

ALPINE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Alpine City Hall, 20 N. Main, Alpine, UT
May 22, 2018

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Troy Stout.

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

Mayor Troy Stout

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

Staff: Shane Sorensen, Charmayne Warnock, David Church, Austin Roy, Chief Brian Gwilliam

Others: Julie B. Beck, LeeAnn B. Lorenzon, Bill Kirkpatrick, Roger Bennett, Dana Lacey, Luke Lacey, Dale Fillmore, Paul Bennett, Justin Hannig, Griff Johnson, Marla Rogers, Debra Hart, Ed Bush, Sheldon Wimmer, Mark Goodsell, Nancy Brown, Kristen Shelley, Dr. Christy Kane, Karen Pugmire, Brian Schmidt, Will Jones, Alan Gilman, Danny Jackson, David Bradshaw, Charles Engbersen, Darrell Duty, Angie Duty, Heather Johnson, Hayden Johnson, Holly Reynolds, Loraine Lott, Jared Casey, Jay Garlick, Mya Garlick, Cathy Smith, Rick Smith, Sylvia Christensen, David Fotheringham

B. Prayer: Ramon Beck

C. Pledge of Allegiance: Ramon Beck

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes of the Alpine City Council meeting held May 8, 2018

B. John Deere Mower Lease: Shane Sorensen said the mower took a beating and required frequent maintenance. John Deere had a lease program which maintained the equipment; it was roughly the same cost as purchasing a mower except the City wouldn't have to do the maintenance.

MOTION: Lon Lott moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Ramon Beck seconded. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Lon Lott, Kimberly Bryant, Carla Merrill, Ramon Beck, Jason Thelin voted aye. Motion passed.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Roger Bennett – 100 East. He wanted to know if the City had made a decision on the safety issues on 200 North. Shane Sorensen said they had looked at it and would expand the red curbs there and onto Main Street. They had Eagle Scouts who were painting curbs red and would see if they wanted to include this area. Roger Bennett said he would be happy to paint the curb if they couldn't find someone to do it. He also commented that the grass in the City Park on 100 East was getting really high. Shane Sorensen said the grass was growing faster than they could hire seasonal people to mow it. Roger Bennett said he would mow the grass in addition to painting.

Bill Kirkpatrick – 200 East 189 North. He said he attended the Council meeting two weeks earlier to complain about the humming noise coming from the Purple Mattress Factory. It had stopped that afternoon, but what would they do if it started again. Kimberly Bryant said she was employed by Purple and would talk to the founder, Terry Pearce about the problem. They were concerned about having a good relationship with the neighbors.

LeeAnn Lorenzon – Parkway. She said she had a couple of issues. First, people were parking along both sides of Parkway and 100 West and it made it difficult for traffic to flow properly. She wondered if they could designate parking on only one side of the street. Also, there was a big problem in Burgess Park with dog poop everywhere and people leaving trash after the games on the weekends. She said she went around picking up trash, but it would be nice if parents taught their children to pick up after themselves and if people cleaned up after their dogs.

Ed Bush – Box Elder. He said the poppies were blooming in Lambert Park. The seedlings in the lower area were doing well. The seedlings in the upper area were getting dry. He wondered if someone could remind the mountain biking teams that they had agreed to help with the watering. Also, Pleasant Grove used the park on Saturday and cars were parked along both sides of the road all the way up. If there had been an accident, emergency vehicles

couldn't have gotten through. He said they should encourage the people to use the rodeo grounds parking lot. Finally, there was a political sign in Lambert Park that needed to be removed.

Laura St. Onge – Main Street. She said she had seen no progress on getting gates for the cemetery. With kids getting out of school, it was getting worse with kids raising smoking pot and drinking on top of the hill. She had called the police several times. Shane Sorensen said the Council had talked about the options for gates and were hesitant about the cost and effectiveness of the proposed gates. They were looking for other options. One thing they could do was post signs with the curfew. Ramon Beck said he would be happy to research options. Vinyl gates wouldn't be strong enough. They needed something like the gates they had on military bases. Lon Lott said there were slope issues which created problems in selecting a gate. Perhaps they could do something about the grade and use a sliding gate rather than a swing gate. They needed a gate that would be aesthetically pleasing.

