

**ALPINE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Alpine City Hall, 20 N. Main, Alpine, UT**  
**July 25, 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: Troy Stout, Ramon Beck, Lon Lott, Roger Bennett

Council Members not present: Kimberly Bryant was excused.

Staff: Shane Sorensen, Marla Fox, Police Chief Brian Gwilliam

Others: Julie Beck, Laura St. Onge, Alex Johnson, Louis Johnson, Marilyn Thomsen, Richard Thomsen, Jim Gray, Equadee Anderson, Chris Anderson, Sullivan Love, Mary Wimmer, Kimberly Copeland, Brady Copeland, Sylvia Christiansen, Will Jones, Mike Russon, Cori Russon, Rob Schoen Bob Antrim, Melanie Ewing, Cori Russon, Tara Mickelsen, Gale Rudolph, Chrissy Hanneman, Hunter Hannemann

**B. Prayer:** Troy Stout

**C. Pledge of Allegiance:** Hunter Hannemann

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Kathryn Marshawn lived on Lakeview Drive near the covered water tank on city property. There used to be a No Trespassing sign on the road to the tank but it was gone and it had turned into a place for huge, loud parties. She had called the police but by the time they came, the kids were gone. Other people drove up there and dumped trash and built fires. She had found drug paraphernalia up there. She had heard shooting and had called the police, who did get there in time to catch them. She said she felt the City should put a gate or a chain across the road. It wouldn't stop everyone but it might help.

Mayor Wimmer said he appreciated her bringing this problem to the Council. It was a nuisance that had carried over into the Draper side as well. He agreed that they needed some kind of gate up there.

Mr. Marshawn said that the area was listed on Google maps as the Alpine City Shooting Range. Mayor Wimmer said Alpine ordinance did not allow any kind of shooting. Mrs. Marshawn said that when she'd called the police they told her it was in Draper and they couldn't do anything. Sheldon Wimmer said the water tank and the area north was in Alpine city limits, and shooting was not allowed in city limits.

- Hunter Hanneman introduced his Eagle Scout project to the City Council. He proposed to protect the poppies at Lambert Park. They were being trampled and picked. His first option to protect them would be to fence them and put up signs warning people to be careful with the poppies. The second option would be to put up big rocks around the poppies.

Mayor Wimmer said the Council had discussed the problem before. He liked the fence idea because people would probably just go around the rocks. The City could provide the fence if wanted to supply the labor to install it. Members of the Council agreed with having a fence and signs. Lon Lott said there was a similar area in Las Vegas and they had a boardwalk into the flowers and signs warning people to stay on the walkway so they didn't damage the flowers.

- Laura St. Longe said she was a new resident of Alpine and lived by the cemetery. She was concerned about the drug activity going on there. People dumped trash and loitered. She asked about installing gates to control the nighttime activity. There needed to be some traffic control in the cemetery. She was concerned about the safety of kids on bikes and scooters in the area. A boy had been hit up there.

She was also concerned about the speeding on Main Street. She'd seen people drag racing and someone was going to get hurt. Mayor Wimmer said the City had asked the police department to increase the patrol

on Main Street. They could put up an electronic sign that took a picture of the license plates and send out letters. It was on the agenda to discuss gating the cemetery and closing them at night.

- Julie Beck lived on Main Street. She said she was a second witness to the problems in the cemetery. Lots of kids were there at night screaming and having a party on what was sacred ground. She said speeding was a problem on Main Street. When they asked people to slow down they responded with a bad sign. She said she knew the police were stretched thin but she thought there were options to help with the problem. She felt a multilevel approach would be best. She said she'd like to see more stop signs. If people wouldn't slow down, maybe they would stop.

Troy Stout said they had discussed speed bumps at one point and were told that they weren't feasible but he felt they were something that needed to be considered. Ramon Beck said speeding was a problem citywide.

