

**ALPINE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
20 North Main Alpine, UT 84004
October 25, 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: Bradley Reneer, Jim Tracy, Kimberly Bryant, Kent Hastings

Council Members not present: Troy Stout was not present but listened to the meeting on the phone.

Staff: Rich Nelson, Charmayne Warnock, David Church, Shane Sorensen, Chief Kip Botkin, Jannicke Brewer, Jay Healey

Others: Chuck Castleton, Mel Clement, Jason Kuhn, Connie McKean, Sterling McCracken, Miles McCracken, Penn Owens, Nathan Taylor, McKay Wilson, Isaac Yamada, Wyatt Holbrook, Kay Holbrook, Aimee Augustus, Eric Enoe, Jackson Enoe, Hayden Enoe, Katrina Kennedy, Jaime Peterson

B. Prayer: Kimberly Bryant

C. Pledge of Allegiance: Sterling McCracken

II. PUBLIC COMMENT: Connie McKean said she had attended the meeting several weeks ago during the Truth in Taxation Hearing. Some senior citizens had talked about the tax increase and how it would be burden on them. She asked the Council to consider those on fixed incomes. She had received her tax notice and the increase was not too much of a burden for her because she had been single a long time and had been able to make her own way. She had continually watched taxes go up but nothing like the increase this year. She said she appreciated the prayer that was offered at the beginning of the meeting and asked that they think of everyone who lived in Alpine, not just those with big pocketbooks.

Katrina Kennedy said she had sent the Council an email about an agenda item. She said her concern was that when she tried to click on the link that sent an email the Bradley Reneer, it instead went to Jim Tracy. She asked that they link the addresses correctly.

Rich Nelson said the City was working on a new and improved website which should be up and running in a few weeks.

Sterling McCracken said that for his Eagle Scout project he planned to beautify the trail from the top of 300 North to Bald Mountain. There was a lot of debris clogging the river and it sometimes flooded onto the trail. Also, there was garbage dumped in front of the parking lot. He planned to clean out the riverbed and take it to green waste recycling. He would also cut the limbs growing in the riverbed. The project was approved.

Mayor Hunt Willoughby said the Community Covenant program held on Columbus Day, October 10th, went well. Lt Williams from the National Guard presented the covenant to the City. A few signatures were still needed. Members of the community could still sign it and pledge their support.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve minutes of October 11, 2011.

B. Final Bond Release – Dry Creek Square Planned Commercial Development – Wayne Patterson - \$30,413.76

MOTION: Kent Hastings moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Kimberly Bryant seconded. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion passed.

IV. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS: None

V. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Welcome to Alpine City Signs: Rich Nelson showed photos of the existing signs on Alpine Highway, Westfield Road and Canyon Crest Road. He also showed the sign over the entrance to the City Cemetery. He said a number of residents had come in and suggested improving the signs so he brought it to the Council to see if there was an interest in pursuing new signs, or if they were happy with existing signs and more interested in saving money.

Kimberly Bryant said that as tight as the City's budget was, new signs were an extra that was not needed right now. Possible when they had more money, they could upgrade the signs.

Kent Hastings noted that the connotation of the existing signs was "Welcome to Frugal Alpine," as opposed to "Welcome to Extravagant Highland."

Bradley Reneer noted that the growth in front of the one sign could be pruned so it would look better. Jim Tracy said he agreed this was not the time to spend money on signs. Troy Stout suggested they discuss it with the new budget and perhaps build one sign a year.

Shane Sorensen said the Welcome to Alpine sign on Alpine Highway had been an Eagle Scout project and was not on private land as previously thought. It was on the aqueduct easement and the metropolitan water agency had sent Alpine a letter regarding it. Staff would be meeting with them to discuss what could be done if they went through with a new pipe.

B. Ordinance No. 2011-12, Regulating Hobby Beekeeping: The Council had reviewed the proposed ordinance on beekeeping twice before. The Mayor asked if they wanted to move forward on it. Staff would like to have something on the books so they could respond to questions about beekeeping.

Jim Tracy said the ordinance was initiated by staff in response to complaints about beekeeping. The ordinance was not so much for the beekeepers as for the neighbors of the beekeepers. It would be nice for staff to have something to tell people who called.

Kent Hastings said he felt staff could just provide callers with the state agency regulations. People would get better service by calling the state. He said he would like to have beekeeping in the ordinance as a permitted use.

