

ALPINE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
on Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Mayor Carla Merrill called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- A. Roll Call:** The following were present at the anchor location and constituted a quorum: Lon Lott, Jessica Smuin, Kelli Law, Greg Gordon, and Jason Thelin.
- B. Prayer:** Lon Lott
- C. Pledge:** Jason Thelin

Staff: Shane Sorensen, Ryan Robinson, Steve Doxey, Chief Brian Gwilliam, Chief Brian Patten, and Bonnie Cooper

Others: Greg Smith, David Lynton, Gil Greer, Natalie Slemboski, Claire Slemboski, Clay Shubin, Jeffrey McCellan, Samantha McClellan, Brian Schmidt, Vanessa Hogan, Cathy Farr, Elsie Hume, Jim Bishop, Jennifer Bishop Eric Farr, Mathew Bird, Wes Hume, Emily Teuscher, Jessica Chase, Blake Teuscher, Eric Teuscher, Doug Barton, Robin Barton, MaKay Alldredge, Daniel Alldredge, Sue Mika, Camille Hein, Matt Hein, Rob McFadden, Cheryl Lee Eberting, Michelle Zimmerman Smith, Steve Dennis, Nil Wyatt, Tyler Chatterton, Bryan Hofheins, Brett Ruff, Revan Ruff, Crystal Anderson, Jill LaRiviere, Dan LaRiviere, Porter James, Ian Luna, Camden Blackham, Brynny, Brooky, Quinn Myers, Adam Dayton, Benson Roberts, Josh Williams, Stewart Perry, Jacob Christiansen, Gray Hillstead, Mark Hafen, Amy Hafen, Zacharias Hafen, Aubrey Willimas, Paul Blackham, Amanda Collin, Heidi Smith, Pamela Pamela, Thomas Feppier, Cameron Ketch, Dexter Farnsworth, Zach Brinton, Ida Luna, Isaac Alldredge, Jennifer McIntyre, Dennis McIntyre, Craig Skidmore, E. Bea, Maddie Alggsen, Ann Boyle, Katherine Wilson, Nathan Houten, Krieg Starr, Spencer Scoville, Carter Bolz, Rob Myers, Charlotte Myers, Nate Birch, Tommy Rowley, Deb Rowley, Hayley Ketch, Vickie Reay, Amor De La Monté, Nick Mellar, Ezra Wadsworth, August Gheciu, Heather Paeper, Ian Scoville, Hannah Murdoch, Colin Barton, J. Christian Barton, Madeline Airmet, Madelaine Edwards, Trent Edwards, Ledger Edwards, Nick Hudson, Nathan Nelson, Chris Wareham, Delin Wareham, Chelsea Hertig, Mary Jean Ridges, April Cooper, Robert A. McFadden, Vera Frazier, Stephanie Cotton-Betteridge, Josh Barlow, Darin Paeper, Megan Nelson, Kayla Daniels, Emily Adams, Shelly Butterfield, Tara Mickelsen, Samuel Cotton-Betteridge, Gavin Moody, Quincy Peper, Ross McKinley, Shelley Cox Snarr, Jo Peper.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve City Council minutes of August 24, 2023**
- B. Approval of New Hook Lift Truck, Premier Truck Group of Salt Lake City: \$125,985.00**
- C. Partial Payment No. 1 – 2023 Overlay Project: Morgan Asphalt: \$572,649.94**
- D. Partial Payment No. 2 – Grove Drive Realignment Project: SMM Excavation: \$95,617.12**
- E. Adoption of Ordinance 2023-23: Updating the City’s Zoning Map, to Recognize the Previously Approved Zone Change at 663 Patterson Lane Parcel Number 11:048:0015**
- F. Approval of Materials Bid for Thermoplastic – Road Safe Traffic Systems: \$16,119.44**
- G. Approval of Striping Bid – All Star Striping: \$24,787.00**

Mayor Carla Merrill explained the correct amount on item B should be \$125,985.00 for the new hook lift truck.

Motion: Lon Lott moved to approve the consent calendar with item B (New Hook Lift Truck) being changed to \$125,985.00 and with four different corrections he made to the minutes August 24, 2023, as it pertained to the count of the votes. Greg Gordon seconded the motion. There were 5 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 0 excused as recorded below. The motion passed unanimously.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Lon Lott		
Greg Gordon		
Jessica Smuin		
Jason Thelin		

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comments were made.

IV. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Eagle Scout Presentation – Elsie Hume

Elsie Hume is presenting her Eagle project, which involves building two mini libraries in Alpine's parks, one at Legacy Park and one at Creekside, preferably near benches or pavilions. She aims to encourage reading in the community, reuse books, and address the absence of libraries in Alpine. Elsie plans to fill the libraries with a variety of book genres and hopes the city can advertise their availability in the monthly newsletter. She intends to work with her troop, friends, and family to build, paint, and install these libraries once she obtains approval. City Council member Lon Lott asked who would be maintaining the libraries. Elsie said her scout troop would check on the libraries every few months. City Council member Jessica Smuin asked if it would be like a book exchange. Elsie answered yes. City Council members Kelli Law and Greg Gordon both liked Miss Hume idea of mini libraries in the park. Mayor Carla Merrill suggested putting one library in at Legacy Park first. She also suggested Elsie work with Jason Thelin to finish her Eagle Scout project.

