

Town of Alpine

Council Meeting

Minutes

April 17th, 2007

Mayor DeCora called the meeting or order at 7:00 pm, and held a pledge of allegiance. Roll call was taken and a quorum established. Present: Mayor DeCora, Don Jorgensen, Tom Turner, Shirley Brown and Donn Wooden.

Council Minutes: April 3, 2007. Mayor DeCora asked for a motion to approve the council minutes from April 3, 2007. **Shirley Brown motioned to approve the minutes. Donn Wooden seconded. VOTE: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent. Motion carried.**

Planning & Zoning Minutes: April 10, 2007 Mayor DeCora asked for a motion to approve the planning & zoning minutes for April 10, 2007. **Don Jorgensen motioned to approve the minutes. Tom Turner seconded. VOTE: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent. Motion carried.**

Terri Potter / Alpine Fire Chief: Would like to discuss Alpine Clean up Day. Terri Potter would like to partner up with the Town of Alpine to honor the memory of George Bartlett. Instead of calling it Alpine Clean up Day they would like to rename this the George Bartlett Take Pride in Alpine Day. In order to help, the fire department would like to help organize this and help with man power. The date tentatively set would be May 12, 2007. This would give us enough time to get it advertised. Every one could meet at the Civic Center at 8 am. We can then organize crews. Get coffee and doughnuts. We could get crews to pick up trash along the highways, Kids Park, park by the Civic Center. Then we could go around and offer to pick up trash at the end of peoples drive ways. Burnable items – wood material, fence posts, dead trees. Other material like old washers, TV's, refrigerators etc. Each resident would be required to help and pay a \$5.00 dump fee. Burnable items could be burned down by the sewer plant. Other items would have to be hauled to the dump. We could use the Town dump truck for the burnable in town garbage. We have a couple of trailers and trucks to do the dump runs. We have a fee schedule for the dump. No items from building or construction sites. We should have a limit on what we can pick up. If would has nails, hardware or has been treated, it will need to go to the dump. No household garbage. Mayor DeCora would like input from residents on burning down by the sewer plant. Shirley Brown feels that if it is burned during a windless day she does not think residents will have a problem. If this is something that is okay with the Town Terri would get all the information mailed out and fliers made up. Terri will get together with Val to get some thing set up for the use of the dump truck. Mayor DeCora asked for a motion to approve the changing of the name of the clean up day to George Bartlett Take Pride in Alpine Day, and to help the fire department with this. **Tom Turner so motioned. Don Jorgensen seconded. VOTE: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent. Motion carried.**

269 Resolution No. 04-17-07-2007: There has been a change to the previous resolution. The motion should say that this new resolution supersedes the old one, and that the old one is invalid as of the passage of this new one. Mayor DeCora read the corrected resolution in its entirety and asked for a motion to approve it. **Donn Wooden motioned to approve 269 Resolution No. 04-17-07-2007. Shirley Brown seconded. VOTE: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent. Motion carried.**

