

Minutes of the Altamont Town Council Meeting
October 13, 2022

Present:

Clyde Watkins
Glen Jessen
Brent (Ole) Olsen
Shilo Monney
Craig Kettle, Town Employee
Amanda (Mandy) Gardner, Town Clerk
Josh Phillips, Fire Chief
Sommer Arnold was not attendance

Public:

Clyde Watkins called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Minutes Approved (7:05 p.m.)

A Motion was made by Shilo Monney to approve the minutes of September 14, 2022 as written. Motion seconded by Glen Jessen. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Department (7:06 p.m.)

Chief Phillips reported that the department made money on Bolder Ridge Fire, Mandy added that she had received an email with the break down.

Currently department is preparing for the Halloween fundraiser

Extrications are signed off for the year. Training for this year is wrapping up, and getting ready to start wildland red card next February. No new personal at this time, may lose one or two firefighters. John Bagley has his house for sale. Overall personal numbers are strong, even if we lose one or two firefighters. A couple of the junior firefighters have or will shortly turned eighteen. Hunter Phillips is eighteen and, Tice Sorenson will turn eighteen this month or next. With them added it will put the department up to 20.

Over all equipment is looking good. Chief Phillips is having a hard time getting quotes on a skid steer. One company is short on employees, the another has not returned his calls. The department is going to take 157 apart to find out why it is not working, and hope that they can fix it.

Working toward getting foam on a small truck to use on Fracking jobs, which might start up in December.

Mike Bywater is working with employment company, Finley, on writing a grant for bigger extraction equipment. The equipment cost around \$30,000. Our department is averaging one semi extraction every ten months. All of the semi extractions have been oil field related. The hope is, that if we present a need, that an oil company will buy and donate the equipment, that helps them and our department.

Chief Phillips asked the council if it would be possible to send a five of our firefighters out to extraction school on a rotating system? With the increase of electric cars, the department is going to need training on how to cut them. It is a three-day school, that cost around \$100 each, plus food, lodging and travel expense. The council agreed that it would be beneficial, and would like to see it happen. Chief Phillips said he would work on a plan.

Chief Phillips left the meeting (7:23p.m.)

Utilities (7:23 p.m.)

Craig reported that by end of next week the pond will be empty.

Upper Community Recreation District (7:26 p.m.)

Skipped to roads

Roads/Street Lights (7:27p.m.)

Glen reports that there are a few places that need patching by the park, and by the grocery store.

Shilo Stepped out (7:29 Pm)

The section by the store could be a patch job or it could be a bigger project. Waiting on bids for the project. Glen talked to CKC and John Allred about putting in bids.

Glen had a call about a street light being out, so he drove around to see if there were more. He found four that were out. He will call Moon Lake Electric to have them fix the lights. Glen would like to add three more street light to the town. In order to put a light on a pole, the pole has to be owned by Moon Lake. Adding the three lights will increase the electric bill, at max guessing \$75.00 a month. He will go to Roosevelt office to put in a work order.

Ordinances (7:35 p.m.)

Mandy passed out a handout of a list of things to consider to include in a RV ordinance. Ole stated that he would prefer an Ordinances written in a way that that in 20 years, it is still applicable. Glen pointed out that ordinances only last until the town council changes them. Towns councils periodically update ordinances with improvements. Ole stated he has concerns about clauses added to property deeds that would go against the town's ordinances.

Ole brought up occupied time in a RV park, for example if the time is for 10 days, what is stopping the person from changing spots for another 10 days. Mandy added that one ordinance she had read, had a 180 days total in the RV park. Glen added that he thought that occupied limit should take into account seasonal workers.

Shilo Stepped back in (7:41 p.m.)

Ole asked Shilo his thoughts on Occupancy limits. Shilo answered short term occupancy could generate more income than long term occupancy, long term would be more stable income. For balance he would do two sections, a short term in one area, and a long term in a second area.

Shilo informed the council that he has signed a contract with Ashely Webb to buy lot 9. If the sell goes through, the property lines/plot lines of lots 8, lot 9, and lot 10 will change to match current fences lines. Tony Thacker will own lot 8, Shilo will own lot 9, and Ashely Webb will own Lot 10 and Lot 11.

Clyde pointed out that the area is going from one business owner to three business owner. If one or more of the business owners come to the Town asking for a variance, that it would be difficult to make a discission without knowing each property owners plan. The Council is going to have to decide if they are going to grant variances, or enforce the current ordinances.

Upper Community Recreation District (8:34 p.m.)

Shilo reported UCRD had their budget hearing last week, and they kept the park budget the same. He asked UCRD if that number should be higher, they did not think that it should be. Mandy reported that park expenses are over \$15,000, and there still is three months left. Shilo added that at UCRD budget hearing that when he questioned the budget, that Jack Wood indicated that since the park is still in the Towns name it is the towns responsibility, not UCRDs. Shilo informed the council that, that he was surprised at Jack's words, because he understood that the park was UCRDs responsibility, and that the town was helping short term. Shilo informed UCRD that it would be double taxation for the residence of Altamont. Currently UCRD is reimbursing the town and there is not double taxation. If expenses go over \$15,000, URCD is still responsible to reimburse the Town. Mandy reported that URCD has been billed for over \$17,000 and there are three months left to bill for. Mandy added that she emailed Annissa, before the budget hearing, to inform her that the electric bill will probably increase \$400.00 next year.

Shilo asked if the Town had talked with the lawyer about transferring the park to UCRD. Clyde answered that after our last meeting with UCRD, that UCRD is wanting a different arrangement, and we have not come up with specifics.

Glen pointed out that we have provided UCRD with a summer's worth of cost, it is time to turn the park over. Ole agreed it is time to turn it over.

Clyde pointed out that before any action can be taken that the council needs to decide, what action. Does the Council want to give UCRD the park 100%? Does the Council want any clauses in the agreement that if the park is not kept at a certain standard to reverts back to the Town?

A Motion was made by Glen Jessen to end the meeting at 8:57 p.m. Motion seconded by Shilo Monney. Motion carried unanimously.

Read and approved this 11 day of November, 2022.

Minuets of the meeting prepared by Amanda Gardner Town Clerk