B. Financial Report

Shane Sorensen gave a financial report update to the council. Property taxes had been received. Revenue Pressurized Irrigation was up but that is to be expected because of the summer months. The annual audit will be starting tomorrow.

V. ACTION/ DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Public Hearing: Lambert Park Conservation Easement and Management Plan

Mayor Carla Merrill asked Lambert Park Preservation Lambert Park/City Council member Greg Gordon Greg Gordon to discuss the history of the Lambert Park Conservation Plan and Management Plan. Greg Gordon said the committee held several public meetings to consider and discuss all possible options on how to preserve the Lambert Park and heard hours of public comments. The committee looked at dozens of topics and issues related to the Lambert Park and focused on the best ways to protect all of the approximately 260 acres. Greg Gordon noting that the City Council had previously received unfavorable feedback from the Planning Commission a few years ago. He highlighted that the recent votes in favor of these plans indicated significant improvements. Greg mentioned that the benefit of the current structure is that it retains control of the park for the city's public purposes but removes the potential incentives to sell or lose control of the park.

City Attorney Steve Doxey expressed his appreciation for the Lambert Park preservation committee's work over the past three years and emphasized that the proposed plans represent a compromise between preserving Lambert Park in perpetuity and having the flexibility to make necessary changes. He highlighted that the management plan gives the city control and responsibility for maintaining the park while preserving its natural beauty. He explained that the elevated voting requirements for amending these plans would ensure public input and transparency.

Steve Doxey also clarified that the current draft allows for the potential addition of paved parking areas in Lambert Park, but this would require a unanimous vote of the council. He addressed concerns about the Moyle Drive extension, stating that the conservation easement does not permanently prevent it from being paved if necessary. He refuted claims that the proposed plans are illegal under the Alpine development code, explaining that the code's provisions about access points pertain to streets within subdivisions, not collector streets like Moyle Drive.

Steve Doxey said he has addressed concerns about potential conflicts of interest among council members, noting that Utah law does not prevent them from participating in discussions or voting on these matters based on their geographic location of residence.

Shane Sorensen spoke about the history of the secondary access road through Lambert Park. Shane Sorensen provided historical context regarding the road through Lambert Park. He mentioned that in the early '90s, the city was sued by a developer of the Box Elder subdivision, resulting in a settlement agreement requiring the developer to build a secondary access road through Lambert Park. This road was meant for emergency use. Over the years, the road fell into disrepair, and in 2012, after the Quail Fire, the city decided to improve and widen it for both emergency access and as a firebreak. He also noted that the road was accessible for emergency use even before it was paved. In 2019, a lawsuit required the city to maintain the road to ensure that emergency vehicles could access it. The city has been performing maintenance on the road, including grading, adding road base, and snow plowing, over the past 11 years to meet this requirement.

Mayor Carla Merrill opened the public hearing to hear the public's comments. Each resident filled out a comment card. She reminded the residents to be respectful.

Amanda Collins
1593 Rosanna Lane

Amanda Collins presented two petitions, one with 340 signatures in favor of completing the paving and opening the secondary access road before implementing the conservation easement and the other against the conservation easement. She highlighted the historical context of the Moyle Drive Extension, which has been planned since 1994. She emphasized the need for the road's completion for the safety of residents in the neighborhood. She also mentioned a recent incident highlighting the safety concerns caused by having only one exit crossing the trails through Lambert Park..

Keith Clarke
904 Quail Ridge

Keith Clarke expressed support for preserving the park but sought more information about who would manage it, whether the city or the county, before making any final decisions on the matter.

Steve Bening
13343 Grove Drive

Steve Benning introduced himself and shared that he and his wife, Terry, moved to Alpine Cove five years ago. He mentioned his background in natural resources management/forestry, including training and work on a wildfire crew for the United States Forest Service. He expressed concerns about the safety of Alpine Cove, particularly regarding the evacuation plan during wildfires. He cited examples of recent wildfires, such as the Campfire and the Valley Fire, to highlight the potential dangers and emphasized the importance of taking necessary precautions to protect residents.

Michael Whipple
1551 Box Elder Circle

Michael Whipple expressed support for the conservation easement but emphasized the need for an exception for the road through Lambert Park. He highlighted the importance of having a second access point for the neighborhood, particularly in the winter when the existing exit becomes icy and challenging to navigate. Michael believed that maintaining an unpaved road during winter is difficult due to limited sun exposure. He argued against making it a supermajority vote requirement, stating that this road's controversy should be resolved appropriately.

James Bishop
1105 Grove Drive

Jim Bishop mentioned concerns about traffic on Grove Drive, referencing an unfulfilled promise of installing stop signs to divert traffic onto Alpine Boulevard. He expressed support for a road through Lambert Park to alleviate traffic issues in the area.