### III. CONSENT CALENDAR

#### A. Minutes of June 27, 2017 City Council Meeting

#### B. Three Falls Partial Bond Release #4, Phases 2 and 3 - \$225,261.42

#### C. Approve Bid for Long Drive Asphalt Repair – Red Pine Construction - \$18,034.40.

Shane Sorensen said there were two subdivisions being built in the Long Drive area. The existing road had fallen apart and he felt it would be appropriate for the City to participate in fixing the road.

Regarding the bond release for Three Falls, Troy Stout said he felt the City should be careful about releasing bonds for Three Falls because he was hearing complaints from residents about limited access problems and that their water had suddenly been turned off with no warning. He wanted to hold the developer accountable for inconveniences to the residents.

Shane Sorensen said there was a waterline break in Fort Canyon which was an emergency and the water had to be shut off before it flooded the residents. It was turned off for a very short time while repairs were made. He said if there were complaints being made about Fort Canyon, they needed to be brought to the City. They couldn't address them if he didn't get them. He hadn't heard complaints about the water being turned off.

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

### IV. REPORTS and PRESENTATIONS. None

### V. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

**A. PUBLIC HEARING – ALPINE COVE ANNEXATION:** Mayor Sheldon Wimmer said the City Council had accepted an annexation petition from Cove residents which met the requirements for the number of signatory landowners, and was verified by the City Recorder. The proposed annexation was noticed in the newspaper and notices sent to affected entities as required by law. A public hearing was held. Mayor Wimmer had chosen to hold a second public hearing. Mayor Wimmer said there was in the packet a memorandum from the Alpine Cove HOA Board in which they accepted the annexation. The Alpine Cove water system, which was a special service district, would continue to serve the Cove and be their responsibility. Utah County had agreed to resurface the roads in Alpine Cove with 2 inches of asphalt for a cost of up to \$170,000. Utah County had also agreed to provide \$50,000 for an emergency cross connection to Alpine City's water system.

Richard Thomsen, a resident of Alpine Cove, said it had been rewarding to work with the City on this issue. He had wanted to be part of Alpine for a long time. When he first moved to the Cove, he thought he was part of the city then found out he wasn't. There were a few Cove residents who were unhappy with the annexation but it was helpful when Mayor Wimmer worked with the county to upgrade their roads. The City wouldn't have the liability of the Cove water system. The City would benefit with the additional property tax revenues for the large homes in the Cove so the Cove residents would be paying their way. He had lived in Alpine Cove for two and one-half years.

Chris Anderson, a resident of Alpine Cove, said he had done a 180 on this annexation issue and supported it. He said that as an individual household, he didn't feel like he was paying his fair share for using Alpine City roads and parks. At the end of the day, what the Cove would bring to Alpine and what Alpine would bring to the Cove, would work and he was ready to annex. He did have a concern that if they dug their feet, they would lose the opportunity to have the County underwrite some of the costs.

There were no more comments and the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

**B. Ordinance No. 2017-15 Alpine Cove Annexation and Annexation Agreement:** Mayor Sheldon Wimmer opened the discussion to the Council.

Lon Lott wanted to know if there was anyone present from the Cove who opposed the annexation or any Alpine City residents who were opposed to the annexation. No one responded to that specific question.

Gail Rudolph on International Way said she had asked the police and BLM to remove the big pieces of rotting furniture in the Cove but was told it was on private property and they couldn't do anything about it. They determined it was on the Melby property.

Lon Lott returned to his original question, wondering what percentage of residents were opposed to the annexation.

Rich Thomsen said two thirds of the residents signed the petition in favor of annexation. When people found out that the roads would be paved it removed fears. A lot of people didn't have all the facts and were fearful of what might happen, but with new information, many of those who opposed the annexation supported it.

Troy Stout said he knocked on some doors in the Cove and could find hardly anyone at home. There were three who answered the door. One was in favor, one didn't care, and one didn't support it. He later got an email from someone in the Cove who strongly supported annexation.

Chris Anderson, a resident of Alpine Cove and member of the HOA Board said the direction of the HOA board was unanimous in support of annexation.

Mayor Wimmer said the County had a meeting on the resurfacing the road with 2 inches of asphalt and the \$50,000 for water cross connection. Both were approved by motion of the county commission and would be included in the annexation agreement. The water system would remain with the Cove.