Mayor Willoughby said he didn't think Alpine needed regulations telling beekeepers how to produce the most honey, but the regulations in the ordinance that related to the beekeeper's impact on neighbors should be considered. He asked if the state rules talked about flyaways and setbacks.

Jannicke Brewer said the state rules were more general and didn't address setbacks. Those were set by the city.

Kent Hastings said he would prefer to let the residents practice some common sense rather than regulating beekeeping and creating additional red tape. If it became a huge problem, they could revisit it.

It was noted that staff had already received several phone calls questioning beekeeping practices in Alpine.

Bradley Reneer said he tried to find the state regulations but all he could find was a registration requirement. He had listened to the tape from the last meeting and agreed that the ordinance was for the neighbors of the beekeepers, not the beekeepers themselves.

MOTION: Bradley Reneer moved to accept Ordinance No. 2011-12 Regulating Beekeeping as recommended by the Planning Commission with the following changes:

1. Remove the word "hobby" from the title.
2. Remove B1 which relates to the number of hives that may be kept.
3. Remove D1 which states honeybee colonies should be kept in hives with removable frames in sound condition.

4. Remove D3 which states hives shall be operated in accordance with the Utah Bee Inspection Act because beekeepers were already required to do that.
5. Remove D4 which required hives to be marked with owner's contact information because state regulations already required that.

Jim Tracy seconded. Ayes: 3 Nays: 1. Bradley Reneer, Kimberly Bryant and Jim Tracy voted aye. Kent Hasting voted nay stating that he thought apiaries should simply be listed as a permitted use.

C. Request by Highland Development (XITO Farms) to Connect to Alpine Sewer and Culinary Water – Bryce Nelson: Shane Sorensen said that Bryce Nelson came to DRC representing a client who owned property in Highland but could not currently be serviced by Highland City. The property was located on the south boundary of Alpine next to the Rachel McTeer Park. The water was already stubbed to that point, but the applicant wanted to provide a restroom so the sewer would need to be extended. David Church said Alpine would need approval from Highland City. Shane Sorensen said Alpine had received an email from Highland stating they were okay with Alpine providing temporary service.

Mayor Willoughby asked if there would be any residences associated with the development and Bryce Nelson said there would not. He asked if they would be using culinary water for landscaping and Mr. Nelson said the landscaping would be on the other end where they could get pressurized irrigation water from Highland City. All Alpine would be servicing was water to put in RVs and a cleanout. The restroom would have sewer and water.

Jim Tracy asked if a fire hydrant would be required. Shane Sorensen said that was more of a Highland issue. Highland's position was that as soon as their services were available, they would disconnect from Alpine. It would be billed similarly to Alpine Cove, which was double what Alpine residents paid.

MOTION: Bradley Reneer moved to approve water and sewer service to Xito Farms in Highland until such time as services could be provided by Highland City. Jim Tracy seconded. Ayes: 0 Nays: 4. Motion failed.

Prior to the vote on the motion, Mel Clement said he lived in that general area and there were residents in Alpine that were unhappy with the situation in Highland and suggested they be given an opportunity to comment. The property owner in Highland had horses and there was a problem with dust.

Bryce Nelson said the reason for a culinary water connection was to provide drinking water for the horses. PI water was used to keep the dust down.

Jim Tracy said that if the neighbors had some concerns, now would be the time to resolve them. He didn't see a pressing need to act on the request immediately and suggested that as a City Council, they would represent their citizens better by notifying them about the request.

Mayor Willoughby said that if the use was permitted in Highland, Alpine would not have a say, but they weren't obligated to provide a means for it to happen.

Bradley Reneer suggested they reconsider the issue after the neighbors had been notified. Rich Nelson said they would hold a public hearing at their next regular meeting in November.

D. WIFI Service in New Park: Rich Nelson said he'd been asked to check on the cost of providing wireless internet service in the new park on 100 South. The estimated cost for Comcast service would be \$65 a month or \$780 a year.

Kimberly Bryant said she didn't think it was necessary. In addition, kids could get internet on their technical devices and she said she didn't want to be responsible for providing an opportunity for the youth to get into something on the internet.

Bradley Reneer said he agreed with Kimberly. In addition, if the City provided it in one park, they would be expected to provide it in other parks.

Kent Hastings said the City was not in the business of providing internet service for people. It could open up the whole issue of filters and there would still be kids who were able to get into stuff that they shouldn't at the park.

