

Town of Alpine Council Minutes October 2, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm., pledge of allegiance was held. Quorum was established through roll call by the Treasurer. Present Council Donn Wooden, Mayor Victoria DeCora, Council Don Jorgensen, Council woman Shirley Brown absent and excused.

Council Minutes: September 29, October 18, 2007. Don Jorgensen motioned to approve minutes for September 29, and October 18, 2007. Donn Wooden seconded. VOTE: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent (Shirley Brown). Motion carried.

Planning & Zoning Minutes: September 14, September 28, 2007. Donn Wooden motioned to table until they have time to read them. Don Jorgensen seconded. VOTE: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent (Shirley Brown). Motion carried.

Action Items & New Business

Adopting Mission Statement: We needed a mission statement to send into the Daniels Fund, Mayor DeCora came up with one to send them and would like the Town to adopt it if they like it. Mayor DeCora read the mission statement. **Donn Wooden motioned to adopt the mission statement. Don Jorgensen seconded. VOTE: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent (Shirley Brown). Motion carried.**

E & D Replat: Carl Scherbal was here on behalf of E & D. This has come before the Council before as a concept plan. This is the preliminary plan that went before Planning & Zoning last week. Planning & Zoning had four stipulations they wanted put on the plat. 1. Final Plat needs to show the airport as it is within a one mile radius. 2. Water / sewer lines need to be shown on the final plat. 3. All easements need to be shown of the final plat. 4. Make sure that the propane tank can be moved if need be to keep it in the set backs. Planning & Zoning wants this all on the final plat before they will approve it. The other thing that will be on the plat is the fact that these lots are the minimum size, there will be a warning on the plat for no further subdividing of these lots. You can't, the building are so tight in there. **Donn Wooden made a motion to approve the plat with the recommendations from the Planning & Zoning Board. Don Jorgensen seconded. VOTE: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent (Shirley Brown). Motion carried.**

Department Updates

Streets & Roads:

Dura Patcher Presentation. Brenda Bennett showed a DVD for the Dura Patcher, a pot hole patching system that works better than cold pack. Normont Equipment came to the Town in August and gave a demonstration to the maintenance crew. This is something the Town should possibly think about purchasing in the future to save monies on street repairs. There is also another piece of equipment that seals cracks. The cost \$55,900.00. It would save money in the long run for the Town. Treasurer is looking at a grant to possibly purchase this and also starting to look at grants for snow removal equipment.

Sewer: Grease Trap Ordinance Amendment

On August 7th this year the council amended the grease trap policy. There were two versions of the policy floating around. There was a portion that was left out about sand/sediment. The ordinance allows for amendments hence the attorney & engineer would like to amend the ordinance to include the sand/sediment portion. It doesn't need to have 3 readings as the ordinance allows for amendments. It does have a 90 day

compliance from the date of its acceptance. The Attorney would like the council to review and amend this. Donn Wooden would like to be given the time to look this over before making any decisions. Stefan was asked to give an opinion on the prepayment of fees by Steve Chichinski. It appears that there is nothing in the town codes to prohibit the prepayment of fees but you are subject to time tables with town permits. He has advised the town to cash the checks and to let Mr. Chichinski know they have been cashed. The Treasurer asked if it was alright for her to cash all sewer hook up fees since the moratorium has been lifted. Stefan said it was okay to go ahead and cash them. The Treasurer asked for some legal form to be put in these peoples packets stating that they can go forward, as they had signed a form earlier about not being able to hook up to the sewer. Stefan said he could get something to them. Mayor wanted Council and audience to know that there will be something in the paper about the sewer as she has spoken with Sarah at the Star Valley Independent.

