

Town Council

January 20th 2009

*Clerk's Notes are a summary only of meeting.

In attendance for pre-meeting: Shirley Brown, Troy Johnson, Mayor Victoria DeCora, Don Jorgensen and Town Administrator Deb Wolfley.

Regular Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm. Mayor DeCora led the Pledge of Allegiance. Whitney Heller called roll call, all present. Quorum established.

Council Minutes for approval: September 2nd 2008; November 18th 2008; December 2nd 2008; December 16th 2008 and January 6th 2008. Planning & Zoning Minutes December 9th 2008. Beau Taylor motions to approve all said minutes. Don Jorgensen seconds. Troy Johnson abstains. **VOTE: 4 yes; 0; no1 abstain; 0 absent. Motion Carried.**

Acceptance of Proposals for the Sewer Hook- up fees: Mayor DeCora says we are here tonight to accept final proposals. Diggs Lewis handed in updated proposal. With spreadsheet attached. There was some discussion and clarity to Diggs Lewis revised plan, with discussion of requesting an assessment district. After some short comments from the public, Mayor DeCora advised Bryant Brown this was a brand new plan tonight from Diggs Lewis. Attorney Fodor asks the public to write letters and comments to the committee with their concerns.

Donn Wooden hands out a proposal and spreadsheet and attachment, and these will be posted in Town Hall. Beau Taylor has a plan also which will go to the committee.

Mayor DeCora says after the committee has been formed there will be a public meeting to discuss the outcome of decisions. All proposals will be available to public to view.

Sewer Committee Mayor DeCora asks for residents of all 3 phases. Josh Floyd says he is from phase 3 and volunteers to be the head chair on committee. Justin Scott says he will represent River View Meadows he has lived in Alpine for 3 years. Donn Wooden would like to serve on committee to represent existing customers. Carla Stone says the committee would like to see more of Sunrise Engineering and Accountant Jim Dubuiz. Mayor DeCora asks who will pay for their professional services. Jeff Attwood agrees and would like someone from town council. Beau Taylor volunteered to represent his plan and council. Steve Fusco volunteers to be on committee representing phase 1.

Meeting recessed at 7:35 Meeting reconvened at 7:53 pm

Mayor DeCora asks if the council had a problem with prior sewer committee being represented by Nelson Engineering, Attorney Fodor, and North Star Utilities. Deb Wolfley was a non- voting member also. Troy Johnson would also like to sit on committee as a non- voting member. Shirley Brown feels anyone that presented a proposal should not sit on committee. Carla Stone says some of the prior members have sat on committee and they would only recreate the same outcome and there should be an odd number for a tie breaker. Troy Johnson says there will not be a tie breaker only proposals and outcome will come back to the council. Don Jorgensen suggests that every plan be brought back with

recommendations from committee. Jeff Attwood knows this will be a hard task, and asks for Kennis Lutz to be on committee. Mayor DeCora asks if there are issues with the voting committee to that she has stepped down as a voting member.

Troy Johnson accepts, (Beau Taylor, Josh Floyd, Steve Fusco, Justin Scott, Donn Wooden, Lisa Higgins a maybe and Kennis Lutz.) Don Jorgensen says he is a member of Alpine Business Alliance because he is a business member and promoting the alliance because it promotes Alpine. Kennis Lutz volunteers to be on committee. Non voting members will be Stefan Fodor, Sunrise Engineering to review, Nelson Engineering has financial plan. Stefan Fodor says he is willing to revisit his fees during the meetings. Nelson Engineering needs to be at meetings; Stefan Fodor says Sunrise has not been involved too much with this process. Nelson would be best because of the design. Sunrise Engineering would also need to attend on a volunteer basis to learn more of the town?

Mayor DeCora says next meeting is Feb 2nd Josh says we can have input on proposals. Don Jorgensen asks to give until next council meeting to give a report and set time lines needed. Donn Wooden suggest a 30 day target. Only have Nelson do the numbers. Stefan Fodor advises 30 -45 days. Josh Floyd says he would like to meet as many times a week as needed and have the proposals to council. Troy Johnson suggest February 16th with 2 proposals maybe a combination of all 3 that meeting then have a public input for 2 weeks. Mayor DeCora reminds the committee to remember these proposals need to be **fair and equitable, legally defensible and financially sound**. Justin Scott suggests spending some time and getting a phone and email list after meeting tonight.

