

Town Council

September 2, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Victoria DeCora whom then held the pledge of allegiance. Roll call was taken: Donn Wooden, Victoria DeCora, Don Jorgensen and Shirley Brown were present establishing a quorum Beau Taylor absent.

Council Minutes for Special Meeting and Secondary Meeting August 14th 2008 and Regular Council session August 14th 2008. P&Z minutes for July 22nd 2008 & August 22nd 2008. **Don Wooden motions to approve said minutes Don Jorgensen seconded. VOTE: 4 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent. Motion carried.**

Action Items & New Business

Curtis Weber presentation of recognition award for ball park sign: Mayor DeCora presented Curtis Weber "Eagle Scout" with award for completing project to put sign at new renovated baseball park and thanks him for his dedication and efforts to Alpine, he has been a great asset to our community.

Leon Kjellgren & Bob Norton update on Collection System: Phase 1 progress to date as of Aug 12th. 36% of contract was complete as of August 29th. 68% of sewer main has been laid. Contractor has 45 days left before shut down date of 10-15-08 to complete work. Also construction of lift station is on schedule. Construction of Phase 1 is to be complete by June 30 2009. Handout given projects anticipated disbursement from WY grants & loans status of phase 2 and dollars left from contract with Nelson Engineering. The numbers are very close and if council would like to pursue design for bid 2 and begin the bid process for phase 2. This does not include the treatment plant. Mayor DeCora asks the price for surveying Nelson Engineering says the design package estimate is \$100,000 or less. Troy Johnson asks if the left over money can be used to help with the connection fee. Mayor DeCora says it is the law that the town cannot help. There was discussion in regard of connection fees by people in audience. Donn Wooden says we need more people involved. Mayor DeCora asks to hold public workshop to discuss collection issues. **Don Wooden motion for a public workshop September 18th at 7:00 p.m. Donn Jorgensen seconds. Motion changes to September 25th 2008. VOTE: 4 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent. Motion carried**

Bob Norton WWTP: Disbursements, spreadsheet, and anticipated expenditures to date handed out to council. There have been no change orders to date. The money not used could lower the user fee but not connection. If you recall we made process for the loans high for change orders which we have not incurred. Donn Wooden says we are obligated to maintain the \$5000.00 fee which we contracted for NSU which is why the connection fee cannot be lowered. The user fee may be lowered. Mayor DeCora says the funds cannot be used to pay connection fees. Bob says the grant was specific to what can be used for.

Ed Turner update of the WWTP: the generator pad is installed. It is on schedule and there have been no major problems.

There is a pay application #8 for Molts contractors which reflects plant at 67% complete, things are going well and are on schedule and looking to put waste in November completion is scheduled for Dec 19th council approves pay application.

Kennis Lutz: Sewer rates (car wash) Kennis states when installed 5 yrs ago he had included business plan and the town was happy to see the car wash in business, the town reimbursed the hook up fee. The increase for sewer rate because of erus has increased to 400 %, at this increase Kennis feels it is abusive. Where are the estimates of 996 gallons per day? Why am I paying for waste not going into sewer? Leon Kjellgren suggest there was no one involved with the historical analysis beside himself and would like to sit down with Kennis and explain the rate and if Mr. Lutz can demonstrate that he uses less water he will come to council and suggest adjusting . Leon would be happy to meet with anyone who feels it is not equivalent and suggest council to table issue and adjust accordingly if needed, everyone deserves a chance. **Donn Wooden motions to table. Don Jorgensen seconds. VOTE: 4 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent. Motion Carried.**

Kent Sawdy: Not in audience did bring in letter to town hall, (see minute book). Mayor DeCora says the tree had to be removed because of construction from collection system installation. Elizabeth Koeckeritz says that Johanson Construction would be at fault. Leon Kjellgren says the individual needs to make claim with contractor and with insurance company. There are always 2 sides to issue. I would suggest drafting letter to claimant with copy certificate of insurance from Johanson Construction. The town is not responsible on negligence.

