

**MINUTES
CITY OF ALTAMONT
JULY 13, 2023**

- REGULAR MEETING The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with Mayor Richard Hayward presiding. Councilmembers present: Ben Cochran, Raymond Coffey, Kyle Wiford & Cameron Johnston.
- MINUTES Councilmember Coffey moved and Cochran seconded to accept the minutes from June 22, 2023. Motion carried.
- INVOICES Councilmember Coffey moved and Wiford seconded to pay the invoices in the amount of \$56,034.07. Motion carried.
- DUMPSTER Council was provided with Ordinance #420 which prohibits unlawful dumping into city dumpsters by persons whom are not sanitation customers and/or the unlawful dumping of prohibited items. Also included were some pictures of things that had been left at the dumpster. The cameras that had been placed at the dumpsters weren't able to go back and view the previous recordings. Those cameras were being fixed to record and send that footage to a specific place to be viewed. Brad Myers utility superintendent said that he and the guys have discussed taking the dumpster and moving it for a month to see how long the trash route would take them. Brad also said that the citizens of Altamont have always had the ability to take their trash to the dumpsters 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Councilmember Cochran asked about updating the ordinance and increasing the fine. City Administrator LeaAnn Myers said that the City of Altamont has 60 rural trash customers, which brings in \$1380 a month or \$16,560 a year. Councilmember Cochran asked about increasing the fine amount for illegal dumping. He stated that some of this dumping may not be our citizens, but others from other towns who know there is a dumpster in Altamont. Mayor Hayward agreed with Councilmember Cochran and suggested leaving it in place, checking the cameras daily or every other day and start writing citations for the maximum amount. Councilmember Wiford asked what options there were for not having the trash in a residential area.
- Councilmember Cochran moved and Coffey seconded to move it for a month, place signage, work on getting cameras and hard drive functional and start prosecuting. Motion carried.
- Councilmember Wiford said that still wouldn't solve the issue at hand with the location of the trash still being in the same location and the neighbors having the trash blowing in their yard. He asked about leaving the trash truck secured in the building, still having the cameras there and moving the dumpsters to the shop or possibly behind City Hall. Councilmember Coffey suggested placing dumpsters inside the pole yard and customers making arrangements to come and dump. Brad Myers said that location isn't ideal as it isn't ready for something like that with all the stuff that's already located there, and the sliding gate wheel is broken. Councilmember Coffey said that the wheel needs to be replaced no matter what, to something better than the plastic that is currently on it. Brad Myers said no matter where you move the dumpster to, there is still going to be trash blowing and bugs no matter the location. LeaAnn Myers stated that she did reach out to the pest control place and there was no solution for that problem. Mayor Hayward said the better of possible locations would be the pole barn. Brad Myers said if the trash was getting moved then there would need to be ample notice, a month or two prior to the dumpsters no longer being available for dumping by rural customers. LeaAnn Myers suggested just doing as Mayor Hayward said and monitoring the current location with the cameras and writing tickets. Councilmember Coffey said that the monitoring could be the first step and then move it in a month or two. This would allow rural trash customers to still have access.
- Councilmember Cochran rescinded his previous motion and Coffey rescinded his second.
- Councilmember Cochran mentioned getting rid of rural trash all together, not immediately, but then pulling the dumpsters. LeaAnn Myers said there has been an issue in the past of people dumping in the lake dumpster as well as other locations. Businesses are having to be charged for extra dumps when people are dumping in their dumpsters, which isn't fair to the business owners. City Clerk Heather Beasley suggested businesses being responsible for locking their own dumpsters to keep that from happening. LeaAnn Myers said there were locations that didn't have lids for their dumpsters. Brad Myers said there were a couple of locations that used to lock theirs and it only lasted about 3 months. Trying to thaw out locks in the ice and snow isn't fun while on the trash route.
- Councilmember Coffey moved and Cochran seconded to get signage, if the ordinance needs to be changed to enact what we were discussing on the fines and everything, I don't know if needs to be changed or not but if it does work on that, get the cameras up and get signage up. Leave the dumpster there for the time being, work on and if we can just work on an

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idea of what might be the next steps if that doesn't start a solution. Time period of 2 months, 60 days. Motion carried.

Councilmember Coffey requested that LeaAnn try to come up with some options of some other solutions. Doesn't have to be in depth, just an idea. Councilmember Cochran is hopeful that if there are a couple people caught and prosecuted, then the word will get out.

