

**ALPINE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Alpine City Hall, 20 N. Main Alpine, UT**  
**August 13, 2013**

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Mayor Hunt Willoughby.

**A. Roll Call:** The following were present:

Mayor Hunt Willoughby

Council Members: Troy Stout, Bradley Reneer

Council Members not present: Will Jones, Kimberly Bryant, Mel Clement

Staff: Rich Nelson, Charmayne Warnock, Jannicke Brewer, Chief Brian Gwilliam, Joe McCrae

Others: Gary Twitchell, Mike May, Syd Hackford, Rhonda Bromley, Ramon Beck, Colin Grant, Grant Beckwith, Sam Beckwith, Tyler Christensen, Lisa G. Brown, Lynn C. Broadbent, Don L. Rogers, Kelley Gregory, Keith Gregory, Barton Gregory, Anna Gregory, Bradley Gregory, Ryan Jensen, Blair Holms, Jay Garlick, Darrell Duty

**B. Prayer:** Troy Stout

**C. Pledge of Allegiance:** Ramon Beck

Mayor Hunt Willoughby said they did not have a quorum and could not make any motions but they would discuss some agenda items that had been waiting for quite awhile, and make some decisions. They could be ratified later.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Rhonda Bromley introduced herself and her staff. She was the new principal at Lone Peak High School. She said that the school worked with the same families as the cities whose students attended the high school and faced the same challenges. They wanted to help each student be successful and would be reaching out to the City Council in the next few years. Lone Peak had some challenges in the past few years with suicides, drug abuse, and media abuse. They wanted to partner with the cities to find some solutions. They invited the Council to attend the school's games and activities.

Mayor Willoughby welcomed them and said they were glad to have the new staff on board.

Jannicke Brewer said she wanted to say thank you for Alpine Days. She thought it was wonderful in the new park and the parade route worked well. Mayor Willoughby noted that the route was seven blocks longer than they anticipated and the City Council ran out of candy to throw out. He said they would be reviewing Alpine Days with the chairman at a future meeting.

### **III. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Approve the minutes of July 23, 2013**

**B. EWPP Payment Request - VanCon - \$59,185.83**

The Consent Calendar was not approved due to lack of a quorum.

### **IV. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:** None

**V. ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:** Item B was moved up on the agenda because the Vallejos were not yet present.

**B. Sliding Rock Discussion:** Darrel Duty had approached the City Council at their meeting of July 23rd about the parking problem that resulted from people going up to Sliding Rock. He was invited to come back. In the meantime the City was to come up with a plan to solve the parking problems along Fort Canyon Road.

Mr. Duty said there had been another incident Sunday evening where some drunk people were causing trouble with a woman and her children. She called her husband who penned them in until the police arrived. He said he had proposed there be a parking lot and perhaps a bathroom for the users of Sliding Rock.

Rich Nelson said that since the last meeting, the staff had met with the police and the owners of the area. The proposal that came out of that meeting was that NO PARKING signs would be posted at the corner of Meadowbrook Drive and Fort Canyon Road, notifying people that there would be no parking allowed along Fort Canyon Road. Violators would be ticketed. Residents could be given a sticker or some type of ID for their cars that would allow them to park on the road without being ticketed. In the spring of 2014, the property owners in the Sliding Rock area would update their NO TRESPASSING signs and the police would enforce it. The City had ordered NO PARKING signs.

Ray Garrett asked if people could still get permission from the landowners to go on the property. They had Father and Sons Outings up there and other church groups that used it. Rich Nelson said it was private property and the landowners could do what they wanted. But if they wanted the police to enforce no trespassing, it would be difficult if some were allowed and others were not.

Troy Stout said he was disappointed to hear that the recommendation was to post NO PARKING signs and enforce no trespassing. It was taking away one of the things that made Alpine a fun community. He hoped there was a better solution.

Ramon Beck said he had talked to the property owners up there. They'd always known it was going to be a subdivision at some point and public access would be cut off. He said he'd like to find a way to keep the riff raff out and still enjoy the Sliding Rock area.

Lynn Broadbent said he had lived in Fort Canyon for 45 years. He was offended when he saw on TV that it was a good place to go. The road was too narrow and in places it was difficult for two cars to pass. He'd seen too many accidents and ambulances go up and down that road. He said he knew Three Falls was planning to widen the road when they developed, but if the development didn't happen, the City needed to look at widening the road. He said he had reservations about prohibiting parking along Fort Canyon Road. It would create a problem for residents who needed to park along the road for various reasons. He'd prefer the signs say, LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY. He said the trash left behind was another problem. He was always cleaning up trash. He said patrolling the canyon would be expensive for the City and it would upset people. He was afraid that some young people would get mad if they couldn't go up to Sliding Rock, and would become destructive. He said there had already been one death in the canyon where a young girl on a bicycle was killed. He'd seen two major fires in the canyon since he'd lived there. He suggested that the City and landowners get together and say Sliding Rock was closed for safety reasons. Get it out to the media. He said he hated to see it closed to the public but it would be easier to enforce than parking along the road.