Vanessa Hoggan
344 Waynes Court

Vanessa Hoggan expressed her love for Lambert Park and her frustration with the planning and execution of growth in Alpine. She questioned the need for a third party to govern their land, emphasizing that the city

government should act in the best interests of Alpine residents. She believed that personal interests were prioritized over safety and the residents' interests. She raised concerns about the neglect of addressing safety and traffic flow around Lambert Park.

Vanessa Hoggan also highlighted that Alpine's city code states that minor streets should encourage circulation but discourage through traffic, and subdivisions with 20 or more lots should provide two working accesses. She disagreed with the city lawyer's interpretation that this code might not apply and argued that it does. She expressed support for paving the road through Lambert Park to ensure safety for park users, students crossing streets, and residents in emergencies. Vanessa urged for a more thoughtful and planned approach to the situation.

Wes Hume
837 cottonwood Circle

Wes Hume, a mountain biker, and frequent visitor to Lambert Park, expressed concerns about the potential impact of paving the road through the park. He acknowledged the need for fire safety but believed that other concerns, such as flooding, were manageable and didn't warrant paving the road. Wes mentioned that the residents living in the area should accept the risks associated with their location.

He proposed an alternative solution, suggesting that the road could remain gravel but with added safety measures like cameras and a speed limit of 10 miles per hour for enforcement. Wes argued that this approach would preserve the natural environment of Lambert Park while addressing safety concerns, ensuring that it remains an enjoyable place for outdoor activities like biking and hiking.

Eric Farr
595 N 400 W

Eric Farr, a long-time Alpine resident, provided several key points against paving the proposed road through Lambert Park:

1. The general plan of the city does not include the paving of the road.
2. Lambert Park is designated as a non-motorized park in the general plan, intended for all Alpine citizens to enjoy.
3. Paving the road would disrupt at least six trails, creating safety hazards and reducing trail flow.
4. Traffic in this area is already lower compared to other parts of the city, as it is on the outskirts of the city limits.

Eric Farr also expressed his opposition to paving the road and advocated for the continuation of the conservation easement to protect Lambert Park for the benefit of Alpine's citizens.

Clay Shubin
10 S Wildflower Drive

Clay Shubin highlighted the legal aspects regarding the obligation to pave a secondary access road to the Box Elder subdivisions:

1. He referred to a court ruling of November 27, 2018, where plaintiffs had requested the city to be legally obligated to maintain a year-round secondary access road for Box Elder subdivisions.
2. The court ruled that the secondary access should have a graded gravel surface and must primarily serve as an alternative means for emergency vehicles.
3. Clay mentioned a recent incident where the Moyle Road access was used to avoid a road shutdown, demonstrating its effectiveness as an emergency access route.
4. Plaintiffs argued that city ordinances required the road to be opened for public use and paved, but the court's decision clarified that the obligation was solely for maintaining it for emergency purposes.

Clay Shubin emphasized the importance of not compromising safety for mere convenience when considering the road's future.

770 N Main Street

Jeffrey McClellan, residing at 770 North Main Street, provided a neutral perspective on the proposed road. He conducted an analysis to assess whether the new road would reduce traffic on Main Street. His findings indicated that:

1. The new road might not significantly decrease traffic on Main Street or Grove Drive.
2. For those traveling south and west toward Lehi and American Fork, Main Street and Grove Drive would still be shorter routes than using the proposed new road and Alpine Boulevard.
3. However, for those heading south and east toward Cedar Hills and Pleasant Grove, the new road and Alpine Boulevard would be slightly shorter, around a fifth of a mile.

Jeffrey presented this information to the council, leaving it to their discretion to evaluate the potential traffic implications and whether the proposed road would provide substantial benefits in reducing congestion on Main Street or Grove Drive.

Matt Bird**371 Roberts Circle****Natalie Slemboski****134 Glacier Lily Drive**

Natalie Slemboski and Matt Bird, residents of Alpine City, shared their concerns about the proposed road through Lambert Park. They emphasized the importance of Lambert Park for mountain biking and recreational activities, particularly for children.

Key points made by Natalie and Matt:

1. The proposed road would fundamentally change the park's current use and increase dangers for kids and mountain bikers.
2. They believe an unpaved road maintains access to the park while preserving its natural environment for mountain biking.
3. Mentioned a rise in cyclist deaths in 2022 and expressed concerns about increased risk due to multiple road crossings if the road is paved.
4. Shared personal experiences with accidents involving cyclists crossing roads, emphasizing the need for safety.
5. Request a balance between providing emergency access through a paved road while keeping the rest of Lambert Park unpaved and accessible for recreational purposes.
6. Reminded the council that some members had run on the platform of a conservation easement, and they believe this reflects the desires of Alpine residents.

Natalie and Matt urged the council to consider the safety of park users and the preservation of Lambert Park's natural beauty in their decision regarding the road.