LANDSDOWNE

Council was provided with some seating options for Landsdowne as well as updated concrete quotes. Volmer Construction provided two quotes for Landsdowne, one quote was for just the east slab which would be 4" at \$11,150.00 or both the east and west slabs at 6" for \$20,400.00. Also included was the City's cost for rock if the west end didn't get poured and that cost was \$115 per truck load. Mayor Hayward and Councilmember Cochran said the hexagon table option was their favorite. LeaAnn Myers wanted to make sure that the council kept in mind ADA options on the tables as well. City Clerk Heather Beasley shared the concerns of downtown business owner Gordon Miller and the amount of parking taken up with the food truck and the grain trucks not able to get down the street. Councilmember Coffey said that even with the gravel pad and with a lot of people parking on the street there will still be a lot of parking spots used. Heather Beasley said his concern was more about the food truck on the street more than people visiting and using parking. Richard Hayward said that we just need a starting point to decide the best route to go with traffic, he does understand his concerns and wants to be sensitive to them.

Councilmember Wiford moved and Cochran seconded to buy 1 of the regular hexagon recycled plastic picnic tables and 1 of the ADA compliant as in the packet. Motion carried.

Councilmember Johnston asked if we would be purchasing umbrellas for them as well. Councilmember Coffey said they would be placed on the sidewalk and that there is a canopy. LeaAnn Myers stated the canopy belonged to Gordon Miller at Main Street Auto Detail. Brad Myers asked where the tables would be sitting all the time and LeaAnn Myers stated on the sidewalk, next to Landsdowne.

Council had requested a new quote from Volmer Construction for concrete at Landsdowne, the new quote had gone up \$500 from the previous quote that had been received. Brad Myers suggested doing both slabs at the same time, because doing them at separate times would cause the city to pay \$2,000 more. Councilmember Wiford asked what it would cost to put the gravel on the west end of Landsdowne. Brad Myers said that there would be continuous cost and work put into keeping the gravel there and level as the gravel will settle and disappear into the ground. LeaAnn Myers asked if the gravel would have to be dug out prior to putting concrete on the west end if they decided to pour a slab on that end in the future and Brad stated yes. Brad Myers asked the council if they were ok with the utility department removing some of the shrubs and trees out of there. He also said the ground needed to be leveled up and to clean up Landsdowne to be more presentable. Councilmember Wiford said that he received an email from a downtown business owner who was in favor of the downtown project but liked the idea of pouring concrete on one end and a gravel pad on the other in order to save money. Councilmember Coffey said that the only thing that has ever been paid for is utility needs and everything else has been grants or donations. Mayor Hayward stated that Heather Beasley was keeping her eye out for grants all the time. Heather Beasley stated that she has two grants open currently for that project, she is trying and has been. But stated that it isn't just a matter of writing a letter and getting money. LeaAnn Myers reminded the council about the money that was donated from Leadership Labette in the amount of \$908 that is in the current park donation fund. She also wanted to make sure that the public was aware that there is an option to add donations for the park fund on their utility bill every month.

TRASH TRUCK POLE

Brad Myers provided an estimate from Twin Valley to replace the 3 phase double dead end pole located near the basketball court at the city park. Twin Valley anticipates 2 full days of work, totaling 14 hours. Brad said this specific pole located at the trash truck is the main feed electric pole and is rotted off at the ground. Brad Myers stated that the quote came in less expensive than they had expected for all the work that will need to be done. The quote from Twin Valley came in at \$7,251.67. Brad said there is another pole that needs to be replaced by the water tower and that the city will replace that one. Councilmember Cochran asked about the project being in the budget. LeaAnn Myers stated that there is currently almost \$91,000 in the electric reserve.

Councilmember Cochran moved and Wiford seconded to approve the estimate for Twin Valley to replace the electric pole by the basketball court as city park in the amount of \$7,251.67. Motion carried.

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POOL SHADE

Council was provided a quote for two sunshades at the Altamont Swimming Pool in their packets. The two shades a 20x10 slanted shade for \$10,400 and an 8x9 lifeguard shade for \$4,090 totaling \$16,356 after freight and engineering drawings were included. This cost would not cover the installation of the shades at the pool. Mayor Hayward thought it was a good idea but would like LeaAnn to look for other options. LeaAnn said she had no clue on the cost until the quotes were in because they don't post them on the website. Councilmember Wiford suggested looking into the UV shades over actual pool canopies, he felt they would serve the purpose of what people are wanting without the cost of pool canopies. The council would like to table the pool shade discussion and have LeaAnn look into some other options.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

