

Minutes of the Altamont Town Council Meeting
August 13, 2020

Present:

Clyde Watkins

Brent "Ole" Olsen

Glen Jessen

Sommer Arnold

Melba Markham, Town Clerk

Craig Kettle, Town Employee

Also present was Kimberly Layton, taking minutes.

Clyde Watkins called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Minutes Approved (7:05 p.m.)

Mayor Watkins reported that the Town received an e-mail from Nathan Coulter which Melba read onto the record. She reported that Mr. Coulter's e-mail was forwarded on to the Town's attorney.

A Motion was made by Glen Jessen to approve the minutes of July 9, 2020 as written. Motion seconded by Sommer Arnold. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business (7:16 p.m.)

Melba stated that she spoke with the Town's attorney, Gayle McKeachnie about Nathan Coulter's issue and he stated that based on the property division, the grandfather status is broken and Mr. Coulter would need to abide by new guidelines for a trailer park. Melba also researched a survey on the land and in January there was a survey done on the property. There is still a discrepancy on land ownership. Mr. McKeachnie is corresponding with Mr. Webb's attorney and Mr. Coulter's attorney to resolve these issues.

Mayor Watkins stated that he was contacted by Mr. Webb who stated that he was trying to work with Mr. Coulter to create a solution. Mayor Watkins encouraged him to work through legal counsel and further stated that the Town should work through legal counsel with any requests or questions from Mr. Coulter.

There are trailers that would need to be moved based on new trailer park rules and guidelines. Glen suggested asking Mr. McKeachnie if both properties lost the grandfather status based on the property division or if the grandfather status would stick with one owner.

Ole stated that he would also like to question legal counsel about a home which has fenced off a portion of the property for commercial purposes.

Mayor Watkins asked if the council wanted to be made aware of issues in Town by the Sheriff's office. They have had a representative come to council meetings in the past to keep the council apprised of things in the Town. The council was in favor of being informed of issues in Town.

Park (7:35 p.m.)

Sommer reported that Longhorn Days was successful. The auction went well, and the park was kept clean. Mayor Watkins stated that with the recreation District taking over, the Town needs to decide what property and road access the Town should keep and what property should be turned over to the District. Glen stated that the Town would need to keep control of the east side because of the drainage there. Mayor Watkins stated that we may need to work with Upper Country Water to make decisions including having ^{well} someone check standards to see what distance we would need to be from the water ~~tank~~ to install a sewer line. The water well has a source protection area around it and the Recreation District would need to be aware of that.

Mayor Watkins asked if Melba had researched whether the Town could sell or transfer the park property. Melba stated that the property must always remain a park. The recreation District needs to be aware of that.

Fire Department

Chief Phillips was unable to attend tonight's meeting, so this item will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Cemeteries (7:47 p.m.)

Craig Kettle reported that the last water turn at the Altamont Cemetery is tomorrow. He is not sure when he will be out of water for the Altonah Cemetery. He was going to start on the new portion of the cemetery but does not feel there is a rush on that now.

Utilities (7:52 p.m.)

Ole stated there were no issues to report. Mayor Watkins asked about plans for running cameras down the lines. Ole reported that they are not going to run cameras down the lines this year but may run cameras down the east half of the system next year. Craig reported that the lagoons are receding. Melba stated if we can get bills before July 15 they could still be on this year's budget. If we wanted to clean the lines that would need to be arranged ahead of time.

The next Town Council meeting will be held on September 10 at 7:00 p.m.

A Motion was made by Glen Jessen to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Ole Olsen. Motion carried unanimously.

Read and approved this 10th day of September, 2020.

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