

**Town of Alpine**  
**March 3, 2009**  
**Town Council Minutes**

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Minutes are a brief summary only of this meeting.

Mayor DeCora called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Pledge of allegiance was held and roll call was taken, establishing a quorum: Troy Johnson, Shirley Brown, Victoria DeCora, Beau Taylor, Don Jorgensen, Attorney Stefan Fodor, and Treasurer Brenda Bennett were present for the meeting.

Mayor DeCora asked for a motion to approve the February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Town Council Minutes. **Beau Taylor so moved. Don Jorgensen seconded. VOTE: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Motion carried.**

Mayor DeCora asked for a motion to approve the February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Planning & Zoning Minutes. **Beau Taylor so moved. Don Jorgensen seconded. VOTE: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Motion carried.**

**Planning & Zoning report to council.** There was not a designated person present, so no report was given.

**Approval of Payment #13 for Moltz Constructors, Inc. & permission to authorize advertisement for final payment for Moltz Constructors, Inc. and Enviroquip.** Mayor DeCora asked for discussion or questions from the council and then the public. Mr. Atwood asked if the town was going to hold the 10% set aside for a year in case something happens to the plant. Mayor DeCora stated that there is an account set up specifically for that purpose. Mr. Johnson wanted to know if we would just be paying the \$21596.11 that is stated on the bill. Mayor DeCora stated that was correct. Mayor DeCora asked for a motion for approval of payment #13 for Moltz Constructors, Inc. **Don Jorgensen so moved. Treasurer Bennett asked Mayor DeCora if they would please include the permission to authorize the advertisement for final payment in the motion. Don Jorgensen added the permission to authorize the advertisement for final payment to the motion. Beau Taylor seconded. VOTE: 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain, 0 Absent. Motion carried.**

**Draft Language for Sewer Ordinance.** Council was given an updated plan at tonight's meeting with added specs from the Town Engineer. Basically it would allow people to connect to the sewer system without having a contractor, they could do it themselves. Attorney Fodor made note of the fine that should be imposed if any one tries to hook in without permission or inspection. He feels if the Town maintenance personal is able to do the inspection Monday through Friday there should not be an extra fee for inspection, but if there needs to be an inspection on the weekends or evenings there will have to be an extra charge for this. It could be Val, Jody or whomever the town chose's to inspect the hook up. The council needs to decide how much and whom they want to do these afterhours inspections. He feels this needs to be put in to effect before people start to hook up. Questions from the audience were who would pay for this inspection, would the town pay for the inspector, is it in the town budget, or would this be passed on the homeowner. Attorney Fodor wants it noted that this needs to be taken care of sooner than later. **Mayor DeCora has asked that this be tabled until the next meeting as homework needs to be done on it.**

**Discussion: (Proposed change to sewer ordinance) 2<sup>nd</sup> reading 185-Ordinance No. 2008-41.** Beau Taylor talked about the committee plan. Troy Johnson had questions and concerns regarding this plan. Troy wanted to know if and when they could have another workshop session on this as he still is not clear on

some of the issues. Mayor DeCora asked if they all could meet next Thursday as that would give them time to advertise for the meeting. Thursday night will not work. Bob Norton was supposed to get back to the committee with numbers, but the committee has not seen them yet. Troy and Beau do not feel that they are ready for this, nor would it be fair without seeing the numbers. Audience suggestions were to let the public see the proposal too so they would be able to have some informed input for the meeting. Audience questions were about River View Meadows, would there be a hook up fee if they are already hooked in. There will not be a fee for any one that is already hooked into the sewer now. If there is an empty lot there would be a fee. Attorney Fodor reminded everyone that this issue is fast approaching a time limit. **Mayor DeCora asked that this issue be tabled until the next meeting after the committee and council has had a chance to look at the numbers, and it has been requested for Bob Norton from Nelson Engineering to be present at the meeting. Troy Johnson so moved. Don Jorgensen seconded. VOTE: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Motion carried.**

**Tiphany Gayhart – Questions on the Civic Center, Maintenance Shop & Budget.** Tiphany feels that the public has been lied to when they were told by Deb Wolfley that the projects would be done with 100% grant monies. She believes that the Consensus Block money is a loan not a grant. Beau Taylor informed her it was the Consensus Block Grant not loan. Tiphany asked why Mayor DeCora and Shirley Brown were the ones that went to the County Consensus Block Grant meeting to ask for this money for these projects. Mayor DeCora stated it was decided on by the council what projects they needed the money for. Tiphany asked why they did not ask for money for new water lines or for streets and roads. She also wanted to know what the money was used for last year. Beau Taylor informed her it was used for streets and roads. Mayor DeCora informed her that you have to have specific projects when you go to the meeting and that you use the money received for those projects only. Tiphany wanted to know why last year there was only \$62,000.00 budgeted for professional services but this year it is \$90,000.00, what and where is this money going. She also wanted to know why there was such a big increase from last year to this year in salaries. Jeff Atwood suggested to the town if they needed more money they could stub out a line from the old plant to the new one so they could take septic waste. This would also help the people that are going to have to hook up to the new sewer plant so they would have a place to dump. Maybe we could even then allow other people to use it at a cost. Mayor DeCora informed him that this has already been discussed and is very possible to do. She thanked Jeff and Tiphany for their time and comments.

**Legal/Attorney Updates:** Attorney Fodor informed the town of something found in the agreement between Targee Landing & North Star utility. In the agreement, Targee Landing is allowed to resell ERU's. Attorney Fodor does not agree with this and would like the council to inform Targee Landing that all ERU's shall stay in the platted area and may not be sold out of that platted area. **Mayor DeCora asked for a motion to have this information written on the plat so ERU's cannot be sold. Troy Johnson so moved. Don Jorgensen seconded. VOTE: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Motion carried.**

Attorney Fodor brought up the deck permit that was given out without having an inspection done on it before hand. He feels this is a serious issue and needs not happen again. Mayor DeCora agrees and feels we need to follow our own rules by making sure people get and follow all their permits or we need to start fining them for this. Attorney Fodor said there could be a ticket written then the judge could decide on how much a fine should be. You could start out with a letter, then a cease order then the ticket and court. The Town may want to advertise everywhere reminding people that you do need building permits in town. Let them know to call or look on the web site for that information. Put it in the paper and possibly pass our flyers reminding people of this.