Cathy Smith – Grove Drive. She said something had to be done about the speeding on Grove Drive before her twin granddaughters were run over. She saw a car passing another car just by the cemetery. It was out of control. Maybe the City should consider speed bumps. Cedar Hills had them.

Mark Goodsell – 318 West 200 North. He said this was his sixth visit to City Council to talk about speeding problems in Alpine. He couldn't get anyone to sit down with him and talk about solutions. Shane Sorensen had sent him some information on what was done in other cities. He asked what it would take to get something done. He wanted to be able to take his grandkids to school and not feel his life was in danger.

Sylvia Christiansen- High Bench Road. She had a question about burial fees. There were people who had lived in Alpine for 40 years and then had to go live in a rest home. Were they being charged as a resident or nonresident, and if so was there some allowance that could be made if they'd lived here their entire adult lives?

IV. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS.

A. Dr. Christy Kane – Electronics and the Brain. Dr. Kane said that three years ago she was asked to do some research by the Juvenile Justice Department and Family Services on the effect of electronics on the juvenile brain. Since then, she'd been asked to make numerous presentations on her research and it had been received very well. In the clinical world they were looking at depression, anxiety and suicide among youth. Utah ranked very high in the number of teenage suicides in the US. They were looking at the neurological effects of electronics on the teenage brain. Since electronics were not going away, she discussed solutions to help parents deal with the effects. She had given a presentation in Pleasant Grove where there was standing room only with an hour of Q & A afterwards. She would be giving a presentation in Highland next week. She had just given a presentation that morning at the MTC (missionary training center) and was asked by the LDS Church to make a presentation to their upper level administration, as well. She would schedule one for Alpine if the Council was interested.

Mayor Stout said it was an important topic to address. He had spoken with Melanie Ewing who was chairing Alpine Days, and they were looking at having Dr. Kane make a presentation at the citywide Fireside on August 5th which would kick off Alpine Days. There was an honorary fee for the event but an Alpine resident, Robin Towle, who was Mrs. Utah, had made teen suicide one of her key issues as well and would be covering the fee. Dr. Kane said she would look at her schedule and see if August 5th would work.

B. Financial Report April 2018. Shane Sorensen briefly reviewed the financial report through April. They were approaching the end of the budget year and there would need to be some adjustments made in the budget for courts and parks and recreation. Other than that, they were essentially on target with revenue and expenses. The report was included in the packet.

C. Open Space Improvement Ideas – Parking expansion for Lambert Park and Smooth Canyon Park. Shane Sorensen said the Council had previously discussed creating parking spaces by the south restrooms in Lambert Park. The proposal was laid out to show 30 parking stalls on the south end of the park with buck and pole fencing to define the boundary with a gate. There would possibly be a gate on the east/west road and potentially a few more parking spaces. There was no cost estimate, as yet. The ordinance required that such changes in the park have a public notice and public hearings. It would have to go back to the Planning Commission and then to the Council. Troy Stout suggested that if there was a gate, they include a pedestrian/bike gate.

Regarding Smooth Canyon Park, Shane Sorensen said there had been some discussion about designating some unused area for parking which would bump the number of parking spaces up to 74 stalls. Currently there were only 21 spaces. It would need to go through the same public notice process as Lambert Park.

V. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Alpine Safety Initiative. Julie Beck said she was at the meeting because people had been coming to the City Council for a long time to complain about the speed of traffic in Alpine. The Council had previously discussed forming a committee to do something about speeding and she had volunteered to lead it. She said she had met with the police chief, Shane Sorensen, and key people at the schools that had an impact on traffic in Alpine. It was not just a local concern. There were worldwide efforts to calm traffic. She said she believed Alpine could be a model city for traffic calming. In a quick review of some of her research, Mrs. Beck said that if a pedestrian was hit at 20 mph, there was a ten percent chance of fatality. If they were hit at 50 mph, there was a 90% chance of fatality. Many people did not consider going 50 mph speeding. At 20 mph, a driver had time to think and time to brake. At 32 mph, the stopping distance was 87 feet. She said motorist/pedestrian accidents were 100% avoidable. There were no accidents on military bases because people did not speed on a military base. Seattle was pushing for a 20-mph speed limit in every neighborhood. Alpine was a city, but it was also a neighborhood. Grove Drive and Main Street were neighborhoods as much as any other area in Alpine. With continued growth, there was more construction and more traffic coming.

