

Minutes of the Altamont Town Council Meeting  
May 9, 2019

Present:

Mayor Clyde Watkins  
Brent "Ole" Olsen  
Sommer Arnold  
Glen Jessen  
Shawn Keel, Town Employee  
Josh Phillips, Fire Chief  
Kimberly Layton, Taking Minutes

Public Present:

Grayson Panas, Chris Panas  
Kristie Thompson, Cassidy Brotherson,  
Kaleb Nielson, Noah Brotherson  
Craig Stansfield (arrived at 7:23 p.m.)  
Kalvin Stevenson

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

Minutes Approved (7:03 p.m.)

*A Motion was made by Glen Jessen to approve the minutes of April 11, 2019. Motion seconded by Ole Olson. Motion carried unanimously.*

Sidewalk Project (7:04 p.m.)

Glen reported that the surveying for the sidewalk project is complete. There will be a tentative work meeting on Wednesday, May 15 at 6:00 to finalize plans. There will be maps of proposed plans to review. Mayor Watkins asked Glen about the billing the Town received. Glen stated that the billing was correct and needed to be paid. Mayor Watkins will approve payment.

Glen Jessen further stated that the County had received a grant to put together a Master Plan for Trails. There will be no cost to the Town, but the County is gathering input from local entities including the forest service and Town, as well as backpackers, horsemen, etc. about what should be included in the plan. Glen stated that for the Town the top priority would be sidewalks in Town. It would also be beneficial to have walking trails from Town out to the car wash for safe school transportation. Glen would also like to see a walking path up to the Altonah road by the cemetery. CIVCO Engineering and Sunrise are the companies working on this plan, which will be done through Special Service District #2.

Main Street Road Project (7:15 p.m.)

Shawn asked why the manholes are all covered with asphalt. That is something he will look into. Glen reported that they replaced the culvert going across the road from the high school as part of the project. Shawn reported that there have been a lot of complaints about getting into the post office. He explained that the area is closed because they are adding a dip in front of the post office for the water to run to the canal.

Secondary Water (7:23 p.m.)

Ole stated that he does not have any items to discuss this month. With regards to metering the system, Shawn stated that he spoke with Todd from the State and was told that inasmuch as this is an existing system, we will not be required to install meters. Shawn asked if

we will need to do meters on new connections as we install them, but he did not know the answer to that question. He was going to research that and get back to Shawn.

Mayor Watkins suggested that the council review documentation from when the project was first built. The engineer at that time gave recommendations as to why the rates should be set at a certain rate, etc. If we are going to need to change things or create a GIS map it would be helpful for the council members to already be knowledgeable about the system. Shawn will provide copies to council members.

Shawn stated that the secondary water is already in the system.

#### Eagle Scout Projects (7:30 p.m.)

Grayson Panas reminded the council members that he would like to place flag brackets on the light poles. He provided two options for the brackets. Brackets will be banded to the light poles. Grayson asked how many light poles need the brackets. Shawn stated that there are 16 flags, and he suggested starting on the light pole by the gas station, and then going 16 poles to the West. Glen asked about costs. Grayson has collected three donations so there should not be a cost to the Town. The council approved Grayson's project and all necessary paperwork was signed. Grayson is hoping to have the project done by Memorial Day. He reported that he has had a few bucket trucks donated to help him put the flags up.

Kalvin Stevenson reminded the council that his project was to build the second dugout at the park. The council had asked for a price list. Calvin stated that the project would cost up to \$400. He has had the screws donated. Calvin's brother, McCoy, will be doing the tin on both dugouts for his project. They are working on getting the tin donated. He will also be building the benches in the dugouts. Calvin is hoping for a 20% discount on the project but asked if the Town could cover any remaining cost. The council agreed to cover the cost.

Shawn stated that he would like to see the dugouts painted prior to the tin being installed. Sommer suggested contacting the drama department at the high school because they are already doing some painting at the park and they may have enough to do the dugouts as well.

Glen asked if the first dugout was already anchored down. Craig stated that they will be anchoring both dugouts down as part of Calvin's project. Shawn stated that the Town's insurance company has requested that the dugouts be anchored down.

*Park:* Sommer stated that she would like to organize a craft fair on September 7 as a fundraiser for the park. She would be renting booth space to vendors. She posted it on Facebook and has 22 vendors that would be interested in a booth. Additionally, she was contacted by two people who would like to have food trucks there. Mayor Watkins stated that he would have Melba call Gayle McKeachie just to make sure that this is something the Town could do.

Glen stated that he had \$200 from his road account that was set aside to assist Grayson Panas in his project, but those funds are no longer needed for his project, so the Town could use those funds towards a park project if needed.

#### Duchesne County Sheriff Department

This item will be on next month's agenda.

Fire Department (8:00 p.m.)

Mayor Watkins asked what they expected to get out of the Chevy. Chief Phillips stated that he felt he would be lucky to get from \$4,000 to \$6,000 from both trucks. Mayor Watkins stated that the Town may purchase one of the trucks back from the fire department.

Chief Phillips stated that they did the pack test and recertification for wildland. The department has 10 firefighters ready to get their red cards. The department is about three months ahead on the red cards. The cost is \$5.00 each. Mayor Watkins stated that the cost should be able to come out of fire budget. There are five firefighters taking Wildland 1 and once they are done everyone will be certified. James Monson will be taking the class as well but will be doing a lighter pack test. That will allow him to operate the tinder on State and Federal fires, deliver equipment and other things. Jeremy Montgomery and Shawn Sorenson are the two new firefighters. The other two spots will be left open. There are 16 firefighters for now.

Chief Phillips reported that Ray Zeeman was looking at the building the other day, checking into the leak so Chief Phillips will follow up with him.

Chief Phillips asked if the electric bill had gone down. Mayor Watkins reviewed the bill and it was still high, but the last billing was still for a winter month. Chief Phillips stated that the heat tape was turned off, so the billing should have gone down. He will check the meter and see if the usage has dropped.

Chief Phillips reported that a new pump was installed on 153 and when they ran water through it there was a bad leak. He will take the truck to Pumpers and have them look at it. That truck will be out of service for a little bit.

Glen asked if the UDOT was affecting the fire department. Josh stated that all trucks are on the other side of the building, so it should not affect them. The council stated that the only issue would be that a lot of people are parking by the fire department to get to the post office.

Mayor Watkins stated that if there is something that needs to be included in the budget, council members need to let Melba know within the next 2 weeks. Chief Phillips asked for a copy of past budgets so that he can have some idea of what has happened in the past.

The next council meeting will be held on June 13 at 7:00 p.m.

*A Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Glen Jessen at 8:21 p.m. Motion seconded by Ole Olsen. Motion carried unanimously.*

Read and approved this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

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