Jim Gray, a Cove resident, said that in the beginning there were a few people in the Cove who have been very loud in opposing the annexation and accused him of fraud when submitting the petition, but he had whited out the signature of the person who wanted to remove their signature removed from the petition.

Lon Lott said he was primarily concerned about the water. He wanted to understand the timeline on water and the costs. Regarding the roads, the Agreement said the cost would not exceed \$170,000.

Mayor Wimmer said that in their County meeting, the Commissioners made a motion that they may exceed that if needed. It was not reflected in the current Agreement. There was also a section in the current Agreement regarding water which needed to be corrected. It needed to be changed to state that the City would not be taking over the special service district. If at some point the City decided to, there would a transfer negotiated with the County similar to what was done on the roads.

Troy Stout asked if he was correct in his understanding that the Cove would only have access to Alpine City water in an emergency. Mayor Wimmer said that was correct. If there was a fire in the Cove, it was questionable if their water system alone would be able to fight it. The cross connect would allow them to tap in the Alpine's water supply if necessary.

Troy Stout asked if they had information on how long the wells in the Cove would be able to provide water. Was it indefinite or would they at some point need Alpine's water for culinary supply. Shane Sorensen said he wasn't as familiar with their wells. He understood that their wells should be able to supply water to the Cove.

Sheldon Wimmer said the wells in the Cove met the state fire flow requirements. Lon Lott said that wasn't what he understood from the Horrocks water study. Mayor Wimmer said that the Cove wells met the standard for the state and their special service district. Alpine City's fire flow requirement was different. If they were required to meet the Alpine City standard, they would have to be upgraded.

Lon Lott asked who would be responsible to pay for the upgrade to the water system. The Cove residents didn't want surprises down the road. Would it be the City's responsibility to upgrade their system?

Mayor Wimmer said he expected it would work the same way as the roads. If the County wanted the City to take over the special service district, which was a county entity, the City would negotiate the same kind of agreement that they did on the roads. They would expect the county to upgrade the water system before the City would accept it. That was the position they took on the roads. The County could not simply dump the water system onto the Alpine City residents. There would need to be a negotiated agreement. He felt the City was in a very strong position to do that.

Troy Stout asked what would happen if the county abandoned the service district. Sheldon Wimmer said that according to the county attorney, they could not do that. He had said that if they could abandon it, they would have already. He said he believed the county would end up paying for the upgrade.

Lon Lott said as he stated earlier, everything else looked good. He just didn't want the water question put to the side thinking it wasn't an issue, then have it be a problem down the road.

Troy Stout said he wanted some legal surety that the county could not simply dump the water system on the City.

Pertaining to the emergency cross connect, Councilman Lott asked how the PRV (pressure reducing valve) would work. Shane Sorensen said it worked off pressure. When the pressure in the system dropped, it would pull more water to meet the pressure requirement whether it was due to an open fire hydrant or a well that went down. There was an option to put a flow meter on the line so they could track what was happening.

Lon Lott asked if the Alpine Cove HOA provided other services. Jim Gray said the board had not really functioned for the last 15 years.

Tara Mickelson, a board member of the HOA said HOA services was something they needed to address. No HOA fees were collected. At one time, they had an architectural board but it was no longer functioning. They recently held an election and put in a new board.

Councilman Lott said there were a few common areas in the Cove and he wondered who maintained them. As the City took over snow removal, there needed to be some understanding about the limitations for snow plows. Jim Gray said he had sent letters to people asking them to move their rocks back a few feet so they could plow the roads. There were also issues with people meeting landscaping requirements in the Cove.

Troy Stout noted that Alpine Cove would probably pose the greatest fire risk in the City because of the scrub oak in the area. Mayor Wimmer said the state of Utah was anxious to put a fire plan in place to require fire resistant construction and landscaping. Troy Stout said he would like to include something in the motion to require Cove residents to take fire conscious measures. Lon Lott said it was evident that the Cove had been conscientious because they hadn't had any fires up there.

