

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ALTAMONT  
MAY 09, 2024**

REGULAR MEETING The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with Mayor Richard Hayward presiding. Greg Garrett was present to lead the prayer. Councilmembers present: Ben Cochran, Colt Booth, Kyle Wiford, Lyle Sykes & Tyler Julich.

MINUTES Councilmember Sykes moved and Wiford seconded to approve the minutes from April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Motion carried.

INVOICES Councilmember Booth moved, and Cochran seconded to approve invoice payment in the amount of \$47,499.57. Motion carried.

BRIAN BECK Brian Beck was present to request an extended lake stay. He is working as a contractor for Every in the area.  
Councilmember Cochran moved and Wiford seconded to allow Mr. Beck to extend his stay for another month at the lake. Motion carried.

CAMERON ATKINS Cameron Atkins was present to request an extended lake stay. Due to unforeseen circumstances, he is staying at the lake and requesting a stay at the lake.  
Councilmember Booth moved and Cochran seconded to allow extended lake stay for Cameron Atkins until August 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion carried.

DAVID QUIRING David Quiring, Jimmy Hester & Kai Western were present to request an extended lake stay. They are in town with Bettis repaving the roads and will be here for the rest of the summer.  
Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to allow Mr. Quiring, Mr. Hester & Mr. Western to remain at the lake through October 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion carried.

NEIL PHILLIPS Neil Phillips with Jarred, Gilmore and Phillips P.A. was present to present the 2023 Municipal Audit to Council.  
Councilmember Cochran moved and Julich seconded to approve the 2023 Municipal Audit by Jarred, Gilmore and Phillips. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #299 A resolution declaring the eligibility of the City of Altamont, Kansas to submit an application to the Kansas Department of Transportation for use of transportation alternatives program funds for the pedestrian connections to school and food retail project in Labette County and authorizing the City Clerk to sign this application.  
Councilmember Cochran moved and Booth seconded to approve resolution 299 Transportation Alternative Program Application. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #655 An ordinance regulating mobile food vendors within the corporate limits of the City of Altamont, Kansas.  
Councilmember Wiford moved, and Sykes seconded to approve ordinance number 655 mobile food vending. Motion carried.  
Cochran yes, Booth yes, Wiford yes, Sykes yes, Julich yes.  
Councilmember Wiford moved, and Cochran seconded to approve the City of Altamont Mobile Food Vendor Application form. Motion carried.

LANSDOWNE The council tabled the discussion of turf at the last meeting to revisit. They were provided with two different options of turf and installation. The first option is Greenline Turf that would be purchased through Home Depot for \$2230.68, which would then need to be installed by the Utility Department. The second option would be to purchase turf through Spear Scapes without installation for \$1980.00 or with installation for \$2650.00.  
Councilmember Wiford moved, and Cochran seconded to accept the quote from Spear Scapes for their installation and the project and using the \$973 that we have towards this project. Motion carried.

MIDWEST SEWER PLAN The Council would like to have Midwest Engineering revise the draft as a phased project, in order to start conversations about getting the city financially ready for that project.

APPOINTMENTS Mayor Hayward made the following appointments:  
City Administrator – LeaAnn Myers. Councilmember Cochran moved and Booth seconded to accept the appointment of LeaAnn Myers as the City Administrator. Motion carried.  
City Clerk – Heather Beasley. Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to accept the appointment of Heather Beasley as City Clerk. Motion carried.

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City Treasurer – Bridget Nash. Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to accept the appointment of Bridget Nash as City Treasurer. Motion carried.

City Superintendent – Brad Myers. Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to accept the appointment of Brad Myers as City Superintendent. Motion carried.

Chief of Police – Michael Shields. Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to accept the appointment of Michael Shields as Chief of Police. Motion carried.

Police Lieutenant – Christian Powell. Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to accept the appointment of Christian Powell as Police Lieutenant. Motion carried.

Police Officer – Anthony Austin. Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to accept the appointment of Anthony Austin as Police Officer. Motion carried.

Fire Chief – Bryson Shaffer. Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to accept the appointment of Bryson Shaffer as Fire Chief. Motion carried.

City Attorney – Robert Myers. Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to accept the appointment of Robert Myers as City Attorney. Motion carried.

City Judge – Brian Johnson. Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to accept the appointment of Brian Johnson as City Judge. Motion carried.

Official Newspaper – Labette Avenue. Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to accept the appointment of Labette Avenue as the Official Newspaper. Motion carried.

Official Depository – Labette Bank. Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to accept the appointment of Labette Bank as the Official Depository. Motion carried.

