

**Alpine City Council Meeting  
Alpine City Hall, 20 North Main, Alpine, UT  
June 10, 2014**

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Mayor Don Watkins.

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

Mayor Don Watkins

City Council Members: Troy Stout, Roger Bennett, Lon Lott, Will Jones

Council Members not present: Kimberly Bryant was excused

Staff: Charmayne Warnock, David Church, Shane Sorensen, Jason Bond, Jannicke Brewer, Joe McRae.

Others: Chantel Miner, Terya Higbee, Brielle Hahn, Jacob Starley, Helen Starley, Chris Ballif, Ginny Rainsdon, Tanner Pearson, Derrill Merrill, Caleb Warner, Troy Ellis, Andra Ellis

**B. Prayer:** Troy Stout

**C. Pledge of Allegiance:** Caleb Warner

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Isaac Newey said he was working toward getting his Eagle and had been working with Rich Nelson. Saturday morning he and 25 other people repainted the curbs red along Main Street. He estimated it took about 114 man hours. Rich Nelson had already signed his papers and this was for information.

Mayor Watkins congratulated him and thanked him on his project. He said he was amazed when he drove through town and saw how many people were involved.

**III. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Approve the minutes of May 27, 2014**

**MOTION:** Will Jones moved to approve the minutes of May 27, 2014. Lon Lott seconded. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion passed unanimously.

**IV. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Swearing-in of Youth Council by Judge Douglas Nielsen.** Judge Nielson swore in the Youth Council then spoke to them about the importance of the oath they took. He said there actually were not that many people in the United States who had the privilege of taking the oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America. Only those who were in public service took the oath.

Mayor Watkins said they were very proud of their Youth Council. Last year at the Utah State Conference they took the highest award that could be earned. The list of services the Youth Council performed was amazing.

Mayor Watkins recognized the presence of Jannicke Brewer and said he was happy to see her there following her heart attack. Mrs. Brewer said she was glad to be there. She said the EMTS and their response time was amazing.

Troy Stout said he would be beginning six months of medical treatments and would be unable to attend some of the Council meetings during that time, but he hoped to participate by phone. The phones and speaker system in the Council Chambers were set up to allow absent members to participate in the meeting electronically. There needed to be adequate notice given when a Council member planned to participate via phone.

**B. Financial Report for May 2014:** Mayor Watkins said that Rich Nelson was not present due to family issues, but he expected he might show later in the meeting.

Will Jones said he had a question about PI revenue. The year was 92% lapsed but they were about 10% to 12% short in revenue. David Church said the PI fund was a business fund (previously called an enterprise fund) and a business fund could run at a profit or a loss. The government funds had to balance every year, but not the business funds.

Mr. Jones said he would be more comfortable if they could adopt the budget in two weeks. David Church said that by law it had to be adopted by June 22nd which was two days before the next scheduled meeting. If necessary they could call a special meeting.

Will Jones said he was concerned that at the last minute they would receive some money from the County which would change the revenue. Last year the City raised taxes by \$44,000 then in the last two weeks of the year they got \$150,000 from the County. Had they known that was coming, they wouldn't have increased the budget.

David Church said the problem with planning on that extra revenue was that it was a one-time thing. If they lowered taxes, it would lower the tax rate. Then in subsequent years, if they didn't receive that same amount of unexpected revenue, they would have to raise taxes.

Mayor Watkins said that people would not remember the tax decrease, but they would notice a tax increase.

Will Jones noted that the increased revenue from building permits was a one-time thing and they shouldn't plan on it always being that high.

## V. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

### PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

Mayor Watkins opened the public hearing on the Final Budget. There were no comments. He recommended they move to Item C on the agenda since Rich Nelson wasn't present.

**C. Resolution No. R2014-05 -Designation of an alternate board member to the Lone Peak Public Safety District Governing Board:** Mayor Watkins recommended they designate Will Jones as an alternate member to the Board.

**MOTION:** Troy Stout moved to adopt Resolution No. R2014-05 to designate an alternate member to the Lone Peak Public Safety District Governing Board. Lon Lott seconded. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion passed.

