

**MINUTES
CITY OF ALTAMONT
February 09, 2023**

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, Raymond Coffey, Kyle Wiford, Lyle Sykes & Cameron Johnston.
MINUTES	Councilmember Cochran moved and Johnston seconded to approve the minutes from January 26, 2023. Motion carried.
INVOICES	Councilmember Johnston moved and Sykes seconded to approve payment in the amount of \$95,254.20. Motion carried.
ORDINANCE #645	<p>An ordinance authorizing execution of the natural gas prepay participation agreement with the Kansas Municipal Gas Agency and all other necessary documents with respect thereto and providing for the pledge of the revenues of the natural gas utility system of the City to secure such agreement.</p> <p>Councilmember Cochran moved and Johnston seconded to approve ordinance #645, the pre-pay gas ordinance. Motion Carried</p> <p>Cochran yes, Coffey yes, Wiford yes, Sykes yes, Johnston yes</p>
KMGA AGREEMENT	<p>Council was provided a draft of a natural gas prepay participation agreement in their packets, along with the monthly gas projection volumes, and the KMGA gas prepay agreement information email.</p> <p>Councilmember Coffey asked what would happen if they couldn't save us any money. City Administrator Myers stated that if they couldn't save us the minimum of \$0.25, they will not enter into an agreement with us. The gas going into storage will also be included in the discounted rate. Councilmember Cochran asked City Attorney Robert Myers if he seen anything out of the ordinary in the agreement and he stated no. Councilmember Sykes asked how we could track if and how much money they were saving us to ensure that we were saving the amount of money they have entered into agreement on.</p>
CITY ADMINISTRATOR	<p>1) Year End – Continuing to work on year-end reports.</p> <p>2) Police Department – Officer Anthony Austin will start Police Academy on February 13. He is scheduled to graduate on May 19th.</p> <p>- The Police Department received their equipment from participating in the Click It or Ticket STEP program. They received three measuring wheels for accident investigations, three body safety lights for stops after dark, and a new intoxilyzer 800 preliminary breath testing (pbt) device.</p> <p>3) Sewer – There is a sewer line that needs to be replaced north of 4th Street between 401 S Washington and High School Street. The sewer line is an old clay pipe and is cracked. City Superintendent Brad Myers got a quote from Tri-Star Utilities from Independence. Their quote to burst the old sewer line and install new sewer taps and new poly sewer line was \$31,500.00. Tri-Star Utilities will start the repair in a couple of weeks.</p> <p>4) Solid Waste – The Solid Waste Committee is waiting for documents from GFL to discuss an updated rate schedule for the Transfer Station.</p> <p>5) Building Repairs – TW Construction has started working on the Utility building behind 501 S Huston.</p> <p>6) KMU Training – Employees attended safety training regarding distracted workers.</p> <p>7) Cox Communications – Continuing to work with Cox Communications on right-of-way permits.</p> <p>-The Utility Department has ordered several cases of marking paint and flags to mark One Calls for Cox Communications.</p> <p>- During this project, any time Cox crosses a gas line a City Utility Employee will have to be present.</p> <p>- The Utility Department will also have to complete a gas report each time a gas line is crossed.</p> <p>Attorney Robert Myers said that the City could bill Cox Communications for the supplies of paint and flags being used for the project.</p> <p>8) Computers – The City Office will be getting new computers. They are scheduled to be installed on February 23rd. The City Office will have limited access to the computer system that day. The current computers were purchased in 2019.</p> <p>- The Police Department also got a new computer to download their body and car cameras.</p> <p>9) Poor Boys Tree Service – Received the final bill from Poor Boys. The total cost was \$44,594.32. While they were here, they removed 10 trees and trimmed 66 trees out of the City's main power lines.</p> <p>- The utility department also removed several additional trees while they were here.</p>

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10) Lead and Copper – If you have not turned in your Lead and Copper Survey, please get those turned in.

11) Fire Grants – Collected information for the Fire Grants

- Mayor Hayward completed and submitted AFG and PACF grants for the Fire Department.

Mayor Hayward thanked City Clerk Heather Beasley and Utility Super Intendent Brad Myers, along with his whole Utility Department for their help with the ISO audit this past week. Hydrant testing equipment was ordered today, that is required for the City to have and utilize when testing hydrants. Councilmember Coffey and Cochran were curious about what the numbers meant. Mayor Hayward said that 10 being the worst and 1 being the best, but the 1's are only given to fully staffed, paid departments.

COMMUNICATIONS

- The City Offices will be closed Monday, February 20th in observation of President's Day.

- Altamont Recreation Commission's Soccer Sign-Ups (Kindergarten – 6th Grade) are due February 13th and available at the City Office or their Facebook page.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Cochran moved and Coffey seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. 7:25PM

DATE

Heather Beasley, City Clerk