

ALPINE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Alpine City Hall, 20 N. Main, Alpine, UT
June 27, 2017

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Sheldon Wimmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

Mayor Sheldon Wimmer

Council Member: Roger Bennett, Lon Lott, Troy Stout, Kimberly Bryant

Council Members not present: Ramon Beck was excused

Staff: Shane Sorensen, Charmayne Warnock, David Church, Chief Brad Freeman

Others: Loraine Lott, Carla Merrill, Sylvia Christiansen, Gideon Boggess, Will Jones, Linda McGee, Melanie Ewing, Blair Buswell, Hayden Carver, Mr. Carver, Judge Schaeffer-Bullock, members of the Alpine Youth Council and their leaders, Mike Simmons

B. Prayer: Roger Bennett

C. Pledge of Allegiance: Hayden Carver

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Hayden Carver proposed an Eagle Scout project in which he would improve the park strip along the Twin River sidewalk. He would remove the weeds and rock and put down weed barrier then cover with new rock that coordinated with the rock by the LDS Stake Center. The park strip was 120 feet long. He said he had spoken with the neighboring property owners about the project who said they would like to see grass in the park strip but it would require installation of a sprinkling system and ongoing maintenance. The Council approved his idea and had some suggestions on materials.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes of the City Council meeting on June 13, 2017

B. Bond Release – Three Falls Ranch Phase 2 - \$102,153.80

C. Truck Purchase from Ken Garff Ford, FY Budget 2017-18 - \$24,660.00

D. Surplus the 2000 GMC Pickup Truck

E. Payment to Smithco, Air Conditioning for Healey and Ranch well pump houses - \$13,000

Shane Sorensen explained that the previous summer they had the motors burn up in two of the pump houses because of the heat. The motors were rated up to 103 degrees but inside the pump houses in the summer, it got well above that. It would be cheaper to put air conditioning in the pump houses than replace the motors. The air conditioning would lower the temperature into the 90s.

MOTION: Lon Lott moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Troy Stout seconded. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Lon Lott, Kimberly Bryant, Roger Bennett, Troy Stout voted aye. Motion passed.

IV. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Swearing-in of the Alpine Youth Council members: Judge Kelly Schaeffer-Bullock took the opportunity to talk the members of the Youth Council about the legacy of freedom and representation that we enjoy in this nation, and honor those who crafted it and sacrificed for it. She told the youth that this was a great opportunity for them to participate in that legacy and look forward to their role in preserving those freedoms and rights.

After the Youth Council were sworn in, Youth Council Mayor Sidney Kimball talked about their mission statement which was to restore and maintain Alpine traditions, learn and practice leadership skills, and serve the community. She then reviewed some of the many services that the Alpine Youth Council performed for the community.

B. Fire/EMS Chief Brad Freeman Retirement, Presentation by Sheldon Wimmer: Mayor Wimmer said he was sad to see Chief Brad Freeman retire. He had worked with him since 1996 and Chief Freeman had accomplished much. Early on, Alpine City had a volunteer fire department plus a few dedicated citizens who were trained as EMTs to respond to medical emergencies. Brad Freeman's leadership had helped Alpine grow from a volunteer program to the Lone Peak Public Safety District. Mayor Wimmer said they appreciated all the work Chief Freeman had done on behalf of the community and the Fire/EMS Department, and presented him with a few mementos for his service.

Kimberly Bryant also thanked Chief Freeman. She said she had worked with him on the Lone Peak PSD Board and also as a citizen. He was always willing to do anything they asked at the drop of a hat, and had shown tremendous integrity. They were losing a valuable asset to the community.

Troy Stout said he appreciated Chief Freeman's character and what he had brought to public service. They would be lucky if the department continued to reflect his personality and character.

V. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDING THE BUDGET FY 2016-17

Shane Sorensen introduced the item stating that there were a few adjustments to the budget. The overall budget amounts would not change. They were just moving money from one place to another. Expenses due to litigation had increased which required the transfer of funds for professional services. Street maintenance costs also exceeded the original budget projection. Transfers were made in Parks and Recreation for Alpine Days and trail work.

