

Minutes of the Altamont Town Council Meeting
April 8, 2021

Present:

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

Also Present:

Vicky Jessen
Serena Brotherson

Sommer Arnold was excused.

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 March 11, 2021 as written. Motion seconded by Ole Olsen. Motion carried unanimously.

Serena Brotherson, Flags and Poles for Main Street (7:03 p.m.)

Serena stated that a few years ago she discussed putting hardware on light poles for flags, etc. That was approved, but never completed. Serena was recently contacted by UBTech. They had paid for hardware and flags to be flown in Duchesne and Roosevelt and recently passed financing and ordered hardware for 19 flagpoles for the Altamont area. They will provide hardware and make banners to be flown during the week of UBTech's graduation week. The Town can then use hardware for other things as we choose. Moon Lake Electric has agreed to put up the hardware. Craig stated that they need to be placed low enough that he can reach them from the back of the truck. Serena stated that the Rec District will be responsible for putting flags up. She is just asking for Town's permission to put the hardware on the poles, but the rec district will take care of putting up flags and taking them down. The council gave approval to put up hardware on the light poles.

Serena informed the council that Longhorn Days will be held from July 19-24. They plan to hold all of the regular events. Serena will make sure things for parade, permits, etc. are taken care of. The town will provide dumpsters and port-o-potties. Croziers have handwashing stations that may also be helpful to have. Shauri Bagley is the contact for that. The parade will be on Saturday morning. Black Diamond will take the crane to the park so the flag will be there for events at the park.

Serena asked if the Mosquito Abatement always sprays before Longhorn Days. Ole stated that they do.

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

Vicky stated that the Recreation District is still organizing and learning. They need a meeting place with internet available. She asked if the Recreation District could have

internet installed at the ambulance building. Mayor Watkins stated that we could check with Strata to see if they will add internet access to the building. Clyde stated that he would talk with Strata to see what they could offer the Town or Recreational District. Vicky stated that their next meeting is on May 6. Meetings are the first Thursday. Vicky asked if the Town would like the Recreation District to pay rent to use the building. Melba stated that the Town cannot request rent for the building but can accept donations.

Vicky stated that according to the Recreation District Bylaws, board members serve 4- year terms, and half of them come up for re-election every two years. That does not apply to the Altamont representative, so the Town council can decide what they would like the Town's representative to do. Mayor Watkins stated that the board should pay Vicky for her time on the board. If they are not planning on doing that, she can come back to the Town and request some compensation.

Fire Department (7:22 p.m.)

Chief Phillips reported that the tires have been put on the tinder. The cost was a lot less than anticipated. He also reported that the Tinder was on the East Myton fire for 6 days so a check will be coming for that. The truck averaged 74 hours, so the check should be roughly \$7,000. There have been three other fires this last week. Right now, the County has a no fire order. The Town will follow that. There was a recent fire in Upalco that took 3 trucks and 9 firefighters. They may contact the Town because they were unhappy that the fire department was called. Chief Phillips stated that he would have cited them with a reckless burn, but the responsible party took off.

The department had to cancel the order for hoses, nozzles, etc. They will go to MedTech to place the order.

Secondary Water (7:33 p.m.)

Craig reported that the Town was given some early water and the pond is about $\frac{1}{4}$ full. Craig has ordered parts to fix a couple valves and he and Rodger are planning to fix the headgate at the cemetery tomorrow. Mayor Watkins stated that the Town allows Jode Wall to get his water through the pond, but he does not have storage there. We are allowing it to go through the Town's pond, but we cannot guarantee water for any certain timeframe. Whatever the duty is, we match the duty for that week. Mayor Watkins stated that Mr. Wall cannot hook directly onto a pipe. His water must dump into a ditch with a legal weir. The Town could have Rodger check the system to make sure everything is correct.

Mayor Watkins stated that if the school district calls about removing Larue Stevenson's shares from the system, we will need to request some information. Those shares are part of the Town's system and plans.

The Town may have to ration water this year.

Discussion about training for Council Members (7:48 p.m.)

Melba stated that the council needs to do their training on public hearings. Training can be done online once a year. The Utah Auditor's Office website has training available for council members. Fraud should be brought up once a year at our meeting and we can have council members sign that they reviewed that.

Council Position (8:00 p.m.)

David Rust had shown some interest in serving on the council, but their family has sold their home and will be leaving the area so there is an opening for a council member.

Glen Jessen stated that Ray Zeeman will be hauling piles of dirt from the lot next to the park to clean that up. Glen said that would be fine as long as he left a berm there for the Town.

Council members are encouraged to keep an eye on the trailer park in case they bring in trailers just to assure that they stay off of the Town's property.

The next Town Council meeting will be held on May 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

A Motion was made by Ole Olsen to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Motion seconded by Glen Jessen. Motion carried unanimously.

Read and approved this 13th day of May, 2021.

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