

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ALTAMONT  
August 26, 2021**

REGULAR MEETING	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 Han led the prayer. Councilmembers present: Craig Carnahan, Ben Cochran, Raymond Coffey and Paul Souders.
MINUTES	Councilmember Cochran moved and Carnahan seconded to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.
INVOICES	Councilmember Cochran moved and Carnahan seconded to pay the invoices in the amount of \$89,170.55. Motion carried.
BUDGET AMENDMENT	Council held the 2021 budget amendment hearing for public comment.  Councilmember Carnahan moved and Cochran seconded to close the hearing of the 2021 budget hearing. Motion carried.
REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE	Council held the 2022 Revenue Neutral Rate and Budget Hearing for public comment. The new revenue neutral rate (RNR) will be 45.86 mills. The mill levy for the budget decreased but the RNR is at the maximum because if the City goes over RNR we have to reimburse the residents. The League of Kansas Municipalities and the State Budget Office both recommended holding the RNR hearing so the City is covered.  Councilmember Cochran moved and Carnahan seconded to adjourn the public RNR hearing. Motion carried.
LEGAL SERVICES	Council was presented a contract from the Law Offices of Robert Myers for services for City Attorney and City Prosecutor. Miss Amy Ross and Mr. Robert Myers will replace Attorney Stephen Jones.  Councilmember Cochran moved and Carnahan seconded to approve the agreement between the Law Offices of Robert Myers and the City of Altamont for services of City Attorney and City Prosecutor. Motion carried.
UTV POKER RUN	The Altamont Recreation Commission is in the process of planning a Chasing Daylight UTV Poker Run on Saturday, November 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2021. Recreational Director Heather Beasley would like to start at the 20 acres, visit Idle Hour Lake and several resident's houses and then ending downtown. Heather would like to have music, food trucks, cornhole boards and a possible beer garden to end the evening. Attorney Jones recommended double checking with the Labette County Sheriff's Office to make sure UTV's are allowed on County blacktops and able to cross State highways. Heather stated the insurance will cover the poker run and downtown events. Councilmember Souder would like to check if the City would need any permits to cross the State highways. Councilmember Cochran suggested to make sure the beer garden guidelines are very laid out.
RESOLUTION 287 – RNR	Councilmember Carnahan moved and Cochran seconded to approve Resolution 287. Motion carried.
ALCOHOL ON PUBLIC PROPERTY	Council was presented a draft Ordinance 630 regarding prohibiting alcohol on public property. Section 2 was updated from our previous ordinance with exceptions for allowing alcohol at the City Park Building, City sponsored events and Idle Hour Lake. Councilmember Souders isn't sure about allowing alcohol at Idle Hour Lake. Attorney Jones recommended having the Chief of Police come to Council to answer questions about allowing alcohol at the Lake.
UTILITY RECONNECTS	Audree is collecting more information on how to handle the landlords in regards to meter connect fees and will bring it to the next meeting.
BUDGET AMENDMENT	The City went over the 2021 budget due to the utility emergency crisis in February.  Councilmember Carnahan moved and Souders seconded to approve the amended certificate of the 2021 Budget Amendment. Motion carried.
2022 BUDGET	Councilmember Carnahan moved and Souders seconded to approve the 2022 Budget as presented. Motion carried.  Audree included line items for each utility for high volume sales so the City is covered in the future.
TRASH ORDINANCE	Audree asked Council about updating the Trash Ordinance to require all households with utilities to have trash service through the City. Council agreed to add the trash requirement. An updated ordinance will be sent to Council for approval.

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- KDOT Council was presented with the new Connecting Links Agreement with KDOT. Most of the new requirements do not affect us, such as mowing since the City is already doing that.
- Councilmember Carnahan moved and Cochran seconded to approve the new City Connecting Links Agreement. Motion carried.
- PARK BUILDING Brad Thompson from the LCHS Class of 2000 requested the use of alcohol at the Park Building on September 25, 2021.
- Councilmember Carnahan moved and Cochran seconded to approve the use of alcohol at the City Park Building by the Class of 2000 Reunion on September 25 from 12 to 6 PM. Motion carried.
- KMEA Councilmember Carnahan moved and Coffey seconded to appoint LeaAnn Myers to the Director 1 Position. Motion carried.
- KMGA Councilmember Carnahan moved and Coffey seconded to appoint LeaAnn Myers for the KMGA Director 1 Position. Motion carried.
- Councilmember Cochran moved and Carnahan seconded to approve Brad Myers for the KMGA Alternate Position. Motion carried.
- CITY ADMINISTRATOR Report written by Audree Aguilera. Fire truck / USDA Loan closing on August 27<sup>th</sup>; arrival by end of August. Trash truck anticipated arrival by end of August. Floodplain – KDA and FEMA will begin a floodplain mapping project for our area; this project will update the current floodplain maps. Budget – 2022 RNR and budget hearing set for August 26, 2021 at 7:00 PM. 2021 budget amendment hearing set for August 26, 2021 at 7:00 PM. American Rescue Plan – City of Altamont is anticipated to receive \$142,662. First disbursement anticipated in July; first half received on 7/15/2021, have until December 31, 2024 to expend funds. Funds can now also be expended on the February high bills. Lake swings – anticipated arrival in mid-September; experiencing longer than normal shipment times due to Covid. Jim Peoples Meter – Utility department will trench to the garage from the house; Jim will supply the materials. This will eliminate the previous issue. House Assessment Tool (HAT)/ Low Moderate Income (LMI) Survey – LMI surveys have been sent out. Crosswalks / Huston Street – completed. Chip and seal – getting project scheduled and chips hauled from Pittsburg; scheduled for mid-September. Electric Utility – tabled; set for discussion in Fall 2021. Old fire department building – demolition in 2022 budget. Energy Crisis Committee – first meeting was 7/22/2021; recommendation to continue with KMGA. Sewer Lagoon Hedge/Fence – hedge row removal complete; fence construction has begun. Pole testing – loaned electric pole tester from KMEA to begin testing all our poles for replacement; over 100 poles tested so far. November General Election – the County has sent off the current ballot for the upcoming election. City Administrator resignation – last day will be September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.
- LABOR DAY City Offices will be closed September 6<sup>th</sup> in observation of Labor Day.
- WATER DISTRICT Councilmember Coffey stated the Water District is looking at a rate increase. They haven't had one since 2009. Mayor Hayward asked Councilmember Coffey to keep Council updated.
- The Water District is looking at purchasing a mapping program. They are planning on allowing all the municipalities to use the software at no cost. It can help the communities with tracking water leaks. Councilmember Coffey believes the City could use it for other utilities as well.
- COLLECTIONS Collection Bureau of Kansas (CBK) is a collection agency for unpaid utility and court payments. We would like to look into using their services for collections. We will invite Chad Hollins to the next meeting.
- ADJOURNMENT Councilmember Cochran moved and Carnahan seconded to adjourn the Council meeting at 8:20 PM. Motion carried.

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LeaAnn Myers, City Clerk