

**MINUTES
CITY OF ALTAMONT
April 22, 2021**

REGULAR MEETING	<p>The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with Mayor Richard Hayward presiding. Mayor Hayward opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Eric Rucker led the prayer. Councilmembers present: Craig Carnahan, Ben Cochran, Raymond Coffey and Paul Souders.</p>
MINUTES	<p>Councilmember Cochran moved and Souders seconded to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.</p>
INVOICES	<p>Councilmember Souders moved and Carnahan seconded to accept the invoices in the amount of \$113,678.41. Motion carried.</p>
LAKE SIGNS	<p>Rob Gartner presented a design for new lake signs for Louis P. Gartner Recreation Area - Idle Hour Lake. Jerry Gartner's memorial was donated to the Altamont Recreation Commission to help fund this project with a total of \$1305.00. Mr. Gartner would like something that is maintenance free for the City. He stated he could do the footing for the sign along with a little help from the City. He has someone who can laser cut the signs.</p> <p>Councilmember Cochran and Carnahan seconded to allow the signage to be placed at the Lake as designated in the letter from Mr. Gartner. Motion carried.</p>
KMU	<p>Mr. Gartner thanked the City for putting their trust in KMU for safety trainings.</p>
CITY ADMINISTRATOR	<p>Report written by Audree Aguilera. Natural gas/energy crisis – payment agreements due by April 16th. Twenty percent of the April bill due by April 27th. Extensions may be requested with Council approval. Started looking into gas purchasing agents/KMGA. Starting to make adjustments on accounts and data entry of payment agreements. The draft of the personnel handbook is complete; reviewing with department heads for revisions. USDA Loan for fire truck in final stages; funds are now available. Working on OG Bond with Bond Counsel. Fire Truck is anticipated to arrive in November. Data entry of open cases into new court software. Departments have budget worksheets; due May 28. Wave Wireless anticipates updating Council room by the end of this month. The City of Altamont is anticipated to receive \$142,622 from the American Rescue Plan. The old swing set at the Lake is starting to deteriorate. We received pricing for pre-engineered swing-sets. Brad is worried about the liability and durability of making the swing sets ourselves. KMU safety meetings starting this month. First meeting is April 22; meetings will be on the first Thursday of the month at 10 AM. Upcoming items/project – Electric fund tabled to May 13th.</p> <p>Mayor Hayward stated \$100,000,000 was expanded for the fire grants. Mayor Hayward is hopeful we could still get some money towards our grant application. Councilmember Souders was pleased with the KMU training which he was able to attend.</p>
PAINTED CROSSWALKS	<p>Mayor Hayward stated we have talked about doing painted crosswalks for two years. He would like to use school colors to show our support. Mayor Hayward stated we need to reach out to the school to see if they still have the templates for the grizzly paw.</p>
OLD FIRE BUILDING	<p>Mayor Hayward stated we need to look at getting new quotes for tearing down the old fire department and the possible replacement of that building. Audree stated the City may be able to use the new COVID funding or a CDBG grant for this project. Mayor Hayward had talked to LeaAnn about possibly putting a meeting room in that area.</p>
LAKE SWINGS	<p>A quote was presented from Miracle Recreation for two new swing sets at Idle Hour Lake for \$3,888.00. For safety reasons, Audree feels like the City should get pre-engineered swings. Audree stated we have the funds in Capital Improvement or the Lake Fund.</p> <p>Councilmember Souders asked if LeaAnn had a chance to look at installing a zipline at the City Park. LeaAnn stated we need to look a little closer at the slope.</p> <p>Councilmember Cochran moved and Souders seconded to rescind the purchase of the metal from the previous motion and allow the purchase of the swing sets through Miracle Recreation for a total of \$3,880.00. Motion carried.</p>
CIC RENEWAL	<p>The annual renewal for Computer Information Concepts (CIC) was presented to Council for \$2,370.00. Court and Server Backup was removed from our invoice due to changing companies for these items. Councilmember Coffey questioned how often we call on CIC. LeaAnn stated we call on CIC all the time and all the calls are included in the agreement. CIC also allows the Cities to get together to decide how to spend money to make enhancements for their software. LeaAnn stated the City would lose an entire year of productivity by changing software. Audree expressed her concern that CIC is an Access based program. She would like to see them move to a web base program in the future. Audree and LeaAnn are not in favor of changing software at this time.</p> <p>Councilmember Cochran moved and Coffey seconded to allow the agreement between CIC and the City of Altamont. Motion carried.</p>

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Audree attended the Mount Pleasant Township meeting last Monday. Audree asked about consolidating the Township and the City of Altamont in to a single department and making it the City of Altamont Fire Department. The City would then get the funds for the fire department instead of the Township. Chief Bryson Shaffer said our department covers several other townships for a total of 115 square miles. It would basically operate the same as it does now except the money would be mainstreamed. On the operational side nothing would change. Chief Shaffer said it is hard to make sure they purchase tools for both the Township and City. Audree wants to look at the legal side for switching it over and how the revenue would work. Councilmember Souders would like to hear on the follow up as Audree works on this. Councilmember Carnahan believes this would be the easiest way for purchasing new trucks. He is in favor of having one department. Chief Shaffer stated it will save money on equipment by having it combined.

Councilmember Cochran and Carnahan seconded to allow Audree to investigate the combining of City of Altamont and Mount Pleasant Fire Departments. Motion carried.

PET CLINIC

Altamont Pet Clinic is Tuesday, April 27 from 3:00 – 5:00 PM in the Altamont Recycling Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Carnahan moved and Cochran seconded to adjourn the Council meeting at 7:57 PM. Motion carried.

DATE

LeaAnn Myers, City Clerk