

TOWN OF ALPINE
COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 18TH, 2005

Mayor Dave Lloyd called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and held the pledge of allegiance. A quorum was established by the treasurer through roll call. Council members present: Don Jorgensen, D.R. Hutchinson, Shirley Brown, and Steven Fusco (late). Others present: see attached list.

A. ACTION ITEMS & NEW BUSINESS

COUNCIL MINUTES: Mayor Lloyd called for a motion to approve the October 4th, 2005 minutes. **D.R. Hutchinson motioned to approve. Don Jorgensen seconded. Vote: 4 – Yes; 0 – No; 0 – Abstain; 1 – Absent (Mr. Fusco was late). Motion carried.**

PLANNING & ZONING MINUTES: Paula Stevens from Planning & Zoning was present. Mayor Lloyd wanted to clarify the note to remind Council that it was agreed upon that the planning & zoning minutes will only be reviewed with a representative of their board if there are questions from the council. Paula has the same recollection as the Mayor. Mayor Lloyd said evidently somebody questioned this and asked Paula if she knew what it was about. She said she didn't know. She thought that for the most part we were all in agreement but maybe we should revisit it. The Mayor said they would like someone from planning & zoning here to answer questions every time. Paula said normally there would be somebody here to go over applications and answer questions. Mayor Lloyd asked if any one had questions for planning & zoning at this time. D.R. Hutchinson stated every thing seemed to go smooth at last meeting based on the minutes. Paula said yes, Lois did a great job with the minutes so there should be no questions and nothing else she can ad.

Mayor Lloyd called for a motion to approve the planning & zoning minutes. **D.R. Hutchinson motioned to approve the planning & zoning minutes. Don Jorgensen seconded. Vote: 5 – Yes; 0 – No; 0 – Abstain; 0- Absent. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC HEARING – OPENING OF NEW ABULANCE BIDS: Rob Wagner was here in place of Teri Potter as she was called out of town for a meeting at the last minute in Cokeville. The fire department has requested a new ambulance with grant monies to replace their oldest ambulance. The intention will be to sell the oldest ambulance after new one is purchased. That would leave them with 2 units. Mr. Hutchinson wanted to know if the ambulance would be equipped the way they want it right off the bat. Mr. Wagner said it would be that is why there are so many specs. that needed to be fulfilled with the sealed bids. Nothing else will need to be added. They will take the supplies and a new radio the state has given them to make the new ambulance complete. There were two (2) sealed bids to be opened. The first was from Frontrange Fire Apparatus – the Mayor stated it appears that the bid comes from Med Tech Ambulance. The total bid is \$109000.00, for a 2006 Ford F350 4x4 chassis built as per attached specifications. Mr. Wagner said the ambulance they have now is a med tech. The Mayor asked if it has been

a good machine. Mr. Wagner said it has been, it has a good warranty service. Mr. Fusco asked if Mr. Wagner could look at both bids as he knows what the fire department has asked for. The second bid is from Wheeled Coach Ambulance their total bid is for \$108883.00. This is also for a 2006 Ford F350 4 wheel drive ambulance. A difference of \$117.00. Mayor Lloyd asked Mr. Wagner to look at both bids before the council makes a decision. Mayor Lloyd asked if there were any questions from the audience on the purchase of the new ambulance. None were asked. The mayor has asked to table this item till later in the meeting so Mr. Wagner has a chance to compare bids and to make sure all items asked for are in the bids.

