

**MINUTES
CITY OF ALTAMONT
MAY 23, 2024**

- REGULAR MEETING The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with Mayor Richard Hayward presiding. Eric Rucker was present to lead the prayer. Councilmembers present: Ben Cochran, Colt Booth, Kyle Wiford, Lyle Sykes & Tyler Julich.
- MINUTES Councilmember Cochran moved, and Booth seconded to approve the minutes from May 9th, 2024. Motion carried.
- INVOICES Councilmember Booth moved, and Sykes seconded to approve invoice payment in the amount of \$86,030.52. Motion carried.
- DREW COLLINS Drew Collins was present to request an extended lake stay.
Councilmember Sykes moved, and Cochran seconded to allow Mr. Collins to continue his extended stay to August 1st.
Councilmember Sykes rescinded his motion and Cochran his second.
Councilmember Sykes moved, and Cochran seconded to allow Mr. Collins the extended lake stay until September 12th. Motion carried.
- WILLIAM "BILL" KENYON Bill Kenyon was present to introduce himself as the newest Police Officer with the Altamont Police Department.
- APPOINTMENT Mayor Hayward appointed William Kenyon as Police Officer.
Councilmember Cochran moved, and Sykes seconded to accept the appointment of William Kenyon as Police Officer. Motion carried.
- LABETTE COUNTY ZONING Council was provided a copy of the drafts of the Labette County land use maps that were presented in a public hearing on Thursday May 16th by the Labette County Planning and Zoning Board.
Councilmember Cochran voiced the importance of clarification what the zoning would mean for the lake since it is not in City limits.
Mayor Hayward urged the Councilmembers to attend the next zoning meeting.
- CITY ADMINISTRATOR **1) Budget** – Working on the 2025 Municipal Budget
a) Attended the Budget meeting in Iola.
2) Utility Opening – Held interviews for this position.
3) AMI Water Meters – W&W Backhoe with the help of City Staff started installing water meters on Monday, May 20th.
a) Bridget Nash has been activating the AMI endpoints to send readings back to the Office.
b) LeaAnn Myers has been working with programming on set-up.
c) Once the meters are successfully set at each location, customers will be able to monitor their own water usage through a website.
4) Copy Machine – The City Office received a refurbished copy machine. It also has scanning and faxing functions.
a) We had the previous refurbished machine since 2014. Parts were no longer available.
b) The annual contract for the new machine is \$370.00 versus the older machine contract at \$673.67 in 2023 which covers parts, labor, and page allowance up to 40,000 pages.
i) Color copies went from 8.49 cents each to 7 cents on the new machine.
5) COX Communications – Reviewing the franchise fees.
6) Cybersecurity – Contacted and received information for cybersecurity from Higher Calling Technologies.
a) McCarty's will be sending over an official quote soon.
7) Network Kansas – Heather attended Networked for Change Conference to present the Lansdowne Garden concrete project as part of receiving \$10,000 to help the project get started.
8) Southern Star Pipeline – Bridget Nash attended the Southern Star Gas Pipeline annual meeting.
9) Altamont Pool – The Altamont Pool will open on Saturday, May 25th at 1PM.
a) Ordered pool concessions
b) Season passes are now available at the City Office or Pool
10) Police Officer – Police Officer William "Bill" Kenyon started with the Police Department. Welcome to the City of Altamont.
11) 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. Inventory is due to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment by October 16, 2024.

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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 – (16) -6 speed, 5 no turn signal, 2 tag light, 1 headlight, 1 stop sign, 1 window tint and several verbal warnings for infractions.
- Citations issued for traffic infractions by officers – (21) – 17 speed, 2 no insurance, 1 stop sign, 1 illegal parking/blocking alleyway.
- KBI Reports – 1 domestic battery.
- Several assist with 1st responders and EMS on medical calls
- Several welfare checks dealing with subjects having suicidal thoughts and mental issues.
- Arrested a subject on an Altamont warrant.
- Provided security at LCHS graduation.
- Began training with new officer William “Bill” Kenyon and getting all his paperwork completed to attend KLETC in the future.
- Finalizing everything for the upcoming 19th annual Altamont Kids Fishing Derby on June 1st.
- Getting geared up for the Flag Day festivities scheduled for June 8th.

Submitted by Chief Michael Shields

UTILITY REPORT

- Bulk trash, picked up brush.
- Pushed up and burn tree dump.
- Read meters.
- Finished painting, clean up and fill pool.
- Started putting in new water meters.

Submitted by Utility Superintendent Brad Myers

COMMUNICATIONS

- 19th Annual Free Kid’s Fishing Derby – Saturday June 1, 2024.
- Flag Day – Saturday June 8, 2024.
- June Foodstruck Calendar
- 2024 LCHS Project Prom Thank You.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Cochran moved, and Sykes seconded to adjourn. Motion Carried 7:32PM

DATE

Bridget Nash, Deputy City Clerk