

**ALPINE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
ALPINE CITY HALL, 20 NORTH MAIN, ALPINE, UT
JUNE 25, 2013**

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Mayor Hunt Willoughby.

A. Roll Call: The following were present and constituted a quorum:

Mayor Hunt Willoughby

Council Members: Troy Stout, Will Jones, Mel Clement

Council Members not present: Bradley Reneer, Kimberly Bryant

Staff: Rich Nelson, Charmayne Warnock, David Church, Shane Sorensen, Jason Bond, Jannicke Brewer, Police Chief Brian Gwilliam, Chief Brad Freeman

Others: Darren Gooch, Alex Power, Tainui Whhongi, Cole Gambill, Makayla Allison, Victoria Black, Ashley Tracy, Jaclyn Ballif, Lark Barney, Bethany Owen, Danielle Jones, Brooke James, Chris Ballif, Ginny Rainsdon, Sam Stacey, Linzey Daugherty, Joshua B. Freeman, Teri Newell, Elizabeth Weight, Melissa Phillips, Muriel Xachimitl, Justin Schellenberg

B. Prayer: Will Jones

C. Pledge: Alex Bower

II. PUBLIC COMMENT: Will Jones thanked the residents who were working to clean up Moyle Park. The Harts and the Public Works Department also participated in the clean up.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve the minutes of June 11, 2013

MOTION: Troy Stout moved to approve the minutes of June 11, 2013. Will Jones seconded. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0. Motion passed.

IV. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Swearing in of the Youth Council: Members of the 2013-2014 Youth Council were sworn in by City Recorder, Charmayne Warnock.

B. Report from UDOT on SR-92, SR-74, I-15: Terry Newell, Region 3 Director for UDOT reported on the construction project underway on SR-92 (Timpanogos Highway), SR-74 (Alpine Highway), and I-15. The work on SR-92 consisted primarily of widening the road and build commuter lanes. They would be finalizing the landscaping in July. Most of the commuter lane was open.

Mel Clement asked about the cost of SR-92. He said he'd heard it was \$150,000,000.

Ms. Newell said it was actually 90 million dollars with some extra cost to build the interchange with I-15. She said some felt it was overbuilt but with the projected growth for that area, they felt it would be needed. There were some concerns with quality, which they were working on right now.

Will Jones asked if the commuter lanes would go all the way to the freeway. The commuter lane ended up the stop lights where traffic bottlenecked and the time gained was lost.

Ms. Newell said they did have plans for the interchange with I-15 and would make a direct connection when they got the remainder of the money.

Will Jones asked if there could be a trail that connected the Murdock Canal trail to the trail along the Jordan River.

Muriel Xchimitl said they were currently building a connection and were trying to take it as far as they could. It should be finished this summer.

Fire Chief Brad Freeman asked if there were plans to make two commuter lanes each direction. The single lane created a problem for the ambulance when they got stuck behind slow moving traffic. It was actually faster for them to go through the lights than take the commuter lane.

Troy Stout agreed saying it was frustrating how slowly traffic moved on the commuter lanes. He asked if the speed limit could be increased. He asked if there was a way to regulate traffic that used the commuter lane such as dump trucks and other slow-moving vehicles. He asked why UDOT selected Flatiron out of Colorado rather than using a local contractor. He asked if it was typical for a contractor to have to go back and redo their work.

Terry Newell said UDOT would take that information about increasing the speed limit and regulating traffic on the commuter lane, and look into it. In regard to the contractor, she said they did not have a preference list of local contractors they used. They tried to get the best value. She said it was not typical for contractors to redo their work. They were trying to learn from the experience and avoid it in the future.

Troy Stout asked about the intersection of SR-92 and 4800 West. The road was quite narrow and no one could turn right. The northbound lanes were head-on with the southbound lanes. It was hard to see and it created a dangerous situation.

Ms. Newell said she had been talking about that situation with Shane Sorensen. They would look at it again and see how much it would cost to redo.

Ms. Newell said the work on I-15 consisted of repairing the joints on bridges. Traffic would be reduced to two lanes between July and October. There was a traffic application for smart phones from UDOT for up-to-date closures.

Justin Schellenberg reported on the paving on SR-74. They would mill off the top surface and repave with new asphalt to prolong the life of the road. Work would be done north of the SR-92 intersection to the roundabout. They would upgrade the pedestrian and bike lanes which would require some sidewalk closures. They would keep one lane of traffic open in each direction and try to maintain business accesses. There would be some times when they were closed if they were working there. They would start on July 13, 2013 and planned on 30 days to complete the work.

