Greg Gordon asked where Paula Nielson anticipated customers to park. Paula Nielson said she only anticipates 50-60 people will attend. She said she is going to encourage people to walk to the event. She also said she would speak to surrounding businesses to get approval to use their parking lots.

Lon Lott said the events should be looked at by Chief Brian Gwilliam regarding the impact of traffic in the area. He said the farmer's market is a good idea but just small location with a very busy intersection. He also voiced concern due to COVID-19 and weather the wearing masks would be encouraged. Mayor Troy Stout said the City Council had approved a farmer's market a few years ago, but it never happened. He said that farmer's market was going to be a non-profit. He asked Paula Nielson if she would be charging a booth rental fee. Paula Nielson replied yes. Mayor Troy Stout also said he would like to see a farmer's market happen in Alpine. He said he did not see any issues with the two dates and perhaps the City Council could approve the first day and the second date would be pending based on how the first date goes. He said at that point the City Council could recommend an alternate location or cancel any the future farmer's market.

Jason Thelin City Council member said he likes the idea of a farmer's market and he thinks the city should try it. He said to try once going slowly and it could grow into something bigger. Mayor Troy Stout wants to promote local growers, crafters, and businesses. Paula Nielson said she wants to make it "true" farmers market with local Alpine artists and growers. Chief Brian Gwilliam said his only hesitation would be social distancing and to require a hand sanitizing station. Paula Nielson said she knew what the state and county requirements and is planning to comply with them. Chief Brian Gwilliam recommended checking with Dr. Mike Kennedy of Alpine, as he would be a good resource to advise on what guidelines Paula Nielson should follow.

Jason Thelin asked Paula Nielson about where people were going to park. Paula Nielson said on Saturdays there are not a lot of employees at Purple and she intended on asked them for permission to let customers park there but wants to encourage people to walk to the event.

Motion: Lon Lott moved to approve the outdoor Farmers Market Application at Balance Studio located at 195 East 200 North on trial basis for September 19, 2020 with a second date of October 10, pending the approval of city staff with the following requirements: follow county health guideline of COVID-19, a conditional use permit and business license for the events at the Balance Studio location of 195 East 200 North. Greg Gordon Seconded the motion. There were 3 Ayes and 0 Nays, as recorded below. The motion passed unanimously.

Ayes Greg Gordon <u>Nays</u>

Jason Thelin Lon Lott

C. Approval of 2020 Municipal Recreation Grant

Austin Roy explain that the City would like to apply for the 2020 the Municipal Recreation Grant. The application deadline is September 7, 2020. Alpine City has been allocated \$4,963.88 in possible funds. Funding is based on population estimates from the United States Census Bureau. City Council needs to approve application for funding. He said Alpine City has used this allocated grant money the past several years for different park projects, including trail improvements in the Dry Creek Corridor and a new playground at Burgess Park. He said staff recommended to approve the application created for submission to the Utah County Commission requesting the Municipal Recreation Grant money that has been allocated to the Alpine City.

Shane Sorensen said the basketball court at Burgess Park needs to be redone and the Tennis Company will give the city a good deal. Mayor Troy Stout asked if the Municipal Recreation Grant would help the Central Corridor trail. Shane Sorensen said there is money in our budget for other trails.

Motion: Jason Thelin moved to approve the application created for submission to the Utah County Commission requesting the Municipal Recreation Grant of 2020 that has been allocated to Alpine City. Lon Lott Seconded the motion. There were 3 Ayes and 0 Nays, as recorded below. The motion passed unanimously.

Ayes Greg Gordon Jason Thelin Lon Lott Nays

VI. STAFF REPORTS

Austin Roy said the City had received a proposal for a zoning change for East Mountain Drive and Watkins Lane. The Pearce Brothers developers intend on making an eight-lot subdivision, which would change the area to a CR2000 zone. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at next on September 1, 2020.

Austin Roy said he had gotten a request for the Mayor and a few City Council Members to meet with Utah Valley Vison Project. He said they would be discussing the vision/plan for the next 50 years across the Wasatch Front regarding freeways and growth. He said the meeting would take place the end of September.

Austin Roy said the City has gotten a request from The Operation Underground Railroad Coalition who would like to hold a fundraiser at Creekside Park. He said it would be considered a mass gathering, the date suggested is September 19, 2020. He said staff sees some conflicts with the date, as a few of the pavilions have already been reserved. Mayor Troy Stout asked if the city has ever rented out the entire park for a fundraiser group. Austin Roy replied no. Shane Sorensen said the City has rented the parks out for other events such as a 5K run but not to a fundraising group. He said any application for a mass gathering would need to be approved by the City Council. Mayor Troy Stout voiced concern that approving a mass gathering at the park because the City could be cutting the public out of using the park. He suggested that the City Council would need to have more discussion if a City park were used for a mass gathering.

Greg Gordon asked Austin Roy for an update on symphony that was discuss at a previous City Council meeting. Austin Roy said the symphony orchestra will be going forward. He said it will be held on Saturday September 26, 2020 from 5:30-6:30 pm at Creekside Park. He said the event will be free to the public, however donations will be accepted.