Snake River Junction in regard to overgrowth of landscaping: Mayor DeCora says the county is under the same perception that the weeds are very tall. Deb Wolfley town administrator says P&Z has concerns as well and there has been some improvement. The front will not be different from now. There are plans for improvement. Believes County should hold them accountable to having the system in place to what is suppose to be done with improvements. Mayor DeCora says she is ok with plan as long they are held to it. Deb Wolfley says the County has the bond to hold Snake River Junction accountable. Mayor DeCora asks for a motion to write letter to County for approval, there needs to be new controls and box as well as top soil. **Don Jorgensen motions with town comment that plans will be carried out and approval letter. Shirley Brown seconds. VOTE 4 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent. Motion Carried.**

Attorney Elizabeth Koeckeritz ask to go into executive session as per State Statute 16-4-105

Department updates: Town Administrator Deb Wolfley says the *Wyoming Developmental Assessment will be in Alpine at the end of month and will get more info towards this. Cattle guard covert needs discussed and speed bump in River View Meadows. Also Mr. Wolfley says he will be going to Rock Springs for grant for civic center.*

Summary of current number of loans with water, sewer, balances as well as payments handed out.

In packets summary of expenses of ball field also handed out to council.

Shirley Brown says the ball field looks great, but she is a little disappointed diamond is not laid out. Mayor DeCora said the field is not done yet. And we could mow shorter but first we need to let the grass grow. Deb Wolfley said we need input from town with uses and talk about City Park and what is needed in Alpine for next year. When contractor put in he said do not do anything until next spring. Troy Green asks if there any plans for soccer field. Mayor DeCora says there are numerous ideas.

P&Z would like changes to land use code Terra Miller compiled a list for review. Donn Wooden would like to table. Attorney Elizabeth Koeckeritz says the multi family is incompatible with the condominium definition and it does not work. Attorney Stefan Fodor asked Elizabeth to get these implemented this meeting. **Donn Wooden motions to table until next meeting. Don Jorgensen seconds. VOTE: 4 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent. Motion Carried.**

Deb Wolfley says the snow removal contract needs addressed and he had met with Jim Sadner and will meet again tomorrow.

Deb Wolfley says the Easements for WWTP need to be signed for by the Wyoming Fish and Game Department. The Wyoming Fish and Game will sign at their meeting in Cheyenne Sept 7th 2008.

Deb Wolfley update Ernie Scott: Jody Tibbitts and Deb Wolfley had gone to residence. Last week Harold Sauer did work that was not to be done without engineers' approval and told Harold that it cannot be done without engineers' approval. Harold said he will contact engineer next day or so. The holes are there for footings and asked for 3 weeks for completion. Most of it is all done in regard to tearing down damage to house. Mayor DeCora we need to insure engineer approval follows through. Deb Wolfley says Jody Tibbitts will be enforcing. **Donn Wooden motions to extend deadline they have removed the top of structure they are moving forward they need engineer stamp and have until Sept 30th 2008 for abatement. Don Jorgensen seconds. Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent. Motion Carried.**

Meeting recessed at 8.39 p.m.

Donn Wooden motions to go into executive session at 8:46 pm. Don Jorgensen seconds. VOTE: 4 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent. Motion Carried.

8:58 Reconvene in open meeting. **Don Jorgensen made motion to ratify decisions from executive session. Donn Wooden second. VOTE: 4 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent. Motion Carried.**

Speaker Jim Roscoe talked to council about his campaign in running for house seat.

Chief Phillips and Mike Carlson with the Division of Criminal Investigation talked to the Council members about work being done in the Alpine area for illegal drug activity. Discussion centered on how elected officials and citizens can work with law enforcement.

9:48 **Donn Wooden made motion to pay bills and adjourn regular meeting. Don Jorgensen second. VOTE: 4 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent. Motion Carried.**



Victoria DeCora

Victoria DeCora, Mayor

ATTEST:

Whitney Heller

Whitney Heller, Town Clerk