



Town of Alpine
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

** Minutes are a brief summary only of a tape recorded meeting **

DATE: *May 18, 2010*

TIME: *7:00 p.m.*

PLACE: *Town Hall*

TYPE: *Regular Meeting*

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Victoria DeCora called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor DeCora led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Roll Call:** Town Administrator Deb Wolfley conducted roll call: Present: Shirley Brown, Beau Taylor, Don Jorgensen and Mayor Victoria DeCora. Councilman Troy Johnson was absent and excused. A quorum was established.
3. **Approval of Consent Agenda – Council Taylor motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Jorgensen seconded the motion.**

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent. Motion carried.

4. New Business:

- (a) **Planning & Zoning Report:** Mr. Josh Floyd, of the P&Z Commission briefly went over the events of the previous Commission meeting. Mr. Floyd said there is a person interested in serving on the Planning & Zoning Commission and this person lives outside of Town boundaries. An update will be given to the Town Council at a later date on the vacancy on the Planning & Zoning Commission. There was a discussion on the street light project with Mr. Floyd and the Town Council. The P&Z members and Town Council like the street light that is called option three (3) for comparison purposes. This light may be in the grey area as far as the Town code, but all feel it will be okay. Light pollution was also talked about.
- (b) **Public Meeting Decorum:** Chief Phillips of the Alpine Police Department addressed the Council and the public that his office is receiving possible threats against the Mayor during a public meeting. Chief Phillips talked about his concerns and advising the public that safety is paramount during public meetings.
- (c) **Sewer Billing (Ready to Serve Fee) 319 Greys River Road – Ms. Janice Carlston:** Ms. Carlston was not present to address the Town Council.
- (d) **Rocky Mountain Himalayan Foundation: Civic Center Rental (August) - Ms. Tina Seay and Ms. Sue Atwood** spoke on behalf of the Rocky Mountain Himalayan Foundation. Information was given to the Council on the work and activities of this Foundation. This group would like to have an event in August of this year to bring people into Alpine and to promote and educate the public about the Rocky Mountain Himalayan Foundation. Tina inquired about renting the civic center for two (2) and a half (1/2) days and if there could be a discount on the rental rate for that time period. Discussion on how much room was needed for their event and if they have seen the building. Tina and Sue said they would look at the building and then decide if they needed the whole building or not. They would then get back to the Council for discussion on rental rates.
- (e) **# 200 – Ordinance No. 2010 -02: An Ordinance to Establish a Unified Utility Billing Process & Requirements. 3rd & Final Reading.** Council reviewed the ordinance.

Councilman Taylor motioned to approve. Councilwomen Brown seconded the motion.
No public comment.

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent. Motion carried

Mayor Victoria DeCora brought up discussion on Street Lights that was held during workshop (meeting) prior to council meeting.

Motion made by Councilman Jorgensen to go with street light described as Option three (3) and to have the Planning & Zoning check on any possible violations with Option three (3) of the street lights and report back to the Town Council. Councilwoman Brown seconded this motion.

No public comment.

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent. Motion carried

On Going Business:

Payment of Town Bills – Council reviewed and signed the appropriate bills.

Councilman Taylor motioned to pay the bills. Councilman Jorgensen seconded the motion.

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent. Motion carried.

Department Updates:

Town Attorney: Not Present.

Police Dept. /Court: James Phillips – Chief Phillips presented Council with a written report.

Town Administrator: Deb Wolfley – A brief overview of the activities:

1. Gave a report to council on the recent meeting with the other towns and cities in Lincoln County held on 5-14-10 in Cokeville, Wyoming. The 5th penny tax was discussed on the need to educate the public on the importance of this revenue for all the municipal governments in Lincoln County. The Towns all stated that they would work on educating the public in various ways.
2. Report was given to Council on meeting with County Commissioners, Bridger Teton National Forest Officials and personnel from the Grand Teton National Park and Terri Potter of the Alpine Fire Department in regards to the Confluence Center being located in Alpine at the Civic Center. The Forest Service officials made a proposal to the County Commissioners on using money from the Forest Service Title Three Funds to hire a person for two years to staff the confluence center and work on the fire wise program. Because of the guidelines of the Title 3 money, the County would have to hire this person to work at the confluence center. It is the goal of the Forest Service and the Grand Teton National Park that after two years, to have enough money from other sources to take over this program. It was reported to the Town Council that the County Commissioners made no decision on the current proposal
3. Report given to the Council on meeting with the County Commissioners on asking them for assistance on the retaining wall project on Terrace Lane. Councilwomen Shirley Brown made the request to the Commissioners at their meeting. Discussion was held about the matter with the County and with Town Officials. The commissioners made no decision on the town's request and said they would decide later.
4. Report given to the Council on discussion with the Office of State Lands & Investment, the Wyoming Water Development Commission, Rendezvous Engineering and the Town Administrator in regards to the two different water projects being proposed in the town of Alpine and the applications to the state for assistance through loans and grants. Discussion was centered on the request for loan money, grant money and how best to utilize the money that Town has in the water reserve fund. The Town earlier had requested to use the \$120,000.00 from the reserve fund to be used on the Three Rivers Meadows Project in conjunction with the grant and loan application with the state. The other water project involving the Town's water wells and funding from the Wyoming Water Development Commission has some different deadlines and requirements and it was felt that it may be best to use the money from the Town's water reserves to go to this project and then proceed with the loan and grant application to the Office of State Lands & Investment for the Three Rivers Meadow Project. Officials from the two state offices said it would be necessary for the Town of Alpine to decide on changing the use of the town reserve water fund money from the Three Rivers Meadow Project over to the Water Commission well project. Council was also informed that

according to the State offices that it will be necessary to change the ordinance to raise the water rates by August 3 of 2010 to show how the money will be paid back to the State of any loan money the town receives from the state. The council discussed the information presented to them by the Town Administrator.

Councilman Taylor motioned to authorize the Town Administrator to write a letter to the Office of State Lands & Investment to indicate the Town's desire to change the use of the water reserve money from the Three Rivers Meadow Project to the Wyoming Water Development Commission Well project. Councilman Jorgensen seconded the motion.

No public comment.

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain, 1 absent. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer: Bills were presented to the Council for review. Refer to On Going Business.

Mayor DeCora recessed meeting at 8:03 p.m. Meeting reconvened at 8:07 p.m. by Mayor DeCora

Mayor DeCora asked for a motion to move into executive session, pursuant to Wyoming State Statutes Section 16-4-405 (a) (i) public safety and Section 16-4-405 (a) (ii) employment matters. **Councilman Taylor so moved. Councilman Jorgensen seconded the motion.**

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent. Motion carried.

Mayor DeCora reconvened the public meeting at 8:42 pm. No action was taken from executive session.

Councilman Jorgensen motioned to adjourn the public meeting. Councilman Taylor seconded the motion.

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.


Victoria DeCora, Mayor 6-1-2010
Date

Minutes taken and transcribed by:


Deb Wolfley 6-2-10
Date

ATTEST:


Brenda Bennett, Treasurer/Clerk 6/2/10
Date