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**TOWN OF ALPINE  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2005**

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Mayor Lloyd called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and held the pledge of allegiance. A quorum was established by the clerk through a roll call. Council members present: D.R. Hutchinson, and Steve Fusco. Don Jorgensen and Kathy Swiston are absent and excused. Mayor Lloyd also present. Others present: Brenda Bennett, Treasurer; Steve Van Valkenburg, Police Officer; Charlene Bucha-Gentry, Grey's River Ranger District; David Gieck, Scott Reed, Leon Kjellgren, Karen Haderlie, Star Valley Chamber; and Garren Stauffer, Star Valley Independent.

**A. ACTION ITEMS AND NEW BUSINESS:**

- **COUNCIL MINUTES:** Mayor Lloyd called for a motion to approve the minutes. **D.R. Hutchinson motioned to approve the February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005 Council Minutes. Steve Fusco seconded VOTE: 3 – Yes; 0 – No; 0- Abstain; 2- Absent (Don Jorgensen and Kathy Swiston)**
- **PLANNING & ZONING MINUTES:** None Available. Scott Reed advised commercial building permits for Jeff Dupont and Peter Karnes is pending as they need to reflect everything on the site plan. Steve Dicenso built a residential home in a set of storage units without obtaining a variance or building permit. According to Reed, Mr. Dicenso was misinformed and never sought clarification from the Town of Alpine. He doesn't run a business out of the building currently and the lot is too small to have created a home in the back of the lot. The septic system leach fields are 5 –feet too small to handle residential waste. The property was approved for a small sink and toilet for commercial use. The owner cannot get financing for the property. The issue is being reviewed by the Town of Alpine attorney.
- **DAVID GIECK—Opening 'Wyoming Mechanical Company' (Plumbing Services)** in the old Axford Photography building. Mr. Gieck moved to Alpine in December 2004 with his wife and daughter. For the past 25 years Wyoming Mechanical has been established in Jackson. His goal is to start a plumbing shop here in Alpine and not worry about the shop in Jackson so much. Plumbing and heating services will be offered. A small show room will be inside the building. Mayor Lloyd welcomed Mr. Gieck to the community.
- **CHARLENE BUCHA GENTRY- GREY'S RIVER RANGER DISTRICT—ALPINE CONFLUENCE INFORMATION CENTER:** Ms. Gentry provided a PowerPoint summary to the Council which will be utilized later with the Lincoln County Commissioners. The Confluence Information Center (CIC) has been in operation since May 2004 offering services to the community at the gateway to the Grey's River District. CIC Partners include: Town of Alpine, Grey's River Ranger District, Star Valley Chamber, Lincoln County Commissioners, Palisades & Soda Springs Ranger Districts, Grand Teton Natural History Association, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services, WY Game and Fish/ SE Idaho Refuge Complex, Alpine Area Business Alliance, the American Legion, and Alpine Ladies League. With the entering into the partnership was the realization the center must be self-sustaining. The Forest Service's budgets are going down – not up; the CIC is an additional administrative site for the district. Grants were obtained to operate the center this past year and will be needed for the long-term to keep the center open. One full-time employee was kept at the center from May- December 2004. The Dept. of Labor Older Americans Program is also being utilized for the second position for 20-30 hours per week. The center has been run 30 hours a week by the "Older American Position" since Dec. 2004. The center can be open in May 2005 on a full-time basis, however, they are \$5,000.00 short on keeping the center open for the rest of the fiscal year which ends 9/30/05.

