

Minutes of the Altamont Town Council Meeting

August 11, 2022

Present:

Clyde Watkins

Glen Jessen

Shilo Monney

Amanda (Mandy) Gardner, Town Clerk

Public:

Vicki Jessen

Ole Olsen, Sommer Arnold and Craig Kettle, Town Employee, were excused

Clyde Watkins called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes Approved (7:07 p.m.)

Motion was made by Shilo Monney to approve the minutes of July 14, 2022 as written.

Motion seconded by Glen Jessen. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Department (7:08 pm)

Chief Phillips was not in attendance

Mayor Watkins reviewed with the council the private frack jobs the fire department has done in the past. The wells in lower area have been bought out by Scout, that may or may not affect future frack jobs.

Shilo stated that the School District donated old litter/gurney to the fire department. The fire department can use them in training.

Farmers Market/Community Garden (7:12)

Mandy informed the council that she had been approached by a community member to be on the agenda a couple weeks ago, and has not heard back from that individual. The individual is interested in having a Farmers Market and a Community Garden.

Mayor Watkins asked the council if they had any interest in being part of a Farmers Market. Glen stated the he did not, Shilo added that Town could promote a Farmers Market, but that was as much involvement as he want to be part of. Consensus of the council was that the Town is not against a Farmers Market or Community Garden, but the Town does not want to be part of it.

Upper Community Recreation District (7:17 p.m.)

Shilo reported that UCRD was happy with how Longhorn Days turned out. Serena Brotherson will not be over Longhorn Days next year; it will be Debbie Thayne. There has been trouble with keys and locks, people have been stuffing the lock holes, making it so the keys cannot be used. Shilo advised the district to replace them with a padlock that has a tumble, and having the code changed periodically to keep access limited.

Shilo informed the council that the electrical work has been completed, it turned out being a thousand less than expected. UCRD will pay \$1750, Longhorn Days will pay \$1450 and the rest will be billed to the town.

Shilo stated the UCRD is wanting the town to send them invoices for the park. Mandy informed the council that she was still working on making sure that the bills were fair to both the town and the district, and making sure she was not double billing on anything. Mandy added that she is still calculating the wage cost.

Glen asked if \$15,000 was the district's budget for the park? Shilo answered that it is the current budget, with the understanding that number does not work well.

Glen pointed out that the Town and UCRD have not finalized a deal with about taking over the park. Right now, the park is just getting by. Mayor Watkins added that UCRD is getting a better idea of the cost involved to taking care of the park.

Glen stated his concern with double taxing of the residents of the Town, with the Town taking care of the park. Shilo pointed out that being reimbursed should take care of that concern. After having a conversation with commissioner Greg Miles, it was commissioner Miles opinion, that being reimbursed is a legal, and would address the double taxation.

Shilo informed the council that, the district looked into who owned the c-container at the park by the baseball fields. It was brought in by a crane company. It is not town property; the district will take care of it.

Zoning AL-0056-0002 (7:27 p.m.)

Mandy stated that the town has been provided a copy of the easement agreement, that the town asked to see at last month's meeting. Shilo added that the agreement is through lot 9 giving access to their property. Mayor Watkins asked what is the length of the easement? Shilo answered width is 75 feet and the length is 160 feet to the end of eight b. If eight c were sold, they would need another easement.

Ashley Webb & Tailer Park/ RV Park (7:30 p.m.)

Mandy reported to the Council that she had spoken with Mr. Webb about Zoning. He mentioned that he was looking to rezone some of his property. Mandy added that in her conversation with Mr. Webb she informed him that before any changes could happen that, he would need to meet with the Zoning board and have a public meeting. Mr. Webb emailed that he would withdrawing from tonight's meeting, and will at a later date meet with the zoning committee.

Shilo informed the council that he was interested in buy part of the trailer park, the RV pads and laundry mat from Mr. Webb. Shilo added that he told Mr. Webb that He, Shilo, will not be voting any future decision that may come before the town from Mr. Webb, because that would be a conflict of interest.

Shilo stated that he is interested in putting an RV park in town. The council discussed a few steps that would need to happen before a RV Park could built. The property would need to

zoned commercial, and that would require a zoning meeting. The Town would need to adopt an ordinance for RV Parks, and the town would need a layout plan of the proposed RV Park.

Mayor Watkins asked Vicki about her availability for the zoning board. Vicki responded that with enough notice she would be available. Mandy added that there would be at least a two-week notice. The meeting has to be advertised to the public for two weeks. Vicki Stated that in order to make any decisions, she would need to see a plan. Mandy stated that as part of her conversation with Mr. Webb, that she told him before a meeting would be scheduled, he would need to have his documents ready. Glen stated that the earliest he and Vicki could come to a meeting would be at 7:00 pm

Utilities/Secondary Water (8:43 p.m.)

Mayor Watkins stated that the water in the ditch has been at three feet, it is going to drop to two feet. As long as water is used wisely it will last. Mandy added that Craig told her that the pond is full.

Mandy informed the council that there were four households who have not paid their water bill.

The next council meeting, Wednesday September 14 at 7:00 p.m.

A Motion was made by Glen Jessen to end the meeting at 8:48 p.m. Motion seconded by Shilo Monney. Motion carried unanimously.

Read and approved this 14 day of September, 2022.

Minuets of the meeting prepared by Amanda Gardner Town Clerk