

**MINUTES
CITY OF ALTAMONT
March 10, 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, Raymond Coffey, Kyle Wiford and Lyle Sykes
MINUTES	Councilmember Cochran moved and Coffey seconded to approve the minutes for February 24, 2022. Motion carried.
INVOICES	Councilmember Coffey moved and Cochran seconded to pay the invoices in the amount of 45,895.65. Motion carried
MCLINEY AND COMPANY	Kip Hart from McLIney and Company was present to offer their services as Municipal Advisors to the City of Altamont. McLIney and Company would like to re-negotiate the current leases on the Ditch Witch and Case Compact Loader. The council was provided with a contract and a fee schedule for their services. Robert Myers suggested allowing the council as well as himself, time to review the contract, and make a decision at the next Council Meeting in two weeks.
ARPA FUNDS	The City will receive \$77,754.37 in July 2022 and is looking at using those funds for a sewer project as it is an appropriate and approved project for those funds. Brad and LeaAnn met with an engineer earlier in the week, the City has worked with in the past. There are currently two standing quotes from Engineers that the Council will be provided with at the next Council Meeting.
AC MITIGATION FOR GAS	The Council was provided with a notice from USDI in their packet on the cost of providing AC Mitigation for the steel feeder line into town. An SSD Solid State Coupler would be installed to take the stray AC off of the four inch steel pipe coming to town. This has been an ongoing situation and has been brought up by the KCC for the last 5-7 years and the readings are getting higher. KCC needs an answer by this year and Brad Myers, Utility Superintendent says this is a project that we have to do. Councilmember Cochran moved to approve the USDI for the AC Mitigation as a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00, Coffey seconded. Motion Carried.
BALING BIDS 20 ACRES	In the past the City has accepted bids for the baling of the 20 acres and wanted to make sure the Council was alright doing that again. There were no concerns from any councilmember about accepting bids. LeaAnn Myers will provide the bids at the first Council Meeting in April.
BUILDING REPAIR QUOTES	Brad received a few local quotes for the repair of the building due to a water leak and hole in the roof. The Council was provided bids in their packets from Cook's Services, SEK Garage Doors and Volmer Construction. Councilmember Wiford motioned and Cochran seconded to go with Cook's on the roof, the walls, and the steel door and insulation on the utility building for \$33, 850. Motion Carried.
CITY ADMINISTRATOR	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Payment Plans – Continuing to review payment plan balances.2. Annual Reports – the City Office is working on annual reports.3. Audit – Preparing for the 2021 City Audit which is scheduled for March 29, 2022.4. Council Retreat – Attended the City Council Retreat on Thursday, March 3.5. Fireworks – Finalized the purchase of fireworks and liability insurance for the City's Firework Display on July 3rd.6. Accounts Payable and Payroll – Continuing to cross-train Heather Beasley on Accounts Payable and Payroll.7. Court – Heather Beasley received the new printer and cart for court.8. Grant Writing – Heather Beasley has started 10 week grant writing course through Fort Hays State University.9. Court Conference – Heather Beasley attended Court Conference in Wichita last week.10. Insurance Renewal – Reviewed and updated the current insurance policy for renewal in April.11. Police Academy – Blake Sanchez is scheduled to begin Police Academy on March 28th. This is a 14 week program.

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- 12. Police Training** – Michael Shields attended the Kansas Narcotic’s Officer’s Training this week.
13. Sergeant Josh March – Sergeant Josh March turned in his resignation as a public safety officer effective on March 31, 2022. We are accepting applications for a police officer.
14. Pool – The utility department is planning on painting the pool this spring.

UTILITY REPORT

The Utility Department replaced 2 water valves
Completed their Gas OQ qualifications, including their comp. testing, USDI gave them their hands on training.
Repaired a water leak on 9th Street
Replaced a plug in and receptical in the Fire Department
Looked at 3 water leaks on the customer side
Replaced electric fuse on 7th street
Make a tap on gas main and run new gas line to Christ’s Church
Gas leak at 510 Wells on a hot water tank
Replace frost free hydrant at the lake campsite 12
Cut trees
Repair water leak at 500 Lincoln
Working on cutting a lot of trees in primary electric
Snow Removal
KCC gas audit is complete and Nate and JB were able to sit in on that as well as Josh in the afternoon
JB and Josh will be attending the KRWA Conference in Wichita and take their water exams
Replaced a water valve at 706 Wabash
Cut trees on 10th and Wells
Ordered and received pool paint and chemicals and received that paint this week.
Power washed the back of Police Department Building and repaired cracks in the concrete blocks to prep for painting
Unplugged the sewer main in the alley behind 4th and Karner
Everyone passed their field evaluations on their gas OQ and are good for another 3 years

TWIN VALLEY REPAIRS

Brad Myers shared a quote that he had received from Twin Valley with the council, for some utility repairs in the city. Councilmember Coffey moved to accept Twin Valleys bid to do the High Voltage Electric upgrade that is needed from Wabash Street continuing East towards Karner Avenue, not to exceed the cost of \$53,151.19 and Wiford seconded. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Low Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) is accepting applications through March 31, 2022. Please contact the City Office if you need assistance with the application. If you are interested in signing up for level payment, please contact the City Office at (620)784-5612. Reminder that all level pay participants must pay their March bill by the 15th to avoid late fees.
Altamont Pet Clinic will be held on Thursday, March 31st from 3-5PM in the Altamont Recycling Center at 409 S Huston. All cats and dogs in the City are required to be up to date on rabies vaccination and registered annually with the City in accordance with Ordinance #625.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Cochran moved and Coffey seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. 7:55PM

DATE

Heather Beasley, City Clerk