Councilmember Cochran abstained from the next appointment of the designated health provider to avoid a conflict of interest.

Designated Health Provider – Labette Health. Councilmember Sykes moved and Booth seconded to approve the appointment of Labette Health as the Designated Health Provider. Motion carried. Cochran Abstained.

**RECREATION**

Altamont Recreation Commission requested the appointment of Matt Payne to the Recreation Board term ending December 31, 2024.

Councilmember Cochran moved and Julich seconded to accept the appointment of Matt Payne to the Recreation Commission. Motion carried.

Altamont Recreation Commission requested the reappointment of Morgan Goins to the Recreation Board for a four-year term ending December 31, 2027.

Councilmember Cochran moved and Booth seconded to accept the reappointment of Morgan Goins to the Recreation Commission. Motion carried.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

**1) Kansas State Revolving Fund (SRF)** – Completed the Pre-Application for the Kansas SRF for sewer system improvements as proposed by Midwest Engineering.

**2) Kansas Government Finance Officers (KSGFOA)** – Attended the KSGFOA Spring Symposium

Councilmember Cochran out at 7:54PM.

**3) Budget** – Working on the 2025 Municipal Budget.

**4) Utility Opening** – We have received a few applications.

**5) AMI Water Meters** – W&W Backhoe plans to start installing water meters mid-May.

**6) Firework Distributor Permit** – Received the 2024 Firework Distributor Display permit.

a) Completed Firework Applications through J&M Displays.

**7) COX Communications** – Met with a COX representative and reviewing the franchise fees.

Councilmember Cochran in at 7:56PM.

**8) Mobile Food Truck** – Compiled mobile food truck ordinance for Council's consideration.

**9) IT Security** – Met with Jim Bogner from McCarty's over IT Security.

**10) Storm Shelter** – Updated public on storm shelter locations via Facebook.

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- 11) Police Officer** – Set up pre-employment appointments for new police officer candidate.
- 12) Bulk Trash** – Bulk Trash was this week.
- 13) 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.

**POLICE REPORT**

The Police Department has 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 – (8) – 4 speed, 1 headlight, 1 left of center, 1 stop sign, 1 window tint and several verbal warnings for infractions.
- Citations issued for traffic infractions by officers – (4) – 4 speed.
- KBI Reports – 1 driving under the influence, 1 transporting open container, 2 domestic battery.
- KBI Juvenile Report investigation for teenage sexting.
- Two meetings with Labette County Attorney and Asst. Attorney pertaining to sexting investigation.
- City Administrator made a conditional offer to a young man for the fulltime officer position, once results return from testing and physical, we will begin new hire process and field training.
- Been busy with storm spotting last few weeks, we have been blessed to miss any damage or issues from the storms.

Submitted by Chief Michael Shields

**UTILITY REPORT**

- Pick up water lids at Tim Bogner's and take the Allen Winters to cut holes in lids for AMI meters.
- Mow and weed eat.
- Replace gas service line at 12052 Ness Rd and move meter to house.
- Clean and paint pool.
- Take out old water fountain at City Hall and put in a new one.
- Replace broken down guy cable at 5<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln.
- Cut up and haul off old electric pole that fell in storm Friday (it was an old cable vision pole).
- Storm damage, tree fell blocking 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wabash – cut up and hauled off.
- Take new trash truck to Joplin – check engine light on, 45mph was the top speed.
- Tree fell and took down tri-plex at 1003 E 7<sup>th</sup>, repaired and put back up.
- North storm siren has not been working, they came Thursday and found trouble and have ordered parts.
- Bulk Trash.
- Replace fuse on 7<sup>th</sup> and Wabash
- Storm damage, replace 1 transformer, 2 lighting arrestors and 3 fuses.
- We have all the rock in and leveled off at Lansdowne, please get something figured out on turf. We do not want to keep leveling rock.
- Brad was informed by Seth from the fish and game that they have lost the government funding that we get every year he thought ours was \$1,300 a year. He said he would get a letter in October to make it official, he was wanting us to know before the letter was sent.

Submitted by Utility Superintendent Brad Myers

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- The Altamont Pet Clinic is Saturday, May 11, 2024.
- Veteran Memorial Pavers are for sale at the City Office. A discounted paver price of \$125 is available until August 1<sup>st</sup>. After August 1<sup>st</sup>, pavers will be \$150 each.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Free Kid's Fishing Derby – Saturday June 1, 2024.
- Flag Day – Saturday June 8, 2024

**ADJOURN**

Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to adjourn. Motion Carried 8:07PM

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Heather Beasley, City Clerk