

JUNE 8, 2004

Minutes of the CITY COUNCIL Meeting held on June 8, 2004 at Alpine City Hall, 20 North Main, Alpine, Utah 84004 at 7:00 pm.

The following members were present and constituted a quorum:

Mayor Philip D. Barker

Council Members: Kent Hastings, Hata Puriri, Thomas Whitchurch and Hunt Willoughby

Staff: Ted Stillman, Janis H. Williams, David Church, Shane Sorensen, Rachel McTeer and Jay Healey

Others: Jannicke Brewer, Dale Porter, Karissa Neely, *New Utah*, Will S. Jones, Scott Gowdy, David Gowdy, Jim Tracy, Dennis Smith, Richard Nance, Sharlene Skidmore, Christel Foreman, Troy Gajdos, George Rasmussen, Bessie Rasmussen, Michael Porter, Wilford Neves, Caroldean Neves, David Prina, Clint Streadbeck, Steve Jorgensen and Jake Jorgensen

I. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Philip D. Barker called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed those in attendance.

II. **PRAYER/ OPENING COMMENTS** – Ted Stillman

III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Scott Gowdy led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT.** Time has been set-aside for the public to express their ideas, concerns and comments on items not on the agenda.

Scott Gowdy asked the council to consider his proposed Eagle Project and has been working with Craig Skidmore. Mr. Gowdy's project consists of constructing a trail at the north end of Lambert Park and also a bridge wide enough for foot traffic, but not wide enough for ATV's.

V. **CONSENT CALENDAR** –

Business Licenses:

Holly Sue Cotton-Betteridge – HOLLY BERRY PLACE; 1221 E. Oakwood Circle

Joseph Fish – CAPTAIN CARPET CLEANING; 886 Stonehedge Lane

Christopher Johnson – DIGITAL HOUSE CORP; 77 North 200 East

Michael T. Murano – DEER CREEK, INC; 746 South 580 West

MOTION: Kent Hastings moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Hata Puriri seconded. Ayes: Kent Hastings, Hata Puriri, Thomas Whitchurch and Hunt Willoughby. Nays: 0. Motion passed.

VI. **SCHEDULED ITEMS**

A. BEER HANDLER'S ORDINANCE. Ted Stillman introduced Richard Nance, who is from Utah County. Utah County is asking that all cities in the county pass a Beer Handler's Ordinance. Utah County feels that if those who are selling beer are better trained they will sell less to minors. Currently Alpine City does not allow the sale of beer in the City and Utah County doesn't propose that Alpine adopt an Ordinance; however, but suggested that we adopt a Beer Handler's Ordinance for the city's benefit if beer is allowed to be sold in Alpine. Mr. Nance said that many retail establishments in the county are requesting their office come and do on-site training for all employees. Mayor Barker asked why we should adopt the county's ordinance when we have an ordinance on our book that does not allow the sale of beer. Richard Nance said there might be an establishment in our city who would like to sell beer and with the council changing every couple of years the city's ordinance could be repealed. Mr. Nance said we would then have the county's ordinance in place. Mayor Barker suggested that David Church draft a letter saying that we support the County-wide Beer Handler's Ordinance and if needed, the city will adopt the ordinance.

B. RESOLUTION NO. R2004-08, MILITARY APPRECIATION WEEK RESOLUTION. Mayor Phil Barker said he had received a letter from Governor Olene Walker stating the State of Utah is designating the week of June 12 to 19 as Military Appreciation Week. The council discussed several options for getting

the word out to the citizens and it was suggested that we asked Ula and Bob Hemingway if they would put the flags up for the week.

MOTION: Kent Hastings moved to adopt Resolution No. R2004-08, A Resolution Recognizing Military Appreciation Week from June 12 to 19, 2004. Thomas Whitchurch seconded. Ayes: Kent Hastings, Hata Puriri, Thomas Whitchurch and Hunt Willoughby. Nays: 0. Motion passed.