Shane Sorensen said he will be meeting with Gencomm on Thursday August 27, 2020 to get a bid to revamp the City Council audio/video equipment at City Hall, in order to reach more of the public. Mayor Troy Stout said the city can use the CARES ACT Funds for getting this accomplished.

Shane Sorensen gave an update on the Blue Bison hearing. He said the attorneys on both sides are reviewing the record and making sure it is complete. He said that the hearing officer had been selected, but as of yet no date has been set. He said both sides are working together to set a date.

Greg Gordon said he noticed on the first day of school a backup of traffic on Healy Boulevard that was almost a mile heading to Timberline. Shane Sorensen said the principal reached out to him to see if something could be done. He said the Alpine School District decided to have Westfield Elementary and Timberline Middle Schools start at the same, so that is the difference from last year to this year. Mayor Troy Stout said the schools need to stagger the start time. Austin said there is major back up with the Mountainville Charter School as well around 8:00 am every weekday morning. Mayor Troy Stout said with how small Alpine City's community is the city should not have this type of traffic in the mornings. He suggested getting together with all three principals and coming up with some type of solution or adjustments. Shane Sorensen said the schools have tried to make some adjustments with the use of buses, but not a lot of the students and parents will utilize the buses. Greg Gordon said he went after school to Timberline Middle School and spoke with an administrator and teacher, they said the principal had asked for a different start time and was denied. Mayor Troy Stout said the principal did send an email out to all the parent to get their help to give order to the traffic situation. He said it may get better in time, but there may be a handful of things the city can do to help. Shane Sorensen said eventually the addition of Ranch Drive should help with connection to the highway.

Jason Thelin said because of COVID-19 a lot of families are suffering financially as well as local food pantries. He said a local food pantry was seeking permission from the City to put a food collection drop off box at the Alpine Animal Hospital. Shane Sorensen said the City does not see a problem with putting a box there. Mayor Troy Stout asked how often they would collecting the food and if Jason Thelin said the food pantry had gotten permission from the Alpine Animal Hospital. Mayor Troy Stout said it is on private property so long as they have their permission it should not be a problem. Lon Lott said his only concern would be how often the pantries would pick up. Jason Thelin said the food pantry will pick up once a week.

Jason Thelin said he would like the City to consider adding additional pickleball courts. He said he had gone by Burgess Park one evening and every pickleball court was being used and people were lined up waiting their turn. He said the City really needs to start thinking about more pickleball courts. Shane Sorensen said the City has included pickleball courts in our financial budget for next spring. He said he thinks Creekside Park would be a good location, maybe on the west side of the basketball court or north of the parking lot, but it is close to houses. Mayor Troy Stout said or by the new cell tower going in. Greg Gordon said it is a loud game and voiced concern about being too close to residents. Shane Sorensen said the city will be considering several locations. Mayor Troy Stout said pickleball is a very popular game and in every city, you can see lines of people waiting in every city.

Jason Thelin said the City needs to modify the trail at the east side of the cell tower and put a bench along the fence and have a map of the trail by the bench. Shane Sorensen said the City has money in the budget to do that in the fall or spring. Mayor Troy Stout said the City should involve Will Jones and the rest of the Trail Committee to help with the project. *Ed Bush, 1463 Box Elder Drive*: *Ed Bush made a comment that the City needs to make sure all the trails maps are current and up to date.* Shane said the city and the trail committee are working with a landscape architect to come up with some nice signs for our trails. Mayor Troy Stout said our trails are getting used more now than ever before, maybe because of COVID-19 it is pushing people outdoors and on the trails. Jason Thelin said he would like to put it on the City Council agenda for October to see that the bench/sign gets done. Mayor Troy Stout asked when the next Trail Committee meeting would be held. Shane Sorensen said the City is working on trying to get the Trail Committee to start meeting on a regular schedule like City Council. Mayor Troy Stout said he had gotten a report from Will Jones about coordinating with the riding team from Sky Ridge High School who worked on the trails in Lambert Park for one full day, a lot of the other High School riding teams have also made the commitment to work on the trails.

Mayor Troy Stout said he, Jason Thelin, and Lon Lott attended the Lone Peak safety meeting with the fire department. He said the fire department had sent out several firemen and equipment to help with the California fires. He said California pays the Lone Peak Fire Department for their help. He said that at the meeting Jason Thelin brought up the fact that that is a lot of wear and tear on the fire department's equipment, considering it was used consecutively for 16 days in a row last year. He said the Lone Peak Fire Department is not necessarily ahead financially, but the fire department and the City does want to help our neighbors, because there will be times when Alpine will need California Fire Departments help. Shane Sorensen said he has spoken with the fire chief who is in California and things were going well. Mayor Troy Stout said if any citizens would like to attend these safety meeting, they are 2nd Wednesday of every month and held at Highland City offices at 8:00 am.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: Lon Lott moved Adjourn. Jason Thelin Seconded the motion. There were 3 Ayes and 0 Nays, as recorded below. The motion passed unanimously.

Ayes Nays
Greg Gordon
Jason Thelin
Lon Lott

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm