

**ALPINE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Alpine City Hall, 20 North Main, Alpine, UT**  
**March 27, 2012**

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

**A. Roll Call:** Mayor Willoughby said Bradley Reneer and Kimberly Bryant would be there shortly. Bradley Reneer was at his son's Arrow of Light presentation. The following Council members were present and constituted a quorum:

Mayor Hunt Willoughby

Council Members: Mel Clement, Will Jones, Troy Stout, Bradley Reneer, Kimberly Bryant.

Staff: Charmayne Warnock, David Church, Shane Sorensen, Annalisa Beck, Jannicke Brewer, Jay Healey, Ron Devey

Others: Jim Tracy, Ashley Tracy, Jacklyn Ballif, Autumn Ivie, Kelly Ivie, Nathan Allen, Malorie Pennie, Danni Porter, Ryan Burgess, Tanner Clement, Ellis Chaffetz, Jake Warner

**B. Prayer:** Will Jones  
**C. Pledge of Allegiance:** Jake Warner

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT:** (This item was actually reported later in the meeting.) Merrilee Wendell said she had lived in Alpine for 60 years. She was in charge of the Old Red School House Reunion for 2012 and they were planning to have the reunion during Alpine Days on Saturday. It would be held at the LDS Chapel on Long Drive across from Timberline Middle School. She asked if there was any way they could integrate it with Alpine Days.

Kimberly Bryant said she thought that would be a great idea since the original intent of Alpine Days was a reunion when people returned to Alpine. She suggested it would be fun to have the people ride on a float they way they did several years earlier when they held the Moyle Family Reunion.

Mayor Willoughby said the Tour of Utah would not affect the reunion because that would be on Main Street. They were working with them on using the Red Church for the novice riders.

### **III. CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **A. Approve the minutes of March 13, 2012**

**MOTION:** Troy Stout moved to approve the minutes of March 13, 2012. Will Jones seconded. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0. Kimberly Bryant and Bradley Reneer were not present at the time of the motion.

**B. Grasshopper lawnmower purchase - \$15,399.00:** Shane Sorensen said they had moved the anticipated purchase of a new pick up onto the next year (2013) because it was still driving okay, and moved the purchase of the lawn mower to 2012.

**MOTION:** Will Jones moved to approve the expenditure of \$15,399.00 for the purchase of a new Grasshopper lawnmower. Troy Stout seconded. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0. Motion passed unanimously. Kimberly Bryant and Bradley Reneer were not present at the time of the motion.

**IV. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:** None

### **V. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Resolution No. R2012-01 Land Use Map:** Mayor Willoughby said they had looked at the updated Land Use Map at a previous meeting and noted some minor changes that needed to be made. April Naidu and the Planning Commission had made the corrections and brought it back to the Council.

Will Jones asked if the commercial zone at the corner of 200 North and 200 East actually went as far north as shown. Shane Sorensen checked the existing Zoning Map and said it did.

Jannicke Brewer said they had noted Hunters Ridge Circle subdivision on the map as a residential zone since the rezoning from business commercial to residential was in the process and this was a future-use map. She said they were also checking on a zone change on Ridge Drive that may have occurred when Ridge Drive went through to High Bench Road.

Mel Clement asked about putting the well sites on the map since the space around them within a certain distance wasn't supposed to be fertilized. He noticed the well on Allegheny had grass around it. Shane Sorensen said it was permissible to put a limited amount of fertilizer on the grass around the wells. He said the well on Allegheny was used for pressurized irrigation. All the wells had a source protection plan.

Mel Clement asked about the triangular piece of ground at the corner of Ridge Drive and Canyon Crest that seemed to be more of maintenance nuisance than usable space. Would it be possible to include it in a lot? Jannicke Brewer said it was City-owned open space that had been necessary for the Silverleaf subdivision to meet the open space requirements for a PRD. Mayor Willoughby said the neighboring property owners already had their property fenced with a concrete wall and may not be interested in including it in their yard.

**MOTION:** Will Jones moved to approve Resolution No. R2012-01 adopting the Land Use Map. Mel Clement seconded. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion passed unanimously. Kimberly Bryant was not present at the time of the motion.

Troy Stout asked if approving the map affected the City's ability to trade the parcel on Canyon Crest. Mayor Willoughby said it was a lengthy process for the City to divest itself of public property and they probably didn't want to tie it to the approval of the map.

Bradley Reneer asked if removing the commercial open space at the Alpine Art Center was an issue. Jannicke Brewer said it wasn't really commercial open space. It was part of Art Center property that was in the flood plain.

**B. Resolution No. R2012-03, Amend the Consolidated Fee Schedule to adjust the trash and recycling rates:** Annalisa Beck said that at the meeting of February 28, 2012 the Council had reviewed the current rates for trash and recycling service and voted to increase the rates. However, the adopted increase would generate more revenue than would be needed to cover the costs so the Council had decided to readjust the rates again. A spread sheet was provided showing the difference in revenue from the previous rate, the adopted rates and the rates recommended by staff.

Mrs. Beck said that the cost for trash collection beginning in June was a moving target because there would be a fuel surcharge and they didn't know what they was going to be. She added that since the article in the Newsline about the rate increase, there had been 13 recycle cans removed (one of which was a second recycle can) and 10 new requests for recycle cans. There were 15 second and third trash cans removed and 3 new requests for a first can and 5 requests for a second trash can.

Using the numbers from the revised number of trash and recycling cans, the revenue was again calculated and the revenue under the old rates went down about \$1500 a year.

Mayor Willoughby said the target revenue for the 2012-2013 proposed budget was \$466,103.88. The rates originally proposed by staff were \$11.80 for the first trash can, \$5.00 for additional trash cans, \$5.50 for the first recycling can and \$5.00 for additional recycling cans. It was anticipated that those rates would generate \$472,101.60, which would cover the budgeted costs plus the fuel surcharge. Since there was no way to predict the surcharge, it would provide a cushion of about \$6000.

The Council discussed various rate scenarios.

Bradley Reneer asked if they could reduce the tipping fees in the summer by sending green waste to the TSSD. He suggested they might have a dumpster where residents could bring their green waste. Mel Clement said he'd been

told by residents from Murray that their city had tried that, but in talking to Jay Healey and others, they said that if it was not policed they ended up with a lot of construction material in the green waste.

Mayor Willoughby suggested they take staff recommendation and set the cost of the first trash can at \$11.80. Will Jones said that according to his calculations, that made the revenue too high.

Troy Stout asked how difficult it would be to provide a rebate or a credit on next year's bill if there was an overage.

Bradley Reneer asked if they could just change the rates again when they knew what the fuel surcharge would be.

Mayor Willoughby said he thought it would be wiser to plan for it. They would already be bringing the proposed rate down after previously raising it and he'd like to have it right rather than keep changing it.

Troy Stout said he preferred consistency and having the same rate throughout the year. Then have the possibility of a credit or adjustment in next year's rates.

Bradley Reneer said Roger Harper had mentioned at his presentation that the City should be getting a rebate from ACE on the recycling. He asked if anyone had talked to ACE about that, but no one had.

Will Jones said the contract would be up for renewal and the City could say they'd be happy to extend the contract if they got a rebate for their recycling.

**MOTION:** Will Jones moved to amend the rates for trash and recycling service as follows:

First trash can	\$11.50	First recycling can	\$4.75
Additional trash cans	6.00	Additional recycling cans	4.50

Bradley Reneer seconded. Ayes: 3 Nays: 2. Will Jones, Mel Clement and Bradley Reneer voted aye. Kimberly Bryant and Troy Stott voted nay. Motion passed.

**C. 2012 Utah County Municipal Recreation Grant:** Mayor Willoughby said the recreation grant was paid for from the State out of the restaurant and hotel tax. Each city could apply for their share of the grant. Last year the City had received a recreation grant to use in Legacy Park. It was proposed that this year's grant also be used in Legacy Park.

Ron Devey said the City got a call the other day from a citizen complaining about the broken slide. Several things in the playground had worn out and they were looking at prices to replace the equipment. That would include the swing set.

Shane Sorensen said the insurance company required the distance to the curb be twice the height of the swing and it did not comply. There were those who liked the old swing set. There was some discussion about possibly turning the swing set the other way.

**MOTION:** Will Jones moved to authorize the application for the 2012 Utah County Municipal Recreation Grant. Kimberly Bryant seconded. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion passed unanimously.

