

ALPINE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Alpine City Hall, Alpine, UT
September 12, 2107

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

Mayor Sheldon Wimmer

Council Members: Troy Stout, Ramon Beck, Roger Bennett, Lon Lott

Council Members not present. Kimberly Bryant was excused.

Staff: Shane Sorensen, Charmayne Warnock, David Church, Austin Roy, Chief Brian Gwilliam

Others: Kelly Shubin, Clay Shubin, Ed Bush, Loraine Lott, Jason Cowley, Will Jones, Judi Pickell, Ross Welch, Paul Kroff, Bradley Reneer, Richard James, Jason Kelly

B. Prayer: Lon Lott

C. Pledge of Allegiance: Sheldon Wimmer

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Clay Shubin said he lived in Alpine on Wildflower Drive and was the assistant coach for the Lone Peak mountain biking team. With him was Jason Cowley, the coach for the Pleasant Grove team. He said they'd heard there was a meeting the previous week about bike traffic in Lambert Park. He said he would like to address the subject with positive input from the community. He also saw something on the agenda about a road in Lambert Park. He wanted to know what the concerns of the community were about the mountain biking teams.

Sheldon Wimmer said it had actually been discussed at the Planning Commission meeting when they were discussing the master plan for Lambert Park.

Councilman Lon Lott said he had been at the Planning Commission meeting and there was a discussion about the use and over-use of Lambert Park. Some of the audience feedback was that there were people almost getting run over by bikers. But the complaints appeared to have been made in the past before the City had the meetings with the coaches of the mountain biking teams where commitments were made about scheduling the mountain bike use, and helping with maintenance of the trails in the park. There was also a discussion about rotating parking.

Troy Stout said crowds in the park were an issue along with parking and access. He felt they were approaching over-usage of the park. He said the team that was using the park the previous night had a huge amount of members. He said he had ridden six or seven trails and was overcome by other riders. He said his concern was for hikers and equestrians, and other inexperienced mountain bikers. He said he had talked to the coach afterwards, who was respectful but seemed to think that it was not the best time to discuss the issues. He said they needed a separate meeting.

Jason Cowley said he was the designer and manager of the park in Pleasant Grove, and had experience as a trail builder. There were a few things they could do to lessen the impact. He said the trails in the Pleasant Grove park were all directional which eliminated safety issues by 50%. He said he appreciated the opportunity to use Lambert Park and the trails were actually in pretty good shape. He said hundreds of kids all over the state were involved in mountain biking. It was a non-exclusive sport and they worked directly with Utah Suicide Prevention and other groups concerned about the welfare for the youth. He said the mountain biking program involved youth who may not have a place in stick and ball sports. They had a girl on their team who actually lived at the homeless shelter.

Sheldon Wimmer said when they met a year ago with the teams to discuss the issues, they agreed that they should meeting once a year to evaluate the agreements that were made and to see if the teams had lived up to them. It was probably time for another meeting. Troy Stout said he would like to be present at the meeting when it was scheduled.

Jason Cowley said one of the design element was have to different trails for different uses. Sheldon Wimmer invited him to come to the Planning Commission meetings where they were discussing a master plan for Lambert Park. They also had an ad hoc trail committee that he could work with.

Shane Sorensen said the public works department could put up trail signs but they would need direction from the bikers since none of them were mountain bikers.

Ed Bush updated the Council on the Alpine Nature Center. He said the website had about 85 visitors a day. They also had a Facebook page. The Facebook post on a cougar sighting in Alpine Cove reached over 900 people. There was a lot of interest in the boulder naming competition. The website had a page on animal species and plant species in the Alpine area. There was also a downloadable trail map which he thought was better than the one the City offered. There was information about what flowers were currently blooming in Lambert Park, and a stories page. They also had plans to create a panoramic map of the mountain peaks. Bird watching was another interest they were developing.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve minutes of City Council meetings held August 22, 2107 and August 29, 2017**
- B. Award 2017 Overlay Bed – Geneva Rock Products - \$174,705.60**
- C. Waterline Design Proposal – Horrocks Engineers - \$11,500.00**
- D. Arc Flash Analysis/Training – Kee Engineering - \$15,423.00**
- E. Bond Release #2 – Alpine West Meadows - \$471,254.88**
- F. Bond Release #6 – Three Falls Phase 2 & 3 - \$46,420.00**
- G. Bond Release #7 – Three Falls Phase 2 & 3 - \$9,650.96**
- H. Red Pine Construction invoice for roadwork - \$15,749.80**

Shane Sorensen said they had opened the bids on the overlay project earlier that day. Geneva Rock Products came in with the lowest bid and was qualified to do the job. He said that was the best price they'd had in a long time. It was scheduled to be completed by October 15th of this year.

Waterline design proposal. They were adding a third water line to it because Patterson lane had been on the schedule for a while. It wouldn't change the cost. The other two lines were on the southeast side of Alpine.

