

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ALTAMONT  
May 25, 2023**

REGULAR MEETING	The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with Council President Ben Cochran leading the meeting. Councilmember Cochran opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer. Councilmembers present: Ben Cochran, Raymond Coffey, Kyle Wiford & Lyle Sykes.
MINUTES	Councilmember Sykes moved and Coffey seconded to approve the minutes from May 11, 2023. Motion carried.
INVOICES	Councilmember Sykes moved and Wiford seconded to approve the invoices totaling \$4,277.43. Motion carried.
RESOLUTION #295	<p>Resolution #295 is the water purchase contract between Public Wholesale Water Supply District #4, the State of Kansas, and the City of Altamont. The Council was provided with the contract at the last council meeting.</p> <p>Councilmember Coffey moved and Councilmember Sykes seconded to accept the public wholesale water contract resolution #295. Councilmember Coffey abstained due to his position on the water board. Motion carried.</p>
LANDSDOWNE GARDEN	Council was provided with the denial email from T-Mobile for the Hometown Grant. Heather Beasley had applied for the Hometown Grant and with only 25 projects being chosen for the \$50,000 award amount, Altamont unfortunately wasn't one of the chosen. Beasley has since applied for the grant again, as it is a revolving fund. Council was again provided with the capital improvement fund balance, to see about using those funds to start the project with the laying of concrete. Council was provided with the two concrete quotes again in their packets as well. Quality Building submitted a quote for \$17,000 for just Landsdowne being poured or \$15,000 if the city would pave the alley behind Main Street Detailing from 5 <sup>th</sup> Street to 4 <sup>th</sup> Street. Volmer Constructions quote needs to be updated as it was an older quote. Councilmember Cochran verified that the capital improvement funds aren't already earmarked for other things. Council agreed to table the issue to talk to Brad about the trash truck on the chip and seal and get a new quote from Vomer's Construction.
LEAANN MYERS	<p>LeaAnn Myers graduated from Wichita State University on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> with her Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Leadership &amp; Learning. According to the employee handbook any employee who successfully completes a certified program shall be eligible for a \$0.25 raise.</p> <p>Councilmember Wiford moved and Sykes seconded to increase the wage of the City Administrator by \$0.25 for completion of her degree program certification based on the cities handbook policy D10. Motion carried.</p>
CITY ADMINISTRATOR	<p><b>1) Bachelor's Degree</b> – City Administrator LeaAnn Myers graduated from Wichita State University on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, with a Bachelor's of Applied Science in Organizational Leadership and Learning with a WSU GPA of 4.0 and overall GPA of 3.84.</p> <p><b>2) Police</b> – Officer Anthony Austin graduated from the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center 309<sup>th</sup> Basic Training class on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Congratulations Officer Austin!</p> <p><b>3) Trash</b> – City Superintendent Brad Myers has concerns about unacceptable items being placed around the trash truck outside of camera range. Wave Wireless is going to install one or two new cameras to our camera system to assist with this issue at no cost to the city.</p> <p><b>4) Budget Workshop</b> – LeaAnn Myers and Heather Beasley attended the Municipal Budget Workshop in Iola.</p> <p><b>5) Utility Payment Plans</b> – Bridget Nash has been reviewing payment plan history.</p> <p><b>6) LMI Study</b> – Reached out to SEK Regional Planning in regards to starting an LMI study. HUD still has not released the new income guidelines for Low to Moderate Income. They will contact us when the numbers are released.</p> <p><b>7) Park</b> – Hinman Tree Trimming, removed the large oak tree from the Altamont City Park. The tree was dying and starting to drop branches making it unsafe.</p> <p><b>8) Pool</b> – The Utility Department prepped and filled the pool</p> <p><b>9) Neighborhood Revitalization Program</b> – Attended the Mount Pleasant Township meeting regarding the inter-local agreement for NRP.</p> <p><b>10) Solid Waste</b> – 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.</p> <p>    <b>a)</b> GFL stated \$42.00 in not enough and proposed \$45.00 per ton through June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, then adjust the rate in accordance with the CPI changes each year with no negative adjustments.</p> <p>    <b>b)</b> On April 17<sup>th</sup>, the Solid Waste Committee approved a rate of \$43.50 per ton with a cap</p>

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increase of 2% each year.

**1)** GFL countered with a proposed rate of \$44.25 per ton until July 2024, and continue with an annual 2% increase.

**c)** On May 22, 2023, the Solid Waste Committee approved the proposed rate of \$44.25 per ton effective June 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024. On July 1, 2024 the fee will increase by 2% per year for the remainder of the contract, which is December 31, 2029.

**1)** County Counselor Brian Johnson will prepare the contract amendment and submit it to GFL and the Labette County Commissioners for approval.

**11) 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 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, as 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 to set up the AMI pilot program. They will send a shipping notification as soon as the 10 pilot meters ship. They are expecting them to ship in the next two weeks.

**12) 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 position openings for terms beginning in December 2023. 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.

- The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids Fishing Derby is Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

- Flag Day is Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Check out the Altamont Flag Day Facebook page for more information.

- The June FoodStruck Calendar is attached to your packet.

**ADJOURN**

Councilmember Sykes moved and Wiford seconded to adjourn. Motion Carried 7:23 PM

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Heather Beasley, City Clerk