

Minutes of the Altamont Town Council Meeting
November 14, 2024

Present:

Clyde Watkins

Scott Allen

Glen Jessen

Vicke Jessen

Russell Sorensen

Craig Kettle, Town Employee

Amanda (Mandy) Gardner, Town Clerk

Public:

Dee Miles

Clyde Watkins called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes Approved (7:02 p.m.)

A Motion was made by Glen Jessen to approve the minutes of October 10, 2024 as written. Motion seconded by Russell Sorensen. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing Subdivision Ordinance (7:03 p.m.)

A Motion was made by Russell Sorensen to exit the regularly town council meeting and to enter the public hearing. Motion seconded by Scott Allaen. Motion carried unanimously.

Mandy explained that the reason for the new ordinance was to be in compliance with a new state requirement. Glen added that the town was able to update the current ordinance through a grant. The Grant paid a company to update the towns current ordinances. The Council discussed how that it will be nice to have this ordinance in place for future growth.

A Motion was made by to Russell Sorensen to exit public hearing and reenter the town council meeting. Motion seconded by Scott Allen. Motion carried unanimously

Adopt Updated Ordinances & Codification

Mandy read the subdivision ordinance and codification document

A Motion was made by Russell Sorensen to adopt the new subdivision ordinances and codification as read by Amanda Gardner Town Clerk. Motion seconded by Scott Allen.

Vote:

Scott Allen AYE

Vickie Jessen AYE

Glen Jessen AYE

Russell Sorensen AYE

Fire Department (7:13 p.m.)

Fire Season is over, the biggest fire was the Speirs Fire. Plans for the winter, are to work on the bed for 157, gear up for the next fire season, recertification. Chief Phillips asked the council what

the department should do with the old bed. The council discussed the different options, and decided to put it up for bid, and if no one bid on it they would look at scrapping it.

Chief Phillips informed the council that as things change, and evolve, the county is going to implement quarterly training for all fire departments. If the rail road comes, that will require different training. The quarterly trainings will include railway officials.

Chief Phillips informed the council that the departments rescuer ropes will expire in the next year or two. Ropes have a ten-year shelf life; the departments rope are eight-year-old. Chief Phillips is thinking that it would be ideal to replace a couple bags at a time. Currently Altamont is the go-to department when ropes are needed. Chief Phillips is planning to expand that knowledge to the other departments.

Chief Phillips left the meeting 7:26p.m.

Annexation (7:27 p.m.)

There are no updates at this time

Roads (7:27 p.m.)

Dee Miles, representing the Duchesne County School District, explained that the district would like to officially petition the Town to vacate the road (4200 North), in order for it to be used as part of the new elementary. The next step is to notify the land owners affected by the road closure, in this case, the school district owns the land on both sides of the road. The Council stated that before vacating the road, utilities need to be taken care of first. Ownership of the north end of the road 15675 W needed to be settled.

Mandy stated that she had visited the county recorder's office, to research ownership. A document dating back to the 1940 was found, where a couple of land owners deeded land for roads to the county, not to the town. Mandy did not find a document where the county deeded the roads to the town. Mandy researched the property description to see if the road was ever listed as part of either property. The property descriptions only listed the lot number and block number.

Dee informed the council, that there is an easement already filed with the county for the north part of the school districts property for the secondary water line.

The school district had a title search done when they bought the north part of their property, Dee will check with the title company to see if the search included the road, and will get back to the town. Clyde suggested, that the school district meet with the other land owner, at this time the other land owner believes that the road is part of their property.

Dee Miles left the meeting 7:55 p.m.

Clyde advised the council, that even with documentation that the town owns the road, that is not a guarantee that a court would side with the town.

At this time the town will wait to hear back from the school board before proceeding.

Clyde asked Criag if there was any other road business that need discussing? Craig answered that he was getting ready for snow. The plow could use a new blade, it should last this year, but not next year. Glen replied that it was too late in the year to do any patch work, spring would be a better time to patch roads.

The sidewalk project is basically done, sample were gathered this week.

Scott mentioned a road intersection lacking any traffic signs. Glen and Craig will soon drive through town to see if there are other areas needing updating.

Technical Planning Assistance (TIP) Grant (8:22p.m.)

Clyde informed the council that Nate is working the application, he researched other applications to see what kind of verbiage is used. The grant will be for a vision/ master plan. Master Plans are required by law, vision plans are used to form master plans.

Property Management (8:27 p.m.)

Mandy informed the council of a vague request to have two trailers on a lot zoned R7. A land owner has put in a new home, and one of the building permit conditions was for the old trailer to be removed from the property. Now the home owner is wanting to keep both homes. Mandy informed the land owner that the property is zoned for single family, and she would need to come before the council and formal request a variance. The Council stated that at this time they would not grant the variance.

Mayor Watkins drew attention to a situation, in town. There is a property in town with a horse on it. Currently the towns ordinances allow one horse, or one Cow, the size of the lot does not matter. The Council can leave the ordinance as written, or the council could consider updating that ordinance. The Council discussed ways to update the ordinance including size requirements, location, changing the ordinance to no large animals, and keeping animals a set distance from neighboring homes. The council will think about the options and make a decided at a later date.

Utilities (8:50p.m.)

This item was discussed in conjunction with roads.

The next council meeting, January 9 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

A Motion was made by Russell to end the meeting at 8:51 p.m. Motion seconded by Scott Allen . Motion carried unanimously.

Read and approved this 9 day of January, 2025.
Minuets of the meeting prepared by Amanda Gardner Town Clerk