LEVEL II WATER STUDY: Mr. Ablondi was here to give specific numbers and to go over those numbers with the council as to how much it will cost to carry on with the level II and level III water study. See attached sheet. Mr. Ablondi reminded all about the meeting with Chris Abernathy when it was mentioned to drill a third well for the town on their budget, 100% on their nickel. It would not cost the Town of Alpine any thing unless the well proves to be a good well. If the well proves to be a good well, then it would have to be paid for with grants and loans (see attached sheet). The sheet is broken down into grants, loans and possibly passing on the loan payment amount to water customers. November 1 is the magical date for funding requests. This grant would go before the legislature in Casper. A member from the Town Council (Mayor) would have to go to Casper to represent the Town. The Town is a worthy candidate for this due to all its growth. There would also be a request to extend this study into next year and to add level III funds to it. Level III funds would be for the construction stage. The actual putting the steel in the ground, new pumps, updated controls, etc... If we go through with this we would have 3 wells putting out 500 gallons per minute. Mr. Hutchinson asked where in this program it would be wise to put in a third tank. Mr. Ablondi feels that it isn't necessary to put in a third tank just yet as with 3 wells it would keep the two tanks we have now full. That is one of the problems we have now, is not being able to keep both tanks full. He also did say that some time in the future it is wise to put in a third tank for emergency purposes. Mr. Ablondi would like to see us go to variable frequency drives as they are more flexible and easier on the entire system. Mr. Ablondi would like to see the new well put in, a new and improved control system put in, then monitor and study the actual amount to decide how big of a holding tank is needed. Mr. Hutchinson also mentioned the leaks that have been found and are being repaired would also help to keep the water levels up. Mr. Ablondi agreed with this although it will not be possible to solve and keep the system from leaking 100%. Mr. Ablondi mentioned that we also need to get stand by power at the wells. Mr. Fusco asked the treasurer if we do basically every thing that is mapped out here and the \$2.75 monthly increase for water billing would the town be able to cover this with out increasing the water bills. Treasurer Bennett personally believes that we need to leave the water rates alone as they were just increased so don't touch them. Treasurer Bennett stated that we paid off two water loans last year, so we would not have a problem with the town covering all costs of this project. Mr. Fusco just wanted to know that it would be taken care of. Mayor Lloyd stated that this would not be completed for probably two to three years so money would not be needed until then. Mr. Ablondi said no money would have to change hands until 2007, or until the project is completed. Mr. Fusco wants to know why we need to drill a third well as he feels it is

more important to get the standby power at this time. Mr. Ablondi, the Mayor, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Jorgensen all agreed that we do need standby power and that it could be put into the cost of the level II and level III study. We need to take advantage of this study, the new well, the grants and low interest loans. Treasurer Bennett asked if the standby power can be included in the control system portion of the grants and loans. Mr. Ablondi said it sure could. Mayor Lloyd asked the treasurer if we were eligible through Homeland Security for standby power. Treasurer Bennett stated that we are, but this year's grant has already been spent, and the next grant from Homeland Security has already been spoken for. We are talking big, big money to get standby power for the wells, and sewer plant. Mayor Lloyd said this is something we have been talking about for a lot of years. Treasurer Bennett still feels that we should incorporate the standby power issue with the Level II and Level III study. Mayor Lloyd would like to make a recommendation to the council that we go ahead with this program including the level III study. **D.R. Hutchinson made a motion to continue this proposed program with Level II and Level III the whole thing. Don Jorgensen seconded.** Mr. Fusco wanted the motion to include the standby power along with this motion. Mayor Lloyd agreed with him. Mr. Fusco wanted to know if there was any way that we could tie this in with the Halpin Development to supply them water. Mayor Lloyd stated that this is all to be negotiated yet but he feels that we are in a very good position to supply his water for his development. Mr. Ablondi felt that not only would it help with that development but it would help with others. **D.R. Hutchinson made a motion to continue this proposed program with Level II and Level III with standby power to be included in the control upgrade system portion of these studies. Don Jorgensen seconded. Vote: 5 – Yes; 0 – No; 0 – Abstain; 0 – Absent. Motion carried.** Mr. Ablondi will get forms and a letter ready for council along with changing the numbers for the control upgrade system portion the study. Mayor Lloyd will go before the commission in Casper on behalf of the Town.

Mayor Lloyd asked if there was a spokesperson for the boy scouts as he forgot to welcome them to the meeting. The scouts present are working to receive their communication and citizen ship merit badges which are a requirement to become an eagle scout. Mayor Lloyd welcomed them to the meeting and thanked them for coming.

RESUME PUBLIC HEARING: OPENING OF NEW AMBULANCE BID: Mayor Lloyd asked Mr. Wagner if every thing looked good with the bids. Mr. Wagner said in a nut shell that Wheeled Coach Ambulance bid did not meet specifications of height requirements, nor could he find a \$1600.00 cot that was asked for. Mr. Wagner would like to recommend the council to select Frontrange Fire Apparatus bid. Mayor Lloyd asked for a motion to be made. **D.R. Hutchinson motioned to approve the Frontrange Fire Apparatus bid of \$109,000.00. Don Jorgensen seconded. Vote: 4 - Yes; 0 – No; 1 – Abstain (Mr. Fusco abstained as he is a member of the fire department) 0 – Absent. Motion carried.**

LINCOLN COUNTY LEADERSHIP APPLICATION: Shirley Brown would like the Council's approval to go to a leadership training once a month for the next 7 months. She will be able to network with other experienced leaders from other towns with in Lincoln

County. She would get experience with decision making and other improvement projects. It will help her with her decision making for the town. Mrs. Brown did not have her paper for the exact cost of this program. Since we do not know the cost, we will table this until we can get the cost of the program. Mrs. Brown is to bring her paper work with the cost to the treasurer tomorrow then the treasurer will do a phone poll initiating the approval for this program. Mrs. Brown stated she will pay for her own travel expenses. D.R. Hutchinson and Don Jorgensen suggested that the town pay for her travel expenses as this will benefit the town also. The meetings will be held in a different town each month with Kemmerer being the farthest point.

