

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ALTAMONT  
May 11, 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, Kyle Wiford, Lyle Sykes & Cameron Johnston.
- MINUTES Councilmember Cochran moved and Wiford seconded to approve the minutes from April 27, 2023. Motion carried.
- INVOICES Councilmember Wiford moved, and Sykes seconded to pay the invoices for \$83,173.53. Motion carried.
- FLAG DAY Derek Parrent and Paula Kastler were present to discuss Flag Day 2023. Derek shared a map of Huston Street where they were requesting road closure for Flag Day on June 10<sup>th</sup>, they would like to have roads closed from 8AM to 11PM. There will be a parade at 9AM that will consist of golf carts, ATV's, UTV's as well as the car show entries. Water hookups are needed for a wet bounce house as well as for bathrooms. An E-Sports event will be held that day by Coffeyville Community College. The medallion hunt will be held with video clues on the Altamont Flag Day Facebook Page starting Monday of Flag Day. LCHS gymnasium will be used in the event of rain. Paula Kastler asked if people remembered when 4<sup>th</sup> Street used to be lined with flags, they would like to start that tradition again. Councilmember Wiford asked about bringing the benches and tables down from the park to allow for extra seating.
- Councilmember Coffey moved and Cochran seconded to close Huston 5<sup>th</sup> street from alley to alley and from just past the post office down to 6<sup>th</sup> street going west to the alley from 8AM-11PM on Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.
- Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to allow the Flag Day board to utilize the water by the police department on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.
- APPOINTMENTS Mayor Hayward made the following appointments:
- City Administrator – LeaAnn Myers. Councilmember Cochran moved and Coffey seconded to approve the appointment of LeaAnn Myers as the City Administrator. Motion carried.
- City Clerk – Heather Beasley. Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to approve the appointment of Heather Beasley as the City Clerk. Motion carried.
- City Treasurer – Bridget Nash. Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to approve the appointment of Bridget Nash as the City Treasurer. Motion carried.
- City Superintendent – Brad Myers. Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to approve the appointment of Brad Myers as the City Superintendent. Motion carried.
- Chief of Police – Michael Shields. Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to approve the appointment of Michael Shields as the Chief of Police. Motion carried.
- Police Sergeant – Christian Powell. Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to approve the appointment of Christian Powell as Police Sergeant. Motion carried.
- Police Officer – Corie Brown. Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to approve the appointment of Corie Brown as full time Police Officer. Motion carried.
- Police Officer – Anthony Austin. Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to approve the appointment of Anthony Austin as full time Police Officer. Motion carried.
- Fire Chief – Bryson Shaffer. Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to approve the appointment of Bryson Shaffer as the Fire Chief. Motion carried.
- City Attorney – Robert Myers. Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to approve the appointment of Robert Myers as the City Attorney. Motion carried.
- City Judge – Brian Johnson. Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to approve the appointment of Brian Johnson as the City Judge. Motion carried.
- Official Newspaper – Labette Avenue. Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to approve the appointment of Labette Avenue as the official newspaper. Motion carried.
- Official Depository – Labette Bank. Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to approve the appointment of Labette Bank as the Official Depository. Motion carried.

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Councilmember Cochran out at 7:51PM to abstain from the next appointment of the designation health provider to avoid a conflict of interest.

Designated Health Provider – Labette Health. Councilmember Coffey moved and Wiford seconded to make Labette Health our Designated Health Provider. Motion carried.

Councilmember Cochran in at 7:51PM.

Library Board – Jesse Ybarra. Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to approve the appointment of Jesse Ybarra to the Library Board. Motion carried.

**WATER CONTRACT**

Council was provided with the old as well as the new water contract from the Rural Water District. Councilmember Cochran asked what the significant changes were in the contract. Mayor Hayward said that there was an increase from \$4.00 per thousand gallons to \$4.50 per thousand gallons, but that is already in place. He stated they are also reducing the required gallons to be sold as well, the old contract was 7.5 million and it is being reduced to 5.1 million. The average usage for the city is typically around 2 million, Administrator Myers said that sometimes it is as low as 1.7 million and 5.1 million will be used in extreme conditions. Councilmember Coffey said that there is a declining scale that will decrease the minimum commitment over a 5-year period. The city is currently paying for more water than they are using, and by lowering the minimum requirement we would only pay for what we use over the minimum, therefore money saved in the long run. The new contract is a 20-year contract, unlike the old contract that was a 40-year contract. Administrator Myers suggested looking over the contract and approving the resolution at the next meeting.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

- 1) Insurance Audit** – Completed the EMC insurance audit.
- 2) Flag Day** – Heather Beasley submitted the Special Event Insurance paper work for Flag Day.
- 3) Police** – Chief Michael Shields attended the Chief’s Conference in Mulvane last week.
  - a)** Officer Anthony Austin is scheduled to graduate from the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center 309<sup>th</sup> Basic Training class on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- 4) Solid Waste** – On February 15<sup>th</sup>, the Solid Waste Committee approved an increase from \$40.76 per ton to \$42.00 per ton from March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, to June 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 17<sup>th</sup>. 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) Water Tower** – Cunningham completed the sandblasting and painting of the interior of the water tower, the replacement of the interior ladder and disinfecting.
- 6) Utility Truck** – The 2017 Chevrolet Utility Truck has been repaired and is back in service.
- 7) Bulk Trash** – The Utility Department collected bulk trash.
- 8) Cox Communications** – The Utility Department has been busy marking One Call locates and overseeing the project.
- 9) 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 electric, 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 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.
- 10) 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.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- The City of Altamont has three Council seat openings for terms beginning in December 2023. The filing deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, by noon at the Labette County Courthouse in Oswego, Kansas. There is a \$20 filing fee.
- Pool Passes are now available by contacting or stopping by the Altamont City Office. The pool opens on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 1PM.

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- 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids Fishing Derby is June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Council was provided with a thank you from LCHS Project Prom.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Cochran moved and Coffey seconded to adjourn. Motion Carried 8:01PM

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Heather Beasley, City Clerk