The partnership is now entering the phase in dealing with ways to keep the center open. The Council is being approached today to explore alternatives for long-term ways to keep the center open as the Town is a partner. Ms. Gentry provided spreadsheets for the 2004 Expenses, 2004 End of the Year Report, and Visitor Log Information. Approximately \$1,500.00- \$2,000.00 is for "one-time" expenditures to build counters, display areas, etc. The Town of Alpine committed the office space for the next 5 years to the project. The #1 Expense is salary and then DSL, phone, rent, office supplies, etc. The ultimate goal is to open the center year-round. The plan also includes asking for a budget appropriation from the Lincoln County Commissioners who are also a partners. The CIC goals are centered around civic capacity, community expansion, economic development, tourism, visitor information/services, and community/ education. The Town of Alpine was awarded the National 2004 RCA Spirit Award due to the unique partnership. Services offered through the CIC include: Forest maps, permits (firewood, tree, etc), transplants post/ pole permits, Snowmobile/ ATV Permits (WY and ID), GTNHA (Grand Teton Natural History Association) Merchandise, Local Business and Community Information, Children's Summer Camp, and Interpretive Programs. A week-long children's summer camp was offered in August 2004 for 6-8 year olds which was a big success. The visitor log contained 326 signatures and is only approximately 50 % of the people served. Visitors represented 30 different states, 5 foreign countries and Canada. Ms. Gentry has received email, phone calls from people expressing appreciation for having the center in Alpine. Product Sales from May-December 2004 reached almost \$6,000.00 an impressive number when comparing to other areas of the district. Over \$3,000.00 was sold for Bridger-Teton products such as maps, permits, etc. Almost \$800.00 was sold for the Caribou-Targhee National Forests; snowmobile stickers were received in November 2004 and have totaled \$800.00 in sales. The agricultural base is disappearing from the Star Valley area which makes this partnership so essential as tourism will play an even greater role in the local economy. The Star Valley area is bordered on all sides by national forests giving natural amenities and a destination for tourists. The CIC will help define Alpine and Star Valley as a gateway to the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Services must be provided year-round as our recreation lands offer year-round use. Salt Lake City has limited use of their neighboring forest lands due to the human impacts and, therefore, many Utah residents are recreating in the Grey's River area. Keeping and maintaining any jobs associated with the CIC create a trickle-down effect. Localized services provide services easily and accessible which helps with compliance issues. Law enforcement of the area is better enforced and gives a place to report. By pooling resources through this partnership creates a benefit to the County by saving tax dollars and ensuring services are not duplicated throughout the valley. The overall vision of the center is to continue building and strengthening existing partnerships, securing the viability of the center, operating year-round, and becoming an integral part of the community. Steve Fusco thanked Charlene for having the center in Alpine. The Council will meet again to discuss ways to support the continuation of the CIC.

***The clerk advised Silver Star Communications donated \$200.00 toward the continuation of the center.*** Also, the clerk suggested that a portion of business fees be directed into an economic development fund at the end of every fiscal year.

- ***Leon Kjellgren – Letter dtd. February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005 to the Council:*** Council person Fusco raised many good questions regarding the type of wastewater treatment plant in the Town of Alpine. Leon Kjellgren issued a letter to the Council summarizing his thoughts, suggestions, concerns and ideas in writing. Since the letter was issued, he discovered an old copy of a report which was generated by Sunrise Engineering which provides a synopsis of options and methods for a master plan for sewage. Lagoons vs. package plants are compared in the report. The report written in 1995 is very well written and will still provide useful. The report comes to a conclusion that a sewage/lagoon system is cost prohibitive to the Town of Alpine as a solution for waste treatment due to the high cost of land and its availability. The Sunrise report speculates a 68 acre lagoon system would be needed with a cost of \$1,000,000.00 or more as of 1995. More than likely there is a higher and better use for the 68 acres according to Sunrise Engineering. The clerk advised several copies of the report have been on-hand for anyone to read any many more records exist. The report ends up in two alternatives for mechanical treatment plants: Option 1) In the area where our plants currently exists, a 165,000 gallon plant would be added with an additional 23,000 gallons already in service at the existing plant, at the time of the report, gives this option a total of 188,000 gallons

per day capacity. Sewage is pumped off the lower bench in the Grey's River area using lift stations. Lift stations are not near as costly as having a separate sewage treatment plant.

Option 2): This option divides the Town in half giving 88,000 per day sewage capacity in the Town's current plant location with an additional 100,000 gallon capacity at the confluence of the Grey's River area. This report ends up choosing Option 2 based on costs factors; between option 1 and 2 exists only a 10% difference in cost. The drawback to this option would have a negative factor due to the costs to heat two separate buildings which may reduce the 10% difference. Additionally, land acquisition cost factors should be considered for an additional site near the confluence of the rivers.