Lon Lott asked for clarification about the fire protection agreement with the county. Sheldon Wimmer said there was an agreement with the county that the Lone Peak PSD would cover wildland fires in the area. About six years ago there was a handshake agreement with the county that Lone Peak PSD would assess the county a certain amount for each of the homes in the Cove and up American Fork Canyon. The county then paid the City about \$15,000 a year to cover those 61 homes. When the county commissioners changed, the new commissioners said they had been paying it without an agreement which was against their policy, and at the present time, they had no agreement for Alpine Cove. The PSD and the County consummated an agreement for the wildland protection in other areas, but

there was no agreement on Alpine Cove. Alpine City would take on responsibility for the Cove, which would be an assessment that went to the Lone Peak PSD.

Lon Lott asked when the City would start receiving B&C road funds for the Cove roads. Shane Sorensen said that once a year the city submitted an updated map of the roads which identified roads for new subdivisions and developments. He wasn't sure when they would start receiving funds.

Troy Stout said he'd had a list but Lon Lott's questions had answered most of his questions. He said that usually the City had a net gain of water when a new development came into the city. In this case they wouldn't have that. He asked if there was an estimation of what it would cost to upgrade the Cove water system. Shane Sorensen said he didn't have that cost, but they avoided upgrading water lines in roads that were recently surfaced because they didn't want to tear up the road. He said he would like to coordinate with the county on the resurfacing of Grove Drive because they had to install a waterline for the Oberre Annexation and would prefer to have the road improved after the waterline was in.

Troy Stout asked Chief Gwilliam about the ability of the police force to patrol the Cove. Chief Gwilliam said the police already patrolled up there daily and assisted the sheriff's department. He didn't see that it would increase their load greatly. When asked if they would need another officer, Chief Gwilliam said they were already stretched thin and could use another officer right now, but that was a discussion for another time. He didn't think the Cove would have much impact on law enforcement.

Troy Stout asked about street lights and widening the roads in the Cove. Sheldon Wimmer said they had agreed to accept the roads as they were with the upgrade by the county. They wouldn't be putting in street lights. He asked if the Cove residents would be able to vote in the election. Sheldon Wimmer said there was still a process to complete even if the Council voted that evening for the annexation.

Troy Stout said he didn't see the annexation as a source of revenue. He felt they would spend every penny they got from property tax revenue. He said the one-acre lots in the Cove fit in with what they should have as a hillside community. He asked Shane Sorensen if there were any other startup costs. Mr. Sorensen said the City would take over the billing. They already billed them for sewer. Troy Stout asked how much the city would lose in sewer revenue since they Cove would no longer pay the increased sewer rate.

Sheldon Wimmer said the sewer revenue would drop but the City would pick up franchise fee taxes. The bottom line was that it came out to about \$40,000 to the city's advantage.

**MOTION:** Ramon Beck moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-15 approving the Alpine Cove Annexation and amend the Annexation Agreement with the following:

1. Utah County agrees to complete a 2" asphalt overlay on existing roads in Alpine Cove for a cost of \$170,000.00, the timeline to be negotiated between the city and the county.
2. Utah County agrees to pay Alpine City the sum of \$50,000 for an emergency cross connection with the Alpine City water system;
3. The Alpine Cove Special Service District will remain the responsibility of the County. If at some future date, Alpine City decides to accept the Alpine Cove Special Service District, the City and County would negotiate the terms of the transition;
4. Alpine City will provide police, fire, and EMS service to Alpine Cove;
5. Alpine City will provide water billing services for Alpine Cove which will include calculations and billing for the PRV, acreage, and water conservancy costs;
6. Alpine Cove will be annexed into the CR-40,000 zone.

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

Jim Gray thanked Mayor Sheldon Wimmer for all his hard work in making the annexation happen.

**C. Resolution No. R2017-15 Amend Consolidated Fee Schedule:** Shane Sorensen said there were several fees that needed to be updated in the Consolidated Fee Schedule.