C. ROUNDABOUT LANDSCAPING. Shane Sorensen said that Dave Prina owner of Hilltop Landscaping has completed the preliminary design of the landscaping for the roundabout. Mr. Prina gave a presentation about what he felt would fit the city's budget, provide color and give the city something the residents would like. The plantings he proposed would provide color all year around and the trees in the center could grow to a height of about 35 feet with the trees on the outside growing to about 20 feet. Michael Porter said that if he had his wish list it would be not to block out the view of the mountains and possibly have beautiful flowers growing lower in height to display what Alpine is about.

Clint Streadbeck of Team Green Landscaping has also done a landscaping design. Mr. Streadbeck felt this roundabout should have a more natural setting and then have a monument created by Dennis Smith that would depict immigrants, which were the early settlers of Alpine. The statue would be about 81/2 feet high and the trees that were proposed would be higher than the statue and form a canopy. Clint Streadbeck also suggested there be some low planters in the island coming into the roundabout to slow the traffic around the pedestrian crossings.

Ted Stillman suggested that we bid the landscaping and then get hard proposals from the different firms who wished to submit their plans. Mr. Stillman said we could do this in stages. It was noted that electric and water was already stubbed to the roundabout. Kent Hastings felt we should put some grass first then come in later with a statue or whatever plan we go with. Hunt Willoughby felt strongly that we move forward with a design to install the landscaping, but felt we needed a plan. Mayor Barker said he liked the concept of having some granite boulders, some trees and a sculpture. David Prina said he would like to see some guidelines and specifications with exactly what the city wanted like trees not to be over a certain height and if we wanted a sculpture. Hata Puriri said he thought the council was specific with what they wanted and was concerned that the statue would detract drivers from paying attention. Mayor Barker said we should consider the maintenance as well as all aspects of the roundabout as this is the entrance to our town, but we would like to have this completed by Alpine Days. Hunt Willoughby said he would work with the committee to come up with a plan.

D. MAIN STREET LIGHTING/BRIDGE. Mayor Barker discussed the bridge on South Main Street and said that several years ago the city bought 10-foot trusses to match the trusses on the bridge on West Canyon Crest. Shane Sorensen said he has been looking at different options for the bridge that goes across Dry Creek on Main Street. Main Street could be narrowed three feet on each side and this would calm the traffic as well as give the effect of crossing the bridge. Mayor Barker said that because the road is so wide three feet on each side would not make that much difference. Shane Sorensen said there would still be room for bikers to ride on the shoulder of the road and said he could put some rough costs together with different options for the council's consideration. Jim Tracy suggested that the council consider putting a timber across the top of the trusses to hang banners on.

Ted Stillman introduced Neil Hadlock from Neil Hadlock Studio, who prepared a proposal to construct street lights from 200 North down to the roundabout. The cost to have the lights installed would be \$186,819.00. Neil Hadlock said he has talked to Utah Power and Light so these could be installed correctly as there are many cities who have installed these streetlights incorrectly. Mr. Hadlock went over the material he is proposing and Mayor Barker asked about if the project could be phased. Neil Hadlock suggested that Phase I could go from 200 North down to the north end of the bridge and Phase II could then start at the roundabout and go up to and including the bridge. Will Jones suggested that we do Phase II first as there are several open fields that could have a commercial building on which would then require boring. Boring increases the cost of installation of these lights. Mayor Barker suggested that we finish the Canyon Crest Bridge, do the roundabout and go north on Main Street at least to Dry Creek. Mayor Barker asked Shane Sorensen and Ted Stillman to look at the project in its entirety and break it up into phases.

Thomas Whitchurch introduced Bessie and George Rasmussen who will be the Grand Marshals for Alpine Days. Councilman Whitchurch went over all of their qualifications and they were excited to represent

Alpine in the parade.

E. **TRAIL ETIQUETTE.** Ted Stillman said the Trail Committee has developed a Trail Safety and Etiquette Policy. It was reviewed at the Planning Commission meeting of June 1, 2004 who recommended it to the City Council. Lori Flygare represented the Trail Committee and went over the proposed policy and said they wanted to have the maps and booklets available for Alpine Days at a minimal cost. Kent Hastings felt this policy would go along way to help homeowners who have a trail behind their home. Jim Tracy felt we should try and get this pamphlet into the hands of all residents in town and they should be free and no cost to residents.

