

Minutes of the Altamont Town Council Meeting
November 8, 2018

Present:

Mayor Clyde Watkins
Brent "Ole" Olsen
Sommer Arnold
Derek Mecham
Melba Markham, Town Clerk
Shawn Keel, Town Employee
Kimberly Layton, Taking Minutes
Greg Miles, Altamont Fire Department

Public Attending:

Ashton Arnold

Mayor Watkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes Approved (7:02 p.m.)

Derek stated that the minutes should be corrected under the Fire Department to state that "the seal is shot in one of the pumps," rather than pumpers. With that change, *A Motion was made by Glen Jessen to approve the minutes of October 9, 2018. Motion seconded by Derek Mecham. Motion carried unanimously.*

Park – discussion concerning recreational district and future projects (7:04 p.m.)

Mayor Watkins stated that he is unsure what to do about the Recreational District. It is frustrating to people using the baseball diamonds, planning projects, etc. Glen stated that to his knowledge it will be two years before it will be on the ballot. Greg Miles added that the Commissioners have accepted the boundaries of the District, but he had also heard that it will be two years before it will be on the ballot. Sommer will try to obtain some additional information.

Sommer stated that she does not believe that scout projects will be torn down when the Recreational District takes over. There was a time capsule at the park that has been dug up, and they left a cement shell with some wire and other things that need to be cleaned up. Also, the baseball league's advertising signs need to be cleaned up. Sommer will look into what can be done with those. Mayor Watkins encouraged Sommer to come up with some maintenance plans to bring back to the council.

Shawn stated that the concession building needs some work done on the roof. Melba added that a lot of the braces on the tables need to be repaired.

For future projects, Mayor Watkins stated that the council needs to start thinking about how to structure donations. The Town is allowed to ask for donations on the park.

Eagle Scout Projects (7:28 p.m.)

Mayor Watkins cautioned council members to be careful when providing donations on projects. With regards to the dugouts, the Town donated on the first dugout, and it was understood at that time that the price of the donation would cover both dugouts. The council

agreed that if the second dugout comes with additional costs, they will need to obtain donations from another source.

Fire Department – positions within the department (7:33 p.m.)

It has become necessary to make changes to the positions in the fire department. The fire chief has new responsibilities and needs to step down. Mayor Watkins stated that within the fire department there would most likely be a resonating agreement with the appointment of some of these positions.

Mayor Watkins asked the council if they would like to have some of the firefighters come before the council for interviews, or let the firefighters agree on appointment of the fire chief. The council is in favor of appointing Josh Phillips as the new fire chief.

Mayor Watkins asked Greg Miles if it would be best to allow the fire chief to appoint his own assistant chief and captain. Greg stated this would be the best way to handle further position appointments, but the council would always have the final say.

Greg Miles will remain chief until the change can be made. Josh will be invited to the next meeting. If the change needs to happen sooner, an extra meeting could be scheduled. Greg was the longest serving fire chief Altamont has had, serving since January 2006. The council voiced their appreciation for his hard work and service.

Greg stated that he has ordered a new set of turnouts and that should be all they need in this year. The department will need one or two sets next year.

Greg and Mayor Watkins informed the council that a truck may be available from another entity in the area. They are looking more into this possibility.

Greg proposed that the Town take a look at training regionally. They would need to make a resource available 14 days at a time. They may go to Arizona for two weeks at a time or somewhere close by for training purposes.

With regards to the Fire Protection Agreement, Mayor Watkins stated that the Town is okay to move forward. He asked Melba to separate things out in the budget to help keep better track of where the funds come from and what the total expenses are. The agreement was signed.

Melba informed Greg that she needs the W4s for all firefighters. Checks will go out the first of December. Greg stated that the Christmas party will be the first Thursday in December, and Greg would like the checks by then if possible.

Flood Control Funding – storm drain project (7:53 p.m.)

Shawn stated that they have not had time to do anything with this project. Mayor Watkins stated that this is all dependent upon NRCS funding. It was given to DCWCD. In order to allow people to come into that project, once NRCS informs DCWCD that it is time to sign paperwork, the Town will need to move quickly, and Mayor Watkins is not sure when that will happen. It may become necessary to schedule a work meeting on this project, or the sidewalk project.

Sidewalk Project (7:57 p.m.)

Glen talked to Troy Cooper a few weeks ago and they are waiting on federal releasing to UDOT. Civco does not really want to start anything until UDOT is ready to sign off on the contract.

CIB Application for Street Project (7:59 p.m.)

Glen stated that this is really a second phase to the Sidewalk Project, so nothing will really happen with this for quite a while. We need to get the funding on the sidewalk project first.

Secondary Water System (8:06 p.m.)

Ole attended the Fall Water User Meeting today. They have funding coming in, and several projects waiting. Without some winter moisture, nothing can be done. Nothing was discussed with regards to raising the assessment. Another meeting will be held in February, so everything could change. Elections were held for Duchesne and Allottees. Rodger Ames will be up next year.

Miscellaneous:

Cemeteries: Mayor Watkins informed the council that with the weather changing, if there are things that they would like Brenda's help with to let Melba know.

New Christmas decoration: Melba stated that one of the older Christmas decorations has some electrical issues and she asked if the Town could order a new one. The council agreed that she could order a new one.

Veteran's Memorial Banners: Sommer reported that she was approached by Serena Brotherson about the possibility of flying veteran's memorial banners in Town during certain holidays. This could also be used as a Town fundraiser. Serena will come to a Town meeting to discuss this.

Next Meeting:

The next council meeting will be held on January 10, 2019. If necessary, a work meeting will be scheduled in December.

The council discussed the possibility of changing the dates of the meeting in the future. Mayor Watkins asked Melba to look into pre-pay or electronic payments in order to avoid late fees in case things come up prohibiting her from sending out checks in a timely manner.

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Glen Jessen at 8:28 p.m. Motion seconded by Derek Mecham. Motion carried unanimously.

Read and approved this 10th day of January, 2018.

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