The Arc Flash Analysis/Training included maintenance and troubleshooting with preventative training on the pump houses. They had issues with the pumps and were trying to get ahead of the problems with the trainings.

MOTION: Lon Lott moved to approve the Consent Calendar with corrections to the minutes of August 22, 2017 which were noted by the Recorder. Ramon Beck seconded. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0. Lon Lott, Ramon Beck, Troy Stout voted aye. Roger Bennett abstained on approval of the minutes because he was not present at the meeting of August 22nd. Motion passed.

IV. REPORTS and PRESENTATIONS

A. Introduce Austin Roy – new City Planner: Mayor Sheldon Wimmer introduced Austin Roy who would be the new City Planner. Austin Roy said he had worked with West Jordan City and the Department of Health. He lived in Lehi and had two children ages five and one.

Shane Sorensen said they were excited to have Austin working with the City. There were quite a few candidates and he had risen to the top. Mr. Roy had an undergraduate degree from BYU and a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Southern Utah.

B. Financial Report: Shane Sorensen reviewed the financial report for the current fiscal year. They were only a couple of months into it but were in good condition. The City had contracted with Dave Sanderson as the finance director and that was working out well. Mr. Sanderson had recommended a few changes on the accounts which made them easier to follow. Other staff members had stepped up and taken over some additional roles related to finance and were doing well.

V. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Closure of Bald Mountain Drive: Mayor Wimmer said he had talked to Robert Moore at the County about the possible closure of Bald Mountain Drive on the north end. It was on county land and had status under Utah law as a public right-of-way.

On the map, they identified where the boundary where Alpine City ended and Utah County began. Mayor Wimmer said there had been unrestricted access over the road for more than ten years. The state law had been changed to include any kind of traffic including motorized vehicles.

David Church said the question was whether or not Alpine City could shut off the portion of Bald Mountain Drive in city limits. The City could not control the county road on the Fitzgerald property but they did control the road in Alpine City. If the road was closed, the City would have to provide access for all private property owners which used the road for access. If the Council chose to begin the process to close the road, there would need to be a public notice and public hearing. The City's master street plan showed it as a through road so they would also have to go through the process of amending the master street plan.

Sheldon Wimmer said they needed to talk to the property owners about blocking the road. He said he was in Lambert Park the previous Saturday and people were shooting exploding targets on forest service land. Exploding targets were illegal. He had tried to contact the forest service. Mayor Wimmer said the shooters had walked in and carried their gear. He said the Council had also briefly discussed putting a kiosk up there, but that would probably just drive the shooters farther down the road.

Troy Stout said he thought they needed to hold a public hearing. It was a public safety issue and the community should be involved.

Shane Sorensen said that if they could meet the noticing requirement, they would plan to have it on the agenda for the next meeting. Sheldon Wimmer said he would try to contact the Fitzgeralds.

B. Options for access road through Lambert Park: Ross Welch said he had met with some citizens who had concerns about potential access roads in through Lambert Park. He said Patterson Construction was willing to build a secondary access road out of the Box Elder South subdivision but a decision would need to be made quickly because they were preparing to sell lots in the subdivision and if they needed to reconfigure it, they needed to know sooner rather than later. He presented three options for an access road.

Option C1 showed a road connecting Box Elder South to the proposed Wadsworth Meadow subdivision which ran along the lower end or west side of Lambert Park.

Option C2 showed a road connecting Box Elder South to Wadsworth Meadows which ran along the east or upper side of Lambert Park near the forest service boundary.

Option C3 showed the existing emergency access road which led from Box Elder to Moyle Drive.

David Church said the emergency access road to Moyle Drive would be abandoned if one of the other two roads was built.

Ross Welch said that either of the first two options would require quick action from the City because they couldn't alter the lots in Box Elder South once they were sold. He said his preference was the road that ran along the east side of the park because it was shorter and would require less asphalt.

Sheldon Wimmer said the County had approved a certain number of lots in Box Elder South. If the road was built and the subdivision annexed into Alpine, would that number of lots change? Ross Welch said that they would have to realign and reengineer the subdivision along with the cost of the road, which would be a huge expense. If they were in the City they would like to create a culdesac in the development and add three lots which would help pay for the road.

If the City Council choose to accept one of the first two secondary access roads, it would require a public hearing and super majority vote of the Council because it impacted the park. Mayor Wimmer asked the Council if they wanted to refer it to the Planning Commission as required by the ordinance.

MOTION: Troy Stout moved to send the three concepts for a secondary access road in Lambert Park to the Planning Commission for review. Lon Lott seconded. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Troy Stout, Ramon Beck, Roger Bennett, Lon Lott voted aye. Motion passed.

