

Minutes of the Altamont Town Council Meeting
October 9 2025

Present:

Clyde Watkins

Glen Jessen

Vickie Jessen

Craig Kettle, Town Employee

Amanda (Mandy) Gardner, Town Clerk

Russell Sorensen and Scott Allen were not in attendance

Public:

Clyde Watkins called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes Approved

*A Motion was made by Glen Jessen to approve the minutes of September 2025 as written.
Motion seconded by Vickie Jessen. Motion carried unanimously.*

Fire Department

The Fire Department is requesting the return of their contract. The Council had previously approved the contract in August.

Boundary Changes: The department modified its boundaries to expand coverage. This alteration likely occurred in the vicinity of the boulder area or near the pine tree.

Action: The Council is required to sign the contract to facilitate its return to the Fire Department, as this action was not previously completed.

Fire Conditions: Fire activity has diminished. Although it remains fire season, conditions are noted as very dry, and the council discourages burning. Observations included individuals burning substantial piles of Russian olives and the edges of ditches or fences near the school/alkaline area.

Utilities

Water and Infrastructure Update:

Water Supply: Water remains available, and the pond is full, though it experienced a slight drainage today. The town is receiving an additional day's worth of water due to Roger's pivot remaining inoperative and the conclusion of the sprinkling season.

Pond Management: The pond will be aerated rather than drained.

Backhoe Repair: The backhoe experienced a breakdown in the middle of an intersection. Repairs encompassed replacing the tension pulley on the fan belt, installing a new fan belt, and fitting new motor mounts. The backhoe is currently operational.

Equipment Disposal (Surplus Equipment):

The Council discussed the disposal of unused equipment to create additional space in the shop.

Old Dixon lawnmower: This mower features a 5ft deck, operates poorly, and has flat tires. Parts are difficult to procure as Dixon was acquired by Husqvarna 20 years ago. A suggested sales price was mentioned as potentially between \$200 and \$500.

Hustler lawnmower (with wings): This mower ceases operation once the hydraulics begin to warm up.

Tractor: It is not currently utilized since the town acquired the side-by-side vehicle. It required carburetor repair after prolonged disuse resulted in varnish buildup.

Action: Discussion focused on offering the surplus equipment for an open bid and posting the notice on the bulletin board. The advertisement period should be approximately two weeks.

Snow Removal:

The Council discussed ensuring the new sidewalks are kept clear for children commuting to school. The snow plow/backhoe operator endeavors to push the snow to the side opposite the sidewalk to prevent accumulation on the walking path.

Roads

Park Crossings: Follow-up is required regarding the crossings at the park that were assigned to Russell (the Mountain Man guy). Only the curbs have been completed, and the council needs to ascertain if he intends to complete the crossing work.

All Hazards Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan Resolution

The County is developing a multi-jurisdictional mitigation plan. Participation in this plan is mandated by FEMA for the community to be eligible for grant funding in the event of a disaster (e.g., an oil spill cleanup). The County managed the public hearings and advertising, thereby simplifying the process for the town.

A motion was made by Glenn Jessen to adopt the Resolution supporting participation in the All-Hazards Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan. The motion was seconded by Vickie Jessen

Vote (Roll Call): Glenn voted Yes, Vickie voted Yay, Clyde voted Yay.

The motion passed unanimously.

Annexation

Lawyer Signature: The lawyer signed the annexation documents. He had initially questioned whether state law or town ordinances necessitated his signature, especially since the project did not constitute a subdivision.

Other Business / Logistics

Next Meeting (November 13th): The Council scheduled the next meeting for November 13th 2025 7p.m.

Board of Canvas: A quorum is mandatory for the November 13th meeting to fulfill the duties of the Board of Canvas for the election. The canvas must occur after the 11th, aligning with scheduling requirements.

A Motion was made by Glen Jessen to end the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Motion seconded by Vickie Jessen. . Motion carried unanimously.

Read and approved this 13 day of November, 2025.
Minutes of the meeting prepared by Amanda Gardner Town Clerk