

**TOWN OF ALPINE
COUNCIL MINUTES
August 1, 2006**

Mayor David Lloyd called the meeting to order at 7:04pm and held the pledge of allegiance. A quorum was established by the treasurer through a roll call. Council members present: Shirley Brown, D.R. Hutchinson, Don Jorgensen. Other staff in attendance: Town Police – Chief Phillips, Head Maintenance – Val Jensen, Maintenance – Mac McAbee and reporter Garren Stauffer.

COUNCIL MINUTES: Pending completion.

PLANNING & ZONING MINUTES: Pending completion.

Steve Fusco: Mr. Fusco read his letter of resignation. (see attached)

Mayor Lloyd would like to appoint Donn Wooden to take Steve Fusco's place on the council until the end of this year. **D.R. Hutchinson motioned to appoint Donn Wooden to the council until December 31, 2006 at which time the matter would be revisited. Don Jorgensen seconded. VOTE: 4 – Yes; 0 – No; 0 – Abstain; 0 – Absent. Motion carried.** Mayor Lloyd swore Donn Wooden into office.

Eric Feusse: Mr. Feusse has concerns in regards to his water bill. He feels that the town dropped his meter in the box causing damage making a water leak that he is being billed for. He does not feel that he should have to pay for it. Head maintenance person Val Jensen stated it was impossible for a meter to fall and cut or damage the water line as there are stoppers in the bottom of the pit. Mr. Jensen stated that who ever repaired the line the first time cross threaded it so it leaked. Treasurer showed through billing records how long there has been a leak at the address. Mr. Feusse & Mr. Jensen left to look at pit, meter, etc. to prove that the stoppers are in the pit and that the meter could not have fallen causing damage. On returning to the meeting, Mr. Feusse asked how much he owed accepting the fact that he is responsible for entire bill. Treasurer asked him to come to the office tomorrow to take care of it.

Yankee Doodles Sign: On July 25, 2006 Planning & zoning reviewed the sign permit, two of the three members abstained from voting so the permit was not passed and was suggested it go before the council for approval. The sign does conform to all codes, rules and regulations. **D.R. Hutchinson motioned to approve the sign for Yankee Doodle's Red, White, & Brew. Don Jorgensen seconded. VOTE: 4 – Yes; 1 – No (Shirley Brown); 0 – Abstain; 0 – Absent. Motion carried.**

Influenza Pandemic Resolution: Nancy Fox was here to update and review the progress on the Influenza Pandemic Resolution. She brought the resolution that the county commissioners had already signed and was asking for Mayor Lloyd to be able to sign it also. **D.R. Hutchinson motioned to approve Mayor Lloyd to sign resolution approving and encouraging local planning and preparation for an influenza epidemic. Don Jorgensen seconded. VOTE: 5 – Yes; 0 – No; 0 – Abstain; 0 – Absent. Motion carried.** Note: there is a copy of the resolution and report at the Town of Alpine Office for the public to read. The town will also receive a copy of the resolution once it has been signed by all.

Planning the Alpine Library: Kent Connelly County Commissioner, Brenda McGinnis Director of Library Board and board member Claudia Baker were here to update the town on the new library to be built here. The library board conducted a needs assessment in 2005, it was clear that

needs were not being met in the lower valley. When the library board looked at what the need was for library funding there were two criteria that had to be met. Concrete funding for construction is needed. Commissioners have guaranteed this funding. The second criteria were there would be reasonable conformation that expanding services would be sustained for the future. The funding for the library set aside at the beginning of the year was \$500,000. After more meetings, more money will be needed meaning the county will have to dip into their reserves. The town of Alpine has title for the land and cannot convey it to any one else until 2012 as it was a 20 year agreement with Game & Fish. County and town need to make an agreement stating this along with a legal description of the land, water and sewer hook up fees to move forward. The library will be built with the need to expand it in mind so it will grow as we do. The town will move forward with the resolution.

Mayor Lloyd called for a break at 8:07 p.m.

Mayor Lloyd resumed the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Preliminary Plat Review: Surveyor Sherbel was here on behalf of Heritage Title & Escrow to request the removal of lot line between lot 32 & 33 of the GRVIL #2 subdivision. His client is interested in putting in 8 condo units on said lot if the lot line is vacated. Planning and zoning had no problems with this. **Donn Wooden motioned to the negation of the lot line between lot #32 & lot #33 of the GRVIL #2 subdivision to make it one lot. Don Jorgensen seconded. VOTE: 5 – Yes; 0 – No; 0 – Abstain; 0 – Absent. Motion carried.**

Preliminary Plat Review Buffalo Sage Townhomes: Planning & zoning has reviewed and approved the preliminary plat. There were some concerns from Surveyor Scherbel and Town Engineer Leon Kjellgren. Mr. Chichinsky addressed those concerns with the council. The east end of the lot was pretty dense which raised concerns, Steve has said he will remove one of the units to make more room. Steve also stated he would put in the extra fire hydrant as requested hoping the town would possibly help with the cost as it will help with the library and the schools. That will be discussed at another time. **Don Jorgensen motioned to approve the preliminary plat for Buffalo Sage Townhomes. D.R. Hutchinson seconded. VOTE: 5 – Yes; 0 – No; 0 – Abstain; 0 – Absent. Motion carried.**

Streets & Roads: Treasurer presented council with two bids for sealing of pavement. **D.R. Hutchinson motioned to accept bid of \$9400 signed by Steve Mulhins due to lower bid and the fact they will clean the streets before so the town does not have to. Don Jorgensen seconded. VOTE: 5 – Yes; 0 – No; 0 – Abstain; 0 – Absent. Motion carried.**

Planning & Zoning: Mayor Lloyd would like to appoint Pat Marolf and Kennis Lutes to the Planning and Zoning commission. **Don Jorgensen motioned to accept Pat Marolf & Kennis Lutz to the Planning & Zoning commission. D.R. Hutchinson seconded. Vote: 5 – Yes; 0 – No; 0 – Abstain; 0 – Absent. Motion carried.**

Mayor Lloyd asked for a motion to pay the bills. **Don Jorgensen so moved. D.R. Hutchinson seconded. VOTE: 5 – Yes; 0 – No; 0 – Abstain; 0 – Absent. Motion carried.**

Mayor Lloyd adjourned meeting at 8:50 pm.

Dave Lloyd, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Brenda Bennett, Treasurer

Date