The first item was plan check fees for new homes and commercial buildings. It would increase from \$500 to \$1,000. It wouldn't increase the end-cost of a building permit. It just changed the time a portion of the fee was collected. Contractors or homeowners would pay an application fee of \$500 and submit the house plan for review. The \$500 only covered a portion of the actual plan review cost. The balance was charged when the permit was issued. The problem was that sometimes a contractor or homeowner withdrew the plans and decided not to build the house. Since the plans had already been reviewed, the City ended up having to pay Sunrise Engineering for the review. In order to protect the City, it was proposed they increase the application fee from \$500 to \$1000.

The next item was the base rate for culinary which would increase from \$15/month to \$16/month for the first 8,000 gallons. According to an agreement created about six years ago, the water rate would increase by \$1 every year for five years. This was the last year.

Trash collection rates would also increase to keep costs current with ACE as per their contract for a cost of living adjustment. It amounted to about \$7,000. The increase would be as follows.

- No increase for the first trash can.
- The fee for an additional trash can would increase from \$6.00 to \$6.20.
- The fee for the first recycling can would increase from \$5.35 to \$5.60.
- The fee for an additional recycling can would increase from \$5.10 to \$5.35.

Troy Stout asked about the difference between a district or non-district rate to use North Point Solid Waste. Shane Sorensen said the City residents got one free dump pass to use Dunns because they had a contract with them.

Sheldon Wimmer said it was probably time to review their contract with ACE. The Timpanogos green waste recycling was probably going to go away, and they needed to decide how to deal with that.

Troy Stout said he would like to revisit green waste disposal in Alpine, maybe twice in the spring and twice in the fall.. Shane Sorensen said they were in the last year of their contract with ACE so they could look at the green waste option.

Roger Bennett asked why Box Elder paid the same rate for their water as downtown residents who didn't need to have water pumped to them. Shane Sorensen said they needed to complete the study on the Box Elder rates. It was about 80 percent done. It should be done by fall.

**MOTION:** Lon Lott moved to adopt Resolution No. R2017-15 to Amend the Consolidated Fee Schedule to increase the rates for culinary water and trash collection and plan check fees. Troy Stout seconded. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Lon Lott, Roger Bennett, Ramon Beck, Troy Stout voted aye. Motion passed.

**D. Pressurized Irrigation Management Plan Enforcement:** Sheldon Wimmer said he had driven around town last year when they were pumping all their wells just trying to keep water in the system, and saw probably 50 homes with their sprinklers on in the middle of the day on Sunday when no one was supposed to be watering. This year had been a little better. They had a few wells on but most often they were able to fill the reservoir with water from the mountain. The question now was, should they hire someone to go around and check on water use. He said he got questions from the public all the time from people who said their neighbor watered all the time. Should they hire a water cop to turn off the water when people were out of compliance with the schedule?

Shane Sorensen said that when the public works guys were out and around and saw someone watering at the wrong time, they would stop and talk to them. But the department didn't have the staff to dedicate someone to water patrol.

Troy Stout said he would prefer to see someone enforcing water regulations. Right now, they had neighbors pitted against neighbors.

Mayor Wimmer said they were nearing the end of the summer so maybe it was something they needed to consider for next year. Shane Sorensen said pumping costs last year reached \$215,000, then sometimes the pumps went down and they had the cost of repair.

Someone on Lakeview Drive said they didn't have enough pressure to water during normal hour and got an exception.

Melanie Ewing said that maybe more education would help. She had talked to a lot of people who didn't seem to know about the watering regulations. There were a lot of people who didn't go to the City's website or read the Newline. Rather than hiring a policeman to enforce it, maybe they could start with creative ways to educate people.

Sheldon Wimmer said his creative solution was to go all over town last year and kindly educate people that they were watering at the wrong time, but they still continued to water at the wrong time.

Troy Stout said it shouldn't be a newsflash for anyone that watering was regulated. They'd been doing it for five years.

Sullivan Love on Scenic Drive said that if PI was metered, the city would know who was overwatering.

Diane Houghton on County Manor Lane suggested the Youth Council be the ones who knocked on doors and tell people they were overwatering.