Mrs. Beck said that the Nation Transportation Safety Board recommended three points for traffic calming: 1) a high level of citizen engagement which required a personal commitment and holding each other accountable; 2) enforcement with stops signs and citations. She encouraged the Council to consider hiring another police officer; 3) engineering solutions including signage, road painting, and stop signs. She said Shane Sorensen had said he would commit funding and support for signs at the entrance to the city that said Welcome to Alpine and language asking people to observe the speed limits. They could use social media, the Newslines, and a pledge on the City's website where people could commit to driving the speed limit. They could have a copy made to display in the participant's car and on their Facebook page.

Chief Gwilliam said he appreciated the effort Mrs. Beck had put into this campaign to limit speeding in Alpine. It would make the police job easier. The state legislature passed a bill earlier in the year that limited the number of citations that could be written so it would be helpful if people committed to driving the speed limit voluntarily.

Mark Goodsell said studies showed that if 20% of the driver were courteous and slowed down, it affected the other drivers.

David Fotheringham said they should include the youth and the Drivers Ed program. Enlist the other two cities whose students attended Lone Peak. Kimberly Bryant suggested including the Alpine Youth Council.

Sheldon Wimmer said Orem had a community service where volunteers assisted the police in matters which allowed the police department to stretch the influence of the officers. Chief Gwilliam said they had discussed that program and would like to get it running before school started in the fall. There were a lot of menial type things that citizens could do to free up the officers.

Mayor Stout said he would like to make this a top priority for the Council.

Julie Beck said she would like to make this this a happy and fun community effort aimed at creating a tone of respect in the community.

Shane Sorensen noted that cities could not put up stop signs wherever they wanted. There were criteria that had to be met to warrant a stop sign, and stop signs could not be used to control speed.

B. Long Drive Safety Improvement Project: Shane Sorensen said the Council had previously discussed the problem of people parking along the streets during sporting events at the Timberline Middle School instead of using the parking lot. Lon Lott, Carla Merrill, and Griff Johnson, who was developing the subdivision by

Timberline, had offered some solutions to the problem. They submitted a plan for the area showing selected curbs that would be painted red, and areas for crosswalks. The plan was provided in the packet. There would also need to be signage. The Council discussed using a towing company to tow illegally parked vehicles at the owner's expense as a method of enforcement.

MOTION: Lon Lott moved to approve painting the curbs red as designated on the drawing along with no parking signs and seek a volunteer group to paint the curbs. Ramon Beck seconded. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Lon Lott, Kimberly Bryant, Carla Merrill, Ramon Beck, Jason Thelin voted aye. Motion passed.

Painting crosswalks did not need to be approved by motion.

C. Bowery Improvement Project: Austin Roy said the Planning Commission had reviewed two proposals for improvements in the Bowery in Lambert Park. The main differences between the two proposals was the parking and the position of the amphitheater. The Planning Commission liked aspects of both plans and made the following recommendations.

1. Use amphitheater and pavilion layout from Concept A
2. Use parking layout from Concept B
3. Additional parking to the Concept B layout be adding spaces alongside the southwest entry road.
4. Add stage behind fire pit in amphitheater.
5. Possible pavilion where stage is.
6. Fix tables in existing pavilion. (4 tables).
7. Add a flag pole.

Austin Roy said there were three phases to the plan so everything would not be done immediately. Some of the improvements could be done as service projects.