Tom Watkins**734 Summitt Way**

Tom Watkins expressed his perspective on the proposed conservation easement and the issue of creating a road through Lambert Park. Key points from his comment include:

1. Tom mentioned the experience of his sister living in Paradise, emphasizing that the lack of a secondary access road was not the primary cause of death and property loss in fires.
2. He also highlighted his experience in Lahaina, where a lack of a secondary access road did not result in fatalities during an emergency.
3. Tom referred to the recent Alpine election, where three council members focused on issues related to the Blue Bison development and the creation of a road that does not currently exist.
4. He noted that the conservation easement and the preservation of Lambert Park without a paved road were significant factors in the election, with most voters supporting these positions.
5. Tom expressed his disagreement with some council members but emphasized that he did not question their integrity.

6. *He called for the council to represent the entire city of Alpine and not prioritize one neighborhood's interests, advocating in favor of the conservation easement based on the desires of Alpine citizens.*

In summary, Tom Watkins supported the conservation easement and encouraged the council to respect the will of the citizens of Alpine in preserving Lambert Park without a paved road.

Morgan Lynch
1247 Moyle Drive

Morgan Lynch expressed concerns about the proposal to pave a road through Lambert Park. He shared a personal incident where his son was run over by a truck on Alpine Boulevard, highlighting the dangers of traffic on such roads. Morgan emphasized that turning the park into a paved road with six trails would create visibility issues, increase speeds, and pose safety risks. He also expressed opposition to alternative solutions like underpasses, believing they would detract from the park's beauty and overall experience.

Gil Greer
1523 E Box Elder Drive

Gil Greer expressed his concerns about the proposed road through Lambert Park. He appreciated the efforts of council members like Kelli Law in stopping development in the Blue Bison area but noted that this situation is different, as the road in question had been planned since he moved into the development in 2007. He mentioned discussions with council members like Jessica Smuin and Jason Thelin regarding traffic concerns and highlighted the need for safety for residents living near Box Elder. Gil Greer suggested a compromise that would involve paving the road and providing safety measures like underpasses for bikers to maintain both safety and accessibility.

David Lynton
136 N Preston

David Linton an avid mountain biker, expressed his support for the conservation easement. He referred to the Alpine General Plan adopted in November 2021 and highlighted several points from it. The plan emphasizes pedestrian safety, the designation of traffic trails for specific uses, and Lambert Park's designation as a non-motorized park. David expressed concerns about increased traffic and the potential danger it poses to mountain bikers, aligning his perspective with the principles outlined in the General Plan

Greg Smith
1365 Box Elder Dr.

Greg Smith addressed the misconception that a developer is behind the road paving proposal for Lambert Park. He clarified that the developer had already sold all the lots in Lambert Park Estates and had no incentive to pave any roads. He argued that the conservation easement primarily concerns a short stretch of dirt road connecting Box Elder Way to Moyle Drive, which was open for decades but was closed off with the city's recent master plan.

Greg Smith pointed out that some claim safety concerns regarding trails crossing the road, but there are already trails crossing paved roads in Lambert Park. He argued that a finished dirt road would result in fewer cars using Box Elder Drive, reducing encounters with bikers there. He also mentioned the possibility of viaducts and emphasized the importance of safety for the residents of Box Elder.

Michelle Smith
1365 Box Elder Dr.

Michelle Smith showed a photo to the room. The photo illustrates the rapid movement of fires and highlighted the importance of fire safety. She mentioned that in the past 30 years, there have been ten fires near Box Elder Drive, emphasizing the need for safety measures. Michelle argued that the responsibility for protecting citizens falls on the city, and the argument that residents chose to live there does not absolve the city of its duty.

She also referred to past situations where property owners sued the city for preventing development, emphasizing the legal right of residents to live in the area. Michelle Smith expressed her support for the conservation easement and urged the city to prioritize safety and conservation.

Lane Franks
866 N Country Manor Lane

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Lane Franks, residing at 866 North Country Manor Road, shared his perspective. He mentioned his involvement in discussions about Lambert Park over the past decade and pointed out the importance of preserving the park for safety reasons. Lane stated that the city's experts have consistently supported the conservation easement for safety purposes, and he emphasized the need to prioritize conservation for the community rather than convenience for a few residents.

Brett Ruff
380 Silver Circle

Brett Ruff, who resides at 380 Silver Circle, shared a recent incident where he and his son were mountain biking in Lambert Park, and a Ford F-150 nearly struck his son while he was crossing High Bench Road. Brett stressed that the gravel road is long, steep, and straight, making it easy for cars to travel at high speeds, potentially endangering cyclists, and pedestrians. He highlighted the danger of vehicles being on the road, as evidenced by the incident involving his son and emphasized the need for safety in Lambert Park, particularly for children who frequent the area.

Stuart Peay
469 Glacier Drive

Stuart Peay emphasized the importance of preserving Alpine's character and the town's appeal. He addressed the rights of landowners and development agreements with the city, emphasizing the court's interpretation that the road should be a dirt road.

Stuart Peay raised the question of whether Alpine should prioritize development and increased roads over what residents' love about the town. He argued against turning Lambert Park into a developed area for convenience, emphasizing that dirt roads can serve evacuation purposes effectively.

Stuart Peay also advised specifying the easement details to avoid potential legal issues, underscoring the importance of clarity in such agreements.