Bradley Reneer arrived at the meeting.

Terry Brown said he lived in Fort Canyon. He said that everyone he saw going up there were families and Young Men and Young Women group activities. If it was closed off and illegal to use, he worried who would still be going up there. There were plenty of other ways to get in. He said he had a headgate up there and had to go up to take his water. He didn't want to get arrested for trespassing. He said he agreed that the greatest danger was the narrow road up the canyon, but he worried about issuing parking tickets. California had the same problem with their beaches. Private property owners along the beaches had put out no trespassing signs to try and block the beaches, but the beaches belonged to the state. It was illegal to stop access to the beaches. He said he would hate to see access to the wildlife resources blocked off. There was more up there to enjoy than just Sliding Rock. He said the majority of the users were good people who just wanted to enjoy the area.

Jay Garlick said he lived in Fort Canyon and he totally agreed with Terry Brown. They couldn't stop people from going up the canyons. He compared it to Soda Springs in Idaho which was a tourist attraction. They charged toll fees to maintain the restrooms and control traffic. He asked about building a park around Sliding Rock. Open it up and have people pay a fee to use it. Get people off the road. He said he didn't like the idea of parking tickets. He said there was a place called Little Diamond in Mapleton. Some guy bought 180 acres and shut off access to the whole mountain. The forest service said he couldn't do that and the gate was pulled down. He said everyone should have a right to enjoy our state. The City could make a beautiful park up there.

Mayor Willoughby pointed out that the City did not own the land. If the Three Falls development moved forward up there as planned, there would be open space and trail access. That was one of the positives of developing the area.

Troy Stout asked if they could have smoking restrictions up there along with the fireworks and open fires ban. He recalled that smoking had been disallowed the previous year. He asked Chief Brian Gwilliam if they could set up a checkpoint for people coming out of there.

Chief Gwilliam said they'd had one in Highland and got a lot of backlash for it. Checkpoints were difficult and required a lot of red tape to get one. He wasn't sure a judge would sign off on a check point.

**A. Vallejo Request Regarding the Retaining Wall Adjacent to Lambert Park:** The Vallejos had previously approached the City Council at the meeting of July 9, 2013 with a request to prune back some scrub oak on the Lambert Park side of a retaining wall they were building on their property in order to better access the wall. The City Council postponed a decision until they could view the property.

Councilman Troy Stout had gone up to the property and looked at what they were doing. He said he didn't think it would be a good idea to cut back any scrub oak.

Keith Vallejo asked if it would be possible to pull the branches back and tie them down without cutting anything so they could get in there to do their work. There would be no vehicles along the wall. They would be walking back there and putting up some scaffolding. Mayor Willoughby said he thought that would be okay. He noted that anything growing over the fence onto the Vallejo property would naturally be pruned.

Troy Stout said he thought the work should be supervised by someone from the City. He said the trees barrier along the road that went to the spring was a little thin and if they eliminated the trees along the rock wall, people would be able to see the wall from the park. He said he was concerned about the trees being cut down. He wanted to Lambert Park in its present condition.

Mr. Vallejo asked if it would be okay to have a water truck on the road during construction. Mayor Willoughby said he would prefer to have a water truck up there to avoid a fire. He asked Rich Nelson to have someone from staff walk the area with Mr. Vallejo and determine what would be done in what area. When they were ready to begin construction, they could call the City and have someone come up.

Mr. Vallejo asked if they could begin work or if they needed to come back. It was clarified that no later motion would be needed.

**The remaining agenda items were postponed.**

- C. Lambert Park Foundation**
- D. No Motorized Vehicles in Lambert Park**
- E. Pressurized Irrigation Water Discussion**

## **VI. STAFF REPORTS**

Rich Nelson said Kimberly Bryant called and asked if the Youth Council could be involved in the discussion on motorized vehicles in Lambert Park. He also complimented the police and fire departments on the excellent jobs they were doing.

## **VII. COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

Mayor Willoughby said Rich Nelson had sent out an email to everybody notifying them of the reorganization of the Public Works Department. Jay Healey would be retiring in September.

Bradley Reneer asked if there was going to be a report on Alpine Days. He would like one sooner rather than later.

Troy Stout said he would like to have a farmers market on Saturdays in Alpine, and would like to discuss it at the next meeting and have it be on the agenda.

Mr. Stout reported that his stake was going to do a service project in Lambert Park. They were going to prune back the scrub oak that intruded on the trails. They also wanted to resurface the trails with a dirt and gravel mix and restore the bridges. He anticipated a good-sized group.

Mayor Willoughby reminded him of what happened in Moyle Park and that when the volunteers started removing brush, it could get out of hand. Mr. Stout said he expected to have a supervisor with the brush removal crew. They would spray paint what needed to be removed.

Jannicke Brewer asked if there could be a shuttle service for people for the Alpine Days Rodeo. It was a long way to walk, especially for older people.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None held.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.