Ms. Long said she had spoken earlier about the safety problem of speeding on Main Street and the Council hadn't said anything about hiring someone to patrol speeding. Now they were making a motion to hire someone to police water use. She felt safety was a lot more important than using water. Troy Stout said that this was an agenda item so they could make a motion on it. They couldn't make motions on issues brought up under public comment.

**MOTION:** Troy Stout moved to approve a part-time employee to police water usage, 20 hours a week through October 15<sup>th</sup> to be funded through the surplus fund. Ramon Beck seconded. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Troy Stout, Ramon Beck, Lon Lott, Roger Bennett voted aye. Motion passed.

**E. Request for Access through Public Open Space – Mark Long, 66 N. Preston Drive:** Shane Sorensen said Truman Preece with Maple Shade Construction was building a home at 66 N. Preston Drive for Mark Long. Mr. Preece was requesting approval for temporary access across a narrow strip of open space on the south side of his lot. The access had been previously used by another builder without the City's knowledge or consent. Shane Sorensen recommended that if the Council approved the request, the motion include the requirement that the access be restored with native grasses.

Truman Preece said they were the last lot and were landlocked because of the neighbor to the north and the open space. Access to the backyard was very small. In order to put the retaining wall in properly they would need to be able to access through the open space. There was an existing gravel road that a contractor had used when the house to the north was built. Because the road was there, they wouldn't be damaging anything. They also had a bond in place. There was a trail head that went up through there. He thought it would be better to come and ask for permission rather than just use it.

Lon Lott thanked him for seeking permission before beginning construction. He said he had gone out earlier and looked at it the property. There was a trailhead in the open space but because of serious encroachment from neighboring property owners, the trail wasn't usable. They needed to discuss that. There were also SWPPP issues. The sidewalk on the corner was not a driveway. It was a handicap ramp. There was dirt on the ramp which was running into the storm drain. He said he would like to discuss those issues later in the meeting. The property owner to the south would also be affected.

**MOTION:** Troy Stout moved to grant the request for temporary access through City open space for the property located at 66 N. Preston Drive with the condition that the access be restored to a natural state as specified by the City within a year, and that Truman Preece bring in written permission to use the property from the landowner to the

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

**F. Cemetery Gates:** Mayor Wimmer said they had already heard earlier about some of the problems in the cemetery at night. Those burial plots were sacred ground and there shouldn't be activity after dark. They had gate capability at city shops and on the north end. They could put in an automated gate from Grove Drive and Main Street. That left a second access on Grove Drive where someone could walk through. He had no idea what it would cost to place gates in the cemetery but they were needed. There had been a vehicle in the cemetery selling drugs. They had the license plate number. When they expanded the cemetery, they needed to look at automated gates.

Ramon Beck said he lived next to the cemetery. They had seen motorcycles, ATVs and horses in the cemetery. Drug paraphernalia had been found. He agreed that they needed to do something up there.

The Council discussed what type of gate would work best taking into consideration the slope of the roads and manpower concerns about having someone open and close the gates every day all year long. There was a discussion about some kind of temporary barricade until gates could be installed. Troy Stout suggested they also put up surveillance cameras. They would also need to put up signs.

Shane Sorensen said his big concern was having his guys lock the gates twice a day all year long. It would really be a scheduling problem.

Roger Bennett said they should have signs stating that the cemetery closed at dusk and have the police patrol it.

**G. Concept Plan for Cemetery Expansion:** Mayor Wimmer said they were running out of burial lots in the Alpine Cemetery and currently had a moratorium on the sale of lots. Only residents could buy burial lots and only if they had a death in the family and had an immediate need for a burial lot. Shane Sorensen had been working with Sunrise Engineering on an expansion plan.

Shane Sorensen said they chose to use Sunrise Engineering because of some of the technology they had such as drones to take aerial views of the cemetery to look at contours. Sunrise provided three options for the City to review. He showed the area of expansion along 600 North. They anticipated it would add about 2100 burial lots. Because of the contours, some retaining walls would be needed to create a terraced plan. The project could be phased. The existing oak brush would need to be taken out so it would be a dramatic change.