**MOTION:** Troy Stout moved to appoint Will Jones as the alternate member to the Lone Peak PSD Governing Board. Roger Bennett seconded. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion passed.

**D. Moyle Park Restrooms and Drinking Fountain:** Will Jones said the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the Moyle Park Master Plan at their previous meeting. They made a motion recommending that their first choice would be to see if it was feasible to put the new restrooms where the existing restrooms were currently located. The second choice was to put a restroom at the south end of the park, east of the Ellis gate. They also recommended installing a drinking fountain. They did not approve a Master Plan.

**MOTION:** Will Jones moved to put the restrooms on the south boundary line of Moyle Park, north of the Ellis property and east of the Ellis gate. Lon Lott seconded. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion passed. Will Jones, Lon Lott, Roger Bennett, Troy Stout voted aye.

Will Jones said they would have to remove some trees. He said that Rich Nelson had written a gate policy. In this case, they would ask that the residents neighboring the park receive permission from the Harts (Moyle Park caretakers) before coming in and out of the gates that adjoin the park in case there was an event going on. There were three private gates that opened onto the park. The gates were City gates and if there was a problem, they would lock them.

Lon Lott asked if there should be a privacy policy for neighbors when it came to pruning vegetation. Will Jones said it was a City Park and if they needed to prune, it would be nice to let the neighbors know, but they didn't need to ask them for permission.

Jannicke Brewer asked if the gate policy would apply to other parks or if it was only for Moyle Park.

Mayor Watkins said the vehicles going in and out of the gates were the issue. It was not the same thing as a walk-through gate. Properties adjacent to a City park should not be using the park for vehicular access to the their property.

Shane Sorensen said there were some walk-through gates that someone could take a motorcycle through. There should be some standard for a walk-through gate. He suggested something with three posts.

Lon Lott asked if there would a parking issue in Moyle Park. Will Jones said there should be adequate parking by the tower on the east side. They needed to decide if they were going to move two or three pine trees.

Jason Bond said they would revisit a Moyle Park Master Plan at a later time. They needed more detail and cost estimates.

Troy Stout suggested that since they had a park fund, they should advertise where and how people could donate to the fund if they wanted.

**A. Ordinance No. 2014-09 - Adopting the Alpine City Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.** David Church said the City had to adopt a balanced budget. If they decreased revenue, they had to decrease spending.

Roger Bennett said he would like to see a cost of living increase of 1% for everyone one and a 1% merit increase to be administered at the discretion of the City Administrator

Will Jones said he had talked to a man at Utah County who said the cost of living for Utah County was one percent. He said he would like to have a motion stating they would come up with an index for cost of living that they would use every year.

**MOTION:** Will Jones moved that in the next 30 days, the City find an index to use to determine cost of living. The motion was later withdrawn.

David Church said the only thing that was adopted in the budget was a total amount. It did not specify what should go to cost of living or what should go to merit increases. For this year's budget they needed to adopt a number and give instruction to the staff on how to administer it.

**MOTION:** Roger Bennett moved to approve Ordinance No. 2014-09 adopting the Budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 as written with the instruction that the two percent salary increase for staff be allocated as 1% for cost of living and 1% for merit. Will Jones seconded. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion passed. Roger Bennett, Will Jones, Troy Stout, Lon Lott voted aye.

Lon Lott asked what happened when the City replaced an asset such as the GPS system with a new one. Did they sell the old one and was it counted as revenue?

Shane Sorensen explained that they had an equipment replacement schedule. When something was sold, it usually went to fund the purchase of new equipment. Those things were usually taken care of in the budget opening.

Troy Stout said that for the record he would like to see a 3% increase for staff as long as the budget was balanced.

Roger Bennett said the staff already received a 13% increase this year because of the retirement plan. David Church explained that the retirement plan was run by the state. By law the retirement system had to have the money in it that the actuary said it did. Even when the stock market came back, as it had recently, they had to make up for the time when the stock market was down.