On Going Business

Steve Chichinsky: Buffalo Sage Town homes. Attorney Koeckeritz addressed this issue. You have all received information from Mr. Chichinsky's attorney about a month ago. The reason she drafted this memo was because Attorney Koeckeritz asked her to give her something in writing (law) showing why we were wrong in denying Mr. Chichinsky's application to pre purchase water and sewer. Attorney Koeckeritz still feels that we should not be pre selling these for a couple of different reasons. The ordinance in question shows reasonable interpretation that water / sewer / building fees all need to be paid before any building permit will be issued. In a court of law this would be upheld. The reason it is even made more so, is this is the way it has always been done in the past. Every one is treated fair and equal. No one has ever been allowed to do this in the past. In addition there is our check list which also goes along with reasonable interpretation. There is also mention of the DEQ permit. This is a separate issue from what the cost is going to be to hook into the water and sewer. What the permit basically does is have them sign off that there are no environmental or health and safety problems. Attorney Koeckeritz feels that if Mr. Chichinsky can come in and develop and build the entire development this year great, he should be able to purchase all of his hook ups. If he is not ready to do this all, it is not the Town's responsibility to hold his space in line. Mr. Chichinsky's Attorney would like some thing in writing from the Town saying that the infrastructure that will be put in is good enough or up to our standards to confirm that we won't be asking them for some thing different in the future. They do not want to put in all this infrastructure to find out it is not going to be up to par in the future which she feels is fair. Donn Wooden stands by what he said earlier in that we have allowed Mr. Halpin to come in with prepayments. Attorney Koeckeritz said it was her understanding that they were paying for sewer capacity ahead of time not hook ups. All the developers would be charged for capacity, they then will charge their own people a hook up fee. Alpine Meadows has or will purchase capacity for the sewer plant, not hook ups. Donn Wooden still feels that we should not raise the connection fee yet until the new plant is built. He knows that it does have to rise from \$900.00, but why go clear up to the \$5000.00. We are already putting in an expense to the Town's people because of the other side of the river. He feels that Mr. Chichinsky should be allowed to do this and if he gets it done more power to him. If not then he should be credited the difference for the connection cost. Bottom line this piece of land was to be provided sewer. River View Meadows should be entitled to hook into the sewer before any one else as the lines are already there and paid for. If people want to prepay let them, we could use the money be put to good use. Mr. Wooden asks that the council make some considerations on this and reconsider it. Shirley Brown reminded all about how much work and how dangerous it is to put in a sewer line in Riverview Meadows. Just for the materials to fix the hole needed to put in a sewer stub it is \$3000.00, this does not include maintenance crew's time. Tom Turner stated that we have the same problem with the water. Mr. Chichinsky agrees with Mr. Wooden. Mr. Chichinsky said it would not cost the Town of Alpine any thing as the line already runs by his property. He feels that the only time it will cost the Town is when they hook him into the water system as it will have to come across the road, he is willing to help with that expense. Shirley Brown asked how many units he was building, how many bathrooms, if there was a utility room in each house. Shirley stated that all of the units that Mr. Chichinsky would be hooking on would be using the new sewer plant. She feels that he should pay like the rest of us to use this new plant. The waste water from his units will be going in the new plant as we do not have space available in the current plant. There is scientific evidence that it is full. Shirley has just read a memo that the Town should put a moratorium on building because our sewer plant can not handle it right now. Mr. Chichinsky would like to know if the Town would be having this problem if it was not dealing with what is going on on the north side of the river. It would cost the people of Alpine more than \$5000.00 to connect to the sewer if we did not have help paying for the new plant. If we were to put in a plant all on our own, the connection fee would be \$6700.00 per lot instead of \$5000.00. Mr. Chichinsky is here to pay for his connections, permits and to get it done. Shirley stated that you can not sell some thing you don't have. Attorney Koeckeritz stated the moratorium is a separate issue from pre paying connections. His issue is with how are process is set up right now. If we do in fact need to start a building moratorium that is a completely different issue. Donn Wooden wants to know how bad the sewer plant really is. Maria Vanderloop stated that it is in pretty poor shape. Maria stated she did not know what the flow or the capacity is yet. She feels we need to purchase a flow meter get an educational answer not a guess. We need to make the plant as efficient as possible. We need to get some sludge out of the plant. There is a lot of work that needs to be done down there. Maria does not feel that the plant can take on any thing more at this time. Donn Wooden still feels that we should accept Mr. Chichinsky's payments and use the money for the sewer plant. He does not understand the logic in not letting him pay for his connections. Mayor DeCora asked if there was a motion to approve Mr. Chichinsky to immediately pay for his sewer hook ups and to commit to finish with in two years. **Donn**

Wooden made a motion to accept Mr. Chichinsky's payment for water and sewer connections if he is going for building permits and every thing else. Tom Turner seconded. VOTE: 2 Yes; 3 No; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent. Motion denied, not carried.

Mayor DeCora called for a recess at 8:04 pm.

Mayor DeCora resumed meeting at 8:12 pm.

At this point the tape recorder was not turned back on after the break so minutes are taken from Clerk Kimberlee Jansen's hand written notes.

1st Reading 149 Ordinance No. 2007-05 – New Water Rates: This was tabled from the last meeting. **Donn Wooden motioned to continue to table this until we can schedule a workshop. Don Jorgensen seconded. VOTE: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent. Motion carried.**

1st Reading 150 Ordinance No. 2007-06- New Sewer Rates: This was tabled from the last meeting. **Don Jorgensen motioned to continue to table this until we can schedule a workshop. Donn Wooden seconded. VOTE: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent. Motion carried.**

2nd Reading 151 Ordinance No. 2007-07 – New Building Fee Schedule: Mayor DeCora read the title of the ordinance. **Tom Turner motioned to pass the 2nd reading of 151 Ordinance No. 2770-07. Donn Wooden seconded. VOTE: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent. Motion carried.**

1st Reading 152 Ordinance No. 2007-08 – Animal Ordinance: Mayor DeCora read ordinance in its entirety. **Shirley Brown motioned to pass the first reading of 152 Ordinance No. 2007-08. Don Jorgensen seconded. VOTE: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent. Motion carried.**

Department Updates:

Attorney Koeckeritz would like to amend the library lease to waive all fees. **Donn Wooden motioned to approve the amended library lease. Shirley Brown seconded. VOTE: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent. Motion carried.**

Unpaid bills: **Shirley Brown motioned to pay the bills. Don Jorgensen seconded. VOTE: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent. Motion carried.**

Mayor DeCora adjourned the meeting at 9:06 pm.

Mayor Victoria DeCora

Date

ATTEST:

Brenda Bennett, Treasurer

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