

Minutes of the Altamont Town Council Meeting  
March 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:

Vicky Jessen

Also present was Kimberly Layton, taking minutes.

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

Minutes Approved (7:01 p.m.)

*A Motion was made by Glen Jessen to approve the minutes of February 11, 2021 as written. Motion seconded by Sommer Arnold. Motion carried unanimously.*

Bid Opening for Surplus Equipment (7:02 p.m.)

Melba stated there was one bid on the dump truck in the amount of \$150 from Craig Kettle.

Melba opened the following bids received for the fire department truck:

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| \$1,000.01 | Craig Kettle  |
| \$1,250.00 | Randy Bywater |
| \$1,705.00 | Brad Draper   |
| \$1,600.00 | Adam Purcell  |

Josh Phillips read the following bids received by e-mail for the fire department truck:

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| \$5,287.00 | Kyle Bentley     |
| \$1,555.00 | Devin Peterson   |
| \$7,500.00 | Dewey Jessen     |
| \$5,075.00 | Art Wilson       |
| \$900.00   | Woody Einerson   |
| \$2,552.00 | Korey Farnsworth |
| \$4,100.00 | Carson Miles     |
| \$6,666.00 | Whit Beal        |
| \$2,700.00 | Justin Reiley    |
| \$1,600.00 | Jonathan Potter  |
| \$1,500.00 | Ericka Jessen    |
| \$2,350.00 | Jon Miles        |

The council agreed to accept the two high bids, which would be the bid from Craig Kettle in the amount of \$150 for the dump truck and the bid from Dewey Jessen in the amount of \$7,500.00 for the fire department truck.

*A Motion was made by Glen Jessen to accept the two high bids. Motion seconded by Ole Olsen. Motion carried unanimously.*

Josh will contact Dewey Jessen and let him know he held the winning bid.

#### Serena Brotherson – Flags and Poles for Main Street (7:11)

Serena Brotherson had contacted Melba about a possible grant from the Vernal area to purchase decorative flags for main street. Serena did not attend the meeting, so Melba will contact her and this item will be on next month's agenda.

#### Vicky Jessen, Information about the park (7:13 p.m.)

Vicky Jessen reported that she attended the last two meetings for the recreational district. They are just getting organized and thinking about getting the board together. Greg Miles came to the last meeting and informed them that the board would need to be comprised of the members listed in the original paperwork from 2012. There will be seven members on the board, one of those being appointment to represent the Town of Altamont. Greg Miles has a list of the names of members listed in the original paperwork. The County Commissioner will need to approve the names for the board.

There will not be any funds available until January. Mrs. Jessen asked how the council would feel about the Town maintaining the park again for the remainder of this year? She had informed the recreational district that they would need to plan on covering the costs of any surveys, etc. associated with the property changing hands. Mayor Watkins stated it may be easier for the Town to absorb some of the maintenance costs rather than the deeds, surveys, etc. The Town will still have the park in 2021.

Mrs. Jessen asked if the Town would be willing to contract the maintenance for 2022 if the recreational district isn't able to take over yet. Mayor Watkins is unsure how contracting the maintenance would work. There may be a way to help. Mrs. Jessen also asked if the Town had any equipment that they would turn over to the recreational district. The council stated they would need to hold a discussion about any equipment changing hands.

Mrs. Jessen also asked about insurance costs for the park. Melba stated that Utah Local Government Trust may be able to provide insurance for them. They can also offer online training. The Utah Association of Special Districts also provides training.

Mrs. Jessen asked if the Town had a space that the recreational district could use to hold their meetings. The council stated that they could use the Town building or the ambulance shed. They can just schedule the building use through Melba. Mrs. Jessen believes they will be holding one meeting each month.

#### Fire Department (7:35 p.m.)

Chief Phillips stated that he will let Dewey Jessen know he held the winning bid and that he can pay Melba and she will give him the deed to the truck.

Chief Phillips has received a quote for wildland hoses, nozzles, and other replacement parts for approximately \$3,000. He will check with MedTech to make sure that they can't beat the price.

Chief Phillips reported that Brandon has a delete kit for the Ford which was about \$500. When they sell the equipment from that they should be able to bring in about \$450. They are currently pricing tires for the big tanker. He anticipates those to cost up to \$8,000. Chief Phillips further reported that wildland season has started. They have had three fires so far including a 50-acre fire in Duchesne on Sunday. The department currently has 17 firefighters red-carded. Having meetings about taking turns because they expect wildland season to be very busy.

Melba reported that the fire department earned around \$60,000 from the wildland fires for equipment.

Altamont Cemetery (7:44 p.m.)

Mineral Rights Lease: Melba stated that the Town received a Resolution for the mineral rights lease from TCO. Val Oman verified that TCO is the new company holding the mineral lease. The surface agreement still stands in place and they make payments on that. Melba read that the mineral lease offers \$200 per net mineral acre with a 5-year primary term of oil and gas lease providing a 1/6 lease, landowner's royalty in the event of production. The Town has 18 acres there.

*A Motion was made by Glen Jessen to allow Clyde Watkins and Melba Markham sign the Mineral Rights Lease. Motion seconded by Ole Olsen. Motion carried unanimously.*

Municipal Wastewater Planning Program approved (7:53 p.m.)

Mayor Watkins stated that each year the Town updates the wastewater planning program. *A Motion was made by Glen Jessen to approve the Municipal Wastewater Plan and submit to Division of Water Quality. Motion seconded by Sommer Arnold. Motion carried unanimously.*

With regards to water, Mayor Watkins stated that if they offer any extra water or early water to the Town we should not turn it down. Craig Kettle stated that he needs to fix the headgate in Altonah before the Town can take any water there.

The next Town Council meeting will be held on April 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

*A Motion was made by Ole Olsen to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Motion seconded by Glen Jessen. Motion carried unanimously.*

Read and approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

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