TERRACE LANE UPDATE: Mayor Lloyd has talked to two of the people involved with this issue and they are all for resolving it and getting it done. Town attorney Carter Wilkinson needs to get in touch with one other land owner tomorrow to get their permission for this to precede and be finished. D.R. Hutchinson wanted to remind all that this needs to be taken care of as soon as possible as some of the residents will be leaving town for the winter so we need to get their signatures before they leave.

WYOMING COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARD: Letter was given to council and it was discussed. The Town of Alpine has completed their portion of returning grant monies to be used for the CIC. The CIC would like help from the local businesses to support them and help them in raising monies for the future. Mayor Lloyd wanted to know if there was still an Alpine Business Alliance and if so, did they receive a letter? No one knew if there still was an Alliance.

1st READING ORDINANCE NO. 2005-20: Mayor Lloyd read the ordinance pertaining to rezoning from an R-1 to a B-1. **D.R. Hutchinson motioned that we pass the first reading of Ordinance No. 2005-20. Don Jorgensen seconded.** Mr. Fusco asked if there were any comments or questions from the audience specifically Paula Stevens from planning & zoning. Mayor Lloyd stated he remembers planning & zoning having a split decision that is why this was given to the council to decide. Mrs. Stevens said that yes, this was true. The issue of the split vote was mainly due to timeliness. They did not have a problem with the rezone it self, they had a problem with the timing due to the new master plan zoning that is being done by Mr. Pederson. Mayor Lloyd asked if Paula was comfortable with this decision, she said it did not cause her any discomfort. **Vote: 5 – Yes; 0 – No; 0 – Abstain; 0 – Absent. Motion carried.**

PEDERSEN PLANNING CONSULTANTS: Mr. Pedersen sent a letter in regards to a better map done by Surveyor Scherbel. He agrees with Surveyor Scherbel and believes that this would be an added benefit for the master plan and the zoning issues. This was discussed in the first part of August, all agreed that it would be a wonderful thing, the question was money. It was also mentioned that part of the payments could be made towards the end of this fiscal year, and the remainder to be made in the next fiscal year. Treasurer Bennett has talked with Surveyor Scherbels office about the finances and payment of work to be done. Payments will be made when map is completed. Surveyor Scherbel is asking for the Mayor to be able to sign a notice to proceed. Mayor Lloyd

asked for a motion to be made. **D.R. Hutchinson made a motion to approve the Mayor to sign the notice to proceed with the mapping of the town. Don Jorgensen seconded. Vote: 5 - Yes; 0 – No; 0 – Abstain; 0 – Absent. Motion carried.**

DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Water:

Streets & Roads:

Sewer:

Planning & Zoning:

Parks & Recreation: Mayor Lloyd understood that some work was done on the climbing wall in the Civic Center this week end. Treasurer Bennett informed all the Rob Wagner, James Phillips, Shawn Bard, and Shane Gunderson did show up for work on Saturday morning. James Phillips said that all the vertical surfaces were up and next week they will put up all hand holds and padding. Hopefully it will be completed next week end. D.R. Hutchinson asked how things were going with our new after school person. They were informed that she has had her baby and all are doing well. The program will start Monday November 7and will be every Monday and Wednesday for the rest of the school year. There will be an ad in the paper giving notice of this, also bus drivers will be asked to pass out flyers which will also be put up around town. Council was also told of a young lady from Jackson that is willing to come down and help in teaching basketball and lacrosse.

Personnel Dept.:

Police Dept. / Court:

ON GOING BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION: Mayor Lloyd asked Mr. Wagner (Town Building Inspector) if he was aware of a letter from Lyal Radford. Mr. Wagner stated he was not aware of such letter. Mayor Lloyd gave him a copy of the letter stating the Mr. Radford would in deed be a back up Building Inspector for the Town & Mr. Wagner.

FINANCIALS:

D.R. Hutchinson made a motion to pay the bills. Don Jorgensen seconded. Vote: 5 – Yes; 0 – No; 0 – Abstain; 0 – Absent. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

David H. Lloyd, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Brenda Bennett, Treasurer

Date

