

# Town of Alpine

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TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> 2008

\*Minutes are summary only of clerk's notes.

Meeting called to order by Mayor DeCora at 7:00 p.m. Mayor DeCora led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was established by roll call clerk Whitney Heller. Present: Donn Wooden; Shirley Brown, Victoria DeCora; Beau Taylor, Don Jorgensen absent unexcused.

**Town Council Minutes April 1<sup>st</sup> 2008.** Donn Wooden motions to approve minutes. Shirley Brown seconds. **VOTE: 4 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent. Motion carried.**

**Ed Turner; Update WWTP:** Weekly report, pored 107 cubic feet of concrete east side of building, Alpine inspector visited site today as well, everything is on schedule. Lee Schwab was also present at pour. There is 1 wall poured per week, and May should be the end of pouring the walls. ED Turner would like to thank Shirley Brown for taking pictures of WWTP (will be in clerk's office to view). Mayor DeCora would like to start scrapbook of progress and pours of WWTP.

**Humane Society:** Ron Ahrens speaking; also present, MaryAnn and Carol from the Humane Society. Ron Ahrens is the treasurer for the Humane Society and states it has been a goal for 4 years to construct a shelter for Star Valley. Commissioners have agreed to lease land, it is near Strawberry and Bedford, and we have received numerous bids and are going with Farm & Ranch out of Rexburg to construct. We have in the bank \$185,000.00 for project and are campaigning for \$85,000 for the shelter. Sherriff Shane Johnson will be housing there, this will be a facility that all the towns will utilize. There is room for 45 cats and 45 dogs with room for expansion. The time frame for construction planned for July 1<sup>st</sup> thru September 1<sup>st</sup>. It seems to be on schedule. Over the last five years the Humane Society has placed over 1000 animals throughout the valley. Foster homes etc., organization is growing and we want to have a facility that is clean and healthy. Mayor DeCora: has been following campaign and commends accomplishment and the Humane Society has her support. Ron Ahrens: We will be working with all town and ordinances for support.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 178-Ordiance No.2008-34: Sewer Connection Fees, Usage Rates, Billing & Collection Policy.** Mayor DeCora read title of said Ordinance. Shirley Brown motions to approve second reading. Donn Wooden seconds. Vote: 3 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain; 1 absent. Motion Carried.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Reading 179-Ordiance No. 2008-35:** Mayor DeCora read Ordinance and asks for a motion to approve. Donn Wooden motions to approve. Shirley Brown seconds. **VOTE: 4 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent. Motion Carried.**

**Pedersen Planning Consultants:** Proposal Alpine Subdivision Regulation; Paula Stevens: Highly recommend approval so can execute contract, this proposal works in conjunction with the master plan this is a critical piece to let people know what and how the regulatory requirements are enforced when

subdivisions are proposed. We need this so we can fill that gap. Donn Wooden: ask if this is in budget? Mayor DeCora: there is currently \$11,000.00 in the budget for this type of project. Paula Stevens: if Jim Pederson's project progresses as envisioned that indeed the \$11,000.00 needed would stay within the budget but there may be unforeseen issues. Mayor DeCora: this is a preliminary proposal. Paula Stevens: the difference with this it's a straight forward regulation that is specific and primary procedural. Donn Wooden: I would just like to see that this stays within the budget. Attorney Elizabeth Koeckeritz: makes recommendation that council move forward with project and get more specifics. Mayor DeCora asks for a motion to approve proposal from Pedersen. Donn Wooden motions to accept recommendation from P&Z subject for re-evaluation. Shirley Brown seconds. **VOTE: 4 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent. Motion Carried.**

**Alpine Fire Truck:** Discussion Mayor DeCora: updating council with communication from the county. Back in December voted to go into lease agreement at 50% with the county. Within that time the county has only committed 3 years even though it is a 10 year lease. The county has not replied as of tonight. If we do not invest we will lose this truck also we lose \$130,000.00 plus the \$10,000.00 invested. We may be able to talk to the manufacturer and extend 2 more days. What I am asking, that the council tonight be willing to take on this risk with only the 3 year commitment from the county, or we will lose down payments and have to pay SLIB loan back. Is the town willing to sign on this lease 100%? Beau Taylor: if we don't pay we will have to pay either way. Donn Wooden: "The Fire Dept.," needs this truck to serve the County as much as the Town and I am appalled they would back out now. The fire Department is not just the town's fire department; they serve the far end of Lincoln County from Etna North to the County Line. I would like to see the per capita of tax dollars the County receives from their coverage area compared to the town tax revenue. It is just not right for the town to be left holding the bill. Mayor DeCora: this truck is now 100% town responsibility. Donn Wooden: The town would never have entered into this agreement without the Commissioners commitment. Mayor DeCora: as per prior administrations this is how it has come down to. I am asking the council if the county just commits to the three years would we as a town commit to this 100%. Donn Wooden: would request the financing company wait 2 weeks for decision, we need to leverage ourselves a bit. I am supporting of keeping this truck there are fires all over this area. Mayor DeCora: if this comes to the wire does the town support saving the fire truck? Beau Taylor motions to support financing the fire truck 100%. Shirley Brown seconds. **VOTE: 4 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent. Motion carried.**

**Civic Center:** Mayor DeCora: Allstate Insurance has denied the claim; we will be going through the appeals process. Yet at this point and time the insurance company says there were no codes, yet in the meantime still insured the center. We need to move forward, we are pursuing Homeland Security SLIB Grant and County assistance money. County and Municipalities will meet on April 17<sup>th</sup> for funding to all towns and the majority has to agree where the money goes. Civic Center is #1 fire truck #2 and asks council if there is anything else needed to address at Commissioners meeting? We will get minimum \$60,000.00, another issue we need to talk about what kind of building we are working for. Donn Wooden: We need to do a minimal requirement what is needed to repair building. Shirley Brown: states Rob Wagner says it will cost more to repair than rebuild, maybe we could sell parcel and with getting matching grants make a better building. Donn Wooden: the building was constructed in 1979, by J&W

Construction Co., through a 50% Loan/Grant through Farmers Home Administration, (USDA) and the Building Blue Prints and Plan were approved by the FmHA officials, as well as inspections through the construction process. There was not any Building Code in place at the time the FmHA had their own standards and specifications to follow at that time. This needs to be known. Mayor DeCora: ask for a workshop to discuss cost of renovation and construction. Shirley Brown motions to have public workshop on Civic Center May 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 at Town Hall 7:00 p.m. Donn Wooden seconds. **VOTE: 4 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent. Motion Carried.** Clerk will advertise in SVI for special meeting/workshop.

Mayor DeCora asks for motion to go into executive session as per state statute 16-4-405a. Beau Taylor motions. Shirley Brown seconds. **Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent. Motion Carried.**

Meeting reconvened at 8:07 p.m. Mayor DeCora: ask to go out of executive session and go back to regular session. Mayor DeCora asks for a motion to ratify decisions in executive session. Donn Wooden motions to ratify decisions in executive session. Shirley Brown seconds. **VOTE: 4 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent. Motion carried.**

**Unpaid Bills:** Shirley Brown motions to pay bills. Donn Wooden seconds. **VOTE: 4 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain 1 absent. Motion Carried.**


Mayor DeCora asks for a motion to adjourn. Beau Taylor motions Donn Wooden seconds. **Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent. Motion Carried.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm**



Mayor Victoria DeCora

ATTEST:

  
Whitney Heller, Clerk