

Minutes of the Altamont Town Council Meeting

July 14, 2022

Present:

Clyde Watkins

Ole Olsen

Shilo Monney

Josh Phillips Altamont Fire Chief

Amanda (Mandy) Gardner, Town Clerk

Craig Kettle, Town Employee

Public:

Eric Majors, Jones & DeMille Engineering

Glen Jessen was excused.

Sommer Arnold was absent.

Clyde Watkins called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes Approved (7:12 p.m.)

The minutes should reflect the name Joe Haslem rather than Joe Hadlem. With that correction a Motion was made by Shilo Monney to approve the minutes of June 17, 2022. Motion seconded by Ole Olsen. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Department (7:15 p.m.)

Chief Phillips informed the council that invoices for the frack protection has been turned in; the fire truck made \$23000-23700. Fire department has Bunker Gear arriving next week. Longhorn Days Car show is ready to go, the department is providing hot dogs and candy, everything else will be donated.

Chief Phillips asked the council for permission to purchase a Vacuum Mattress for the Rescue Truck. Chief Phillips can purchase one from the hospital at a discounted price around \$900.

Instead of sending Truck 157 out to the city to fix the pump, Brandon Peck, Mike Bywater, and Brytan Lisonbee rebuilt the pump. The Town should be receiving a bill from Pumpers for parts. Truck 155 has a twenty-year-old engine and pump. Chief Phillips would like to look into a new skid steer for truck 155, keeping the old one and rebuilding for a spare.

There are three or four firefighters taking Wildland training, in August they should be ready for testing. The last month has been busy for the firefighters. They had extraction training that did not go well, and it had Chief Phillips concerned. Shortly after they had a call that required extractions, and had no issues. They were also able to assist Duchesne Fire with a second extraction while on scene. Chief Phillips stated that was one of the fire departments best extractions, and was very pleased it went so well, after such a bad training experience. He let the council know he appreciated his team.

Eric Major enters meeting (7:19 p.m.)

The council asked chief Phillips about the usefulness of the cars behind the fire station. They are looking rough. Chief Phillips stated that the cars can still be useful in training. Mayor Watkins asked that the fire department be considerate of how the cars look. The council cannot ask town members to clean up their property if the town's not doing the same with their property. As long as the fire department can use the cars for training, they are okay to stay.

Shilo asked if there will be fireworks at Long Horn Days. Chief Phillip answered yes, this year has had better ground conditions, than in past years. They follow the county guild lines when it comes to fireworks, and will have trucks in place for protection measures.

Mayor Watkins asked Chief Phillips if there is still a possibility of future frack jobs, with the change in ownership of some of oil wells. Chief Phillip replied that the section sold did not have any plans for a frack protection and all future frack protection will continue to be with Ovintiv. By September the dividing of oil wells should be finalized. Mayor Watkins stated that the towns tax base is small, so it is nice to have other ways to provide for the fire department. Chief Phillips stated that there is a possibility of ten more protection jobs this year. If the fire department continues to work the protection jobs, we will need to look into having a work permit from the Ute Tribe. Currently there is an agreement with the Ute Tribe to fight fires on Tribal land, Chief Phillip is not sure if the protection jobs at a commercial site fall under that agreement. He will need to look into what is needed.

Upper Community Recreation District (7:31 p.m.)

Shilo stated that UCRD is asking for invoices, they have one and are ready for more. Mandy stated that she had a couple read to mail, and was still working on total cost of the others. Shilo pointed out that is beneficial to both us and them to charge correctly, for UCRD it helps for future budgets.

UCRD has change their bylaws, so a member of the Town Council can be part of their board.

Shilo updated the council on the electrical project at the park. UCRD will pay \$1750, Longhorn days will pay \$1450, leaving \$2000. Would the city be willing to pay the remaining balance? Shilo informed UCRD that he would not commit to that number without talking to the council. Shilo added that because URCD asked for this improvement, that they should be the ones to pay for. URCD is going forward with the project and will pay for it, and later see what amount the Town can contribute towards the cost.

Zoning (7:37 p.m.)

Shilo stated that, we have the paperwork showing the new measurement of lot AL56-0002 to split it into two lots. To move forward with the Duchesne County all that is left is to sign the paperwork. The Zoning committee and the Town Council both need to sign off of the paper work.

A Motion was made by Shilo Monney to sign the paper work for lot AL56-002 also known as lot 8a, 8b and 8c in the town of Altamont. Motion seconded by Ole Olsen. For Discussion Mayor Watkins asked who currently owns 8c. Shilo answered Ashley Webb currently owns 8c. Motion carried unanimously.

Josh Phillips left meeting (7:49 p. m.)

Stormwater Project (7:49 p.m.)

Eric Majors informed the council that part of the project was to get an aerial map of the town, the quote came back double the amount planed for. \$8,000 to \$10,000 was budgeted for the aerial, the quote came back \$16,000 to \$20,000. The Grant is for \$25,000, while an aerial would be nice to have, there are better uses of the grant money. Eric looked into other way to get aerial done, and found a couple if free options. The difference between the free images and a new aerial would be the sharpness of small object. While the image would not be as sharp for small detail, it would still be useable for the project. The question for the council, spend the \$20,000 or to go with another option.

Shilo stated that if the other option is functionable why spend \$20,000 for a nice picture. Eric stated that if the council had other projects, like widening a road the \$20,000 aerial could be useful. Mayor Watkins stated that the only project the town would have, would be if the town received a grant to continuing the sidewalk projects. The surveying should be already done, along as the same company comes back to finish the sidewalks.

Mayor Watkins asked Eric what are we using the rest of grant money for, and what kind of resources are allowed. Eric answered, it allows for plans and to make a list of projects for the stormwater project.

Eric Majors left the meeting (8:12 p.m.)

Utilities/Secondary Water (8:12 p.m.)

Mandy informed the council that there are still a few individuals who have not paid their Secondary water bill. She asked if she should send out a reminder letter similar to the one Melba sent out in years past. Clyde answered yes, to send out the letters.

Mandy asked with the division of AL56-0002 if both lots would have secondary water. Craig answered that currently that the line goes with the brick house. For the double wide to get secondary water, a new line would need to be installed. Clyde pointed out that secondary water needs to be made available. Craig said that he would let Tony Thacker, the current owner know. Mandy asked if the town would charge a connection fee? The council agreed that yes, the Town will charge a hook-up fee. Clyde stated that it would be easier to put a new line in while both properties were owned by the same person, if not then the brick house would need to offer a right-away to have access to put a secondary water line. The Town council needs to look out for the future home owner and make sure they have access. Looking out for the future home owner is why the council and zoning board asked if there was access through Lot AL-56, before changing the zoning of Lot AL56-0002,

Shilo pulled out the paperwork for the zoning to see if access through AL56 is listed. Not finding anything listed the council decided not to sign the paperwork until we have proof of access being filed and recorded with the county.

Ashley Webb & Tailer Park (8:21 p.m.)

Mandy informed the council that a letter was sent to Ashley Webb, stating that he can move his trailer when the town is provided with a clean title, with the correct date and proof of ownership. The letter, also said that the trailer cannot have occupancy until the county gives their approval.

Clyde stated that he does not want to make it hard for Ashely to move the trailer. The conversation we are having this year, with Ashely are the same conversation we had with him last year. Ashely has not done anything with the trailer, in the last year, but now want the Town to meet his terms.

The next council meeting, Thursday August 11 at 7:00 p.m.

A Motion was made by Ole Olsen to end the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Motion seconded by Shilo Monney. Motion carried unanimously.

Read and approved this 11 day of August, 2022.