

Minutes of the Altamont Town Council Meeting
February 11, 2021

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:

Shana Oman
Savannah Brotherson
Faith Rowley
Mason Rust

Also present was Kimberly Layton, taking minutes.

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

Minutes Approved (7:02 p.m.)

Ole Olsen asked for a clarification with regards to the leak on the add-on at the fire department. Chief Phillips stated that the leak was on the roof between the old portion and new portion of the building. He will be getting a bid from Bulldog Insulation on repairing that leak, but they will be unable to repair the leak until the weather improves.

A Motion was made by Glen Jessen to approve the minutes of January 14, 2021 as written. Motion seconded by Sommer Arnold. Motion carried unanimously.

National Honor Society – Easter Egg Hunt (7:05 p.m.)

Faith Rowley, Savannah Brotherson and Mason Rust stated that they are part of the National Honor Society. Members of the National Honor Society must have at least a 3.5 GPA and provide 10 hours of community service each year. This year the members are interested in doing the Easter Egg Hunt in the Town of Altamont. There are 36 members that would be assisting with this project. They would like to hold the Easter Egg Hunt at the Altamont Park on Saturday, April 3. The council approved this request and stated that they have eggs and will donate \$250 toward the project.

Shana Oman, Savannah Brotherson, Faith Rowley, and Mason Rust left the meeting.

Fire Department (7:12 p.m.)

Josh Phillips reported that there are still 20 firefighters on the department. Mayor Watkins stated that there has not been a change in the number allowed. Chief Phillips reported that he will be pricing tires for one truck. He has also had a lot of interest in the old Dodge. The council stated that there will be a sealed bid process on that truck. Melba will advertise this in the newspaper and will post it around Town. Bids will be opened at the next council meeting. Chief Phillips reported that the new rescue 157 has a leak that they will be repairing. There are also a few minor repairs needed on 153 that the department will be working on so there will be a few expenses for those repairs.

The department has had three fires recently. Two of those were garage fires, and one was a 10-acre wildland fire.

Chief Phillips stated that the department would like to pick up two sets of bunker and fire nozzles. The new SMAs from the County have 45-minute bottles, and they are light fiber tanks. The department still has four of the old bottles and seven of the new ones. They are expensive to replace so the department would like to purchase them on an annual rotation, purchasing two each year so they could eventually double their supply. Right now, the old bottles will be on 153 and the new bottles will be on 152. In a related issue, Chief Phillips stated that the fill station is undersized, and they are unable to get the full potential out of the bottles. He has talked with Greg Miles about upgrading that fill station. Most fill stations are rated to 6,000 but the Department's is rated at 4,500.

Chief Phillips also stated that the department will be getting a bid from Bulldog Insulation to repair the leak on the roof. Glen Jessen suggested making this a priority. Chief Phillips stated that they will need to wait until the weather improves before they can make the repair, but he will contact Bulldog Insulation. Chief Phillips also reported that the water heater has a leak, so they just turned that off for now. The council approved a request to get that leak repaired.

Chief Phillips asked who piled the snow in front of the fire department. They are concerned that it will ruin the driveway of the fire station. The sidewalk is already damaged, and when they pile the snow there it also takes all of the parking area for the firefighters. Melba also stated that it is a safety concern because you cannot see when you drive up the road just east of the fire department. The council stated that the State pushes the snow there, and some may also come from Jessen Electric. Josh Phillips will contact the Jessen Electric and the State to see if there are other options or if the snow could be hauled off to another location.

Discussion about surplus equipment (7:31 p.m.)

Melba will advertise the old dump truck and the fire department truck for bid with bids to close March 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Altamont Cemetery (7:33 p.m.)

Lease agreement with EP: Mayor Watkins reported that the Town received a letter from an individual offering to take over the Town's mineral lease agreement with EP by the Altamont Cemetery. The council is not interested in relinquishing this lease. Currently the Town receives \$1,041 per year. Melba will double check the dates on this lease agreement. The council is willing to renew this lease for the same terms.

Glen stated that he and Craig have been talking about putting topsoil on the cemetery. Glen contacted a company that could deliver a 16-ton load for \$170. There is a larger need at the Altonah Cemetery. Glen will get three loads delivered to the Altonah Cemetery.

Roads (7:39 p.m.)

Mayor Watkins stated that the Town needs to repair the pothole by the store. Glen suggested getting some cold mix when the plants are up and running. Glen will check into getting a load of cold mix delivered and it could be used around Town.

Park (7:41 p.m.)

Mayor Watkins asked Sommer Arnold to call the Upper Country Recreation District to find out when they plan to take over the park and what they need the Town to do. Melba

stated that they should be aware of the expenses associated with the park, including the culinary water bill, secondary water bill, electric bill, etc. Mayor Watkins will contact Greg Miles to get some additional information.

Invitation to attend meeting March 1, CIB Projects (7:50 p.m.)

Mayor Watkins stated that the meeting on CIB projects will be March 1 at the County Commission Office in Duchesne. It may be held virtually as well as in -person. Someone from the Town of Altamont must be present to represent the Town at the meeting. Everyone is invited to log in and watch the virtual meeting so they can see how the process works.

League of Cities and Towns has funding available which works like insurance for service line repair. It would cover up to \$8,500 per occurrence. This is something the Town could join, and then homeowners would pay the insurance premiums. There would be some cost to the Town. The council can review this and if they are interested in pursuing it, it could be discussed at a later time.

Mayor Watkins stated that there is currently an open seat on the Town council. David Rust has offered to take that seat. The council agreed to appoint David Rust to fill the vacancy on the Town Council.

The next Town Council meeting will be held on March 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

A Motion was made by Ole Olsen to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. Motion seconded by Glen Jessen. Motion carried unanimously.

Read and approved this 11th day of March, 2021.

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