

**MINUTES
CITY OF ALTAMONT
April 13, 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, Lyle Sykes & Cameron Johnston.
MINUTES	Councilmember Cochran moved and Johnston seconded to approve the minutes from March 23, 2023. Motion carried.
INVOICES	Councilmember Sykes moved and Cochran seconded paying the invoices totaling \$133,075.98. Motion carried.
20 ACRE BIDS	Council was provided the sealed bids for the mowing and haying of the 20 acres. Bradley Harold bid the job at \$650 and Phillip Hibbs bid it at \$750. Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to approve the bid for the hay bailing by Phillip Hibbs for \$750.00. Motion carried.
PACF GRANT	Council was provided with an email from Becky Dantic with Parsons Area Community Foundation. Heather Beasley had applied for a grant for concrete to be poured in Landsdowne. Becky stated that the project would not be funded, as they had a record-breaking amount requested.
PHMSA GRANT	Council was provided with an email from the associate administrator for pipeline safety. Midwest Engineering had applied for the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration grant on behalf of the City of Altamont. Unfortunately the city didn't get the grant as the applicants far exceeded the available grant funds.
DEVIN WISDOM	Devin Wisdom has applied for the Residential Improvement Program for the construction of a new home at the corner of 5 th & Illinois. Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to approve the residential development incentive application for Devin Wisdom. Motion carried.
REQUEST FOR BIDS	The City of Altamont is requesting bids for a 1972 Ditch Witch J20 Trencher. All bids are to be sealed and clearly labeled "Trencher Bid" and delivered by hand or mailed by, FEDEX, UPS or USPS. You may mail them to the City of Altamont ATTN: City Administrator Sealed Bid PO Box 305 Altamont, KS 67330. Bids will be accepted no later than 4:00PM on April 24, 2023. You may call the city office at (620)784-5612 to set up an appointment to inspect the trencher during business hours. Councilmember Sykes suggested finding out the value of the Ditch Witch prior to accepting a bid. Council didn't have any issues with the city requesting bids for the Ditch Witch. Councilmember Johnston suggested possibly getting the insurance replacement value on the Ditch Witch
CITY ADMINISTRATOR	1) Neighborhood Revitalization – We will hold a public hearing for NRP on April 27 th , 2023, at 6:50PM prior to the regularly scheduled Council meeting. Heather Beasley contacted the County and started scheduling meetings for the inter-local agreements with the other taxing entities. 2) Water Meter Pilot Program – We are working with D.C&B. Supply to do a pilot program for advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) and new ultrasonic water meters. They will be getting us test meters to try soon. a) D.C & B. is partnering with Smart Earth Technologies and Innovative Utility Solutions to provide the AMI service. Their system can do AMI for electricity, gas, and water. They are hopeful if we decide to update our water meters with them, they can input the electric and gas reading into their software via a tablet with mobile data. They are working with their programmers to find a solution for this. b) We need to find a solution for our current utility palm pilots which we use to read meters. They are starting to have issues. Bridget received a bid to replace what we currently have but the technology is extremely out-of-date. The bid for 5 palm pilots like our current ones is just over \$16,000. 3) KSGFOA – LeaAnn attended the Kansas Government Finance Officer Association Spring Symposium in Wichita. 4) Economic Prosperity – Heather and LeaAnn attended the Extension Office's Community Cooperation at Advance Economic Prosperity in Pittsburg regarding Block 22. 5) Level Payment – Bridget Nash finalized level payment for the April billing. 6) Easter Egg Hunt – The Altamont Recreation Commission hosted an Easter egg hunt on April 1 st . 7) Pet Clinic – Was held on April 11 th .

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8) Fireworks – Ordered fireworks

9) Audit – The 2022 Annual Audit was conducted on April 4, 2023.

10) Water Tower – Cunningham started sandblasting, painting and disinfecting the interior of the water tower. They will also be removing and replacing the interior ladder as approved by Council on July 14, 2022. Maintenance is expected to take about 3 weeks.

11) Safety Meeting – KMU held the monthly employee safety meeting regarding summer safety review.

12) Solid Waste – GFL attended the Labette County Commission meeting on March 27, 2023, to come to an agreement on transfer station rates. The Commission directed GFL to work with the Solid Waste Committee to produce realistic numbers for both parties. The Commission would like to have something back by their April 10th meeting.

a) The Solid Waste Committee requested revenue and expense figures from GFL, regarding the county owned transfer station in December and has not received this information from them. They did provide the Commission with a few invoices from their monthly bills, but not what the Committee had requested.

b) The Solid Waste Committee approved an increase from \$40.76 per ton to \$42.00 per ton from March 1st, 2023, to June 1st, 2024, without the option for them to request another rate increase during that time. GFL stated \$42.00 is not enough and proposed \$45.00 per ton through June 1st, 2024, and then adjust the rate in accordance with the CPI changes each year.