Will Jones said they wanted to get a Master Plan in place because they anticipated it would be a five-year project. Parking would be the least expensive things to do and they would start with that. They planned to replace everything in the existing pavilion, which was in bad shape. Improving the fire pit would be one of the first items in Phase 1. In the meantime, they would draw up the plans for phases two and three. He would take it back to his landscape architect with suggestions from the city, and then have a master plan to adopt.

Jason Thelin was concerned that the improvements would take away from the camping, and camping was the primary use of the Bowery. Will Jones said they didn't want to take away from the camping and showed the large area where people could camp.

MOTION: Lon Lott moved to move forward with plans to improve the Bowery in Lambert Park utilizing the parking concept in plan B and the concept for the north/south amphitheater in plan A, and come back with a concept for the camping site. Ramon Beck seconded. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Lon Lott, Kimberly Bryant, Carla Merrill, Ramon Beck, Jason Thelin voted aye. Motion passed.

D. Culinary Water Meter AMI Project – Approval of Equipment Purchase. Shane Sorensen said this expenditure for culinary water meters was in the budget. They were ready to move forward with purchasing 1500 meters as part of the project which would allow meters to be read remotely as often as needed rather than manually twice a year. Leaks could be detected immediately so water would be conserved. The cost would be \$320,000 and would allow a part-time employee that could work on Friday and Saturday which would free up the fulltime employees for other projects.

MOTION: Jason Thelin moved to approve the purchase and installation of new culinary meters for a cost of \$320,000. Carly Merrill seconded. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Jason Thelin, Ramon Beck, Carla Merrill, Kimberly Bryant, Lon Lott voted aye. Motion passed.

E. Resolution No. R2018-06, Culinary Water Connection Fee Increase: Shane Sorensen said the increased cost would apply only to new construction and would cover the increased cost of the meters.

MOTION: Lon Lott moved to approve Resolution No. R2018-06 to increase the cost of new culinary meters. Kimberly Bryant seconded. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Jason Thelin, Ramon Beck, Carla Merrill, Kimberly Bryant, Lon Lott voted aye. Motion passed.

F. Parking Restrictions on Fort Canyon Road. Shane Sorensen said that several years ago the Council adopted parking restrictions along Fort Canyon Road because it was so narrow. The restrictions had continued through the reconstruction of Fort Canyon Road. The roadwork was completed and he'd had questions from the residents if those restrictions would continue. The fire chief looked at it and had concerns because the pavement is still quite narrow – under 26 feet wide. If cars were parked along the road and there was an emergency situation, a fire truck would not be able to get through.

Marla Rogers – Fort Canyon. She said she would like to be able to park on the street when she had wedding receptions at her home. In the past, the police had worked with her when she had a reception. She had a nice backyard for receptions and would like the option of parking on the road.

Darrell Duty- Fort Canyon. He said he lived at the top of the Fort Canyon and was one of the people who started the no-parking movement when people were parking all along the canyon road to go to Sliding Rock. He said he would like the fire truck to be able to get to his house if there was a fire. The road had gotten a little wider and, as a result, people went much faster. He wouldn't dare walk along the road in the six-foot-wide pedestrian section. People still parked on the road to go mountain biking. He said he wanted the NO PARKING signs to stay and parking to be restricted

Kimberly Bryant suggested that perhaps Marla Rogers could get special permission for street parking when she had an event.

Will Jones said they were asking for parking restrictions so people accessing the trails would drive through to the trailhead parking lot instead of parking along the road.

Debra Hart – Fort Canyon. She said her daughter wanted to have a garage sale would like to have people park along the road. She would also like to be able to have family over but there was nowhere for them to park. She noted that the construction trucks coming up the road were dangerous, and she was confused about how they wanted small town traffic but kept approving the construction of more and more homes.

Shane Sorensen said a permit system should take care of her daughter's desire to have a garage sale. Parking would be limited to one side of the road only and parking would be by permit. No curbs would be painted but there would be signs.

Ed Bush said it appeared they had a parking problem in the city. Maybe they needed a parking master plan.

Darrell Duty said the possibility of tow trucks was mentioned earlier in the meeting. He said he'd much rather call a tow company than a police officer. Troy Stout suggested the cars be towed to a certain location in town and people be charged a flat rate to recover their car. David Church said such an arrangement would need to be negotiated with the tow company.