Jannicke Brewer asked if they could get sidewalk along the side of the road for children going to school. Mr. Schellenberg said the project was funded with money that allowed only for pavement preservation. They were allowed to upgrade pedestrian access ramps that existed and some minor repair of curb and gutter, but no sidewalk.

Shane Sorensen said UDOT had a safe sidewalk grant program to which the City had applied several times hoping to connect 800 South to the Art Center, but they had not been successful.

Mayor Willoughby thanked the people from UDOT for their report.

V. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Fireworks Discussion: Rich Nelson said staff had met with Fire Chief Brad Freeman and developed the boundary for fireworks. He showed the map which closed all areas Alpine to fireworks except for what was essentially the center of town. The area where fireworks would be allowed was east of Main Street, west of 600 East, south of 300 North and north of Ridge Drive. Fireworks would also be allowed in the area between Alpine Highway and Canyon Crest Road. Since Creekside Park was in the permitted area, people could go to the park on the 4th of July and the 24th of July and let off their fireworks. The police and fire departments would be there. The Public Works Department would clean up afterwards.

Troy Stout asked if there would be liability in having people in Creekside Park. David Church said it was doubtful that enough people would show up to create an unsafe condition. It would depend on how they regulated it and how the firefighters took care of it. The concept didn't create the problem. Carrying it out was the issue.

Brad Freeman said there had been some fires already. Someone in Healey Heights was burning construction material that got out of control. Someone else had burned on a construction site in Lambert Park and left it to go to lunch. There had been a fire up Fort Canyon and a fire in Cedar Hills where someone was shooting targets. He said no open burning would be allowed whatsoever. They would cite people who violated the ban. David Church said violation of the fireworks and open burning ban was a Class B misdemeanor and was punishable up to \$1000 and 6 months in jail. The judge would decide the extent.

Brad Freeman said any construction or excavation in fields or vacant lots would have to have a water truck present and someone on the hose. There would be no open burning in Lambert Park or the Bowery, or any of the restricted fireworks area.

Mel Clement asked if there could be a sign about the restriction at the trailhead to Dry Creek. Brad Freeman said they had extra signs they could put up. Chief Freeman said they didn't have a budget for signs so it would come back to the City. He added that they had neglected to charge the City for the brush trucks and extra patrol they used the previous summer. The extra patrol had been effective in stopping some fires last year because they were already out patrolling.

MOTION: Will Jones moved to adopt the Fireworks Ban Area Map 2013 as shown and immediately ban all open fires in Lambert Park and the fireworks restricted areas throughout the city, other than a barbeque, and require all construction vehicles to be accompanied by a water truck with a hose. Troy Stout seconded. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0. Motion passed unanimously.

Someone asked if a water truck would be required at a construction site with a hydrant since it took awhile to hook up to a hydrant. Brad Freeman said they would look at it on a case-by-case basis. Some areas were not as prone to fires as others.

Shane Sorensen said that when someone came in for a building permit, the fire marshal had to sign off on it.

B. Pfeifferhorn Trail Discussion: Shane Sorensen said there was an existing gravel trail along the western boundary between Alpine and Highland heading north from Westfield Road. The City had applied for a grant to pave it, and was awarded the grant. Highland was going to participate in the cost of paving the trail. But when staff found out what the environmental costs would be of paving the trail, they realized there would not be enough money to cover it. Staff proposed that they return the money to Highland City, not pave the trail, and use the money elsewhere.

MOTION: Mel Clement moved to cancel the effort to pave the Pfeifferhorn Trail and use the funds elsewhere. Will Jones seconded. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0. Motion passed.

C. Motorized Vehicles in Lambert Park: This item was postponed. The Council agreed there need to be a publicized public hearing on the issue.

MOTION: Troy Stout moved to hold a public hearing on prohibiting motorized vehicles in Lambert Park and direct staff to set an expedited time line. Will Jones seconded. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0. Motion passed unanimously.

It was suggested that if the public hearing was more than 30 days away, there be strict enforcement to keep the vehicles off the non-motorized trails. Will Jones noted that the evening was the busiest time, and early morning.

Mayor Willoughby said the Youth Council had wanted to be involved in a discussion on a city issue and this might be a good one. Jannicke Brewer said the date of the public hearing should be noticed in the Newline.

