

TOWN OF ALPINE

COUNCIL MINUTES

APRIL 4, 2006

Mayor David Lloyd called the meeting to order at 7:03pm and held the pledge of allegiance. A quorum was established by the treasurer through a roll call. Council members present: Steven Fusco, Shirley Brown, D.R. Hutchinson, Don Jorgensen. Others in attendance: Town Attorney- Carter Wilkinson, Town Planning & Zoning – Paula Stevens, Town Engineer – Leon Kjellgren, Town Surveyor- Karl Scherbel, Town Police – James Phillips, and reporter Garren Stauffer.

A. ACTION ITEM AND NEW BUSINESS:

COUNCIL MINUTES: Mayor Lloyd called for a motion to approve the March 28th, 2006 Council Minutes. **D.R. Hutchinson so moved. Steven Fusco seconded. VOTE: 5 - Yes; 0 – No; 0 – Abstain; 0 – Absent. Motion carried.**

PLANNING & ZONING MINUTES: Minutes are done but waiting approval from Chairman Dave Gustafson. Paula Stevens was present from Planning & Zoning Commission.

PASTY OHANESION Replat of lot #646C Public Hearing: Karl Scherbel Town Surveyor reviewed the final plat with the council. Planning & Zoning has already approved plat. This was discussed at last council meeting and was decided that the Town of Alpine would pay half of the bill. Treasurer stated she had received a check for \$500.00 from Karl Scherbel earlier in the day. It could take up to 6 weeks to finalize everything as they are waiting for deed work. Mayor Lloyd read resolution 245 No. 2006-2. **Steven Fusco motioned to accept replat of lot 646C, and to pass resolution 245-Resolution No. 2006-2. Don Jorgensen seconded. VOTE: 5 – Yes; 0 – No; 0 – Abstain; 0- Absent. Motion carried.**

NELSON ENGINEERING 245 RESOLUTION NO. 2006-02: Town Engineer Leon Kjellgren brought the last half of work being done for the new sewage treatment system and the extended collection system. Every thing is on track for the Mineral Royalty grant.

The second half of the phase is for a loan with WY State Land & Investment. Mr. Kjellgreen is asking for permission to go forward with the loan, to pass the resolution, and also for permission for the Mayor to sign the loan. Mayor Lloyd read the title of the resolution. **D.R. Hutchinson moved to pass resolution 245 Resolution No. 2006-02, also to authorize the Mayor to sign the loan application. Don Jorgensen seconded. VOTE: 5 – Yes; 0 – No; 0 – Abstain; 0 – Absent. Motion carried.**

Note: Nelson Engineering 245 Resolution No. 2006 -02 should be 247 – Resolution No. 2006-2. This will be noted, published and changed to keep records straight.

ALPINE MEDICAL CLINIC LEASE: Treasurer informed council that there had been a couple of changes to the lease (see attached) from the copy sent out to them earlier. On page 2, paragraph 6. e. was added and paragraph 7. d. was added. Also on page 5, paragraph 20. a. was changed. Town attorney Carter Wilkinson wanted to make sure that Exhibit A (a plat map) was attached to the lease. Treasurer said it would be. Treasurer also had a letter from Steve Perry (Star Valley Medical Center CEO) stating that they would accept the lease as is and that he would be in later this week to sign it. **Steven Fusco motioned to approve the lease agreement with plat map attached and for permission for the Mayor to sign the agreement. Don Jorgensen seconded. VOTE:**

5 – Yes; 0 – No; 0 – Abstain; 0 – Absent. Motioned carried.

UPDATE ON PENNY SALES TAX: Treasurer informed all that we would need help from the county commissioners to get this going. That it would take a 2/3 majority to see this tax passed. Treasurer also stated that the town could still go with bonds to improve the streets & roads. Mayor and council agreed that they would talk with the commissioners and other town Mayors to start the process for a penny sales tax for streets and roads for the town.

\$500.00 SCHOLARSHIP: Treasurer informed council that there was interest in the \$500.00 scholarship that the town has. Treasurer asked how the council would like to handle the scholarship, what the applicants need to do in order to receive it. Applicant needs to write an essay stating what they are going to do with the money if they receive it, ex: what classes are they going to take, where are they going to go to school etc. Council would also like the person/persons to come to a council meeting to meet with them and visit.

Mayor Lloyd asked for a motion to go into an executive meeting regarding employee issues. **Don Jorgensen Motion to go into executive session for employee issues, and to pay the bills, and to return to regular council meeting after executive meeting is over. D. R. Hutchinson seconded. VOTE: 5 – Yes; 0 – No; 0 – Abstain; 0 – Absent. Motioned carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.

Meeting reconvened at 8:10pm

D. R. Hutchinson motioned to raise Chief Phillips salary to \$50341.00 per year, and that the new second officers starting salary start between \$38191.00 to \$40125.00 per year, with possible raise of up to \$3000.00 after 90 day probation period based on performance. Also that Chief Phillips raise should be retroactive to April 1st 2006. Don Jorgensen seconded. Mayor asked for any comments. Treasurer asked where they thought they were going to get the money for this. Steven Fusco thought it was way too big of a jump in pay, and did not feel that this was fair to the rest of the employees as they were not getting a huge raise to keep up with Jackson/Teton County. Steven Fusco reminded everyone that we are not Jackson and we do not have the amount of money Jackson has to pay employees that much. Treasurer said it would be great if all could get a nice raise but we do not have the money and again asked where council thought we would get the money. D.R. Hutchinson felt that we were dealing with a different set of circumstances with the police department. In order to get a new officer we would have to pay better as he felt that was why we couldn't attract a new officer. Treasurer informed all after talking to many police chiefs in the area they felt money had nothing to do with it. They felt it was the reputation that was keeping people away. Shirley Brown felt the Chief did need a raise as he was doing a good job. Don Jorgensen also thought the chief deserved a raise. Steven Fusco did not say that the Chief did not need a raise he felt that the amount was too

much too fast. Steven Fusco felt he should slowly be raised up a step at a time like every one else instead of a huge jump. Treasurer again said that the wages if given at this much would be over $\frac{3}{4}$ of the entire department's budget for next year, right now it won't hurt the department's budget as there has only been one officer for 3 months. Mayor asked for any more comments. **Motion was repeated. VOTE: 4 – Yes; 1 -1 No (Steven Fusco); 0 – Abstain; 0 – Absent. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Dave Lloyd, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Brenda Bennett, Treasurer

Date