Chris Wareham
13425 Bayberry Circle

Chris Wareham briefly mentioned that he had come to the meeting expecting to discuss potential trail closures north of town, possibly for mountain biking, but since that topic was not being addressed, they decided to yield their time back.

Robert McFadden
1513 Box Elder Drive

Robert McFadden represents a coalition of individuals who are concerned about the safety of the road through Lambert Park. He shared a personal experience involving the tragic loss of his son and emphasized the importance of quick emergency response times. He expressed concerns about the safety of bikers and mentioned that safety should be a primary consideration. Mr. McFadden also mentioned his willingness to work on safety improvements and called for a more thoughtful approach rather than a simple "yes" or "no" decision on the road's status.

Vickie Reay
1502 Box Elder Dr

Vickie Reay expressed concerns about the safety of cyclists crossing roads, specifically at Box Elder Drive, and suggested that the city should consider installing a gate, poles, or other traffic-calming measures to improve safety. They mentioned that some cyclists don't stop at intersections and highlighted the need for roadblocks to ensure cyclists crossroads safely. The speaker also voiced support for paving the road for emergency access and shared their experience during a fire and flooding incident when access was limited.

Amy Hafen
1281 Moyle Dr

Amy Hafen expressed concerns about the proposed paving of the road through Lambert Park. She cited issues with speeding on the current road, emphasizing that even if the road were paved, drivers would still need to adhere to speed limits for safety. Amy mentioned that some people build outside of city limits and then expect the city to handle the resulting issues, and she also mentioned that the property on the other side of Lambert Park may not even be part of the city. She questioned whether paving another road would make it safer for cyclists, given that they would

still need to cross the road. Amy also highlighted the number of children living on Moyle Drive and expressed her concerns for their safety.

Craig Skidmore
13447 Alpine Cove Drive

Craig Skidmore, who was previously head of the trails committee for five years, expressed gratitude towards the city council for what he sees as a balanced compromise in the Lambert Park plan. He acknowledged that parts of Lambert Park have already been sold off in the past due to the lack of a supermajority requirement. Craig particularly commended the plan's provision for a supermajority vote, allowing the city to adjust its approach in the future. He also mentioned the straightening of Grove Drive as an improvement that could benefit park access and traffic flow.

Heidi Smith
860 Alleganey Circle

Heidi Smith expressed her support for maintaining Lambert Park as a non-motorized park. She reiterated her love for the park in its current state and emphasized her desire to conserve it as is.

Annette Flygare
913 E Quail Ridge

Annette Flygare expressed her support for the easement and her opposition to paving a road through Lambert Park. She commended the city council for their work on the park's trails and infrastructure, emphasizing her desire to preserve it in its current state.

Sue Mika
1020 Sunbrook Circle

Sue Mika expressed appreciation for the discussions and shared opinions. She emphasized the importance of open space, natural beauty, and outdoor opportunities as key reasons for living in Alpine. Sumika suggested that paving a road through Lambert Park might alter its identity, potentially causing confusion among users about its intended purpose. She hoped that the park would be preserved for its current uses, primarily emergency access.

Dexter Farnsworth
10124 N Yorkshire Court

Dexter Farnsworth highlighted the potential risks associated with not everyone adhering to the rules. He acknowledged the propensity for teenagers, including himself, to make poor decisions, given that their brains are still developing. He emphasized that even one person not following the rules could lead to a dangerous situation. He expressed concerns about the increased risk of accidents if the road were paved and allowed more traffic from the upper neighborhood into the rest of Alpine.

Charlotte Myers
333 E Maple Drive

Charlotte Myers expressed their deep love for Lambert Park and their desire to protect it. They mentioned having a younger brother who is just learning to ride a bike and expressed concerns for his safety. The speaker shared a scary experience when their brother was almost hit by a car while riding at Lambert Park.

Shelly Butterfield
1360 Grove Dr

Shelly Butterfield, who has lived on Grove Drive for 27 years, reminisced about the peaceful past of the area when cars rarely passed by. They expressed concerns about the speeding cars and mentioned various scary experiences they have had as a pedestrian, cyclist, and horseback rider. The speaker emphasized the importance of preserving open spaces like Lambert Park for the mental and physical health benefits, especially for children. They urged the council not to build a road for the convenience of a few, as it could endanger parkgoers and detract from the park's aesthetics.

Stephanie Cotton- Betteridge
1443 E Box Elder Dr.

Stephanie Cotton-Betteridge addressed Mr. Steve Doxey's comments regarding conflicts of interest. She referenced Alpine Code 306.030, which states that council members should declare a conflict or recuse themselves from voting

when a decision affects them personally. Stephanie expressed concerns that such recusals or declarations have not been consistently applied in previous decisions, especially related to the Box Elder Drive extension. She clarified that her comments were not questioning the personal integrity of council members but rather the decisions they make concerning issues close to where they live.

Mayor Carla Merrill suggested Stephanie meet with the city attorney after the meeting.

Heather Peper
380 Silver Circle

Heather Peper emphasized the importance of preserving Lambert Park for mountain biking and other outdoor activities. They compared the idea of paving a road through the park to paving a road through sports fields like soccer or baseball fields, highlighting that this would be met with outrage. The speaker also mentioned that stopping along the trail, as suggested by some, is not practical for mountain biking, as it disrupts the flow of the sport. They stressed that mountain biking is not limited to teenagers and that people of all ages, including children and families, participate in this activity. The speaker pointed out that the mountain bike team is a significant part of the community, and getting outside for mental health benefits is crucial for many residents.

Brian Hoffeins
1612 Prospect Lane

Brian Hoffeins suggested a potential solution to the issue by proposing the construction of a paved road over Lambert Park with a conduit for safe passage underneath for recreational users. They also questioned why there is a lack of trust in future decisions made by the council and suggested that the current system of decision-making has worked well in the past. Additionally, the speaker mentioned the challenges faced during winter due to steep terrain and the potential for accidents and pileups on the road. They highlighted the importance of considering emergency access in the area.

April Cooper
1136 Birch Circle

April Cooper expressed support for the compromise reached on the Lambert Park issue, mentioning their initial concerns about a group from Salt Lake City managing Alpine's interests. They proposed considering an overpass from Lambert Estates and Box Elder over Lambert Park as a potential solution to minimize the impact on local roads. The speaker also emphasized the importance of separating the issues of traffic on Moyle from putting Lambert Park in a conservation easement. They disagreed with the idea that council members should not recuse themselves due to potential economic benefits related to home values. Finally, they mentioned concerns about council members recruiting individuals to run for office on this issue.

Jo Peper
380 Silver Circle

Jo Peper expressed her opposition to having a road through Lambert Park, citing concerns about safety for bikers and pedestrians. They mentioned accidents involving bikers who were hit by cars and highlighted the importance of preserving Lambert Park as a recreational space for the community's future generations.

Samuel Cotton- Betteridge
1443 Box Elder Drive

Samuel Cotton Betteridge a resident of Alpine since 1994, emphasized that the discussion should focus on the Lambert Park management plan rather than the specific issue of paving while Drive. They suggested that the plan should be put to a vote by Alpine citizens rather than being decided solely by the City Council.

Cameron Ketch
734 Cumberland Court

Cameron Ketch expressed gratitude for the City Council's effort to carefully evaluate the different options regarding Lambert Park. They acknowledged the emotional nature of the issue and shared their hope that Lambert Park can remain preserved due to its significance to Alpine. They also emphasized the importance of considering the safety of residents higher up in the park and suggested seeking a compromise.

Mayor Carla Merrill expressed gratitude for the opportunity to share their thoughts and encouraged respectful dialogue. They mentioned that the City Council will review the comments and vote on the conservation easement and management plan in two weeks. She said there would be a three-minute break.

B. Resolution No. R2023-28: Amendments to the Timpanogos Special Service District Interlocal Agreement

Shane Sorensen mentioned that Lon Lott serves as the representative on the Timpanogos Special Service District (TSSD) board, which is proposing to reorganize as a special district due to changes in state law. This reorganization would streamline the process and reduce the county's control over the TSSD. The county had requested this change to address certain financial requirements they must meet. This reorganization would allow each city, including Alpine, to have more say in how the TSSD operates.

Motion: Jason Thelin moved to approve Resolution No. R2023-28 including reorganization of the Timpanogos Special Service District. Kelli Law seconded the motion. There were 5 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 0 excused as recorded below. The motion passed unanimously.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Lon Lott		
Greg Gordon		
Jessica Smuin		
Jason Thelin		
Kelli Law		

C. Contract for City Administrator

VI. STAFF REPORTS

Chief Brian Gwilliam

Chief Brian Gwilliam discussed the use of Flock cameras in Alpine. He reported two recent success stories involving the use of these cameras:

1. **Vehicle Burglary:** On July 15, 2023, officers responded to a vehicle burglary in progress in Alpine. The suspect stole a purse from a vehicle and fled the scene. Flock cameras captured images of the suspect's vehicle, which were used to identify the vehicle and the suspect. The suspect was subsequently arrested.
2. **Bicycle Theft:** On July 22, 2023, a bicycle theft occurred in Highland. The suspect, who was an Amazon delivery driver, stole a bicycle while making deliveries. Flock cameras captured images of the suspect's vehicle, and detectives used this information to locate the suspect and recover the stolen bicycle. The suspect was arrested.

Chief Gwilliam emphasized that the use of Flock cameras has been instrumental in solving these cases quickly. He also mentioned the transparency portal on the Lone Peak Police Department's website, which provides information about camera usage and access policies. The portal allows the public to see data related to camera searches and usage.

Additionally, the council discussed the expansion of the Flock camera network, including cameras in the Three Falls area. Council members raised questions about the cost and access to the cameras, and Chief Gwilliam clarified that the subscription cost is covered by the police department's budget. The cameras are accessible to other law enforcement agencies in the region, enhancing cooperation and information sharing.

Ryan Robinson

Ryan Robinson explained that with the recent mass gathering code amendment, he has had questions specifically related to fun runs and races. The council sought clarification on what constitutes a race and whether events taking

place on school properties would be exempt from certain regulations. It was mentioned that if an event is timed, includes medal distribution, or involves number bibs, it may be considered a race.

Council members asked for an update on the upcoming PARC tax vote. Arguments for and against the tax are due by the 18th of the month, and the council encouraged residents to become informed about the tax's implications. There was a suggestion to hold an informational meeting for the public, possibly during a city council night, to educate residents about the PARC tax. The council would look into the possibility of sharing videos from other cities to provide information about the tax.

Bonnie Cooper

Sample ballots would be posted on September 22, 2023.

Shane Sorensen

Shane Sorensen covered various projects and updates related to construction, community events, and city operations in Alpine:

1. **Comcast Construction:** Comcast had started construction work in Alpine Cove and Box Elder, but they encountered challenges related to the terrain. Boring machines were not effective in these areas, leading to the need for pre-construction discussions. The city aimed to ensure that the construction work did not disrupt residents' landscaping and that proper restoration measures were in place.
2. **Day of Service Recap:** A summary of the recent Day of Service was provided, highlighting the various projects and activities that took place. These included indoor and outdoor projects, such as making sleeping mats, blankets, hygiene kits, and providing meals. Additionally, work was done on bridges, sodding at the cemetery expansion, and painting a bridge at Peterson Park. It was noted that volunteers and the community were enthusiastic about participating and plans for next year's event were already underway.
3. **Rodeo Bleachers:** Cody Smith was working on ideas for the rodeo bleachers, and more information about this project would be presented in the future.
4. **Main Street Overlay:** An update on the Main Street overlay project was provided. While the project had been causing some inconvenience for residents, it was progressing. The project involved milling the old asphalt and repaving Main Street. Additional work and costs were necessary to ensure that the road was properly constructed, and this would be discussed with the City Council.
5. **Roundabout and Road Closures:** There was a detailed plan for the upcoming work on the roundabout and road closures in the Main Street area. The closure would allow for milling and repaving, with the goal of minimizing inconvenience for residents and ensuring the safety of the construction site.
6. **Grove Drive Realignment:** The update on the Grove Drive realignment project included the completion of wing walls for the box culvert. This project was progressing well, with a timeline for further work.
7. **Burgess Park:** There were ongoing developments in Burgess Park, including the placement of gravel for new trails. The park was undergoing significant improvements.
8. **Water Quality Concerns:** Concerns about water quality, specifically regarding brown water and E. coli in the Lehi area, were briefly discussed. It was mentioned that such issues can occur when fire hydrants are activated and stir up sediment in water lines. However, more information was needed on this topic.
9. **Staffing and Recruitment:** The city was actively recruiting for positions, particularly with the departure of Heidi Jackman.

VII. COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Lon Lott

Lon Lott asked for an update on the fruit stand on Alpine Highway. Ryan Robinson discussed centered around the Alpine Peach Stand and the challenges it was facing. Here are the key points:

1. **Conditional Use Permit:** The Peach Stand had received approval for a conditional use permit at the Planning Commission level to construct a new building. However, due to various delays, the new building had not been completed in time.

2. **Temporary Operation:** As a result, the Peach Stand had been operating out of its old building. To address this situation temporarily, they had put up "no parking" signs along the side where the stand was located.
3. **Traffic and Parking Issues:** The main issue was that people were crossing the road to get to the stand, leading to safety concerns. The Peach Stand had placed "no parking" signs and orange cones to address this issue.
4. **Need for More Permanent Signs:** It was noted that the current signs did not look very official, but more permanent signage would be installed when the new building was ready. This would help in enforcing parking regulations.
5. **Parking Concerns with New Location:** There was a concern that when the Peach Stand moved to its new location, which had limited parking spots, additional parking issues might arise. It was unclear where the overflow of cars would park, especially if the new location became popular.
6. **Planning for New Parking:** To mitigate this issue, there was a suggestion to discuss with the Peach Stand the possibility of creating more parking spaces on their property by potentially removing some trees. Additionally, the question of whether the Peach Stand should be required to provide more parking spaces would be examined.
7. **Ticket Sales Coverage:** It was mentioned that revenue from ticket sales could potentially cover the cost of creating more parking spaces without causing significant financial hardship.

Overall, the discussion revolved around managing parking issues at the Peach Stand's current and future locations and ensuring public safety during their operations.

Jessica Smuin

Jessica Smuin said she attended Utah Outdoor Recreation Summit and was a keynote speaker. She spoke about The Alpine's aging healthy program and how Alpine is supporting our seniors. She asked for the council for feedback about using federal funding through the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) for Lambert Park. Here are the key points:

1. **LWCF Grant:** The LWCF is a federal grant program that provides funding for outdoor recreational projects. There are millions of dollars available through this grant program.
2. **Potential Park Updates:** The idea was to explore the possibility of using LWCF funding to update Creekside Park. The updates could include replacing the water feature and making the playground more in line with current trends, possibly incorporating natural elements.
3. **Matching Funds:** The council expressed an interest in knowing the matching fund requirements for the LWCF grant. Understanding the matching fund obligation is crucial to determine the financial commitment required from the city.
4. **Timing:** Timing was considered important, and it was suggested that there should be sufficient time for planning, obtaining bids, and completing the necessary paperwork to secure the grant.
5. **Long-Term Project:** Updating the park using LWCF funding is seen as a long-term project that would involve multiple steps, including creating specifications and obtaining outside expertise.