MOTION: Thomas Whitchurch moved that the City Council incorporate the Trail Safety and Etiquette Policy into the Trail Ordinance and schedule a Public Hearing for July 13, 2004. Kent Hastings seconded. Ayes: Kent Hastings, Hata Puriri, Thomas Whitchurch and Hunt Willoughby. Nays: 0. Motion passed.

F. **ALPINE DRIVE STORM DRAIN RFQ.** Shane Sorensen said the Alpine Drive storm drain is a project that is included in the Storm Drain Master Plan and will improve the storm drainage in the Country Manor, Alpine Drive and Preston Drive areas. Mr. Sorensen said the project would also include designing the detention basin on the recently acquired Richey lot.

MOTION: Kent Hastings moved to authorize the advertising for proposals from qualified engineering firms for the design of the Alpine Drive storm drain and the Preston Drive and Country Manor Lane detention basin. Hunt Willoughby seconded. Ayes: Kent Hastings, Hata Puriri, Thomas Whitchurch and Hunt Willoughby. Nays: 0. Motion passed.

G. **WESTFIELD ROAD DESIGN.** Ted Stillman said that when the city received proposals from engineering firms for the design of the Downtown Improvement project, proposals were also received for the preliminary design of Westfield Road. Wilding Engineers submitted a proposal of \$12,354.30 for the preliminary design of Westfield Road and Mr. Stillman said that Wilding Engineers could still do the design for that price. Kent Hastings asked Shane Sorensen if the preliminary design meant that we would just have the design and weren't locked into using the same firm to do the final design with maps and specifications. Shane Sorensen said all the information we would get would be beneficial and noted that Wilding Engineering had done a good job on the engineering for the Downtown Improvement project. If the 5% contingency item be removed it would bring the cost down \$11,766.00.

MOTION: Kent Hastings moved that we authorize Wilding Engineers to accomplish the preliminary design of Westfield Road at a cost of \$11,766.00. Thomas Whitchurch seconded. Ayes: Kent Hastings, Hata Puriri, Thomas Whitchurch and Hunt Willoughby. Nays: 0. Motion passed.

H. **2004-2005 BUDGET ADOPTION.** Ted Stillman said the council will be adopting the Final 2004-2005 Budget tonight and following are some of the projects and questions that have been reviewed as part of the budget process:

Alpine Yesterdays – A History of Alpine as written by Jennie Wilde. The cost would be \$11,000.00 to reprint 500 copies.

Recreation Program – The city currently contracts with American Fork for recreation programs such as the Jr. Jazz program and pays \$30,000.00 per year to operate the Recreation Program. Hata Puriri said that with the new facility out by the freeway, this should cut the Jr. Jazz participation in half. Councilman Puriri felt we were overpaying American Fork and if we offered them \$20,000.00 American Fork would accept our money. With the \$10,000.00 we saved we would have enough money to spend on the Arts Council.

Arts Council – Some cities fund Art Councils and the proposed estimated cost to operate Alpine City's Arts Council is \$10,000.00 based on a formal agreement. Mayor Barker said the idea is that we would allocate \$10,000 this year to help create an independent organization. Kent Hastings had some reservations and for him it is the principal of having government support the arts. Councilman Hastings felt that if we spend \$10,000.00 this year the cost next year would only go up. Mayor Barker said that we have so much talent

right here in town and it would be great to have these services available. All the councilmen with the exception of Kent Hastings were in favor of including the \$10,000.00 in the budget for the Arts Council.

Family Priority Days – Councilman Hastings had asked that \$3,000.00 be included in the budget for this event. This year's Family Focus Days came just under the budgeted amount. It was suggested this be a one-day event rather than two days and Thomas Whitchurch said that the Alpine Jr. Miss would like to be a part of this in order to raise some funds for their event. Kent Hastings said that in Alpine we are faced with child and spousal abuse and hoped this family-centered activity would reduce crime. The council agreed on including the \$3,000.00 in the budget.

Arboretum – Harvey Hutchinson has asked that \$35,000.00 be added to the budget for the Arboretum. This would include \$20,000.00 for the parking lot, \$10,000.00 for the trails and \$3,000.00 for a room for the milk house. Hata Puriri said once the Arboretum is finished, the cost would be over; however, he felt the proposed \$35,000.00 was too high for one year. It was noted that many residents don't know this is a public park and Thomas Whitchurch said the council needs to consider how we will maintain this park when Harvey Hutchinson can no longer offer his services. It was decided that \$15,000.00 be included in the budget.

