

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ALTAMONT  
July 14, 2022**

- 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 prayer. Councilmembers present: Ben Cochran, Kyle Wiford and Lyle Sykes
- MINUTES Councilmember Sykes moved and Wiford seconded to approve the meeting minutes as indicated from June 23, 2022. Motion carried.
- INVOICES Councilmember Cochran moved and Wiford seconded to pay the invoices in the amount of \$67,392.47. Motion Carried.
- JEFF LEWELLEN Jeff was present to request an extended Lake stay while they are looking for a permanent residency in the area, due to taking a job at the refinery in Coffeyville, KS. Jeff requested a 45 day extension and council agreed on a 60 day extension.  
Councilmember Cochran moved and Wiford seconded to extend
- STREET IMPROVEMENTS Utility Superintendent was present to discuss the street improvements that the county proposed rather than doing chip and seal this year. Brad said that it would be \$80 a ton to asphalt the roads this year. He would like to see Lincoln and Washington from 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> and then North of Dollar General 2 blocks and all the way to the end if possible. Brad would also like to redo Wabash South of the swimming pool from the tracks South.  
Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to allow Brad to do the street improvements as laid out at tonight's meeting. Motion Carried.
- WATER TOWER Council was provided a condition report in their packets from Cunningham as well as their renovation proposal. Also included in their packets were bids from two other companies to complete the proposed renovation.  
Cunningham's Bid came in at \$43,642.50 the other two bids that came in were from Viking Industrial Painting at \$62,650.00 and Maguire Iron at \$57,750.00  
Brad said that they had gone all the way back and the City has been working with Cunningham since 2010  
Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to approve the Cunningham renovation proposal in the amount of \$43,642.50 with the disinfection. Motion Carried.
- RALPH & ARRA WHITTLEY Council was provided with the residential improvement program that was revamped in 2020. Whittle's have done everything they were supposed to do in order to qualify for the residential improvement program.  
Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to approve the Whittle's residential improvement program application. Motion Carried.
- CITY ADMINISTRATOR
- 1. Budget** – Continued to work on the 2023 City Budget
  - 2. Annexation** – The County stated they had everything they needed for Whittle's annexation. City Superintendent Brad Myers approved the building permit for their house.
  - 3. Fireworks** – The Fire Department held the annual Fireworks Display on Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - 4. Ice Cream Social** – Farm Bureau and the Altamont Recreation Commission hosted the annual Ice Cream Social and Music in the Park with Skip the Bridge on Saturday, July 11.
  - 5. Swim Lessons** – The second session of swim lessons are concluding their first week.
  - 6. Pool** – Purchased additional concessions for the Pool
  - 7. Police Academy** – Officer Wooden will start Police Academy on Monday, July 18th
  - 8. Staff Meeting** – Held a staff meeting between departments
  - 9. KMU Training** – Rob Gartner with KMU presented information on bucket truck safety and cutting and welding to the Utility Department.
  - 10. Cox Communication** – Cox Communication is planning on attending Council on July 28<sup>th</sup>.

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- 11. Grow Labette** – Heather and LeaAnn attended the Grow Labette meeting in Parsons.
- 12. KPERS** – Bridget and Heather attended the KPERS meeting on July, 13<sup>th</sup>.
- 13. KMGGA** – LeaAnn and Bridget attended the Kansas Municipal Gas Agency Regional Meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

**POLICE QUARTERLY**

The Police Department has handled numerous calls during this period from animal control, civil standby's/child exchanges, citizen assists, lake patrol and safety checks.

Several Warning and Citations issued for traffic infractions by officers.

The department has taken reports ranging from flee and elude, several domestic calls, arrest for battery of law enforcement officer, burglary of a business, criminal damage, several DWS, several DUI's, aggravated battery, disorderly conduct and worthless check charges being filed.

Hired 2 new officers, 1 is previously certified and the other will attend KLETC starting July 18<sup>th</sup> for 14 weeks.

Replaced one patrol truck and the new one is now in service.

Completed all training for this year for all officers, and will begin training for next year.

Kids Fishing Derby had a nice turnout of 122 kids this year. Flag Day was uneventful and was a good day for everyone.

**UTILITY QUARTERLY**

Cut trees out of primary electric by High School Bus Barn  
Replaced transformer on 6<sup>th</sup>, between Ness Rd. and Karner  
Pulled utilities on Gartner due to structure fire  
Replaced frost free hydrant at lake campsite 4  
Repaired sewer main at south campsite at the lake  
Opened and cleaned lake bathrooms  
Painted City Hall Hallway and the back of the old Twin Valley Building. Started on the front, and window frames.  
Replaced gas line at 908 Huston  
Replaced transformer on 5<sup>th</sup> street by the Bus Barn  
Unplugged sewer line at City Hall, dug up service line and put a clean out in. Reset toilet and flange.  
Replaced two electric fuses at Casey's  
Painted gas regulator stations  
Justin and Josh attended KRWA Conference in Wichita and passed their water exams  
Swept and cleaned Huston from 4<sup>th</sup> South to the tracks  
Started painting the back of the Police Department  
Moved gas meter at the High School Bus Barn  
Mowed & Weedeated  
Took down electric drop to house and garage for tree cutters and put them back up  
Replaced electric stack on house on 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Put up electric pole and stack for 506 shooting club and transformer  
Put a new gas line in and moved meter to house at 505 6<sup>th</sup>  
Pulled electric fuse at bank and moved meter can up 1' for a new generator box  
Replaced electric pole at 101 High School Street  
Started getting the pool ready for summer, painting completed  
Brad went to County Commissioners meeting to get mowing as well as chip and seal approved for this year  
USDI ordered our equipment for AC Current, and met with them about installation  
Equipment is ordered for GIS Mapping, Danny will be down when it arrives.  
2 Electric troubles due to storms, 1 lighting arrestor and 1 fuse bushing  
Replaced electric fuse on Centennial  
Bulk trash  
Unplugged sewer main by MJ's  
Replaced 2 street lights  
Filled swimming pool  
Replaced door handle on shed at softball field for Little League  
Cut trees at 7<sup>th</sup> and Wells and repaired primary electric also at the Bus Barn due to storm damage.  
Replaced frost free hydrant at the lake  
Annual water tower inspection, recommendations included in council packet to repair the ladder inside bowl and sandblast and paint the inside  
Fix water leak at the pool (fill pipe)

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Cut trees on 7<sup>th</sup> by the tennis court  
Clean ditches and replaced culvert on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to Karner  
Replaced automatic water shut off at the pool (solenoid) readjusted automatic level  
Finished our lead and copper sampling for the State, which gets done every 3 years  
Getting ready to start on our gas ac mitigation, all parts have arrived.  
Brad has been talking with Ralph and Sandy at the County, they are going to lay hot mix instead of chip and seal this year, they can get asphalt for \$80/ton.  
Midwest Engineering equipment is here and the mapping has started  
There are 2 weeks to left to get some of the PHMSA grant money to help fund the project  
Stray current supplies have come in for the gas and Brad made the One Call to do the trenching, it should be trenched around the 25<sup>th</sup> and the line laid in

**FIRE REPORT**

Mayor Hayward wanted to update council that in April he had applied for a Forestry Grant for the City as well as the Township. Mayor Hayward received a letter that both the City and Township were approved for that Grant. The Department should end up with about \$5500 in equipment, while only spending around \$2600.

**ADJOURN**

Councilmember Cochran moved and Wiford seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. 7:43PM

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Heather Beasley, City Clerk