

**MINUTES
CITY OF ALTAMONT
April 27, 2023**

REGULAR MEETING	<p>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.</p>
MINUTES	<p>Councilmember Johnston moved, and Cochran seconded to approve the minutes from last meeting of April 13, 2023. Motion carried.</p>
INVOICES	<p>Councilmember Sykes moved, and Johnston seconded to pay the invoices in the total of \$159,534.33. Motion carried.</p>
ORDINANCE #646	<p>An ordinance adopting the 2023 Neighborhood Revitalization Plan and designating a neighborhood revitalization area.</p> <p>Councilmember Johnston moved and Wiford seconded to approve Ordinance #646 the 2023 Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. Motion carried.</p> <p>Cochran yes, Coffey I guess, Wiford yes, Sykes yes, Johnston yes.</p>
RESOLUTION #294	<p>A resolution authorizing the mayor to execute inter-local agreements with Labette County, USD #506, Labette Community College, Mount Pleasant Township, and Altamont Public Library.</p> <p>Councilmember Johnston moved and seconded to approve resolution #294 authorizing the mayor to execute inter-local agreements with Labette County, USD #506, Labette Community College, Mount Pleasant Township, and Altamont Public Library. Motion carried.</p>
LANDSDOWNE GARDEN	<p>Council was provided with a logic model as well as plans for Landsdowne Garden in their council packet.</p> <p>Councilmember Sykes suggests waiting until June 1st to see what the outcome of the outstanding grant application is and look at other possible funding. Councilmember Cochran wanted to know what funds looked like and if the money needed to be used or was earmarked for anything else. The council agreed to wait until June 1st for the pending grant outcome and look at possible funding again at that time.</p>
TRENCHER BIDS	<p>The city office accepted sealed bids for the 1972 Ditch Witch J20 Trencher, and council was provided with those in their packets. Brent Barragar bid \$180, Joe Carson bid \$201, Labette Hardware (Ryan Bradfield) bid \$300, Mike Myers bid \$327.50, USD 506 bid \$100 and Ronnie Vanderford bid \$614.86.</p> <p>Councilmember Coffey moved and Cochran seconded to accept the bid from Ronnie Vanderford for \$614.86 for the trencher. Motion carried.</p>
PROPOSED BUILDING	<p>Council was provided with plans proposing a new council room, court room and utility storage space at the corner of 5th & Huston. Also included was the original quote given by Billman's Mobile Home Moving, LLC and Heck & Wicker. The minutes were included for reference from the February 14, 2019, meeting where the bids were initially introduced to council and discussed as well.</p> <p>Councilmember Coffey wanted to make sure that there was usable space for utility storage until a new structure was able to be put up. Councilmember Coffey and Cochran requested getting new quotes for demolition as well as build back quotes.</p>
CITY ADMINISTRATOR	<p>1) Neighborhood Revitalization – The City of Altamont held a public hearing for the NRP program on April 27th, 2023, at 6:30PM prior to the regularly scheduled Council meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Heather Beasley started scheduling meetings for the inter-local agreements with the other taxing entities. <p>2) Pool – Finalized the Pool Contract with Pool Manager Luke Wolgamott</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Lifeguards for 2023 have been hired.b) Lifeguard training is scheduled for the week of May 22nd with trainer Paige March.c) The Pool is scheduled to open May 27th at 1PMd) Pool Passes are available by contacting the City Office. <p>3) American Rescue Plan – Completed the annual reporting for ARPA funds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) During this period, the City spent \$22,500 on GIS utility mapping and sewer study with Midwest Engineering.b) There are still \$55,266.49 of ARPA funds, some of which will be paid out to Midwest Engineering for the sewer study and GIS mapping. Funds must be spent or obligated by

December 31, 2024. Obligated funds must be expended by December 31, 2026.

4) Solid Waste – On February 15th, 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 GFL to request another rate increase during that time.

a) 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 with no negative adjustments.

b) Heather attended the Solid Waste meeting on April 17th. The Solid Waste Committee approved a rate of \$43.50 per ton with a cap increase of 2% each year.

c) GFL will take the proposal back to their supervisors.

5) Utility Truck – The transmission went out of the 2017 Chevrolet Utility Truck. It was taken to Tom Davis in Parsons. They ordered a transmission. The estimated repair cost is \$6088.

6) Water Tower – Cunningham started sandblasting and painting the interior of the water tower the week of April 10th. They also removed and replaced the interior ladder as approved by Council on July 14th, 2022. Maintenance is expected to take about 3 weeks.

a) Disinfecting of the water tower will take place after the paint cures.

b) Residents may experience reduced water pressure during this process.

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

8) 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 electric, gas and water. They are hopeful if we decide to update 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 try 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.

c) We received an email this week to set up the AMI pilot program. They will send a shipping notification as soon as the 10 pilot meters ship.

9) 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.

FIRE QUARTERLY

- 17 Medical
- 5 Structure Fires
- 4 Injury Car Accidents
- 3 Grass Fires
- 1 Odor Investigation
- 6 Meetings
- 3 Training Operations

The Fire Department is also trying to put together a fire 1 class for this area.

Councilmember Coffey wanted to thank all the firefighters for all they do.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Cochran moved and Coffey 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 and City Attorney. The open meeting will resume in the city council room at 7:50PM. Motion carried.

The regular City Council Meeting resumed in the Council Room at 7:50PM. No action taken.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Leadership Labette UTV Poker Run is April 29th starting at McMillen Park and ending at Idle Hour Lake.
- The City Office hours will change on Monday, May 1st to Monday – Thursday 7:30AM – 5PM, and Friday 7:30AM – 1:30PM.
- 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 scheduled for May 8th-10th. Items may be placed in the large roll off dumpster by the water tower or be placed by the street. All items need to be out by noon on May 10th. Building materials, shingles and tires are **not** accepted.
- Pool Passes are now available by contacting or stopping by the Altamont City Office. The pool opens on May 27th at 1PM.
- The 18th Annual Kids Fishing Derby is June 3rd.

ADJOURN

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

DATE

Heather Beasley, City Clerk