

Minutes of the Altamont Town Council Meeting
April 7, 2022

Present:

Clyde Watkins

Ole Olsen

Sommer Arnold

Shilo Monney

Amanda (Mandy) Gardner, Town Clerk

Craig Kettle, Town Employee

Glen Jessen was excused.

Also present was Kimberly Layton, taking minutes.

Clyde Watkins called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Minutes Approved (7:06 p.m.)

A Motion was made by Shilo Monney to approve the minutes of March 10, 2022 as written. Motion seconded by Sommer Arnold. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Department (7:06 p.m.)

The council agreed to table this item inasmuch as Chief Phillips was not in attendance at this meeting.

Upper Community Recreation District

New Town Representative (7:07 p.m.)

Vicky Jessen is currently serving an LDS mission and asked to be released as the Town Representative so she can focus her efforts on her mission.

The council discussed assigning a Town representative. The Town would like to maintain some control of the park property. Shilo Monney asked if there could be an issue with double taxation by law. Mayor Watkins stated that this is a concern because it was represented to residents of the Town that the taxes paid to the Town would no longer be used to cover the park. It would be helpful to have the representative be a member of the council. Sommer Arnold had previously shown interest in this but is not in a position currently to be able to take that on. Shilo stated that he usually attends the Upper Community Recreation District meetings and would not mind taking that position until Sommer Arnold becomes more available.

Shilo asked if he should meet with Greg Miles to ask what the Town's responsibility is for the park at this point. The council agreed it would be beneficial to gather some information from Greg Miles. Mandy can also assist with the position of Town Representative for the Upper Community Recreation District.

Mayor Watkins asked the council if they felt their pay was appropriate. He stated that there could be an increase if needed when council members take on extra responsibilities. The council is fine with the way it is now, but would not be opposed to an increase if needed.

Zoning of Lot AL-56 (7:24 p.m.)

Shilo reported that Tony Thacker has purchased a portion of the property from Ashley. The property has been surveyed by Allreds and everything should fit the correct zoning now. Shilo has asked for copies of the survey for the Town but has not received anything yet.

Shilo also spoke with Ashley about his portion of the property and asked for a map of what he wants to do with the property, to scale, so that the Town can make a decision. He has not received anything from Ashley.

Shilo reported that with regards to easements, he was informed that the survey shows all easements, but the only easement that is filed with the County is the rear easement. The one that follows the sewer down the main road is not filed with the County. Mayor Watkins stated that the Town has a prescriptive easement through there and prescriptive easements cannot be filed with the County. He explained that a prescriptive easement says we have operated it for a number of years as a sewer system, so we now have an easement to go in and maintain the system and make repairs. Shilo asked if that easement gives the Town the ability to prevent the landowner from placing anything on that easement? Mayor Watkins stated that the Town cannot stop them from putting anything there, but if the Town needed to access the property and something was in the way, the property owner would be at fault.

Shilo will keep meeting with Tony and Ashley and asking for the surveys.

Mayor Watkins stated that we need to make sure that there is proof of the prescriptive easement in the files. Mandy and Craig will do some research.

Utilities, Secondary Water, Meters, Ordinance Policy on Delinquent Payment (7:36 p.m.)

Mayor Watkins stated that the Town needs to obtain more information on the meter requirement. He is unsure of whether the state legislature can mandate that the Town place meters on the secondary water, especially when it isn't the Town's water. It is leased BIA water. Another question to ask is could it be an option to put a single meter at the top of the system rather than a meter on each connect?

Ole reviewed some information and there are grants available to help with the cost now. All of Utah will be required to meter water by the year 2030.

If the Town is going to be required to place a meter on each connect, we need to start applying for grants now. Part of the town is agricultural, and meters aren't required on that, so that makes it difficult as well. Any new connects should get a meter now. Craig stated that all connects are already in. Ole will do some research and ask some questions. Mayor Watkins also offered assistance.

Mandy stated that the Town has one resident who is delinquent on their secondary water bill. He currently has \$878.92 owing. Mandy found a code to use for a lien but is unsure if the Town can place a lien because the code states that liens can be obtained by special service districts. Shilo is in favor of writing a letter demanding payment. Mandy will prepare a letter with a deadline of 30-60 days to make a payment plan with the Town or a lien will be filed against the property.

The Town could also check with the bank to see if there are options for an ACH withdrawal to collect these funds.

Mayor Watkins informed the council that Upper Country Water is looking into a program to apply with so that if people have a hard time paying their bill, they could go to that

entity for help. He asked if the Town would be interested in applying with this program as well. The council did not feel that there is a need to do that at this time.

Municipal Wastewater Planning Program Annual Report (8:12 p.m.)

Mayor Watkins stated that the annual report must be presented to the council. The annual report includes information on sewer system including sewer overflows, bad lines, manholes, how many feet and other things. The Municipal Wastewater Planning Program Annual Report was presented to the council and will be submitted.

Grant for Stormwater and Flooding (8:14 p.m.)

There is a quarterly report due soon. Eric Majors is looking into whether or not an RFP is required in order to assign an engineer on this project.

Training (8:17 p.m.)

The council reviewed training on open and public meetings.

Council members were given information on how to do training that is applicable to their positions through the Utah State Auditor's website.

The next council meeting will be held on May 12 at 7:00 p.m.

A Motion was made by Ole Olsen to end the meeting at 8:42 p.m. Motion seconded by Shilo Monney. Motion carried unanimously.

Read and approved this 12 day of May, 2022.

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