13) Cox Communications – The Utility Department has been busy marking One Call locates and overseeing the project.

14) Year End – Bridget finished the last year-end report.

15) 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.

Councilmember Coffey out at 7:13PM

POLICE QUARTERLY

- The police department has handled numerous calls during this period from animal control, civil standby's/child exchanges, citizens assist, lake patrol, and safety locks.
- Warnings issued for traffic infractions by officers – 23
- Citations issued for traffic infractions by officers - 28
- KBI Adult Reports – 6 possession of marijuana, 1 possession of psilocybin mushroom (magic shrooms), 4 possession of drug paraphernalia, 1 transporting open container of alcohol, 1 aggravated battery, 1 interference with L.E.O.

Councilmember Coffey back in at 7:16PM

- Juvenile KBI Reports – 3 possession of marijuana & 3 possession of drug paraphernalia, these were all dispensary related drugs from out of state.
- 4 state accident reports handled
- All officers have been busy with patrol duties and community relations, very proactive lately and preparing for the summer months which are usually very busy for us.
- Recently handled some animal ordinance complaints, which at some point in time we may have to review that ordinance based on the ongoing situation.
- Officers will be participating in the 420 enforcement mobilization coming up next week, where we will focus on impaired driving of those under the influence of Marijuana and other illegal drugs.
- I received training on administering Narcan through DCCCA and received a case of Narcan for the department, other officers will receive training soon and once completed begin to carry in patrol vehicles.
- All officers have been attending training to complete their mandatory 40 hours of continued education, I recently attended Kansas Narcotics Officers Association conference and elected back on the board as a region rep, I will be attending the Kansas Police Chief's Conference in May.
- Officer Austin is doing well at the KLETC police academy and will graduate May 19th, myself and Administrator Myers will be attending his graduation.
- Michael and Heather are attending training in Topeka on April 27.

UTILITY QUARTERLY

- Haul rock and level at trash truck and spread
- Fix water leak in alley between Centennial and Oak
- Pick up brush from tree trimmers and haul off
- Check gas leak call on 7th Street
- Repair 8" cast iron pipe between 2nd and 3rd cell of lagoon ponds – dig up and put repaid clamp on

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- Replace street lights at Harrison Auditorium for LCHS
- Clean up blue building east of shop and restock, install new lights
- Replace push/pull kill cable on IH dump truck, replace taillights and grease, also put new air brake release valve on
- Get ready for KCC Gas Audit, send in our PHMSA end of year information
- Cut trees that Poor Boys had cut low enough to finish cutting to ground
- Patch holes on South Ness Rd
- Start one calls for COX, a lot of locating
- Sewer trouble in alley between 4th and High School going west 325' to Virginia Ave.
- Fire Hydrant Testing for ISO Inspection along with the Fire Dept. I also ordered equipment to do fire hydrant testing
- Locate, locate, locate, and locate some more
- Sewer line replacement is complete between High School and Virginia by Tri-Star
- Patch Holes
- Take our quarterly sewer samples and take to Meridian at Mound Valley for testing
- Change out water meter, it was not registering
- Replace gas meter index at high school master meter
- Brad attended a Labette County Commissioners meeting to get approval to do side arm mowing and street work
- Check 2 sewer mains for plugged lines
- Repair water service line leak
- Locate tickets for Cox Communications and Wave Wireless
- Repair water meter service line on 3rd and Oak
- Replace water meter valve at Rex Robbins
- Rock Alley after sewer line replacement
- Clean grass and sand off Huston Street
- Start mowing and weed eating
- Cunningham sandblasting is going to start on our water tower this week

Brad wanted to congratulate two of his guys, JB Bertling and Josh George for passing their state sewer exam at the annual KRWA Conference at the end of March.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded the City Council recess into executive session to discuss attorney-client privilege matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(2) to include the City Administrator, City Attorney and Utility Supervisor to resume in the City Council room at 7:38PM. Motion Carried.

Meeting resumed in the City Council Room at 7:38PM, no action taken.

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COMMUNICATIONS

- City Wide Rummage Sales are May 6th. Contact the City Office to add your name to the map by May 1st. It is only \$2 and proceeds go to the Altamont Recreation Commission.
- Bulk trash is May 8-10. Items may be placed in the large roll off dumpster by the water tower or placed by the street. All items need to be out by noon on May 10. Building materials, shingles and tires are NOT accepted.

City Clerk Heather Beasley updated the Council on the possible grant through LHEAT to purchase one raised bed as well as soil and seeds to start the community garden in Altamont. Beasley also updated the Council on her meeting with the LCC Board of Trustees prior to attending council tonight, for inter-local agreements for NRP. Montie Taylor moved for the chair to sign off on NRP pending the public hearing on April 27th, all other members voted to move forward with the signing of the inter-local agreement between LCC and the City of Altamont.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to adjourn. Motion Carried 7:54PM

DATE

Heather Beasley, City Clerk