**B. Resolution No. R2014-04 - Adopting the Certified Tax Rate.** The certified tax rate assigned to Alpine by the Utah County Auditor was 0.001611, which was down from the previous year because property values had gone up. The goal was for taxes to remain close to the same as in previous years for the city overall.

**MOTION:** Troy Stout moved to approve Resolution No. R2014-04 adopting the certified tax rate of 0.001611 for fiscal year 2014-2015. Will Jones seconded. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Try Stout, Will Jones, Lot Lott, Roger Bennett voted aye. Motion passed.

## **VI. STAFF REPORTS**

Jason Bond reported that the Planning Commission would be looking at the Eagle Pointe subdivision which was being developed by Mark Wells and Taylor Smith. The plan showed a full road with retaining wall. The walls would be smaller than previously designed, but still substantial. They would also be looking at design standards and a preliminary plat for David's Court. There would be public hearing on Lambert Park regarding gates and ATVS. Jason Bond also reported that he would be starting on the weed abatement letters before July 4th.

Shane Sorensen said they'd had an issue in the low pressure zone. A rock got into the PRV and they had to take it apart. It was a good learning experience. The Public Works Department was putting together written procedures on all the tasks. He said that since Ron Devey's resignation, the transition was going well and they guys were doing a great job.

Shane Sorensen also reported that the NRCS wanted to look at the work they'd done to mitigate the effects of the fire and flooding in the Lambert Park and wilderness area, and had invited the media to look at the project. They would be sending out a press release. Some people from the senator's office would also be there. He would take them on a tour and discuss the project.

Staff had begun clean up at the rodeo ground to get ready for Alpine Days. Part of the work involved repairing the fence. Mayor Watkins suggested they postpone putting up the new fence until it was closer to Alpine Days so it wouldn't be torn out again. Will Jones suggested a temporary gate.

## **VII. COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

Will Jones said he would meet with Annalisa Beck on Thursday and give her all the information on Alpine Days to go on the website. He said that if someone wanted to be in the parade, they had to be on a float. The Council would be riding on a float.

Troy Stout asked about the waterline on his street. Shane Sorensen said the plan showed a 6-inch waterline. They wanted to try and run the new line before they did an overlay, but it wouldn't be happening this year because they didn't have the money in the budget. He said they had repaved some of the newer roads because there was no sense in letting a good road go bad.

Troy Stout said he had a bent light post on his property. Shane Sorensen said Rocky Mountain took care of the lampposts and asked him to get the number off the pole and email it to him. He would send a request to Rocky Mountain Power.

Will Jones asked if Alpine allowed weekly rentals. He said there was one on 100 South that had been advertized on KSL. Mr. Jones also reported that he and Lon Lott had met with the residents in the South Pointe subdivision about removal of the hazardous playground equipment in the park. They talked about a \$50 donation from the neighbors to make improvements in the park.

Lon Lott said the neighbors wanted to get rid of the volley ball court and put in grass. They also had a concern with the detention pond.

Will Jones said he had studied the fire district and determined that he was anti-district. Alpine City could do an incredible job of keeping taxes low, but they had no control over the CUP budget or the school district budget. He said Lee Devey had called him three times a week and said new stuff was coming in all the time. They needed to address that.

Will Jones asked if they could change the stop signs on Moyle Drive and make Alpine Boulevard the flow street. Shane Sorensen said it had been suggested that the intersection be studied to see if it warranted a four-way stop. Mr. Jones said the same thing applied to Village Way and Alpine Boulevard.

Mayor Watkins said the exercise trailer advertising the gym had been moved out front again. He hoped there was something they could do about that. Jason Bond said he would call Tucker Hansen's office.

Troy Stout said there were three trailers parked on the corner of High Bench Road and East Mountain. .

#### **VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** Will Jones moved to go to closed session to discussion litigation. Troy Stout seconded. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Will Jones, Troy Stout, Lon Lott, Roger Bennett voted aye. Motion passed.

The Council adjourned to closed session at 8:30 pm.

The Council returned to open meeting at 9:30 pm

**MOTION:** Will Jones moved to adjourn. Lon Lott seconded. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.