Mr. Kjellgren requested additional time to digest this old report and write a written report as his findings for Council. He suggested the Council commit to a "Master Plan" for future treatment needs. The document provides a step in the right direction. Future Council's will also benefit. Leon Kjellgren advised that what Mr. Halpin is proposing may not be in conflict with this "Master Plan". Again, the clerk offered that many more records exist regarding both the sewer and water departments; anyone at anytime is welcome to review the records. Leon Kjellgren offered that once the Town agrees on its Wastewater Master Plan that it be solidified through a resolution. D.R. Hutchinson inquired whether it should be adopted through ordinance rather than a resolution. Mr. Kjellgren feels a resolution provides for flexibility and gives the "intent" for policy. Changes will require three readings if it is in the form of an ordinance. **Steve Fusco motioned to approve Leon Kjellgren to explore the Sunrise Engineering document. D.R. Hutchinson seconded. VOTE: 3- Yes; 0- No; 0- Abstain; 2- Absent (Don Jorgensen and Kathy Swiston).**

- **225 – Resolution No. 01-02-15-2005: Don Goetz- Palisades Heights Replat:** The clerk advised Mr. Goetz filed his affidavit for replatting with the County clerk without waiting for the review by Surveyor Scherbel, LTD. As a result, the affidavit was incorrect and required revision. This resolution must be read to accept the vacating of the plat. The lot will revert to the legal description of "Lot # 9 Palisades Heights" its former version. D.R. Hutchinson read the resolution in its entirety. **Steve Fusco motioned to approve 225- Resolution No. 01-02-15-2005. D.R. Hutchinson seconded. VOTE: 3- Yes; 0-No; 0- Abstain; 2- Absent (Don Jorgensen and Kathy Swiston).**
- **229 – Resolution No. 02-02-15-2005: Town of Alpine Boundary –** Mayor Lloyd read the resolution in its entirety and called for a motion to approve the resolution. **D.R. Hutchinson motioned to approve 229- Resolution No. 02-02-15-2005. Steve Fusco seconded. VOTE: 3-Yes; 0- No; 0-Abstain; 2- Absent (Don Jorgensen and Kathy Swiston)**

#### **B. DEPARTMENT UPDATES:**

- **STREETS & ROADS:**
- **SEWER DEPARTMENT:**
- **WATER DEPARTMENT:**
- **PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT:**
- **PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION:**
- **POLICE DEPARTMENT/COURT:** Mayor Lloyd presented Alpine Police Department officer, Steve Van Valkenburg, a certificate from the Chief of Police for his exemplary discretion and professionalism based on a prior case.

• **PERSONNEL/ ADMINISTRATIVE:**

C. ON-GOING BUSINESS/ INFORMATION:

- **TABLED 5/06/04:** Terrace Lane Surveying Issues--- UPDATE: Issue is still on-going and John Bowers recently turned over a box of information for the new attorney, James Lubing. Issue is pending completion.

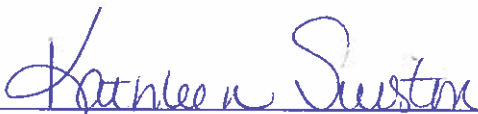
D. INFORMATION DISTRIBUTED TO COUNCIL:

- E-mail from Donn Wooden 1/25/05 Alpine School
- WAM Newsletter Dtd. 1/29/05
- At the Capitol 1/31/05
- Copies of Alpine Town Government List & Resolution to Designate the Official Appointments


E. FINANCIALS/ UNPAID BILLS:

**D.R. Hutchinson motioned to approve payment of the unpaid bills. Steve Fusco seconded. VOTE: 3-Yes; 0- No; 0- Abstain; 2- Absent (Don Jorgensen and Kathy Swiston)**

D.R. Hutchinson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. and proceed into executive session for discussion of the Parks and Recreation Department. Steve Fusco seconded. Motioned carried. David Lloyd adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:30 p.m.

  
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David H. Lloyd, Mayor Kathy Swiston, Mayor  
Pro Tem

3-1-05  
Date

  
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Tracy Matthews, Clerk  
Brenda Bennett, Treasurer

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