

Town of Altamont — Town Council Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: Wednesday, July 8, 2026 | 7:00 PM

Location: Altamont Town Office Building, 15588 W 4000 N, Altamont, UT 84001

1. Attendance

- **Council Members Present:** Mayor Scott Allen, James Helms, Mike Foy, Chris (Porter) Baca
- **Council Members Absent:** Russell Sorensen
- **Town Staff Present:** Amanda Gardner (Town Clerk), Jared Thacker (Fire Chief)
- **Town Staff Absent:** Craig Kettle (Maintenance)
- **Visitors:** None

2. Call to Order & Approval of Minutes

Mayor Scott Allen called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and initiated roll call.

- **June 17, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes:**
 - *Motion:* Made by James Helms to approve the minutes; seconded by Chris Baca.
 - *Vote:* Passed unanimously.
- **June 25, 2026 Emergency Meeting Minutes:**
 - *Motion:* Made by James Helms to approve the emergency meeting minutes; seconded by Mike Foy.
 - *Vote:* Passed unanimously.

3. Departmental Updates & Reports

Fire Department

Chief Jared Thacker presented the department update:

- **Operations & Gear:** The area is currently in an active fire season, though local activity has been quiet. The department received four new helmets and expects additional wildland gear shortly.
- **Personnel:** Welcomed new adult members Jeff Jarvis and Jasten Elliot, along with three youth prospects: Parker Phillips, Ruger Baitman, and Pace Evans.
- **Community Events:** The department recently retired roughly 5,200 flags at a ceremony in Bluebell. Preparations are underway to host a car show fundraiser during the upcoming 24th celebration (Kinder Morgan donated the meat for the event).

Utilities & Maintenance

In Craig Kettle's absence, the Council discussed current system statuses:

- **Water Duty & Conservation:** The town is currently at a "two-foot water duty" and will likely need to implement conservation restrictions soon.
- **Park Maintenance:** The town park sprinkler system will be shut down in approximately one month to prepare for ball field dirt work and system replacements.

- **Public Outreach:** Residents will be notified via Facebook to conserve water and avoid watering during peak heat hours.

4. Public Hearing: Municipal Sewer Rate Adjustments

Opening of Hearing

- *Motion:* Made by James Helms to suspend the regular council meeting and enter a public hearing regarding municipal sewer rate adjustments; seconded by Chris Baca.
- *Vote:* Passed unanimously.
- *Public Comment:* No visitors were present to offer public comment.

Council Discussion

The Council reviewed a complaint regarding alleged overcharges. The Council determined the current fees remain valid, clarifying that town maintenance costs strictly cover system-wide treatment (such as sewer ponds) rather than private neighborhood lines.

Resolution 2026-06 Details

Town Clerk Amanda Gardner formally read **Resolution 2026-06:**

- Base residential sewer rates increase from **\$23.00 to \$25.00** per month.
- For multi-family units and mobile home parks, the \$25.00 fee applies to each individual unit/pad. Property owners may submit a signed occupancy certification form by the 5th of each month to receive credit for unoccupied pads.
- Out-of-town connections continue at \$1.5 \times\$ the standard rate, resulting in a proportional **\$3.00** monthly increase.

Hearing Closing & Resolution Adoption

- *Motion to Exit Public Hearing:* Made by James Helms; seconded by Mike Foy. Passed unanimously.
- *Motion to Adopt Resolution 2026-06:* Made by James Helms back in regular session; seconded by Chris Baca and opened for roll call.
- **Roll Call Vote:**
 - James Helms — **Yes**
 - Chris Baca — **Yes**
 - Mike Foy — **Yes**
 - Mayor Scott Allen — **Yes**
 - Russell Sorensen — **Absent**
- *Outcome:* Resolution 2026-06 **passed**.

5. Financial & Administrative Business

Certificate of Deposit (CD) Renewals

The Council reviewed three municipal CDs maturing on July 14, 2026:

- **Utilities Accounts (2):** \$58,718.55 total
- **Roads Account (1):** \$43,482.91 total

Action: Motion Made by James Helms to renew all three CDs for a **12-month term** at an anticipated rate of **3.83%**, declining to lock funds into a longer-term commitment; seconded by Chirs Baca and passed unanimously.

6. Other Business

- **Altamont Days & Fireworks Resolution:** Altamont Days festivities begin Friday, July 17, with a softball tournament, followed by Family Fun Night on Monday, July 20. The Council agreed to hold a brief special meeting at **5:30 PM on July 20** to review and formalize the fireworks resolution prior to the evening's events.
- **RV Dump Station Proposal:** Discussed the feasibility of installing a municipal RV dump station near the park to generate town revenue (featuring an honor-system pay box and security camera). Engineering and setback distance requirements from the town water well must be evaluated before moving forward.
- **Town Welcome Signs:** Plans are advancing to design and install "Welcome to Altamont" signs featuring a "Sleeping Lady" silhouette and the town's 1953 incorporation year. The Council will seek permission from private property owners (e.g., Country Flare) to place signs on private land to avoid state right-of-way issues. Blue Stakes will be called prior to digging.

7. Adjournment

The next regular Town Council meeting is scheduled for **August 12, 2026**.

- *Motion:* Made by James Helms to adjourn the July 8 meeting at 8:13 PM; seconded by Mike Foy and passed unanimously.

Approved August 12 2026