- 1) Budget** – Working on the 2024 city budget.
 - a)** Budget information is due to the county by July 20th so they can notify taxpayers of all the taxing subdivisions exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR).
- 2) Streets** – The County will be asphaltting Oak Avenue in the next couple of weeks. LeaAnn said that \$25,000 was the amount that she gave Brad that was able to be spent on that project, minus wages, fuel and any other cost outside the main construction.
- 3) Pool** – Labette Center for Mental Health donated to the Altamont Pool to pay for the first 50 people to the Pool was held on July 10th & 11th.
- 4) Little League Sports** – Reviewed the Little League Sports Programs
 - a)** The Altamont Recreation Commission is creating two 3 person boards to oversee Little League Baseball and Softball
- 5) Trash** – Ordered 8 dumpsters and 100 poly carts to refill our supply.
- 6) Worker's Comp Audit** – The City of Altamont received a 100% on our safety score which will save the city 5% on our worker's comp premiums.
 - a)** For 2023, the 5% discount was \$547.00
- 7) KMU Safety Training** – Employee's participated in the monthly safety meeting regarding Hazard Communication Standard and the Global Harmonizing Standard.
- 8) Kansas Public Water Supply Loan Fund (KPWSLF)** – Submitted the KPWSLF pre-application to see about funding for new water meters and advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) system.
 - a)** The State will go through the pre-applications to determine which projects are eligible for funding.
 - b)** Projects eligible for funding must then complete an application which would require an engineering report and a public hearing.
 - c)** The State will then look to see if the eligible loan recipients qualify for loan forgiveness, which is available if the recipient is determined to be a disadvantaged community.
- 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.
 - 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.
 - b)** 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.
 - c)** 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.
 - d)** Shipping dates have been delayed. They are still waiting on the solar end point which would send the readings back to the City Office.
- 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.
 - a)** Brad Myers and Heather Beasley have been working on the Lead and Copper report.

Councilmember Cochran suggested that the rec commission look into the comments from some coaches that were posted on Facebook, in regard to creating a board.

POLICE QUARTERLY

- 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 – 19
- Citations issued for traffic infractions by officers – 32
- KBI adult reports – 4 possession of marijuana, 2 possession of drug paraphernalia, 2 Theft
- 1 DUI, 1 Misuse of financial card, 2 driving while suspended
- All officers have been busy with patrol duties and community relations, very proactive lately and preparing for the summer months which are usually very busy for us.
- We recently handled some animal ordinance complaints, which at some point we may

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have to review that ordinance based on the ongoing situation.

- Met with City Administrator Myers and City Attorney Myers to discuss, handling and enforcement of several ordinances the department will begin investigating pertaining to junk yards, inoperable vehicles and animal control.
- All officers have received a completed training on administering Narcan through DCCCA and received a case of Narcan for the department, we now carry 2 doses of Narcan in each patrol vehicle.
- Officer Anthony Austin completed his 14 weeks at the KLETC police academy and graduated May 19th, we're very pleased to have him back and patrolling the streets, I would like to mention that two weeks after he graduated from the police academy, Officer Austin during his patrol duties, stopped a vehicle around 3AM for a traffic violation which resulted in the arrest of 2 suspects for possession of 11 grams of Methamphetamines laced with Fentanyl and 26 grams of Marijuana, very impressive for his first major stop.
- All officers have completed their mandatory 40 hours of continuing education.
- I was elected as a board member and region rep for the Kansas Narcotics Officers Association.
- All officers have been very active with patrol duties and enforcement.

Mayor Hayward requested a 60 second recess and stepped out with Attorney Myers at 8:05 and came back into the regular meeting from the recess at 8:06. Mayor Hayward asked for a motion for attorney-client privilege executive session for 30 minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Cochran moved, and Coffey seconded that 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 8:40PM. Motion amended to include at a later time potentially the pool manager. Motion carried. Out at 8:10PM.

Regular meeting resumed at 8:42PM. Councilmember Wiford moved and Cochran seconded to amend the 2023 Altamont Pool swim instructor contract to add the role of Basic Swim Instructor for swimming lessons at a rate of \$12.00. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

- The Ice Cream Social and Music in the Park will be Saturday, July 15th at the Altamont City Park starting at 6PM everyone is invited.

Councilmember Wiford said there had been a complaint come to him about the campground and the long-term campers. The question was to have the long-term campers assigned to the last two or three stalls on the south side rather than to bigger pull-throughs. Councilmember Cochran said maybe even putting them on the north side and not occupying those bigger pull throughs on the south side. LeaAnn Myers shared that spots 1 and 9 were 14-day maximum stay based on the rules. She suggested adding 19 and 20 to that 14-day maximum stay in the rules also.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Cochran moved and Wiford seconded to adjourn. Motion Carried 8:46PM

DATE

Heather Beasley, City Clerk