



TOWN OF ALPINE  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

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

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**DATE: June 16, 2009**

**TIME: 7:00 p.m.**

**PLACE: Town Hall**

**TYPE: Regular Meeting**

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Call to Order: Mayor Pro Tem Troy Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Pro Tem Johnson led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Office Assistant Christine Wagner conducted roll call: Present: Shirley Brown, Beau Taylor, Don Jorgensen, Mayor Pro Tem Troy Johnson, absent Victoria DeCora (excused). A quorum was established. Also in attendance were Attorney Stefan Fodor and Town Administrator Deb Wolfley.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson discussed the rules for council meetings if anyone would like to read them. The meetings will be run in an organizational way should anyone want to comment, you will be allowed to do when public comment is made, should anyone get out of line they will be given one (1) warning then they will be asked to leave. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson opened for public discussion, there was no discussion.

Minutes:

- (a) Approval of Town Council Minutes for meetings for June 2, 2009 and Special Council Meeting for June 9, 2009. Approval of P&Z Minutes for May 26, 2009. **Councilman Don Jorgensen motioned to approve minutes of the Town Council Minutes for meetings for June 2, 2009 and Special Council Meeting for June 9, 2009 and the P&Z Minutes for May 26, 2009. Councilman Taylor seconded the motion. Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (DeCora). Motion carried.**
- (b) Planning & Zoning Report: Mr. Josh Floyd, Representative of the P&Z commission gave the following report, from the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commission approved the variance for the Town Emergency Management Sign and they approved the building permit for the Town Civic Center.

New Business:

- (a) 191 – Ordinance No. 2009-47: Town of Alpine Budget for Fiscal Year 2009/2010 – 3<sup>rd</sup> & FINAL Reading – Council reviewed the ordinance; Mayor Pro Tem Johnson called for motion. **Councilman Taylor motion to approve Ordinance No. 191 2009-47, Town of Alpine Budget for Fiscal Year 2009/2010. Councilwoman Brown seconded the motion. Councilwoman Brown seconded the motion.** Open to public comment, none was given, opened to Council comments; Councilman Jorgensen stated he stands with his decision on this issue. **Vote: 3 yes, 1 no (Jorgensen), 0 abstain, 1 absent (DeCora). Motion carried.**
- (b) 189 – Ordinance No. 2009 - 45: Land Use & Development – 3<sup>rd</sup> & FINAL Reading – Mayor Pro Tem Johnson stated there was comments on this ordinance, he asked if Josh Floyd, from the

**NO blockage for town access, it is further stipulated that he will continue to maintain said access. This license shall be revocable within six (6) months from written notification from the Town of Alpine. Councilman Jorgensen seconded the motion.**

**Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (DeCora). Motion carried.**

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson called for a recess at 8:56 pm. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson re-convened the meeting at 9:07 pm.

- (e) Juline Christofferson – Water/Sewer Issues, Town Park, Civic Center, and Personnel & Contract Matters –
- a. Ms. Juline Christofferson started off, by wanting to discuss the recent tickets issued to the Bull Moose Saloon. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson stated that this issue is under county authority. He re-iterated that this is a state statutes issue. She needs to handle it through the county first, when all is done and she still has a problem with the Alpine Police, she can then come to the council.
  - b. Water/Sewer Issues - Water Shut Off – They plan on shutting off the water to the motel this fall she has been informed by Mr. Wolfley that she will have to continue to pay her water rates. Is that correct. May Pro Tem Johnson referred to the ordinance, commenting on paying three month of shut off or three months to turn back on. She stated that it would be no benefit to her to turn it off. Regardless of any use, she still pays her amounts for six months of services that she is not using
  - c. Town Park – Is the Council going to advertise the vacation of land or a portion of that land where the town public park is? Attorney Fodor responded that according to the Wyoming State Statutes a vacation is required if the property was dedicated as such, however the review of the legal chain of title does not show that it was legally dedicated as a town park, nor was there any deed restrictions on the warranty deeds. She further asked if it has been operated as a park and she reiterated the Council’s position on the formal vacation of the land.
  - d. Civic Center/Event Center – She would like to state that if at their next liquor license hearing, people stand up and complain about the proximity of a civic center to an establishment that does occasional nude exotic dancing, she reminded the Council that you have brought this problem to them and not them to you. That should not be an issue for their liquor license
  - e. Personnel & Contract Matters – She would like to know if Mr. Wolfley has obtained liability insurance. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson stated that not yet, but that was in the process.

Councilman Jorgensen stated that he thought it should be noted that Mr. Wolfley has a business license in the process.

- (f) Jeff Atwood – Town Concerns & Tavern on the Grey’s Septic Permit – Mr. Atwood stated that the town attorney has received a copy of a letter from their legal counsel, Mr. Gary Stockie. Basically their legal counsel is pursuing negotiations and has advised them to reach a settlement with the Town Council, which is what they really want to do. So in order to trying to work out a settlement, now remember he has to take all the information to the other four (4) members eight (8) including spouses, he presented the proposal for the consideration for the council. He discussed their proposal and the items in length.

not sure what it takes to dedicate a park, as an official of the town, they did it that way. He just wanted to express his views.

- (g) Kennis Lutz – Alpine Car Wash Sewer Billing – Mr. Lutz did not attend the meeting.
- (h) Continued discussion and decision with homeowners (Beck, Carlston, Mobley, Sawdy, Stover, Mobley, Hartenstein & Buschow) Phase I Sewer Connections – An Emergency Ordinance was just pasted to help these homeowners out that extended the timeline. Council is still waiting for the reports back from Sunrise Engineering as to how these homeowners will be able to hook into the system. Council discussed at great length the issue of a lift station in the area of those homeowners, hooking into the sewer system, property easements. More discussion is need with Sunrise Engineering and the homeowners as to hooking into the system.

Public discussion was made by Mr. Larry Hartenstein, Ms. Michele Buschow and Ms. Janice Carlston.

- (i) Discussion on cover for new lift station – Town Administrator present a proposal to the Council for covering the lift station located adjacent to the Tavern on the Greys property.

Council discussed the minimum and maximum size of the building, materials to be used to construct the building, removable lid for structure, visually screening, best way to protect the equipment and the maintenance that is involved. Town Attorney expressed his opinions on the expense of this project. Town Administrator stated that he could have Mr. Trefren revisit his proposal making the changes that were suggested by the Council.

Public comments were made by Mr. Jeff Atwood.

- (j) Discussion on applying for grant to create a bike & walk pathway along Grey's River Road – Town Administrator discussed a grant potential with the Council, it would be an 80/20 TILL grant. The deadline to apply for the grant is the end of the month. Asked the Council asked they would like to pursue this grant.

Council discussed the options of where the path and or walkway would be and the location of the path. If was decided to move for with this. Councilman Taylor made a motion to apply for the grant. Councilwoman Brown seconded the motion.

**Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (DeCora). Motion carried**

Tabled Items – On Going Business:

- 190 – Ordinance No. 2009 - 46: Breach of Peace
- 192 – Ordinance No. 2009 - 48: Repeal/Replace Ordinance #188 No. 2009-44 – Business License
- Steve Ashworth – Teton County Parks & Recreation
- American Legion Meeting/Discussion – Project meeting on picnic area
- Child Development Center
- Civic Center
- Maintenance Shop
- Continued discussion with Lincoln County Sheriff Shane Johnson
- Impact Fees

Department Updates:

