

Minutes of the Altamont Town Council Meeting
April 10, 2025

Present:

Clyde Watkins

Scott Allen

Russell Sorensen

Brandon Peck Fire Chief arrived 7:18

Amanda (Mandy) Gardner, Town Clerk

Craig Kettle, Town Employee

Glen Jessen and Vicke Jessen Not present

Not enough members for a quorum no decisions were made

Public:

Suzzy Rowley

Shane Rowley

Clyde Watkins called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Altonah Cemetery (7:06p.m.)

Shane updated the council with estimated cost for fencing and for the survey. Fencing \$3300, and the Survey between \$1800 and \$2000. Craig suggested trading part of the cemetery land for an access to the cemetery pond. Shane was agreeable and will have the changes added to the survey. Shane will have the access added to the survey, which will increase the survey cost.

Shane and Suzzy left the meeting 7:14

Mayor Watkins informed the council of some money the town could apply for, to help pay for the Survey, and other improvements made to the cemeteries. There would be at least a ten percent match. The funds would come from the state, this could be a one-time deal, or the state could set aside money again next year. The fund is small, if the town were to apply, it is better to apply soon, as there may not be any funds left later on. The council agreed that with a ten percent would be a good deal.

Fire Department (7:20 p.m.)

Brandon informed the council that there were three new firefighters needing approval next meeting, Cody Horricks, Cody Mitchel and Scott Allen.

Mac Thacker approached Brandon about taking a truck out and traveling to fight fires. Typically, the firefighter goes out for sixteen days. Pay is around \$22,000. Russell asked if there is a contingency plan for a fire here, while the truck was out. Mayor Watkins stated that if we send a fire fighter that part of the profit should be saved, for a future repairs.

Brandon left the meeting 7:33

Scott informed the council that with his research that the cost of a used fire truck is approximately \$120,000.

Strata Utah Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) (7:40p.m.)

Mandy informed the council that strata was asking for letters of support for a grant. Mandy explained the grant is to help get internet to everyone.

Utilities (7:45p.m.)

Craig is waiting for the school district to put in the valve for the secondary water. Water will come in between the 22nd and the 28th of the month. Craig will start cleaning the sewer ponds next week.

Park lease agreement (7:51p.m.)

Mayor Watkins spoke with the County Commissioners and asked them if the recreation district could give the park back to the town, after the community voted for it. Mayor Watkins also asked the commissioners what would happen to the park if the district were to be dissolved. The county is looking into the answers.

Russell stated that if UCRD wanted to terminate the lease, it would take longer than 180 days, it should go before the public and be on a ballot. Maintenance should be kept up through the ballot process.

Duchesne county School District: Annexation and Roads (8:01)

Mandy informed the council that letters from the county have been mailed. Mandy has received one call asking about the letter. In the future the town may need to hold a hearing to annex the school into town.

Property Management (8:12 p.m.)

The council discussed building permits, the county takes care of permit, and inspections. The county does not enforce town code; the town needs to find a way to be able to enforce the code.

The next council meeting, May 8, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting ended 8:20

Read and approved this 12 day of June, 2024.
Minutes of the meeting prepared by Amanda Gardner Town Clerk