

Minutes of the Altamont Town Council Meeting

June 13, 2019

Present:

Mayor Clyde Watkins
Brent "Ole" Olsen
Glen Jessen
Sommer Arnold
Melba Markham, Town Clerk
Shawn Keel, Town Employee
Josh Phillips, Fire Chief

Public Present:

Sheriff Travis Tucker

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

Minutes Approved (7:00 p.m.)

A Motion was made by Glen Jessen to approve the minutes of May 9, 2019. Motion seconded by Ole Olsen. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

2018-2019 Budget Amended (7:02 p.m.)

A Motion was made by Glen Jessen to exit the regular meeting and enter the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. Motion seconded by Sommer Arnold. Motion carried unanimously.

The council reviewed the amended 2018-2019 budget. Melba explained differences in expenses including an increase in the fire department due to all of the wild fires, an increase in insurance for the fire department's worker's compensation, an increase in K&K Sanitation's and Moon Lake Electric's billings. Additionally, the Town already paid approximately \$4,400 on the sidewalk project, and that was not included in the budget at all. Also, the Town was directed by the auditor to transfer \$30,000 to capital improvements, so that shows as an amendment on the budget. The largest change was in revenue as the Town had anticipated receiving some grant monies and that did not happen. Therefore, the amended budget shows a difference in revenue of just over \$350,000.

Mayor Watkins explained that the Town had budgeted higher amounts than were necessary in the wastewater, roads, cemetery and park. However, next year's budgets will reflect those unused amounts for future planned projects.

2019-2020 Budget Adopted

The council reviewed the proposed 2019-2020 budget. Mayor Watkins explained that the budget is generally prepared high to account for unexpected expenses. It is always best to guess high on expenses and low on revenue. He further explained that the Town would be using approximately \$80,000 of savings this year to cover planned projects due to revenue being lower than the expenses. This is not something that can be done each year.

A Motion was made by Glen Jessen to close the Public Hearing and return to the regular council meeting. Motion seconded by Sommer Arnold. Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion was made by Glen Jessen to accept the 2018-2019 budget as amended, including approving the line item with regards to the large difference in revenue due to not receiving anticipated grant monies. Motion seconded by Sommer Arnold. Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion was made by Glen Jessen to adopt the 2019-2020 budget as presented. Motion seconded by Ole Olsen. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff's Department, Animal Control (7:30 p.m.)

Mayor Watkins explained that the Town had made several contacts to the residents of Town with regards to purchasing dog licenses. The animal control officer also helped contact residents about dog licenses.

Mayor Watkins stated that the year before last the Town only brought in \$340.00 in dog licenses. Last year that increased to \$700.00.

Sheriff Travis Tucker provided the Town with the new agreement between the Town and the Sheriff's Department with regards to animal control. He explained that the agreement had not changed, but they are getting entities to sign new contracts due to the change in personnel at the Sheriff's department.

Sheriff Tucker explained that the Sheriff's department is working with the County and will be appointing one person as an ordinance officer. In the past, the animal control officer could only do so much, and then they would have to call a deputy. They are working with Mike Hyde and Karl Mott to get someone trained to handle the animal control issues, as well as ordinance enforcement.

Fire Department (7:40 p.m.)

Chief Phillips reported that they got the old Chevy stripped down and ready to be sold. He explained that there have been problems with the pump that was being rebuilt. They are having problems with the shaft now, and the fire department will probably need to purchase a new pump. The pump is at Pumpers right now and they are working on it. Chief Phillips feels responsible for the damage to the pump and asked if his pay could go towards the pump expenses. The council appreciated his offer, but requested that he keep his pay.

Chief Phillips stated that there are a couple of bills for gear that can be paid. He has now received all of the gear. The budget will include some additional gear and equipment. The department has decided to hold off on tires for this year. They can make it through one more season. They will also be holding off on the Dodge. They will start checking government surplus sites and auctions and other sources for a new truck.

Chief Phillips reported that the department had some radios that were not working properly, but he has received three donated radios so they will replace those. Also, with the Chevy gone they will have an extra radio.

Chief Phillips stated that the department would like to have one nozzle per truck. Additionally, they are working on utilizing the foam system that they have.

Chief Phillips reported that the County did get a grant for SBAs but they would like to give it all to one department at once. Duchesne does a lot more work and has more need right now, so Altamont will hold off on that. However, whoever does get the new SBAs will have some used ones that other departments could utilize. The County plans to receive this grant each year and take care of one department at a time, so eventually that grant will provide new SBAs for Altamont.

The fire department will be assisting with Bluebell's 4th of July flag retirement and will also be holding a car show during Longhorn Days.

Scouts (7:57 p.m.)

The council discussed recent projects that have been completed at the park. They also discussed protocol for future projects including requiring detailed supply lists and bids prior to committing to offering financial assistance.

Sidewalk Project (8:03 p.m.)

Glen Jessen reported that the sidewalk project is now in the drawing stage. They have prioritized the location of sidewalks. There might be a few problems with sewer lines or Strata's lines so there may still be a few changes to the plan. A scope of the project will be sent to UDOT, so that will need to be signed by someone and returned.

Park (8:08 p.m.)

Mayor Watkins stated that they are trying to rejuvenate the recreational district and get it going again. Also, the Town has another opportunity for a service project at the park. Strata contacted the Town looking for projects for a service project that will take place on June 29. Mayor Watkins stated that the Town would furnish the paint. We could have them paint the outside fence. Shawn stated that the concession building also needs to be painted. The Melba Mobile is another option. Shawn will look at the park and come up with some ideas. The council also discussed that the mowing and weed-eating needs to be done prior to the project so that they can paint appropriately.

Roads (8:25 p.m.)

Glen stated that there is a large pothole between the post office and the fire department. The Town needs to get a bid on repairing that section. Glen suggested just replacing a section because the pothole is too large to repair. Shawn stated that there are a few potholes in Town that could be repaired.

Glen further stated that a lot of kids use the road by Brunsons that goes to a vacant lot like a race track. He would like to get a bid on a pipe fence there to stop people from driving down that road.

Mayor Watkins stated that the council needs to talk about roads and measuring. There are some discrepancies about property lines. The Town may need to hire a surveyor.

Secondary Water (8:42 p.m.)

Ole stated that the pond is full. Not a lot of people are utilizing the water yet.

The next meeting will be held on July 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sommer Arnold at 8:45 p.m. Motion seconded by Glen Jessen. Motion carried unanimously.

Read and approved this 11th day of July, 2019.

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Date: Jul 2, 2019

2018-19 Budget

REVENUE	Appropriated Last Year	Current Year Estimate	Increase	Decrease
Federal Grants	372,000	0		372,000
EXPENSES				
Non-Departmental	9,000	13,000	4,000	
Audit	2,900	3,000	100	
Insurance	10,000	10,945	945	
Fire Dept.	45,000	66,000	21,000	
Sanitation	25,500	26,000	500	
Depreciation	55,835	75,000	19,165	
Park Lighting	1,000	1,100	100	
Community Dev.	0	4,400	4,400	
Transfer to Capital Improve.	0	30,000	30,000	