MOTION: Jason Thelin moved to restrict parking in Fort Canyon from Meadowlark Drive northward to where the 26-foot wide road ended, and allow permitted parking for events with parking only on the east side of the road. Kimberly Bryant seconded. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Jason Thelin, Ramon Beck, Carla Merrill, Kimberly Bryant, Lon Lott voted aye. Motion passed.

There was a discussion about restricting parking in the Three Falls subdivision. It was pointed out that the roads in Three Falls were the standard 30 feet width of asphalt.

MOTION: Jason Thelin moved to not prohibit parking in the Three Falls subdivision where the road width was 30 feet. Carly Merrill seconded. Ayes: 4 Nays: 1. Jason Thelin, Ramon Beck, Carla Merrill, Kimberly Bryant voted aye. Lon Lott voted nay. Motion passed.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

Austin Roy said he would be sending out weed abatement letter and open space encroachment letters.

David Church said that before September 1, 2018, the city should adopt a small wireless facility ordinance to regulate small wireless facilities as defined by state and federal law. Cities could not say no to a small wireless facility in the ROW or keep them from putting up new poles. A utility pole in a ROW might end up with a wireless facility on it. Approval of a facility had to an administrative decision. The new law limited limited the cities' ability to charge a certain fee over a certain amount. The city's discretion was very limited and what the company considered small may not be considered small by a resident, but there was supposed to be a certain distance between the poles. He said Alpine had already been contacted by a provider in the state.

David Church said the Patterson v Alpine City and Don Watkins would start on Tuesday, May 29th.

Shane Sorensen

- He said the Council had discussed issuing permits for people to drive into Lambert Park to see the poppies who were otherwise unable to walk. He had come up with a permit to issue. It would be good for a two-week period.
- He also directed their attention to the sign created by Carla Merrill which prohibited motorized vehicles in Lambert Park. It was suggested the NO SHOOTING verbiage be placed on a separate sign to keep it simple. It was noted the NO SHOOTING signs were always riddled with bullet holes.
- He'd received an email from the Highland City Youth Council inviting Alpine and Cedar Hills to participate in an event with John Kerbis. There was no date as yet.
- He was working on the deer control plans.
- The Memorial Day celebration was on Monday, May 28th at 7:30 am in the Alpine Cemetery.
- They were finishing up with the water line project and would be paving tomorrow and the next day.
- The 100 South project was essentially complete.

VII. COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Ramon Beck said someone put an illegal 4' x 8' sign on his property which he took down. He asked about the size of political signs. David Church said they couldn't discriminate based on content. If other signs were allowed which were 4' x 8', political signs were also allowed to be that size

Jason Thelin said there was an old sign going into Lambert Park that stated motorized vehicles need to stay on the road. It needed to be taken down since the law was changed.

Mayor Troy Stout

- They had a really good turnout on Trail Day on Saturday. He thanked Lon Lott and Carla Merrill for their efforts.
- He said he went to the Lone Peak Achievement Day and was able to introduce the Youth Council. He would like to give them more opportunities and be able to shadow the Council.
- He said they had discussed using goats in the Lambert Park to keep the weeds down and create a fire break. Will Jones had volunteered some funding. Troy said he would be getting in touch with the man who operated the goat service.
- He asked about adopting a drone ordinance. Shane Sorensen said a city back east had adopted an ordinance and it got shot down. David Church said the FFA regulated the height at which they could fly and there were peeping tom laws. Troy Stout said he would like to discuss it at the next meeting.
- He said he would like to make meetings more efficient. Lon Lott suggested a sign-in sheet for public comment and a 3-minute timer.
- He would like to evaluate if things that were approved were being done such as the buck and pole fencing in Lambert Park.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None held

MOTION: Carla Merrill moved to adjourn. Lon Lott seconded. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Carla Merrill, Lon Lott, Jason Thelin, Ramon Beck voted aye. Motion passed. Kimberly Bryant was not present at the time of the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 pm.