Mayor Wimmer opened the meeting to public comment. There was none.

MOTION: Troy Stout moved to close the public hearing. Kimberly Bryant seconded. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Troy Stout, Roger Bennett, Kimberly Bryant Lon Lott voted aye. Motion passed.

B. Ordinance No. 2017-14 Amending the Budget FY 2016-17: Troy Stout asked about the Alpine Days budget. Shane Sorensen said they were budgeting for it differently in the next fiscal year than they had in past years. In the past the City budgeted \$40,000 for Alpine Days. Any revenue from donations and ticket sales could also be spent on Alpine Days. The difficulty was that they didn't know what the revenue would be. If more or less was spent than what came in from donations and ticket sales, it required adjusting the budget. For the next fiscal year, they budgeted \$140,000. What came in from donations and ticket sales would be revenue to reduce the city's cost.

Roger Bennett asked about the 2016 Alpine Days. Shane Sorensen said the revenue from donations and ticket sales was \$93,180. The expenses were \$141,091. The difference of \$47,911 was paid for by the City.

Melanie Ewing said the costs included some things like the domain name for the webpage and overtime for employees who worked in Alpine Days, plus the rodeo didn't give any of their allotted money to Alpine Days, even though the rodeo used the website for ticket sales and advertising.

MOTION: Troy Stout moved to accept Ordinance No. 2017-14 amending the Budget for fiscal year 2016-17. Lon Lott seconded. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Troy Stout, Roger Bennett, Kimberly Bryant Lon Lott voted aye. Motion passed.

C. Sweeper Lease: Shane Sorensen said the public works department had an opportunity to sell the old sweeper and lease a new one. The down payment would be at least \$65,000 with the final trade-in value pending. The sale of the old sweeper would cover the cost of the down payment and would be the first year's payment. He suggested a five-year payment plan.

The Council discussed it and decided they would like to go with a four-year payment plan, which would save money in interest payments and still give them enough money in the budget for other necessary equipment purchases. The total purchase price would be \$260,900 less the trade-in value.

MOTION: Lon Lott moved to approve a four-year lease contract with Intermountain Sweeper. Roger Bennett seconded. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Troy Stout, Roger Bennett, Kimberly Bryant Lon Lott voted aye. Motion passed.

D. Ordinance No. 2017-12 Amending the Development Code, Article 4.7 Private Streets. Shane Sorensen the proposed amendment would fix an inconsistency in the ordinance. One part of the ordinance stated that building lots were required to have frontage on a public street, but another place mentioned the possibility of a private street if recommended by the Planning Commission and approved by the City Council. It was proposed the ordinance be amended to be consistent. He said the only place the City currently had private streets was in senior housing developments.

David Church said the language was a hangover from when the City allowed private roads. He said that there were cities who would have encouraged a development such as Three Falls to be a gated community with private roads.

Troy Stout asked why the city didn't want private streets. Shane Sorensen said they were often built to a lesser standard which could create problems. Utilities were placed under the roads and when they had to dig them up, it created another problem. The City plowed the snow on public streets but not on private streets so sometimes residents complained and didn't understand why their road wasn't being plowed.

David Church said that if the Council did decide to allow private streets, they needed to adopt standards and criteria for situations in which they would be allowed. If the Planning Commission and Council had complete discretion over approving private streets, it could be seen as biased and preferential treatment, especially if they approved a private road in one case and not in another. He suggested there might be situations where a private road was preferable.

Lon Lott had made a motion to approve the ordinance then later withdrew it for further discussion at a future meeting.

E. Ordinance No. 2017-13 Amending the Developer Code, Section 3.21.6.7, Fences on Retaining Walls. Shane Sorensen said that with more construction on hillsides and sloped ground, they were seeing more retaining walls. The proposed amendment would address fences on top of retaining walls. The Planning Commission reviewed the proposed amendment and recommended that a privacy fence and a retaining wall built on the same plane not exceed nine (9) feet in height. If the combination would exceed nine feet, the fence would need to be set back at least four (4) feet from the backside of the retaining wall. Open style fences such as chain link would be permitted to be on the same plane as the retaining wall

MOTION: Troy Stout moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-13 regarding fences on retaining walls as recommended by the Planning Commission. Lon Lott seconded. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Troy Stout, Roger Bennett, Kimberly Bryant Lon Lott voted aye. Motion passed.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

Sheldon Wimmer said he had talked to Chief Freeman about a recommendation on adjusting the fireworks restriction map.