C. Cemetery Master Plan: Shane Sorensen said they had concept plan which they liked, and had a cost estimate in the range of 1.94 million to 2.36 million. He felt it was a little high and believed they could do it for less than that. The plan showed 2112 lots. He expected they would do it in smaller phases but they needed an overall master plan. The roads would be wider than the roads in the older parts of the cemetery, which would help with the congestion on Memorial Day. Before they began construction, he recommended doing the repair work on 600 North. They had money to do the work on Grove Drive but could move it to 600 North. There were problems with the storm drain that should be fixed before they started on the cemetery.

Shane Sorensen said he was working with the garage door company on automatic openers. He would come back with more details. The money for the project would come from the capital improvement fund. In response to a question about the need for a public hearing, David Church said the cemetery was not considered a park and did not need a public hearing.

D. Culinary Waterline Project through Lambert Park: Shane Sorensen showed the Culinary Water Master Plan. A new line was needed in Lambert Park for expansion of the community and to provide adequate fire flows. He said they were working with the County to hold off on paving a section of the road in Alpine Cove until after the waterline was installed. That way they wouldn't have to tear up a newly asphalted road. He said it was a condition of the Obere Annexation to construct the line.

Troy Stout asked if they could require that the construction be completed within a certain time frame so as not to disrupt activities in Lambert Park. Shane Sorensen said that when they worked with Pattersons on the sewer line in the park, they had a list of conditions that required the trench to be open no longer than 24 hours. That had worked out well.

MOTION: Lon Lott moved to approve the culinary waterline in Lambert Park with the condition that they utilize the same conditions they did when they installed the sewer line in the Lambert Park so the trench would be open for the least amount of time. Roger Bennett seconded. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Lon Lott, Roger Bennett, Ramon Beck, Troy Stout voted aye. Motion passed.

E. Mass Gathering Ordinance: Shane Sorensen said they'd had a request from a school organization for a mass gathering permit to use an Alpine City park. The applicant requested that the permit fees be waived since they were a school organization and the students were from Alpine. Shane Sorensen said the current ordinance did not distinguish between groups applying for mass gathering permits. There was a \$150 use fee and a clean-up deposit of \$1,000 which was refundable when the event was over. The clean-up deposit check was just held, not deposited. Insurance was also required. Shane Sorensen asked the Council if they wanted to consider waiving the fees for school groups. The Council discussed the issue, noting that the schools charged a substantial fee for the use of their facilities. The Council agreed to leave the ordinance and fees as currently written.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

David Church said the ULCT Convention started the next day. Governor Herbert would be speaking at 9 am. He encouraged the Council to attend.

Shane Sorensen reported on the following:

- The Healey well was out of service for the season. The motor had burned up in July. They got the parts but ran into major problems, which they were in the process of working through. The Healey well was the biggest well.

- There had been some discussion on amending the Sign Ordinance. It would need to go to the Planning Commission for a public hearing and a recommendation since it was in the Development Code.
- He had met with the Lone Peak PSD and the State Forestry about the CWPP Wildfire Protection Plan. They were to assess their community and come back with a map. It was assigned a dollar value per acre in the different areas. They would begin working on the assessment.
- The Lone Peak PSD had been taking applications for the position of fire chief. They had sixteen and had narrowed them down to six.
- In the absence of a city planner, he had been attending the Dispatch meetings. They were working with Juab County to bring them into the District. There would be some challenges if the District became a taxing entity so Juab would probably be classed as a nonmember.
- The business group that held the Halloween treat or treat event last years would like to do the same thing again this year and have the City participate.
- For information only, there was a big wedding planned in town. The people had applied for a mass gathering permit to park at the rodeo grounds, which was approved.
- The developers of Three Falls were working on a gas line along Fort Canyon Road and in the subdivision. It was estimated that it would take two or three weeks. They were planning to pave the road by October 15th. It could be problematic with the cooler temperatures and wetter weather because it didn't dry out as quickly. He thanked the residents in Fort Canyon for being patient. He said Comcast had committed to providing service to the residents in Fort Canyon and the new development.
- Earlier in the year the Council had discussed applying for a water smart grant to help with the installation of meters for culinary and PI water. The City had been successful in getting a million-dollar grant, which they would have to match. It would require the City to bond. He said he would have more information on the grant at the next meeting. He asked the Council if they would like to hold a public hearing. It wasn't required but it could be a controversial issue and it would be good to have public awareness. They could hold a public hearing at the meeting of September 26th, but if they had it in October, there would be time to provide more notice and put it in the Newsliner. The Council agreed to have it on October 10th.

VII. COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Lon Lott said there had been a complaint about someone pushing manure into the creek which would need to be investigated.

Troy Stout said the Slighting family by Smooth Canyon Park were still having parking problems by their home. They wanted a No Parking sign on the vacant lot. Shane Sorensen said they had put up a sign about three weeks ago.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None held

MOTION: Ramon Beck moved to adjourn. Lon Lott seconded. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Ramon Beck, Lon Lott, Roger Bennett, Troy Stout voted aye. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.