Troy Stout asked if it would make sense to find another site. Shane Sorensen said the problem in Alpine was the cost of land. Sheldon Wimmer suggested they also consider a mausoleum for urns which would save a lot of space.

Shane Sorensen said that when they settled on a concept plan, Sunrise would come up with the projected cost.

**H. Designation of approved fire pits in Alpine City:** Mayor Wimmer said people had questions about where they could have a fire pit. They had talked about improving the fire pit in the Bowery to make it safer. But the main question was about fire pits in people's back yards.

Lon Lott asked if the fire code did not already define what constituted an approved recreational fire. Sheldon Wimmer said it did.

Rob Schoen said he had a gas fire ring surrounded by pavers and grass. Had the Council distinguished between gas and wood? Sheldon Wimmer said they did distinguish between the two. They also needed to address gas barbeques.

Lon Lott said that they needed to let people know what the restrictions were on fire pits.

## VI. STAFF REPORTS

Shane Sorensen reported on the following:

- Meet the Candidate Night was Thursday night at Timberline Middle School.



- Alpine Days was coming up. Since there was not meeting on Alpine Days, they needed to get their overlay bill out. They awarded it and brought it back to the city council for ratification. They were asking for permission to do that again.
- The salt shed was completed.
- The chip seal project was done for this year. They used a different product which he felt was better.
- On Friday he put up 40 firework signs.
- A plat amendment on Three Falls would be on the next agenda

Chief Brian Gwilliam reported on the patrol in Lambert Park since the Council had closed it to motorized vehicles. He said they started patrols immediately after the signs went up and patrolled on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and had given out warnings. They had seen fewer and fewer vehicles each day. Once the word had gotten out, traffic had been minimal. They were still people up there walking bicycling, and riding horses.

## VII. COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Lon Lott said he wanted to revisit the encroachment issues on public open space on Preston Drive. The trail started at the street and passed through open space then disappeared. On the map, he pointed out the Truman Preece work area and where they wanted to access the property at 66 N. Preston Drive. He said that when they put in their fence or finished their property, the public would no longer have access to the trail. He also pointed out that construction debris, doors and glass, etc. had been left on public open space from several construction sites. There were multiple encroachments. One property owner had put up a swing set that block access to the trail.

Sheldon Wimmer said code enforcement in Alpine was thin. Unfortunately, this was not the only place with encroachments. They would need to contact the property owners and ask them to remove their stuff from city property. He asked Shane Sorensen to put together a letter.

Ramon Beck asked if there were rules about drones. He'd had complaints about drones in people yards. Chief Brian Gwilliam said there was nothing at the time that legislated where people could fly them. Sheldon Wimmer said a microwave beam would take them down.

Troy Stout had the following items:

- He asked if there were any major events in the burn areas resulting from the rainstorm. Shane Sorensen said the fire had burned the south side of Wadsworth Canyon. There was no major damage from the rainstorm. Much of the vegetation in the lower areas had not been burned which helped prevent erosion. Troy Stout suggested it would be a good idea to have some sandbags prepared in case there was a flood event.
- He asked about the possibility of putting flower baskets on Main Street to beautify the town. It was fairly affordable. They could also consider lampposts. He asked that it be an agenda item.
- Regarding Lambert Park closure, he asked about putting in Jersey barriers by the Fitzgerald entrance to the park to close that loop. Sheldon Wimmer said he had talked to the county about the possibility of annexing the Fitzgerald property which would give the City more latitude. Shane Sorensen expressed concern about barriers in the event of a fire.

Sheldon Wimmer said the fire hydrant in front of Colvin McDaniels had been sheared off and would need to be replaced. Regarding the Alpine Days parade, he said they needed to decide what to do. They all needed to participate.

## VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

**MOTION:** Troy Stout moved to adjourn to Executive session to discuss litigation following a five-minute recess. Lon Lott seconded. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Troy Stout, Ramon Beck, Roger Bennett, Lon Lott voted aye. Motion passed.

The Council went into closed session at 10:15 pm.

The Council returned to open session at 10:40 pm and adjourned.