Parks & Recreation: Carol from the Forest Service called today and will meet with the Treasurer in the morning in regards to the After School Program. They still want to do the program with a little bit of changes. It will be more educational than last year with people coming in to speak from Weed & Pest, Fire Crews, Fish Biologist, Game Biologist, Silva culturist, and a speaker about Indian lore. They have already purchased new kits, they want to do craft projects, and they have treats already. They would like to have the program two times a week like last year, they are not sure of the days yet. They would like to do a fund raiser like they did last year and invite the Governor. The other thing that was talked about was to charge them a nominal fee for the program. Maybe they would take the program more serious. Last year the Town put \$4000.00 towards this program. They are wondering how much the Town can put towards it this year. Any amount would be greatly appreciated. Treasurer stated that there was \$5000.00 set aside for the ball field that maybe we could use part of it depending on what happens with the Daniels Fund. There is also money set aside for employees for all of parks & recs. which can be taped into as the person in control of the project would have to get paid. Carol also has some really good volunteers lined up. The Town did all advertising for the program last year which we could do again this year. The Mayor feels that this is a very good program. Donn Wooden thinks that businesses in Town could help and give donations to the program. **Don Jorgensen made a motion to give Carol the authorization to go ahead with the After School Program and the Town will do the advertising for it plus give them \$2000.00 to get them started. Donn Wooden seconded. VOTE: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent (Shirley Brown). Motion carried.**

Legal:

Chief Phillips has been working on the Beck / Bates property dispute with abandoned vehicles on the property line. Before Stefan could give Chief Phillips any information he wanted Surveyor Scherbal to give him their opinion on the property lines. He has gotten their opinion and has given Chief Phillips his recommendation to go by state statute and town codes. After talking with Josh Smith Prosecuting Attorney they have decided the offending land owner needs to be cited for the abandonment of vehicles and or property with a must appear citation so he has to appear for the judge and can't just pay the citation. In the interim the vehicles will be removed at the Town's expense with the Town to then file a restitution order. Stefan's concern is that this stuff is junk and if were taking it off the property we won't get out money back. The way to go around that is to have a must appear citation so he must appear in court. The appearance before the judge would allow the judge and the prosecutor to ask the person to pay back the town for its expenses to remove and to store the property. That gives it some bite, he has spoken with Josh and he is in agreement with that. Stefan has a call into North Star to see if we could break down the snow bid so it is less expensive. We have received a discovery request in the Bull Moose litigation. Stefan just received it yesterday, he has a call into Richard Rideout and will be forwarding it to the appropriate people so they can respond to discovery which is due about 18 days from now. Alpine Meadows, still waiting on their attorney, Stefan has two more phone calls and emails into their attorney. He has a promise that the revised franchise agreement will be in his hands by the end of next week. He will let us know when he get's it. He encourages the council to fill its empty seat. He is also dealing with some Blittersdorf issues in regards to vandalism damage. The WWDC project was signed by the Mayor and sent off, we are waiting for the information from Bob Ablondi. Tom, Bob, and Stefan will get together on this to make sure things are running smoothly.

Stefan is still waiting for the employee hand book. Treasurer said so was she, once she gets it she will forward it on to him.

Clerk /Treasurer:

Treasurer received a letter today from Captain Bill Morse in regards to purchasing a used Dodge Durango. Cowboy Dodge got the contract for the new purchases. Treasurer has also been in touch with Senator Enzi’s grant writer for new vehicle grants, they have two that are available for new purchases. Treasurer has also been in contact with Coliseum Motors in Casper talking about new vehicles. Treasurer, Leon Kjellgren, and Silverstar had phone conference today in regards to easement letter sent the end of August. It was decided where Silverstar would be allowed to put in their cables to serve the new library.

Police Dept. / Court

Mr. Wooden and Mayor DeCora would like a report on what is happening as they keep having people ask what is going on. They feel that they should know so they can tell people. They are just hearing too much that they can’t answer. They would like a written report, no names just let them know what is going on. Mr. Wooden has seen the police vehicle parked over by the junction often. It seemed odd to him that the vehicle is parked over there 2 or 3 times out of every time he is over there. This is day time, maybe he is working on a case or what ever but we need to know so when people ask what is going on they need to be able to tell them something. The Mayor wants a written report to go into their packets. It takes 5 minutes to write a couple of paragraphs even if there is nothing going on.

Unpaid Bills

The Mayor would like them in their packets so they can look them over before the meeting. Treasurer stated she had already talked with Whitney about this and they would be in the packets. The only bills that won’t be in the packet are the employee liability bills.

Don Jorgensen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Donn Wooden seconded. VOTE: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent (Shirley Brown). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

Victoria DeCora, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Brenda Bennett, Treasurer

Date

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