

ALPINE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Alpine City Hall, 20 North Main, Alpine, Utah
February 22, 2011

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Hunt Willoughby.

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

Mayor Hunt Willoughby

Council Members: Kent Hastings, Bradley Reneer, Troy Stout

Council Members not present: Kimberly Bryant and Jim Tracy were excused.

Staff: Rich Nelson, Charmayne Warnock, David Church, Shane Sorensen, Jay Healey, Ron Devey, Jannicke Brewer – Planning Commission Chairman

Other: Roger Bennett – former Councilmember, Kambdyn Larsen, Jenny Thacker, Laura Gajdos, Brenden Gajdos, Matt Smith

B. Prayer: Mayor Hunt Willoughby

C. Pledge of Allegiance: Roger Bennett

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jenney Thacker said she was the pageant director for the North Utah County Scholarship Pageant which included the three cities, Alpine, Highland and Cedar Hills. It was for young women between the ages of 17 to 24. Katie Millar had won the last pageant, went to the state pageant and was crowned Miss Utah. From there she went to the Miss America pageant and finished in the top ten. The pageant was an opportunity for the girls to build their talents and confidence and serve the community. They stressed success, service and accomplishments.

Ms. Thacker requested the Council to consider supporting the pageant, and gave them a copy of the proposed budget and expenditures. They were requesting a total \$10,000 from the three cities and that could be divided in any way that the cities wanted to contribute.

Kent Hastings asked how that was different from the Alpine Junior Miss pageant which was held in conjunction with Alpine Days. Ms. Thacker said the Junior Miss pageant was for younger girls still in high school.

Bradley Reneer asked why the cities needed to be involved because it seemed like something private enterprise would be involved with. Ms. Thacker said they didn't need to be because private enterprise could do it all, but it was nice to have the cities involved so they give back to the cities.

Mayor Willoughby said that a few years ago the Council had decided to pull back from donations since they'd had several people asking for scholarships for various events.

Kent Hastings wanted to know how much the City donated to Junior Miss. It was unknown.

Mayor Willoughby said the Council would discuss the request.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Replacement Vehicle Purchase: Ron Devey said they would be replacing a 10-year-old truck with a 2011 Ford long-bed pickup for \$19,956.00

Rich Nelson said they had budgeted \$24,000 for the vehicle.

B. Approve minutes of February 8, 2011

MOTION: Kent Hasting moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Troy Stott seconded. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS: None

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. McNeil #4 Annexation Petition: Shane Sorensen said the Council had previously accepted an annexation petition for 0.5826 acres from Lon Nield. However Mr. Nield had decided to enlarge the annexation area and was submitting a new annexation petition for a total of 2.278 acres. The new annexation petition included Lon Nield's property plus property owned by Roger Bennett as well as the right-of-way for Alpine Boulevard. The right-of-way had previously been deeded to Alpine City so property belonging to Alpine was also being annexed.

David Church said accepting the annexation petition was the first step in the process. It did not bind the city to annexing the property, it only allowed the petitioner to go forward with the annexation process. There was a public notice period during which affected entities were noticed and had the opportunity to protest the annexation. After the protest period, the annexation would come back to the council for final approval. The property was in the City's annexation declaration area.

Rich Nelson noted that it would set the alignment of the Alpine Boulevard.

MOTION: Bradley Reneer moved to accept the McNeil #4 Annexation petition as presented. Troy Stout seconded. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Utah Metro Fire Agency: Rich Nelson said Alpine was part of three cities that composed the Lone Peak Public Safety District. They were also working with Eagle Mountain, Saratoga Springs and Lehi to figure out how to better run the needs of the agencies. A metro fire agency would be an interlocal agreement that allowed them share services and specialized equipment. They could get better rates on equipment that several or all of the cities needed to purchase because they could essentially get a bulk rate by going together and buying as a unit.

Kent Hastings said he'd looked over the agreement and had a concern that they could charge fees and have administrative type positions. If they did that, would Alpine be on the hook for money? He liked the idea of the savings but had some reservations about the agreement. What would Alpine have to offer to some of the bigger cities? He said he didn't see Alpine as being specialized in any particular thing. What if one agency decided to cut staff in anticipation that they would be backed up by another community?

Hunt Willoughby said Alpine could offer a highly trained paramedic staff that had been in the program longer than other communities.

David Church said he'd just read through the agreement and it was not very well written. In some sections it read like they were trying to create an entirely new independent entity. In other sections it sounded like a cooperative agreement between cities to jointly perform services. The intent needed to be clarified and made consistent.

Mayor Willoughby said the intent was not to create an independent entity. There would be no taxing ability. It was only to provide mutual aid between the cities.

David Church his advice would be to hammer out an agreement that everyone would be happy with. The contract would need to come back to the cities to sign. They may want to take a look at the governance section which limited membership to the city administrator but not the elected officials. Typically they would want it to be anyone the city wanted to appoint.

Rich Nelson said proposed agreement would be discussed by the different entities Thursday morning. Each city would want to have their city attorney review the contract before signing.

Mayor Willoughby said there would be no motion on it that evening. They were giving general direction for review of the contract.

VI. STAFF REPORT

Rich Nelson said that a reality based dating show was going to be filmed in Alpine. There would be no street closures. One of the participants lived in Alpine.

VII. COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Troy Stout said he had a neighbor suggest they consider doing something do beautify Alpine's Main Street. Both he and the neighbor were originally from Portland, Oregon where they had baskets of flowers along Main Street. It was noted that Roosevelt and Vernal did the same thing and it really was beautiful.

David Church reminded the Council that the flower baskets would have to be watered and maintained every day. The Council would need to anticipate the expense of hiring someone to water and maintain them. Rich Nelson said the LDS Church in Spanish Fork had taken over the project of caring for the flowers along Main Street, but in Payson the church said no. It was a large undertaking unless citizens would volunteer to do it or there was one staff person dedicated to do it.

Bradley Reneer said he'd gotten an email about a survey and asked what the purpose was. Mayor Willoughby said Dan Watkins was a professional surveyor and had offered the service to Alpine beginning with a free rate. They had tried to entice citizens to sign up to participate in the surveys and finally had the minimum number to make a survey reasonably accurate. They were not planning to do a survey about updating the General Plan. It would be on other items such as the name for the new park or perhaps flower baskets

Mayor Willoughby had several items.

1. He said he'd had two suggestions for park names that kept coming up. One was Alpine Meadows Park and the other was Alpine Meadows Family Park. He said they needed to come up with a name before the ribbon cutting. Troy Stout asked about sponsorship from clubs such as the Rotary Club to help maintain it. Kent Hastings said he had secured a \$40,000 donation from the Hughes Foundation earlier.
2. Mayor Willoughby said someone had approached him about the possibility of putting in a drink vending machine near the restrooms in the park on a trial basis. The Council questioned if they should advertise the possibility to other vendors so they weren't being preferential.
3. He brought the Council's attention to the letter from Mountainland Association of Governments that explained the misrepresentation of the Community Development Block Grant program. Bradley Reneer said he felt the letter was disappointing because it didn't seem like a complete apology.
4. Mayor Willoughby said the City had received 37 applications for the engineer assistant position and they had interviewed three of the applicants last Friday. They had selected Jed Muhlstein who had worked for Alpine City in 2005 as an intern. He had every qualification they were seeking and would be a great addition to the staff.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None held

MOTION: Kent Hastings moved to adjourn. Troy Stout seconded. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.