**D. Peterson Park Draft Plan Approval:** Mayor Willoughby said Ron Devey had been working on a plan to simplify maintenance of Peterson Park located off Canyon Crest and Ridge Drive, previously known as the Arboretum. In the beginning there had been a rather grandiose plan that would require an arborist but that was more than the City wanted to put in there. The plan proposed by Parks Director Ron Devey would improve the park in phases. First they wanted to clean it up and get it into a condition that would be easier to maintain. The maintenance crew said the ground was so rough it was beating up on the equipment, and the sprinkler system was not well-designed.

Ron Devey said there would be one parking lot off Red Pine Drive. They would eliminate the parking lot on Ridge Drive. The Red Pine Drive parking lot would be nearer the pavilion and playground. There would also be an asphalt

trail with a bigger loop. It was noted that the senior citizens in the nearby senior living center liked to walk on the trail. Mr. Devey said they would leave the part of the ditch open that ran through the trees and pipe the rest. There was one existing bridge and they would possibly add another one.

Mel Clement suggested there be additional pavilions for family reunions if the demand was there.

Jannicke Brewer asked if the existing trees would be removed. Ron Devey said the big ones would stay. The trash trees would be taken out because they interfered with the sprinklers. They would try to preserve as many as possible.

Ron Devey said some of the work could be done as a community project. It would take several years before they could afford to do phase one.

There was a discussion about the milk house. Will Jones said he thought there was an agreement that the milk house had to stay. Ron Devey said he wasn't aware of that, adding that it had become an object of vandalism because of its location. Jannicke Brewer said that the original planners had hoped to make the milk house a community center.

Will Jones suggested that if they were moving the swings out of Legacy Park, they should put them in Peterson Park. Troy Stout said some play equipment made of natural material would be nice.

Ron Devey said the first step would be to plow the ground, level it, and put in sprinklers so they could maintain it.

Troy Stout noted that the park was close to the park in the South Point subdivision and the Rachel McTeer Park. There seemed to be a high density of parks in the area.

**MOTION:** Kimberly Bryant moved to approve the draft plan for the Peterson Park improvements. Will Jones seconded. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion passed unanimously.

**E. Budget Overview:** Mayor Willoughby excused Rich Nelson and said Annalisa Beck would review the budget. The purpose of the discussion was to familiarize the Council with the budget, the separate funds, the purpose of each of the funds, and how they operated.

Annalisa Beck said the budget was divided into two types of financial activities. There were governmental activities which provided the services government typically provided such as administration, streets, police, fire, parks, capital projects, cemetery, courts, and maintenance equipment. Most of those services were funded through property and sales taxes, franchise fees, impact fees, B & C Road funds, fees and permits.

The second financial group were business type activities such as water, sewer, pressurized irrigation, storm drain, and capital projects for utility systems and equipment. This group was funded by charges for services, connection fees, impact fees, and funds that had been budgeted and saved for a particular capital improvement.

Shane Sorensen reviewed the street budget and the proposed projects. The Council was given a map showing the streets maintenance projects that had been done since 2002, and a map showing the proposed street maintenance projects for 2012 including a preliminary cost estimate. Several streets would receive a 2" or 1 1/2" overlay, others would be chip-sealed and a number would receive the HA5 Mineral Bond which was a material that prolonged the life of the asphalt by providing a barrier to sun and weather. He also reviewed the equipment replacement schedule. A Grasshopper lawnmower would be purchased in 2012 which was approved earlier in the meeting. Funds to lease a backhoe would also be expended in 2012.

## VI. STAFF REPORTS

Ron Devey said they would begin to turn on the pressurized irrigation the next week.

Annalisa Beck said she needed to know if Council members were planning to attend the midyear conference in St. George. Two rooms were reserved and if they needed more than that, they would have to book in hotels that were farther away from the conference. Troy Stout said he was interested in going.

## VII. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

### Troy Stout

1. He said he had an employee that was a barrel racer who said they didn't come to the Alpine Days rodeo to compete because the ground was too hard. He asked what the City could do to attract a higher level of performers. Shane Sorensen said it would require more sand and was more expensive to prepare the ground. Annalisa Beck said she'd look into it.

2. He said was pleased with his iPad and its ability to enlarge the maps.

3. He said that there was still a bottleneck at the intersection of SR-92 and the road to Lone Peak High School. Mayor Willoughby said he would bring it up with the contact person from the state.

