



TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

October 01, 2024, at 7:00 PM / 250 River Circle - Alpine, WY 83128

1. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Green

Mayor Green called the October 01, 2024 Town Council work session to order at 7:02 p.m.

Mayor Green welcomed attendees and outlined the evening's agenda, emphasizing the importance of civility and open communication.

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Concerned Citizen Group - Angela Brogie-Kinn:

Angela Brogie-Kinn, representing a Concerned Citizen Coalition, addressed issues regarding the Alpine Airpark, focusing on safety and quality-of-life concerns:

- **Safety Concerns:**

- Low-flying aircraft and helicopters over residential areas.
- Touch-and-go maneuvers and deviation from standard flight paths.
- Overshooting the runway near County Road 100.
- Proximity of jet fuel storage to homes.
- Lack of a comprehensive emergency response plan for jet fuel fires or crashes.
- Liability insurance requirements for pilots.

- **Quality of Life:**

- Noise from takeoffs, landings, and low-flying aircraft disrupts daily life.
- Increased aircraft operations during early morning and late evening hours.

Angela emphasized the group's desire for the Airpark to enforce existing guidelines and for improved communication between Airpark management and residents.

b. Alpine Airpark Presentation - Raj Narayanan, President of the Alpine Airpark Association:

Raj Narayanan presented on behalf of the Airpark, highlighting:

- The Airpark's role as a public-use airport is essential for emergency medical services and firefighting operations.
- Efforts to establish best practices for noise reduction and safety, including preferred flight paths and limiting touch-and-go operations.
- Formation of a Helicopter Committee to address operational concerns and minimize noise impact.
- Clarification that enforcement of FAA regulations lies with the FAA, not the Airpark.

Raj addressed several public concerns, including the storage of jet fuel, insurance requirements, and misconceptions about the Airpark's operations. He emphasized the Airpark's commitment to being a responsible community partner.

c. **Alpine Fire District Chief - Mike Vogt**

Fire Chief Mike Vogt outlined the fire district's capabilities and concerns related to the Airpark:

- **Resources and Challenges:**
 - Limited staffing with only one paid position and 16 volunteers.
 - Inadequate water sources on the west side of the runway.
 - Challenges in responding to potential fuel spills or fires.
 - Limited foam supply for firefighting.
- **Requests and Recommendations:**
 - Development of a comprehensive response plan for emergencies at the Airpark.
 - Improved communication and coordination between the Airpark and the fire district.
 - Awareness of wildfire risks and the importance of fire-safe landscaping.

Chief Vogt also encouraged residents to register for the county's Code Red emergency alert system.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** *(Written public comment was submitted and is included in the meeting packet)*

- **Noise and Safety Concerns:**
 - Multiple residents expressed frustration over increased noise from aircraft and helicopters, particularly during early morning hours.
 - Concerns were raised about the environmental impact of helicopter operations on local wildlife.
- **Airpark Contributions:**
 - Some residents highlighted the Airpark's positive contributions to the community, including economic support and emergency services.

- **Suggestions:**

- Establishment of a dedicated committee to address public concerns and improve communication.
- Creation of a fact sheet outlining procedures for filing complaints and tracking aircraft.

1. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Green adjourned the work session at 9:30 p.m.

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Transcribed By:

Sarah Greenwald, Town Assistant Clerk

Date

Attest:

Monica L. Chenault, Town Clerk

Date

Minutes approved in a legally advertised meeting on 12, 17, 2024.

Signed:

Attest:

Eric Green, Mayor

Monica L. Chenault, Town Clerk