Mayor Willoughby invited Adam Power to present his Eagle project since it hadn't been addressed under Public Comment. Adam Power said he would like to paint fluorescent yellow circles around the holes for the flags that the Youth Council set up. Also, he was going to fix some flags. The Youth Council said that would be much appreciated since the holes were hard to see in the early morning.

Troy Stout left the meeting. Mayor Willoughby said that since they lacked a quorum to vote on the remaining agenda items, they would go directly to Staff Reports and Council Communication.

D. Accessory Apartment Discussion: Postponed.

E. Ordinance No. 2013-06, Amending Article 2.4 regarding the Development Review Committee: Postponed

F. Ordinance No. 2013-10, Amending Section 3.21.6 regarding fences: Postponed.

G. Ordinance No. 2013-11, Amending Article 4.14 regarding Site Plan Approval: Postponed.

H. Ordinance No. 2013-12, Amending Article 4.5 regarding Minor Subdivision Approval: Postponed.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

Rich Nelson said he had met with Mel Clement regarding the salary range concept, and they would be working on that. He also compliment Ron Devey on supervising the cleanup in Moyle Park.

Charmayne Warnock asked the Council if they wanted the City to provide Early Voting for the Primary Election on August 13, 2013. They said they did.

Shane Sorensen

- The EWP Project in Lambert Park and Box Elder was underway. It would be close to completion in a week. They would have to close the River Trail for a couple of days while construction was taking place in that area.
- Street Improvement Projects. They were planning to chip seal from the roundabout up Main Street to Grove Drive in July. Since it was a major road, they were planning on message board signs. The Silver Leaf area and Ridge Drive be overlaid. They would apply HA5 on some of the newer roads in Healey Heights, Pheasant Ridge and Allegheny, and some culdesacs.

Jay Healey said there were two new employees in the Public Works Department, Braden Peterson and Jay Engle.

Jason Bond reported that the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for July 2nd had been moved to July 16, 2103.

Jannicke Brewer said the Planning Commission would begin work on updating the General Plan. It had been seven years since the last update. With the additional work, they should consider meeting twice a month. One meeting would be a work session and the other a regular meeting.

VII. COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Will Jones

- Mr. Jones said that following the presentation at the previous meeting about the Youth Council and their desire for a PA system for the Easter Egg Hunt, he had looked into the cost of the event. The City was spending \$4,500 for the Easter Egg Hunt. He said he felt the cost was ridiculous and he didn't want to put any more resources into it. He suggested they eliminate the Easter Egg Hunt and use the money in better places.
- Regarding Memorial Day, he said a lot of money was spent on rental equipment including the tables and chairs. He said he would like to simplify it. Mayor Willoughby said the actual food cost was about \$250. Mr. Jones asked if they wanted to continue to provide a breakfast. The program was the best part. Mayor Willoughby said the fire department did an open house for Cedar Hills and had said they wanted to do something for Alpine. Perhaps they would be interested in taking it over. They would discuss it further.
- He asked about the study on the playground equipment. Rich Nelson said it was a work plan. It wouldn't all be done at once.

- He said he had read through the Quail Fire Investigation report. He asked what action they planned as a City. David Church said the City's out-of-pocket cost to fight the fire was \$31,000. The cost to the forest service was 3.1 million. If the Council felt it was worth it, they would need to talk to Lone Peak Public Safety District and pursue it. He noted there were indirect costs to the City from the fire including Public Works Dept. time and mitigating debris flow costs. Will Jones said they owed it to the community to let them know what the cost was for the City. They couldn't quantify the burned park and mountainside.
- Will Jones said he would not be present at the next City Council meeting, nor would Bradley Reneer.

Mel Clement said they needed to get control of attendance at the City Council. Items were being pushed back and pushed back because they didn't have a quorum. He suggested they consider paying Council Members \$200 a meeting rather than a monthly salary, and if they showed up they got paid. Rich Nelson said it would take a public hearing and an amendment to the ordinance to implement that. David Church said he would prepare an ordinance. The law required the Council to hold at least one meeting a month.

Mayor Willoughby

- Mayor Willoughby said he'd received a request for a speed limit sign on Grove Drive.
- He said he'd had inquiries about where the handicap swing was. Ron Devey said it was in the shop being fixed.
- He asked if there was an update on the people in the van who were offering candy to kids. Rich Nelson said the investigation was ongoing.

The meeting ended at 9:00 pm.