

Minutes of the Altamont Town Council Meeting
April 13, 2023

Present:

Clyde Watkins
Ole Olsen
Shilo Monney
Sommer Arnold
Glen Jessen
Craig Kettle, Town Employee
Amanda (Mandy) Gardner, Town Clerk

Public:

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

Minutes Approved (7:01 p.m.)

A Motion was made by Glen Jessen to approve the minutes of January 12, 2022 as written. Motion seconded by Sommer Arnold. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget (7:02 p.m.)

Mandy reviewed the budget for the current year to date. There are three more months left on this budget. Most categories are under budget right now. The park and secondary water summer season is just starting, there will be more expenses added before the end of the fiscal year. Sewer is over budget. Glen asked about the Roads budget. Mandy stated that the original budget was set at \$19,000, so far only \$9,000 has been used. Most of the \$9,000 is the cost of snow removal. Mandy added, the previous year only used \$2,000 on Roads.

Mandy informed the council all the town's CD accounts will be up for renewal the end of June. The Council will need to decide if the CDs should be renewed and at what time period. Mayor Watkins suggested that the council watch the interest rates. If there were concerns about rate being lower when the CD end than current rates, we could find out what the penalty would be to close them early and compare that to the interest rate that would be earned in the new CD.

Fire Department (7:08 p.m.)

Chief Phillips was not in attendance. Mayor Watkins informed the council that the Fire Department found a company to work with, that enables the department to do the frac jobs.

Upper Community Recreation District (7:10 p.m.)

Shilo reported that youth baseball registration is about to start, and games will be held at the park. Shilo asked the Longhorn Day's committee if they had any requests for maintenance at the park in addition to the normal upkeep of the park. The committee currently does not know of anything. In regards to the Park finances, UCRD is still happy with the town billing them for the care of the park. Shilo reported that he reminds UCRD that if the expense is more than the amount UCRD has budgeted for, the Town still expects payment. Overall UCRD focus is on the Rodeo ground. By next month the Town should hear back from the Longhorn Day's Committee.

Craig reported that the sprinklers needed repair, he will be calling Allred's to come and look at it. Mandy stated that it would be helpful to know when the ball games were scheduled, to avoid scheduling conflicts.

Roads (8:16 p. m.)

Glen stated that he would like to grade the dirt roads and is in the process of scheduling that. The cost of grading should not affect the budget. Glen would like to replace the grave on the dirt roads by the park. He will look into the cost of new gravel, that project will probably go on next year's budget. Sommer reminded the council that in the past when the snow melted, it flooded the road. Clyde stated that if the road floods we need to let Jones & DeMille Engineering know. Clyde asked if there has been any flooding this year in town? Sommer answered that she has not seen any. Clyde reported that there was water running above town last week, it is good to know that the water was contained to ditches. With most of the snow melted, it lets the town know that spring runoff does not cause that area to flood, it is rain storms that cause the problem.

Glen stated that he would like to have a survey done on the road between the two Church lots. Who would the town contact to perform the survey? Clyde asked if the town wanted to use a surveyor that the town has pervious used or someone new? Craig stated that he did not know who the town has used in the past. Clyde stated that for the sidewalk project Civco did the survey, and before that Rodney Rowley. Glen said he would talk to Civco, they will be doing preliminary work for the sidewalk anyway. Craig suggested having the south road surveyed at the same time so the town could put up a fence. Clyde asked if anyone remembered who survey that area previously? The last time that area was surveyed there were two surveys, one was correct and the other was not. In the past the Town has given up land to keep the peace, that is not an option on this road. There is not room for error on the south road. The Road between the Church property's has room to be off.

Glen stated that he would like to know the exact location of the road between the church's property and in the future trade the road for a strip of land next to the property for a sidewalk.

Sidewalk project (8:30 p. m.)

Glen gave an update on the sidewalk project, Civco has been waiting for the snow to melt before surveying and drawing up the blueprints. The plan is to have bids this coming fall and work beginning next spring.

Mayor Watkins suggested that there be a written explanation of the sidewalk Master plan for future councils. The explanation should include how monetary and time restrictions determined the locations of the sidewalk. Mandy added that there is a map in the proposal of the current master plan for the sidewalks.

Utilities: Secondary Water & Sewer (7:37 p. m.)

Secondary Water

Craig has not been given a date for when water turns will start. Mayor Watkins stated that the Town needs to beware of water utilization, how water is used in a wet year could affect future water rights. Because of the long-term drought that the State of Utah has had, the state is going to

audit water rights. The State is planning to have an updated map of water rights. Mayor Watkins suggests to have a map of water rights before the State come through. When the State does come, the Town and State can compare maps for accuracy.

Mayor Watkins asked Mandy to gather numbers on Secondary water so the Council can get an idea of numbers. Mandy had pulled numbers from past budget of revenue vs expense with the conclusion of expense are greater than revenue. The secondary water rate needs to increase just to keep up current maintenance. The price of parts has increase, while the Towns rate has stayed the same. Ole figures a seven percent increase would be the breakeven point. A ten percent increase would add \$12.00 to Ole's Secondary water bill. Sommer estimates that her water bill would increase \$13.00. Shilo pointed out that before the Town sets a rate, future repairs need to be taken into consideration. As the system ages and as parts wear out, the cost of repairs will increase.

Sewer

The grinder has been fixed and is running. The manufacturing company has a program where you trade the broken grinder for a refurbished grinder for around ten thousand dollars. Craig was able to replace the broken parts for five thousand dollars.

Ole asked to have money for camera's added to the sewer budget. Mandy informed the Council that the sewer budget is over \$800 so far this year. The repairs to the grinder were an unplanned expense.

Other (7:59 p.m.)

Shilo informed the Council, that with his new Church calling and responsibilities, his time on the council will be ending.

The next council meeting, May 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

A Motion was made by Sommer Arnold to end the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Motion seconded by Shilo Monney. Motion carried unanimously.

Read and approved this 11 day of May, 2023.
Minuets of the meeting prepared by Amanda Gardner Town Clerk