Mike Magnusson said that if there was a concern about who could access what sites, he worked for a company that had the ability to block certain sites.

Katrina Kennedy pointed out that another issue was that taxes had just been increased and now the Council was looking at another expense. If a citizen needed internet for a business, they should be paying for it. She said she was opposed to it.

Mayor Willoughby summarized by saying there didn't seem to be a lot of support for WIFI service in the park. No motion was made.

E. Name for New Park: Mayor Willoughby read the list of about 160 names that had been submitted. He asked the Council if they had narrowed down their preferences to a short list of two or three.

Jim Tracy said he liked Alpine Family Park and Dry Creek Park.

Kent Hastings said he liked Central Park, Freedom Park and Heritage Park.

Hunt Willoughby said he liked Dry Creek Park and Creekside Park.

Bradley Reneer said he liked Lone Peak Park, Alpine Mountain Park, Dry Creek Park,

George Washington Park, Alpine Family Park, Freedom Park and Heritage Park.

Kimberly Bryant said she liked Lone Peak Park and Central Park.

Troy Stout (by phone) said he liked Central Park and Creekside Park.

Rich Nelson said he would put the list together and bring it back to the next meeting.

Kent Hastings left the meeting.

F. 5-Year Financial Plan – Revenues: Rich Nelson reviewed the projected revenue for the next five years which was shown on a graph and pie chart. The revenue sources were: impact fees, interest, charges for services, intergovernmental revenue, licenses and permits, taxes, and other. Because Alpine was a residential community, without a tax increase or a utility rate increase, total revenues were assumed to increase at a rate of 0.78% a year.

Rich Nelson read the list of Revenue Assumptions which were:

1. Property tax will remain level with the only increase being due to new home growth. Truth in Taxation would be utilized if necessary to collect redemption taxes.
2. It is assumed that the property value in Alpine has reach its low. It is also assumed that property values will not increase over the next four years.
3. Sales tax will remain consistent because of the lack of a commercial tax base.
4. Building permits for new homes will remain flat at 10-15 each year.
5. B&C Road Funds will not increase over the next five years.
6. Garbage rates will increase 2% yearly to cover the Ace Disposal cost increases.
7. It is assumed that the charges for services will increase 1% to 1.5% yearly for water, sewer, pressurized irrigation and storm drain due to new growth. This model does not assume any major rate increases.

Rich Nelson said that next month they would talk about expenditures. He asked the Council to keep the telecommunication franchise fee in mind. They were not taking full advantage of it and it cost the City \$70,000 a year.

Mayor Willoughby said this was good long range planning.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

Rich Nelson said the mayor of Orem was Jim Evans and he was also the CEO of Exactware. He said they both dealt with Alpine City millionaires but in different capacities.

Charmayne Warnock reported that Early Voting had begun.

Jannicke Brewer said Planning Commission meetings had been canceled until next year. They were concerned about DIGIS. The City had requested that DIGIS come back with a new plan but nothing had been submitted as yet. Rich Nelson said he had sent them a letter stating that if there were no plans by the next Planning Commission meeting, he would assume they were taking the tower down.

Chief Kip Botkin said he would like the permission of the City Council to get together with Rich Nelson and discuss some of the proposed names for the park. If there was a medical emergency, he didn't want there to be confusion about where to respond because parks were similarly named. For instance, Highland City already had a Heritage Park.

VII. COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Mayor Willoughby said that Harris and Ringo, the drug dogs, had proven to be very valuable. In response to a question about whether the dogs could be used to track people, Chief Botkin said that Harris was a single purpose article detection dog, which could include people. Ringo was a dual purpose dog who did drug detection and could apprehend someone who was running away.

Bradley Reneer thanked Rich Nelson for scheduling another emergency preparedness meeting. He said he appreciated the hard work of the Planning Commission on the beekeeping ordinance even though the Council scrapped part of it.

Kimberly Bryant said there were concerns about people parking on both sides of 600 East by the new park. At one time they had discussed putting up "No Parking" signs on one side of the street. Jim Tracy said it was his recollection that the signs were brought up by some citizens, not by the Council. Shane Sorensen said that at Burgess Park they had painted the curb red but people still parked there.

Jim Tracy suggested that they cut a door in the east wall of the City Administrator's office so he was more visible.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None held

MOTION: Jim Tracy moved to adjourn. Kimberly Bryant seconded. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0. Kent Hastings was not present at the time of the motion. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.