Chief Brad Freeman said that it was unusual to have the big fires they'd seen this early in the summer. Usually when they saw serious fires in June, it was a good indicator that it was going to be a bad year for fires. That was what happened in 2012 when they had the Quail Fire. He said the fire department had only six units and nine fire fighters to cover Alpine, Highland, and Cedar Hills. It was scary on the 4th of July because they couldn't depend on mutual aid from other cities because they were fighting fires in their own jurisdictions. If there was anything the Council could do to alleviate possible fires, they should consider it. He recommended that they close the area east of High Bench Road all the way down to Canyon Crest, and from Ridge Lane to Healey Boulevard. He said one thing that worried him was that they had a lot of open space on the east side that was hard to get to because it was behind homes. There was thick heavy brush and grass and they could only fight it with a hose. They couldn't get the trucks back in there. If there was a fire in that area, it would take the whole department. If a fire occurred elsewhere, they wouldn't have a lot of options to fight the other fire. It was really dangerous if they couldn't get to a fire because it

could get out-of-control so quickly. The year before they had two fires going at the same time but it was green so they didn't spread that fast. That wasn't the case this year. He recommended closing the ignition areas.

Kimberly Bryant said she had a friend who rode horses in the open space and said even the horse's shoes were causing sparks in the dry grass. It would be a good idea to even close the areas to equestrians because of that.

David Church said this was not an agenda item but the Council could vote to allow the Mayor to take executive action to amend the fireworks restriction map.

MOTION: Lon Lott moved to allow Mayor Wimmer to issue an Executive Order on the fireworks boundaries map. Kimberly Bryant seconded. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Lon Lott, Kimberly Bryant, Roger Bennett, Troy Stout voted aye.

Mayor Wimmer said he would issue the order as recommended by Chief Freeman effective tomorrow.

The Council discussed the possibility of simply closing the whole town to fireworks. David Church read the most recent legislation from the state on the issue of fireworks and said they could only be banned in mountainous or brush-covered areas or the urban wildland interface areas. Mr. Church said there was a general trend by state legislatures to limit the discretion of city councils.

Shane Sorensen reported on the following:

- The police had caught at least one individual responsible for the sewer manhole explosions. They were working on the finding the others who were involved.
- Cedar Hills had submitted a letter stating they were pulling out of the Lone Peak Public Safety District as of 2019.
- The position of City Planner had been posted.
- The restrooms in Lambert Park by the LDS stake center were open but they didn't have lights.
- Police Chief Brian Gwilliam would be acting as the interim fire chief until a new one was appointed.
- City Hall would sometimes be closed during the lunch hour because with the resignation of Alice Winberg and Jason Bond, there weren't enough staff to keep two people in the building at all times.
- Work was continuing on the Fort Canyon Road.
- With the money the City received from the TAP award, they were going to put it toward improving safety. They had purchased fluorescent vests and tee shirts for the men in the field.

VII. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Troy Stout had several items.

- He asked when work would begin at the intersection of SR-72 and Canyon Crest Road. Shane Sorensen said they anticipated it would be the first of July. Mr. Stout suggested there be a notice in the Newline so people would know what was going on.
- He asked if it would be feasible to have parking facility with a fence in Lambert Park by the end of the year now that they had the restrooms completed. It would need to be on the agenda because it was a structure in the open space.
- He asked if it would be possible to resurface the streets in his neighborhood. It was so cracked the weeks were growing in it. Several of his neighbors wanted to spray them with Roundup. He wondered if torches would be more effective.
- He said some of his neighbors were complaining that the City was watering Smooth Canyon park at the same time as the residents and there wasn't enough pressure. Shane Sorensen said that with the power outages, the timers were sometimes off. He would have Cal look into it.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None held

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.