

Minutes of the Altamont Town Council Meeting
February 6, 2020

Present:

Clyde Watkins
Brent "Ole" Olsen
Sommer Arnold
Glen Jessen
Melba Markham, Town Clerk
Craig Kettle, Town Employee

Public Present:

Lance Ostler

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

Minutes Approved (7:05 p.m.)

A Motion was made by Sommer Arnold to approve the minutes of January 9, 2020. Motion seconded by Ole Olsen. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Watkins suggested that in the future when the council has a Motion that needs to be approved, the council take individual votes.

Oath of Office for Council Member, Glen Jessen (7:03 p.m.)

The oath of office was given to Glen Jessen by Melba Markham.

Council Position Vacancy (7:05 p.m.)

Mayor Watkins stated that when there is a vacancy, it is advertised and anyone who applies for the position is considered. If there are no applications, the council may have a discussion about appointing someone prior to the election process. Lance Ostler stated his interest in the position. Glen Jessen stated that if there is someone who shows an interest in the position, the council should strongly consider that option. Mayor Watkins asked Mr. Ostler to submit an application and resume for the position so that the council can consider it at next month's board meeting.

Fire Department (7:15 p.m.)

Mayor Watkins stated that Chief Phillips was at the fire department and could not be at the meeting tonight. He needs a new gas card. Melba will work on getting a new card, as well as getting all other cards transferred to the correct names. If they need to fill up a truck prior to the new card coming Craig Kettle will allow them to use his gas card.

Secondary Water (7:20 p.m.)

Ole stated that he will need a budget to get the lines videoed. Mayor Watkins suggested that Craig Kettle start watching for classes on secondary water, as well as sewer. Melba will also let him know of any classes that she knows about. Mayor Watkins asked if Ole or Craig would ask Shawn about his sewer certification. Melba stated that we need to do a study and we will have to know who carries the certification for that report, which is due by April 1. The council also asked Craig to contact Shane Rowley anytime he

needs to do anything with the secondary water pond just to keep good relations. The council also discussed spring water, getting the pond full, and possible projects on the secondary water system.

Sommer asked about some of the streetlights in town that are not working properly. Glen stated that he would work with Moon Lake Electric to get the lights fixed.

Roads (7:48 p.m.)

Glen asked what his budget was for road repairs. Melba stated that he had about \$40,000. Glen would like to repair the pothole by the post office and put a few loads of gravel on the road by the park. Those are the two projects he is considering for the spring. Glen reviewed the ordinances and the only thing he would consider changing is the amount of the bond required for a road-cut. He suggested increasing that amount. Mayor Watkins stated that the council also needs to consider changes to the ordinances to cover who would be responsible for future sidewalk repairs. Upper Country water does not want to be held responsible.

Sidewalk Project (8:06 p.m.)

Mayor Watkins stated that the project is out for bid and is available on the State's website. Glen has been out of town, so he has not heard any updates. Mayor Watkins stated that when the bids come in the council needs to be prepared to make some decisions with regards to how much the Town is willing to put into the project. Glen will look at the website.

The next council meeting will be held on March 12 at 7:00 p.m.

At 8:17 p.m. a Motion was made by Glen Jessen to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Sommer Arnold. Motion carried unanimously.

Read and approved this 12th day of March, 2020.

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