

Minutes of the Altamont Town Council Meeting
November 12, 2020

Present:

Clyde Watkins
Brent "Ole" Olsen
Glen Jessen
Sommer Arnold
Melba Markham, Town Clerk
Craig Kettle, Town Employee
Josh Phillips, Altamont Fire Chief

Also present was Kimberly Layton, taking minutes.

Clyde Watkins called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes Approved (7:04 p.m.)

A Motion was made by Glen Jessen to approve the minutes of October 8, 2020 as written. Motion seconded by Sommer Arnold. Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion was made by Sommer Arnold to exit the regularly scheduled council meeting and enter the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m. Motion seconded by Glen Jessen. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Adopt the Codes of Revised Ordinances

Melba reported that she has not had anyone ask to review the Ordinances. There are a few corrections that will need to be made including an update on the wages. The ordinances should include that the Mayor's wages are \$300.00 and the Council members are \$150. Melba's wages do not need to be included in the ordinance as her position is not an elected position. The garbage service fees also need to be updated and the Surety Bond for sidewalks and roads needs to be increased to \$500. The council members agree to adopt the ordinances with these updates.

A Motion was made by Glen Jessen to exit the Public Hearing and enter the regularly scheduled council meeting at 7:10 p.m. Motion seconded by Ole Olsen. Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion was made by Glen Jessen to make changes prior to adopting the Codes of Revised Ordinances as follows: Wages for Mayor are \$300 per month, wages for council members are \$150 per month; the garbage service is \$19.50 per residence per month; the surety bond should be \$500.00. Motion seconded by Ole Olsen.

Motion by Glen Jessen to Adopt the Codes of Revised Ordinances as updated. Motion seconded by Sommer Arnold. Motion carried unanimously by individual vote: Glen Jessen, in favor; Ole Olsen, in favor; Sommer Arnold, in favor; Mayor Watkins, in favor.

Mayor Watkins asked the council members if they would prefer that Melba provide a list of each expenditure each month or just keep reviewing things as in the past. The council is in favor of reviewing the finances as in the past.

Fire Department (7:14 p.m.)

Chief Josh Phillips reported that the new truck is painted and has stickers. They are working to get lights on it, and they have a radio at the department to use on that truck. There has been some discussion about the radios transitioning to a different system so they will not be purchasing more radios right now. All of the equipment is on the truck which will be the new Rescue 157. The tires do not need to be replaced right now. The department is losing one firefighter who is moving to St. George, but that still leaves the department with 20 firefighters. Mayor Watkins stated that the department has been granted permission for 22 firefighters. However, the firefighter incentives come from mineral lease funds and the County has only received four payments in the last year so funding may become tight. Josh reported that they are doing fine with the 20 firefighters so they will stick with that for now.

Chief Phillips reported that the fire department has canceled all events for this month including the Christmas party. He will deliver checks to the firefighters and will do maintenance at the department but will hold off on training.

Chief Phillips reported that the department earned \$2,269 at the October Carnival. The department will be tagging helmets for accountability. Chief Phillips also found some bump lights for \$500 that he would like to purchase with those funds. They would also like to purchase some nozzles for the trucks with those funds. They will continue doing a rope rescue class as there are only three people in that class.

The department would still like to do pictures of the new truck to thank EP for the donation. Melba suggested that Chief Phillips contact the local newspaper and radio stations to see if they would do that as a public service. If there is a fee, he can work with Melba to get that covered.

Cares Act Funding (7:33 p.m.)

Melba informed the council that the Town was paid just over \$7,000 through the Cares Act. The Town will be getting one more check and the funds all need to be used by the end of December or will be returned to the County. The County has already taken care of most businesses, but they have asked that the Town use those funds to help a couple businesses including Upper Country Market and The Flood Monkey. The council agreed to distribute the funds as the County desires. Any remaining funds will be distributed as the County decides.

Old Business (7:39 p.m.)

Recreation District: The council discussed the recent vote on the Recreation District. That has passed so there will be a truth in taxation meeting on November 30 at 6:00 in Duchesne. Funding will not be available until 2022 so the Town will still be taking care of the park for another year. The Town will need to meet with the Recreation District to make all final decisions.

When the park changes hands Craig's responsibilities will change. Additional projects may be funded from sources other than the general fund.

Trailers: With regards to the trailer park, Craig reported that he has not received any additional information. Melba sent out letters stating that the trailers needed to be removed. Craig stated that there are no tags on the trailers. Craig had called the owner informing him that there were no tags on the trailers, and he would need to provide paperwork

proving ownership of the trailers. Mayor Watkins asked Craig to contact Mr. Webb and inform him that his 30-day grace period had passed, and the trailers needed to be removed.

Miscellaneous: James Helms asked about a building permit. They are moving the two trailers out by the heliport and are building a home there.

Craig ordered some flags to replace the ones on the poles. The cost will be \$25 each.

Miscellaneous

The next Town Council meeting will be held on January 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

A Motion was made by Glen Jessen to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Motion seconded by Ole Olsen. Motion carried unanimously.

Read and approved this 14th day of January, 2020.

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November 27, 2020