

**MINUTES
CITY OF ALTAMONT
March 15, 2024**

REGULAR MEETING	The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with Mayor Richard Hayward presiding. Rusty Husted was present to lead prayer. Councilmembers present: Ben Cochran, Kyle Wiford, Lyle Sykes & Tyler Julich.
MINUTES	Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to approve the minutes from February 22nd 2024. Motion carried.
INVOICES	Councilmember Wiford moved and Sykes seconded to pay invoices in the amount of \$48,770.12. Motion carried.
LANSDOWNE	<p>Labette’s LHEAT (Local Health Equity Action Team) was in Altamont on Tuesday March 12th to assist City Clerk Heather Beasley in constructing the new raised beds for the community garden. The city received a grant in the amount of \$1000.00 from LHEAT and was able to purchase 12 raised beds, a garden hose, hose reel, tomato cages and soil in order to get the garden up and going.</p> <p>The city previously received the Network Kansas grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 to pour the patio at Lansdowne. Heather will attend their conference in May and provide a display table of the project.</p> <p>Brad updated the council that he had spoken with Matt Volmer prior to the meeting, and that Matt had hoped to get the second patio poured in the next couple of weeks.</p> <p>Heather informed the council of the KDOT Alternative Transportation grant and how concept papers had been completed and turned in, and awaiting a response to see if the city will get the opportunity to apply for that.</p>
JIM JOHNSON	<p>Jim Johnson was present to request an extended lake stay, as he is a contracted anesthesiologist at Labette Health, and the contract will end on April 5th.</p> <p>Councilmember Cochran moved and Julich seconded to allow Mr. Johnson to remain at the lake through April 7th. Motion carried.</p>
POOL ADMISSION PRICES	<p>The pool admission prices for 2023 were \$2.00 for daily admission for ages 7 & up, single season passes were \$39.00 and family/grandparent season passes were \$75.00. Councilmember Julich asked how many season passes we sold last year, and if the increase will really bring in enough revenue to make a difference.</p> <p>City Clerk Heather Beasley brought up the fact that focusing on skin cancer and sun protection awareness and education would be important this year. To ensure that the city is upholding our end of educating its pool patrons of the dangers and the resources to teach them how to protect themselves. This education is required to apply for the shade structure through the American Academy of Dermatology Association. City Administrator LeaAnn Myers stated that the city has participated in the pool cool program in the past, and that they provide sunscreen and information to the pool.</p> <p>Councilmember Sykes asked what we were hoping to gain from raising pool prices if we were subsidizing the pool through the mill levy. His concern is that by raising the prices people won’t want to go to the pool or won’t pay to go to the pool. Councilmember Julich was in agreement of that point and didn’t feel it would be worth the extra \$400 or whatever it was.</p> <p>Councilmember Wiford moved and Sykes seconded to leave daily’s at \$2.00, single at \$45.00, and family and grandparent season pass to \$90.00. Motion carried. Julich voted no.</p>
CITY ADMINISTRATOR	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Youth Entrepreneur Competition – Judged the Labette County Youth Entrepreneur Competition at Labette County High School.2) Solid Waste – Attended the Labette Solid Waste meeting.3) Audit – The 2023 Municipal Audit was February 26th.4) Insurance Renewal – Working with Agent Brannon Green and City departments to prepare for the upcoming insurance renewal.5) Housing Meeting – Organized a housing meeting with Labette County Commissioner Terry Weidert along with the cities of Mound Valley and Edna.6) Monthly Safety Meeting – KMU presented employees with the monthly safety meeting over lockout tagout.7) Globe Life – Employees had the opportunity to sign up for employee paid insurance policies through Globe Life for open enrollment.8) Mid-West Engineering – Met with Ben Coltrane regarding the sewer study they are

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working on for the City of Altamont.

9) AMI Water Meters – Working with Commercial Bank on the lease purchase paperwork.

a) Water meters and supplies are expected next week.

10) Utility Reading Software – We are doing a pilot program with Smart Phone Meter Reader (SPMR) as a possible solution for reading our monthly utility readings.

a) Worked with both CIC and SPMR to get the correct upload for the utility readings. CIC must adjust the length of some of our device id's to be compatible with SPMR. The pilot program has been pushed back until April.