Mayor DeCora recesses the meeting at 8:45 pm and will reconvene at 8:50 pm

Committee has communication numbers and emails and will keep Deb Wolfley informed. The first meeting will be of the voting members first. Don Jorgensen would like to look at the foundation plan of Alpine. Stefan Fodor would like to see financial plan with each proposal. All 4 plans are to be reviewed.

Mayor DeCora talks about letter of Business Alliance Names and letter from Carla Stone not understanding the Town's request of whom exactly the Alpine Business Alliance is? Mayor DeCora says the public would like to know who this Alliance is, and why the resistance to list.

Discussion: (Proposed change to ordinance) 2nd reading 185- Ordinance No. 2008-41 (replace and amend 178- Ordinance No. 2008-34) sewer. Mayor DeCora says this is the foundation with amendments to allow people to pay overtime and help seniors on fixed income. Mayor would like to take recommendations from committee on foundation plan also in February with other proposals.

1st Reading: 186-Ordinance No. 2009-42 Water Connection, Fees, Usage Rates, Billing & Collection Policy. Mayor DeCora read Ordinance Mayor asks for a motion to approve. Beau Taylor motions. Shirley Brown seconds. Stefan Fodor says he sent this to council last week and made billing policy more generous. Val Jensen's suggestion is to keep ordinance as is in regard to water pits. Troy Johnson says he agrees with one month after dropping of pit then needs to be billed. Billing policy will be more generous and gives 2 full months before disconnect notice. Mayor DeCora says the base fee even if shut off needs to still be paid 3 months to turn it off 3 months to turn on if a voluntary matter. If someone falls behind on the water bill, Stefan will look into statute of shutting customer water off in the winter. Stefan Fodor suggest a graduating late fee of (1-10 days \$50) (11-20 days \$100) (21-30 \$ 150). Transfer fee will be changed to \$25.00 with deed or rental contract of 6 months or less. Jackson ordinance shows up to a 50% reduction on billing showing if the customer fixed leak. (Discussion from public). **Mayor DeCora**

asks for a motion to approve 1st Reading of 186-Ordinance No. 2009-42 with amendments tonight. Beau Taylor motions. Shirley Brown seconds all favor.

301- Resolution No. 01-20-09-2009 Official Appointments 2009: Mayor DeCora read the resolution in its entirety. Mayor asks for a motion to approve. Discussion from public that a town administrator and attorney are not needed. Troy Johnson would like to be added to streets and roads. Don Jorgensen does have problem with Shirley Brown being mayor pro term, and feels we don't need town administrator in all aspects. Mayor DeCora feels Don Jorgensen should get a feel of the administrator's needs of his job day to day. Don Jorgensen says it should be town councilman and not administrator to make the decisions. And his name should not be named on any of these. Mayor DeCora asks and if you can not be reached? Don says with law he cannot make decision. Troy Johnson says but the town administrator can. (Discussion). Troy Johnson feels mayor pro tem should be who has served the longest. Mayor DeCora says Mayor pro tem will be Troy Johnson and his absence Shirley Brown. Mayor DeCora asks for a motion with amendments Beau Taylor motions. Troy Johnson seconded. Don Jorgensen vote no. Shirley Brown abstains. Mayor DeCora vote yes. Motion carried

302- Resolution No. 01-20-09-2009 Jensen Condominium Replat: Mayor asks for a motion (Discussion.) Don Jorgensen motions to table resolution until all criteria have indeed been met. Beau Taylor seconds. all in favor.

Stefan Fodor asks for executive session as to State Statute 16-405-Aii

Pat Marolf from P&Z updates council of the sign codes needs some revisions and electronic signs were not even in to draft and would like to review that. The electronics sign needs to be back lit. Subdivision codes are also in review at the Planning & Zoning level.

Beau Taylor motions to pay unpaid bills. Don Jorgensen seconds. All favor.

Meeting recessed at 10:03 pm Beau Taylor motions to go into executive session. Troy Johnson seconded. All favor.

Meeting reconvened at 11:02

Beau Taylor motions to approve action taken in executive session. Don Jorgensen seconded. Vote 4-0

Beau Taylor motions to recess regular meeting. Don Jorgensen seconds. Vote 4-1

Meeting recessed at 11:04 pm.



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ATTEST:

Whitney Heller
Whitney Heller, Town Clerk