### Will Jones

1. He reported that he'd received a notice that the Beck Appeal on Three Falls had been dismissed.

2. He would like to get information on how other cities like American Fork and Lehi were able to use their old homes for commercial businesses and not spend a fortune on remodeling to meet code requirements. There must be some provision that allowed them to use the old homes without a lot of retrofitting.

3. He said that the City's phone system was still terrible. When a caller hit an extension, it went dead. Annalisa Beck said they had ordered a iPod shuffle to remedy that. They had also ordered a new phone system for the Council room so absent Council members could participate in the meetings. She said the upgrades cost \$1800.

### Bradley Reneer

1. He asked David Church if they were going to amend the Meeting Procedures. David Church said the legislature required cities to have rules of procedure. The city could write them however they wanted. He said the Council need to get their changes and recommendations to him.

2. He said he would like to make the rules of finance available to the citizens. David Church said that was a good idea. If the city did a good job communicating with the citizens, everyone was happier.

3. He said the Timpanogos Special Service District (TSSD) had submitted their bylaws to the state over a year ago for approval. Among other things, their bylaws stated that the governing board of each community would appoint a representative from each city to sit on the administrative board. The TSSD had recently heard back from the county who said they had to delete the whole section about appointees from each city. They cited state law as the reason for removing the section on appointing members from the cities. Mr. Reneer asked what could be done to change that.

David Church said a special district had the power to appoint the board members. Traditionally TSSD had the cities appoint a representative but the cities were actually customers of the district rather than members. It didn't mean the TSSD wouldn't continue to have cities appoint members to the board. It was just that the district had the authority to appoint its members on the board. It was more efficient than having to involve the cities.

Bradley Reneer wondered if they could lobby the legislature to change that. The district was formed in 1976 and he wondered if, when Alpine joined, there was an understanding or contract that they would have member representation. David Church said it would depend on how the district was created. The TSSD was created before Alpine decided to go into the sewer business. Bradley Reneer said he was not in favor of have more efficiency and losing the representation. The cities were paying for it. It was like taxation without representation.

### Kimberly Bryant

1. She reported that the Youth Council Easter Egg Hunt was on April 7th the day before Easter. It would be held at the new Creekside Park starting at 10 AM sharp. It would be for kids 10 and under. Most of the items had been donated.

2. She said she had received calls from people saying there were not enough pavilions at the new park. They were already reserved and none were available.

3. She reminded the Council to look at the Youth Council display by the door. They were taking it up to Utah State.

4. She asked about the possibility of hanging patriotic pictures in the Council room.

5. Regarding the drug issue, she said she received six phone calls that day about it. Drugs were a problem at the junior high and high school. The high school was having a meeting about it but one meeting was not going to fix the problem. She said it was amazing what was happening in the hallways at the schools. She asked the Council to brainstorm some ideas about what could be done.

### **Mel Clement**

1. He asked if there had been an appeal made on the Digis cell tower. David Church said there was no word that an appeal had been filed. The 30 days were about up. Jannicke Brewer said Digis had made none of the changes to the tower because they were waiting to see if it was appealed. In the meantime, the Planning Commission was working on the ordinance.

2. He said he was trying to get a copy of the North Point Solid Waste budget. There were other options that were open to them. He said North Point was concerned that collections agencies were trying to steer the trucking of the garbage to other landfills. They were looking at the cost of long-term use.

3. He said he had met with the mayor and Jay Healey earlier that day. He said it had never been his position to examine the position of the public works director, who had done much to improve Alpine City. He felt the city staff was working very well. He said he'd been responding to some people who'd had concerns and made comments during the Truth in Taxation hearing about the top three salaries. The concerns had been resolved. There was no evidence of incompetence or anything else.

### **Mayor Willoughby**

1. He said he'd had four items but two of them were covered, i.e. the drug meeting at the high school and the technical stipend for the Council to buy an iPad.

2. He said he'd accompanied the Meals on Wheels when they took dinner to a 102 year old lady in Highland. The food was very tasty.

3. Dwayne Pyrah, a friend and neighbor who was also Ron Devey's father-in-law had passed away.

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

**MOTION:** Will Jones moved to adjourn. Troy Stout seconded. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.