

Minutes of the Altamont Town Council Meeting
May 11, 2023

Present:

Clyde Watkins

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Glen Jessen

Sommer Arnold

Josh Phillips Fire Chief

Craig Kettle, Town Employee

Amanda (Mandy) Gardner, Town Clerk

Public:

Clyde Watkins called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes Approved (7:00 p.m.)

A Motion was made by Sommer Arnold to approve the minutes of April 13, 2023 as written. Motion seconded by Glen Jessen. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Department (7:03 p.m.)

Fire Chief Phillips reported that the number of firefighters is 19. The firefighters have their red cards, and all but one truck has had their inspections. During a routine maintenance check on truck 153, the fire department found that the pump motor is not functioning correctly. The pump motor is at the repair shop, Chief Phillips will contact the repair shop tomorrow to find out what needs to be fixed. The pump on 157 has been fixed.

Chief Phillips has been in contact with Mike at Spartan Alert about the frac jobs. Spartan has turned in all the paperwork, and is waiting for payment from Ovintiv. Payouts are between 45-90 days.

Mayor Watkins asked if the County is working on a new fire agreement? He had a call from Nathan Robinson about picking a new agreement. Chief Phillips replied that it could be for wage increase on trucks. The state has increased their truck pay and Commissioner Miles told chief Phillips that the county would check into adjusting the county rate. Chief Phillip will get with Nathan Robinson about the agreement.

Chief Phillips reported that the state will now pay the department for control burns.

The fire department and EMS will have a combine training coming up that will use the vehicles by the fire station. The county has left sand and bags at the fire station for anyone who needs sandbags in the surrounding area, with a limit of 50 bags per household.

Mayor Watkins asked Chief Phillips if he knew anything about a program that AT&T has been promoting call FirstNet. Chief Phillips currently uses the program. FirstNet is for first responder, Ems, Firefighter, Police, Military, anyone who would respond to an emergency. During a major emergency when normal communication lines are down FirstNet will then turn on. There are areas that AT&T does not work. As a first responder he has been on scene where he did not have coverage. It has not been a problem, because the radios have worked, or someone had a different provider.

Josh Phillips left the meeting 7:23

Upper Community Recreation District (7:30 p.m.)

Craig reported that there are at eight sprinkler heads that need replacing, there could be more. Craig has not called Allred's about an error that comes up on a section of the sprinklers.

With Shilo leaving the council, the Town will need to replace him on the UCRD Board. Sommer volunteered to go when she is available with Glen or Mandy filling in when she is working.

Roads and Sidewalk (7:33 p.m.)

Glen reported that he has been in contact with Allen Lindsay about grading the roads. Allen will work the Town into his schedule. Civco has been up working on surveys of three different areas of the town. When the plans are drawn for the sidewalk project, Civco will come and present them. Glen would like to put steel post marking the road way between the Church and the Churches field behind the Church. Glen would like the measurements from the survey of the roadway south of town to be added to the official Town plot, then measurements will be ready if and when the area south of Town is subdivided.

Utilities: Secondary Water (7:46 p.m.)

There is water in the pond, and not everyone has paid their bill. The Town is exempt from the metering the secondary water currently, metering requirement could change in the next legislative session.

Cemetery (7:52 p.m.)

Mayor Watkins asked Craig if there are any needs, or projects needing to be completed. Craig informed the council that the Altamont Cemetery will need expanding soon, and will need pipe for the sprinklers in the new section. Craig will send the rest of the month getting the cemeteries ready for Memorial Weekend. Moon Lake Electric fixed a fuse on the Altonah watering system. Craig started watering the Altonah after the fuse was fixed.

Budget (7:55 p.m.)

Budget Hearing will be June 8th 2023. The Council will approve the proposed tax rate/ mill levy from the county. The Road's budget will include the sidewalk project. Cemetery budget to include pipes for sprinklers. Sewer Budget to include the cost of cameras down the east side of Town.

The next council meeting, June 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

A Motion was made by Glen Jessen to end the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion seconded by Sommer Arnold. Motion carried unanimously.

Read and approved this 8 day of June, 2023.
Minutes of the meeting prepared by Amanda Gardner Town Clerk