

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

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Lon Lott, Mayor pro tem.

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

Council Members: Lon Lott – Mayor pro tem, Carla Merrill, Jason Thelin
 Mayor Troy Stout was excused. Councilmembers Kimberly Bryant and Ramon Beck were excused.
 Staff: Shane Sorensen, Charmayne Warnock, Austin Roy
 Others: Andrew Mast, Katherine Chatfield, Griff Johnson, Will Jones, Sarah Bybee, Braxten Bybee, Cole Burningham, Rye DeHart

B. Prayer: Jason Thelin

C. Pledge of Allegiance: Andrew Mast

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes of the City Council meeting of February 27, 2018

MOTION: Jason Thelin moved to approve the Consent Calendar with the minutes corrected as noted. Carla Merrill seconded. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0. Jason Thelin, Carla Merrill, Lon Lott voted aye. Motion passed.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

IV. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS: None

V. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Lending Library Proposal: Austin Roy introduced a proposal from Jeff Mendez to place a lending library in the park strip approximately one foot from the curb on his property at 46 S. Country Manor Lane. The structure would be about the size of a large mailbox. The dimensions provided were: base post would be 60” high. The library cabinet would be 18.5” deep, 21” wide, and 23.5” high. People would pick up a book and drop off another book.

Carla Merrill said she’d seen other lending library boxes and didn’t see a problem with the proposal.

Lon Lott had a question about whether it was designed to be accessed by someone in a car or by someone walking along the sidewalk. Which direction would the box open and would it create problems with traffic since it was a narrow street? Austin Roy said they had not indicated the orientation of the box. The Mendez family would maintain it. He said it may open toward the driveway which was next to the proposed location.

Shane Sorensen said there weren’t any ordinances that would prohibit it. If issues developed they could ask them to remove it.

MOTION: Carla Merrill moved to approve a lending library as proposed at 46 S. Country Manor Lane on a six-month trial basis. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0. Carla Merrill, Jason Thelin, Lon Lott voted aye. Motion passed.

B. Alpine View Estates PRD - Storm Drain System – Griff Johnson: Austin Roy said the Planning Commission had reviewed the concept plan at their meeting of March 6, 2018 and approved it with conditions. One of the conditions was that the proposed storm drain system be approved. He said the plan included a portion of ground on the northeast corner of the subdivision that was owned by Alpine City and served as a detention basin. The developer was proposing to acquire that land to make the lot next to it wider, and in exchange for that, divert the storm water to a detention basin in the open space of the proposed subdivision so there was only one detention basin rather than two.

Griff Johnson said the storm water was supposed to be piped to the city's detention basin next to the proposed subdivision, but the pipe was broken and it was full of garbage trees. He was proposing that the City abandon the small detention basin and the pipe along the back of the lots, and direct the storm water into the detention basin in the proposed subdivision. He would trade storage capacity in the detention basin for the ground. He said he didn't need the extra land for the lot because it already met the size required for a legal lot, but it made sense to include it in the lot since it would be serving no purpose without the basin. Mr. Johnson said they had not calculated the storage capacity as yet, but the ground was gravel and the water should percolate well. A benefit to the City would be that they would have only one detention basin to maintain rather than two.

Shane Sorensen said that having one basin rather than two was great from a maintenance standpoint. He said it would need to be a detention basin rather than a retention basin, clarifying that a detention basin had an outlet. Over time, a retention basin became plugged so the City required detention basins. He said the old storm basin was put in before the City had a storm drain system. It was possible there was some drainage coming in from 400 West. He said if it was approved, it should be a no-cost deal for the City. Mr. Johnson agreed there would be no cost to the City.

Shane Sorensen said the Council was just reviewing the concept plan. If the Council had any comments, they needed to be brought up that evening since the developer would be preparing the preliminary plat, which involved construction drawings. He needed to know what to work on.

Lon Lott asked about the trail through the open space that was discussed at the last meeting, and the potential connection to the Anson property. Griff Johnson said he was committed to putting in a trail and would be working with the trail committee. Will Jones from the trail committee was present and there was a brief discussion about the trail.

Shane Sorensen said a motion was not needed that evening, but the developer was looking for feedback on the storm drain proposal.

Lon Lott said he was okay with the proposal as long as the design for the storm basin met the specs to carry the necessary water. He said he had visited with Kimberly Bryant who could not be present at the meeting, and she indicated she was okay to move forward in that direction. Carla Merrill and Jason Thelin did not voice any opposition to the proposal.

Shane Sorensen said they would essentially be building a dam across the ravine. There were requirements that would need to be met from the Division of Water Rights and Dam Safety.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

Charmayne Warnock said she had been contacted by the County Election Office in regard to the upcoming county and state election. They would like to use the old police station portion of City Hall for a voting center as was done in the 2017 election. In past years, the County had polling locations at Alpine

Elementary and Timberline Middle School, but with school shootings and security issues, they were trying to move away from using the schools. They felt the voting center at City Hall had worked very well last year. The County Commissioners had voted 2:1 to return to standard voting instead of a county-wide vote-by-mail. However, everyone who was on the permanent absentee voter list would still receive their ballot in the mail. Anyone could sign up to be on the permanent absentee voter list if they preferred to receive their ballot in the mail rather than going to a voting center. The County would be using the old police station as a voting center for two weeks of early voting, and then on election day. There would be a primary election in June and a general election in November.

Shane Sorensen reported on the following:

- He had planned to have a preliminary budget discussion that evening but the mayor was gone and wanted to be present for it so it would be on the agenda for the next meeting, which changed the schedule for the Councilmembers to meet individually with staff to talk about the budget.
- He and the mayor had met with the Division of Natural Resources. They weren't sure what had happened with the deer application Alpine City had submitted, but they had a new one which would be processed. DNR wanted to work with the City on a non-lethal deer solution.
- Regarding the sale of the open space on the corner of Ridge Drive and Canyon Crest Road, he said he was planning to arrange a meeting with Mr. Neelman and the mayor when they were able to attend.

VII. COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

Carla Merrill asked if they were planning to have a passport service in Alpine City. Charmayne Warnock said she had spoken to the Cedar Hills Recorder about the process. Apparently there was some expense involved for the city and it took a while to be approved. If someone was anxious to get a passport, they should probably go to Cedar Hills.

Jason Thelin wanted to know if the City would be giving up anything if the open space was sold to Neelman. Shane Sorensen said no. The City would be retaining the easement through the property.

Lon Lott reported on the Lambert Park planting project on April 7th. He said the DNR wanted it to be small with about 25 people. The larger the group, the more complicated it became to plant things the way they wanted it to be done.

Carla Merrill said there were another 200 people that wanted to come on April 10th to work in Lambert Park. Lon Lott said the direction was that the group of 200 would be working on watering and maintenance of the plants. They would need to coordinate with the DNR on that. The Council discussed the logistics of getting water to the plants.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

MOTION: Carla Merrill moved to adjourn. Jason Thelin seconded. Ayes: 3 Nays:0 Carla Merrill, Jason Thelin, Lon Lott voted aye. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.