Personnel – It is proposed that a 2.8% cost-of-living increase be granted and that a 3% merit increase be granted to city employees. This item will be discussed further in Executive Session.

Trails – It was suggested during the budget discussions that trail maintenance be included in the amount of \$11,510.00. Thomas Whitchurch suggested that we include \$10,000.00 for this purpose.

City Council Extra Meetings – City councilmen receive \$50.00 for extra meetings attended as part of their City Council assignments. The budget includes \$50.00 for one extra meeting per month. Mayor Barker said his original concept for paying \$50.00 per extra meeting was if you were sitting on the PSD Board, the Sewer District, serving on the Planning Commission or the North Pointe Solid Waste District Board, then you would be paid. Mayor Barker felt the definition of extra meetings needed to be clarified.

City Park Restroom - The budget contains \$28,000.00 for restrooms in the City Park and it had previously been discussed converting the holding cells into restrooms. Ula Hemingway would like these restrooms placed in Legacy Park by the pavilion. It was recommended that staff research possible locations and costs for the City Park restrooms. Kent Hastings felt we wouldn't be building the skateboard park this year and possibly use that money to build the restrooms over in Legacy Park. Converting the holding cells in the Police Station was discussed at length.

Thomas Whitchurch brought up the issue of the skateboard park and said the Library Committee is trying to raise money for a community center. Mr. Whitchurch suggested that we use the money allocated for the skateboard park and put a line item in the budget to help support the library. Councilman Whitchurch felt the new park on 100 South would be a better location for the skateboard park.

The budget for the skateboard park was put back to \$80,000.00.

Ted Stillman went over the financial report and said this would be discussed in two weeks when we approve the amended budget for the 2003-04 Fiscal Year.

VII. COMMUNICATION

Kent Hastings – Thanked the Council and staff for the plant he and his wife received upon the birth of his new baby girl.

Hata Puriri –

1. Said the sidewalk project on 200 East has been started
2. The scheduling for the baseball and soccer fields has worked out good this

- year
3. There was an activity at the rodeo grounds and was told the facilities are very good

Thomas Whitchurch – Alpine Days is proceeding and there will be more information available at the next City Council meeting. Rachel McTeer asked Thomas Whitchurch how we should respond to the many calls we get for event chairmen names.

Ted Stillman – Said if we seed Healey Park now, the field will be ready for play next year. There is a piece of property behind the Church's that the city would like to make into a parking lot. We could enter into an agreement with the Church so both parties can use each other's parking lots.

MOTION: Hata Puriri moved to approve the expenditure of \$25,000.00 to construct the trail, seed the park, install the sprinkler system and plant trees in Healey Park. Thomas Whitchurch seconded. Ayes: Hata Puriri, Kent Hastings, Thomas Whitchurch and Hunt Willoughby. Nays: 0. Motion passed.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss personnel issues

MOTION: Hunt Willoughby moved to go to Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Thomas Whitchurch seconded. Ayes: Kent Hastings, Hata Puriri, Thomas Whitchurch and Hunt Willoughby. Nays: 0. Motion passed.

MOTION: Hunt Willoughby moved to go back to Open Session. Thomas Whitchurch seconded. Ayes: Kent Hastings, Hata Puriri, Thomas Whitchurch and Hunt Willoughby. Nays: 0. Motion passed.

MOTION: Hunt Willoughby moved to approve Ordinance No. 2004-08, the 2004-2005 Budget as amended with the cost of living increase being 2% with up to 4% merit increase based on personnel evaluation. Kent Hastings seconded. Ayes: Kent Hastings, Hata Puriri, Thomas Whitchurch and Hunt Willoughby. Nays: 0. Motion passed.

IX. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Public Hearings and City Council Meeting of May 25, 2004 -The minutes were not available for approval.

MOTION: Kent Hastings moved to extend the meeting to 11:30 pm and adjourn. Hata Puriri seconded. Ayes: Kent Hastings, Hata Puriri, Thomas Whitchurch and Hunt Willoughby. Nays: 0. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 pm.