11) Purple Wave – The Grasshopper mower sold on Purple Wave on March 5th, 2024, for \$6,600.

12) ID Badges – Collected employee CRMCS ID information for Mayor Hayward to get ID badges updated.

13) Floodplain Meeting – There was a Labette County Floodplain Mapping update on Tuesday, February 27th at the Altamont City Park Building.

14) Softball Fence – The existing wooden fence at the softball field is in dire need of being replaced. USD 506 is putting up a new metal fence at the baseball field. They agreed to provide the labor to put up a matching fence at the softball field.

15) Labette Rural Water District #5 – Brad Myers and LeaAnn Myers met with Tim Bogner with RWD #5.

a) They are interested in setting a meter and connecting to the City's water supply by Twin Valley Electric to help push more water to some of their customers east of town. They are working with Midwest Engineering to see the logistics for both the City of Altamont and RWD #5.

16) Police Equipment – Axon body camera training is scheduled for March 13, 2024.

17) Sewer Replacement – Tri-Star Utilities has started the sewer line replacement from Wabash to High School Avenues between 6th and 7th streets.

18) USD 506 Auxiliary Gym – USD 506 sent an email agreeing to pay for "all the cost as listed on the attached document totaling \$50,414.76" on December 11, 2023.

a) Brad Myers ordered utilities supplies on December 15, 2023.

b) Billed USD 506 \$4,611.02 for some of the electric supplies on January 10, 2024. This bill was paid on February 13, 2024.

c) Billed USD 506 \$4,646.26 for some of the gas supplies on February 1, 2024. This bill is still outstanding.

19) LMI Study – Heather is working with SEK Regional Planning on the Low to Moderate Income Study.

20) Lead and Copper – If you have not turned in your Lead and Copper Survey, please get those turned in. Contact the City Office if you need a new copy of the survey.

a) The Utility Department has started contacting residents if we have not received their survey.

POLICE REPORT

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

- Warnings issued for traffic infractions by officers – (11) – 5 speed, 1 taillight, 1 headlight, 2 no turn signal, 1 left of center, 1 stop sign

- Citations issued for traffic infractions by officers – (10) – 7 speed, 1 no insurance, 1 turn signal, 1 headlight, 1 seatbelt

All officers have been busy with patrol duties and community relations, very proactive lately.

Working on scheduling officers for upcoming continuing education training.

We received a new handheld radar through the Click it or Ticket program.

Lt. Powell and I received the first of many trainings for the new body and in-car camera systems.

Lt. Powell and I attended the Kansas Narcotics Officers Association training last week, I was elected to remain on the board and as region rep.

UTILITY REPORT

-Put in new gas line at 500 Lincoln for new shop

-USDI came and did our yearly welding requalification testing, everyone passed

-I have an appointment with County Commissioners on February 26th to ask for mowing and asphalt this year, they approved it.

-Replace 3 frost free hydrants at the Lake

-Replace water meter set and run new gas line to new house on 5th street

-Power wash trash truck area and measure for concrete

-Service Ford pickup

-Push up and burn brush dump

-Put a gas line in at 5th, Karner and High School

-Till and level area on North Ness where we dug up and repaired gas line this past winter.

Put grass seed down

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- USDI came and did our yearly emergency plan review and test
- Still painting gas meters (for atmospheric corrosion)
- Electric trouble on 1200 Huston, tighten up connections on transformer
- Hook up bathrooms at lake
- Check sewer trouble by our shop (COX broke line)
- Replace anode on south lift station
- Tri Star has begun sewer line replacement

FIRE REPORT Mayor Richard Hayward has submitted 5 grant applications so far this year between the city and township. He is going to start the city ID badges this week and get those all updated. The Fire Department is currently averaging a call every other day.

WATER BOARD UPDATE Councilmember Cochran had a water board update from Raymond Coffey and stated that they have completed two filters at this time, and they are starting on the third.

COMMUNICATIONS - The Altamont Recreation Commission is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23rd at 11AM on the west lawn of Labette County High School. Available for ages birth to 5th grade.
-The March Food Struck Calendar is attached.

ADJOURN Councilmember Cochran moved and Wiford seconded to adjourn. Motion Carried 7:47PM

DATE

Heather Beasley, City Clerk