

TOWN OF ALPINE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 4TH 2007

**Clerk's Note: Minutes are a summary only of a tape recording.*

Mayor DeCora called the meeting to order at 7.00p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

A quorum was established by the clerk through a roll call. Council members present: Don Wooden, Don Jorgensen, Mayor DeCora, Shirley Brown, Beau Taylor. Other staff in attendance: Whitney Heller Clerk, Attorney Stefan Fodor.

➤ **ACTION ITEMS**

- **Approval of Council Minutes: 9/26/2007 & 11/20/2007** Don Jorgenson **motions** to approve. Beau Taylor **seconds. 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent. Motion carried.**
- **Colt Rauterkus:** Mayor Victoria DeCora presented Colt Rauterkus with an Achievement Award for the work he did for his Eagle Scout Project at the Library, picture of Mayor and Colt Rauterkus will be in SVI.
- **Curtis Weber:** Speaking on behalf of doing a project for his Eagle Scout Project, with Boy Scout Troop 112 project is for the baseball field making a sign out of metal will do fundraisers and donations for project. Donn Wooden **motions** to approve. Don Jorgensen **seconds 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain 0 absent. Motion carried.**
- **Ryan Johnson:** with Yellowstone Journal, Yellowstonepark.com received 3 million visitors a year. \$2600.00 a year for an ad for the town. Donn Wooden states there was no magazine in this town from previous involvement with journal. Donn Wooden called the chamber of commerce and they delivered magazines personally and looked all through Yellowstone, there were major places that I did not see magazine, not worth the money. Mayor DeCora: for a proposal to leave the handouts for council to review.
- **All Night Request: Bull Moose Saloon and Tavern on the Greys.** Nights requested for the Bull Moose May 25th 2008, July 4th 2008, August 31st 2008, October 31st 2008. Nights requested for Tavern on the Greys July 4th 2008, August 23rd 2008, December 31st 2008. Don Jorgensen **motions** to approve all night request. Beau Taylor **seconds. 4 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain; 0 absent. Motion carried.**

- **Nelson Engineering: Recommendations of Waste Water Treatment Bids**

Bob Norton: hands out tabulation of bids. Moltz Construction is a contractor that has done work for Bureau of Reclamation on Damns and Hatchery's' they are a qualified contractor out of Cody WY. The prepared schedule is for Dec. 19th 2008. Looking at ways to reduce their price by \$250,000 deductive alternative that is the town buying the equipment it saves the sales tax and the bid bond. If that alternative is taken out savings of 7%, also negotiating a metal building with 3" insulation there will be savings with this type of building, some other cost saving was to delete the 8" water main. Also reduce the number of membranes yet would reduce the capacity of plant. Nelson Engineering recommends metal building, and electrical changes. Mayor DeCora: did we offer this December alternative in the bid. Bob Norton states, yes it was in an addition in addendum to bid. Mayor DeCora: why we would offer that alternative of date when bound with agreement? Bob Norton says the price, the options we have are borrow more money or sale pre connection fees. The plant has had 371 permit fees. There are 8 different scenarios of funding, as in handouts increasing user fees and connection fees. This will be something in more detail on Thursday. Over the next 20 years 70% estimate will hook up. And this takes in mandatory hookups. Another criteria is to maintain and reserve one year's payment of loan and that is a States requirement. We have an annual payment of \$ 240,000.00 estimate. Another objective end of 20 year period a reserve account to replace equipment. Timing is of the essence, and Motlz Constructors would be willing to start work tomorrow if the town was to award contract. Contractor suggested reducing the town daily liquidated damages from \$2000, 00 a day to lower amount. Loan application needs to be heard by December 20th it will not be heard at State Land Board until February 2008. Donn Wooden: how did this happen our engineers should have had things together, and now we are under pressure, we are so far away from numbers. There has been no thought to community and financing avenues. Bob Norton: the timing is an issue because of the DEQ getting the permit. It took over 120 days to get those back. We do have all permits in hand. Donn Wooden: we have an agreement to secure the funds by February 5th weather permitting, DEQ, whatever it is now we are at December 18th and there needs to be a written resolution right now. We owe it to our community not to go into debt. If someone takes over our plant what are we doing here. We need to be at a better position. Bob Norton: agrees and there may be options with Northstar Utilities to revise agreement. Attorney Fodor: a recess of this meeting is recommended to continue in workshop and make decision then in terms of WY State Statute 16-04-04 (c) Governing body may recess any regular, special, or recessed regular meeting to a place and time specified in an order of recess; copy of order must be conspicuously posted on or near door of place where the meeting was held, meaning we need to post the recess to continue till workshop December 6th. Tom Coletti: recommends not deleting liquidated damages from bid, and it is a great negotiating tool between you and contractors. Attorney Fodor: another issue as well as liquidating damages the council needs to consider the town obligation; currently there are obligations to have plant done by Sept. 30th. Based on my conversations with Northstar they are willing to work with the dates. If the council decides to go with Dec 19th the council needs to consider damages if any.

Attorney Fodor: Another discussion I had with their attorney was related to another issue selling additional capacity at small plant, they were given a price per gallon, and they are waiting on DEQ for a

preliminary on leach field. If they don't get approval they are looking at us for use of the small plant. If we are able to reduce their cost to 7 cents per day, Jackson is 10 cents per gallon. These will be things we have to consider.

Bryant Brown: Bob who would be sub contractors for WWTP? Bob Norton: says Moltz is planning to use Rice Kilroy and Mountain West Electric as main contractors. Mayor DeCora asks to table the issue until next meeting.

Mayor DeCora: asks for Attorney Fodor to negotiate this with Northstar utility, amending agreement, and asks for a motion to allow Stefan Fodor to negotiate contract Donn Wooden **motions. Don Jorgensen seconds. 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent; motion carried.**

Meeting recessed at 8:25 and meeting reconvened at 8:31p.m.

❖ **Attorney Updates:**

Attorney Fodor: a paving issue that was brought up by Bryant Brown that the paving was overbid and the work was substandard. And there was an issue with Bull Moose I have received that I need to address further. It has come to my attention there is not a contract with Rendezvous Engineering for the third well. The town does not have a contract and needs this. Mayor DeCora: however the problem is they are working for the State not the town. Attorney Fodor: says he will call the State and get that protection. Leon Lkjellgren: says there was indeed a contract signed and selected Rendezvous Engineering to do work. Tom Coletti: there is no consulting agreement that give no recourse of what is done, time, and where. There is no construction or consulting contract and there is nothing in this that says Rendezvous has to talk with the town. Ablondi knows that I am into this project, and with my past suggestions he seems to be taken in consideration that he still has no test well drilled or compliance bids. We are into the winter and we should have submittals at this point, we are very behind the curve. If we don't get progress we will be in some serious trouble. Donn Wooden: I would like to thank our service volunteers to Bryant Brown, and Tom Coletti and appreciate your council in our behalf.

❖ **Parks & Recreation:**

Shirley Brown: we have a letter that is concerned of the conditions of civic center (please see attachment). The civic center needs some TLC and it is on wish list to county to improve. Heating system is very poor as well as the electrical.

❖ **Unpaid Bills:**

Don Jorgensen **motions** to pay bills. Beau Taylor **seconds. 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent motion carried.**

Donn Wooden **motions** to recess meeting until Special council meeting Thursday December 6th and authorizes town clerk, Whitney Heller to post signs for public. Don Jorgensen **seconds 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent; motion carried.**



Victoria DeCora

Victoria DeCora, Mayor

ATTEST:

Whitney Heller

Whitney Heller, Clerk