

## **TOWN OF ALTAMONT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** July 20, 2026 **Time:** 5:30 pm

**Location:** Altamont Town Office 15588 W 4100 N

### **ATTENDANCE**

- **Mayor:** Scott Allen
- **Council Members:** Russell Sorensen, Mike Foy, James Helms, Chris Baca
- **Town Clerk:** Amanda Gardner
- **Fire Chief:** B. Jared Thacker
- **Public Attendance:** None

### **1. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME**

Mayor Scott Allen called the meeting to order at 5:29 PM and welcomed those in attendance.

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Allen opened the floor for public comment.

- *"No citizens stepped forward to provide public comment."*

### **3. NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Item A: Presentation of Fire Official's Updated Declaration**

Fire Chief B. Jared Thacker presented his updated written declaration of hazardous environmental conditions. Chief Thacker detailed current regional fuel moisture levels, meteorological data, and fire risks, noting that 100% of the town remains a high-risk dry grass and brush zone. He recommended extending the consumer fireworks ban through the Pioneer Day holiday season.

#### **Item B: Discussion and Action on Resolution 2026-05A**

The Council reviewed Resolution 2026-05A, which extends the temporary consumer fireworks and ignition source ban through the Pioneer Day holiday window (July 22–25, 2026), provides an exemption for permitted professional displays, and maintains the \$1,000 state infraction fine.

- **Council Discussion:** The council discussed liability concerns regarding the town's professional firework display. It was noted that heavy fire coverage would be present on-site, including five brush trucks, structure protection engines, and a water tender. They also discussed Governor Cox's recent statements about lifting the statewide ban, but agreed local conditions remained extremely dry compared to surrounding areas. The Town Clerk confirmed the revised resolution still required the Chief's declaration of extreme fire danger to proceed.
- **Motion:** Council Member Russell Sorensen moved to approve Resolution 2026-05A as presented.
- **Second:** Council Member Mike Foy seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:**

- Council Member Russell Sorensen: AYE
- Council Member Mike Foy: AYE
- Council Member James Helms: AYE
- Council Member Chris Baca: AYE
- Mayor Scott Allen: AYE
- **Result:** The motion Passed with a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

- **Motion:** Council Member Russell Sorsensen moved to adjourn the meeting.
- **Second:** Council Member Chris Baca seconded the motion.
- **Result:** Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was officially adjourned at 5:39 PM.

**MINUTES PREPARED AND SUBMITTED BY:**

Amanda Gardner, Town Clerk

**MINUTES APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL ON THIS** 12 **DAY OF** August, 2026.