The discussion highlighted the potential opportunity to enhance Creekside Park using federal funding, and further exploration of the grant requirements and project details would be needed to move forward.

Kelli Law

Kelli Law asked why Resolution No. R2023- was not on tonight's agenda. Shane Sorensen said he and Alpine City Engineer wanted to meet with Kelli Law before the next City Council meeting to go over his questions on the Resolution. Shane Sorensen listed a few key points of why the resolution was needed:

1. **Background:** A while ago, there was a change in an ordinance or engineering standard related to road excavation, which allowed for excavation within a certain timeframe. However, the discussion about this change was not scheduled for the current meeting as it was a public hearing.
2. **Discussion with Jed:** Jed, who seems to be an individual responsible for handling this matter, had been trying to get in touch with someone to discuss the proposed changes. A response to Jed's inquiries was expected to determine if a work session was needed to go over the details of the proposed ordinance.

3. **Concerns About Arbitrary Decisions:** There was a concern about the potential arbitrariness of the ordinance, especially regarding what constituted an emergency for road excavation. The aim was to make the ordinance more specific and less arbitrary in its language.
4. **Example:** An example was provided where another city had to deal with a situation where a utility company wanted to replace a pipeline that ran under recently paved roads. Such situations could be planned differently if there were clear guidelines in place.
5. **Moratorium on Road Cuts:** It was mentioned that it's common for cities to have moratoriums on cutting roads, especially when they've recently been paved. UDOT (Utah Department of Transportation) also follows similar practices.
6. **Research and Proposed Language:** Jed conducted research on how other cities handle road excavation and proposed language for the ordinance.
7. **Future Meeting:** The plan was to include this discussion as an action item in the next meeting's agenda. If there were many questions or concerns from the council members, a work session could be scheduled to go over the details with Jed.

Overall, the discussion revolved around the need for clear guidelines regarding road excavation to prevent arbitrary decisions and ensure the city's infrastructure was maintained effectively.

Greg Gordon

Greg Gordon said he and Chief Patten met with a fire alert system. Here are the key points:

1. **System Overview:** The city officials had met with a couple of companies that offered a fire alert system. This system was designed to provide 24-hour fire monitoring and early detection. The system would be placed on a high hill, allowing it to rotate and identify fires that start on hillsides or homes within a minute.
2. **Human Verification:** One of the crucial features of this system was human verification. Once the system identified a potential fire, it would confirm the alert with human operators. These operators would then notify the fire department or dispatch accordingly.
3. **Cost-Effective:** The system was considered cost-effective, making it an attractive option for the city.
4. **Fire Chief's Input:** The Fire Chief also provided input during the discussion. He emphasized the potential benefits of the system, such as providing firefighters with extra time, which could make a significant difference in responding to wildfires.
5. **Formal Recommendation:** The city officials were seeking a formal recommendation from the Fire Chief regarding the adoption of this system. The decision to move forward with the system would likely depend on its effectiveness and cost.
6. **Early Pricing:** The city officials mentioned that they would be obtaining early pricing information from one of the companies the following week. This information would likely be crucial in deciding.

Overall, the discussion revolved around the potential adoption of a fire alert system with human verification, with a focus on its benefits and cost-effectiveness. The Fire Chief's recommendation would play a significant role in the decision-making process.

Mayor Carla Merrill

Mayor Carla Merrill discussed the following:

1. **Collecting Sales Tax for Milkshakes:** There was a question about whether the city could collect sales tax from Cherry Hills Farms for milkshakes they sell. It was confirmed that the city already collects sales tax for milkshakes, and this process is handled in conjunction with the county. Typically, businesses settle their sales tax obligations at the end of the season.
2. **Red Curbs:** There was a suggestion to continue using red curbs in the city. Additionally, it was mentioned that if any youth groups or scouting groups were looking for service projects, they could help repaint the red curbs along Canyon Crest Road, particularly on the south side, which had started to fade. The city had the necessary equipment for this task.

- 3. **Service Project Opportunity:** Repainting the red curbs was proposed as a service project for local youth or scouting groups. This would involve repainting curbs along Canyon Crest Road, across from Burgess Park. It was noted that there was still a significant amount of curbing that needed attention.

Overall, the discussion covered the collection of sales tax, the maintenance of red curbs, and the potential for service projects involving local youth or scouting groups to contribute to the upkeep of the curbs.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: Lon Lott moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss litigation, property acquisition, professional character and adjourn from City Council once the executive session has completed. Jessica Smuin seconded the motion. There were 5 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 0 excused as recorded below. The motion passed unanimously.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Lon Lott		
Greg Gordon		
Jessica Smuin		
Jason Thelin		
Kelli Law		

City Council Adjourned at 9:05pm

City Council Executive Session Adjourned 10:00pm