

**MINUTES
CITY OF ALTAMONT
JULY 27, 2023**

REGULAR MEETING	<p>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 & Cameron Johnston. Councilmember Lyle Sykes attended the meeting via zoom.</p>
MINUTES	<p>Councilmember Cochran moved and Johnston seconded to approve the minutes from July 13, 2023. Motion carried.</p>
INVOICES	<p>Councilmember Cochran moved and Wiford seconded to pay the invoices in the amount of \$71,133.76. Motion carried.</p>
ORDINANCE #647	<p>An ordinance relating to inoperable vehicles: prohibiting certain placement or storage of same on private property; prescribing duties for certain officers and prescribing penalties, and repealing ordinance no. 241. Councilmember Johnston noted the change of adoption date that needed to be made from July 20th to July 27th. Councilmember Sykes wanted to know what would constitute 30 days in jail, as he felt that was a little aggressive for having a vehicle in your yard. City Attorney Robert Myers stated that was the maximum punishment if they were found guilty, he stated he has never seen anyone go to jail over an inoperable vehicle. Councilmember Sykes also asked about the right of entry and whether there needed to be a warrant to be on their property. Robert Myers stated that he had met with the police chief and spent quite a bit of time going over how the process works.</p> <p>Councilmember Coffey moved and Wiford seconded to approve ordinance #647 with the corrections. Motion carried.</p> <p>Cochran yes, Coffey yes, Wiford yes, Johnston yes, Sykes yes</p> <p>Mayor Hayward requested to appoint the police chief or a designated officer as the public officer.</p> <p>Councilmember Cochran moved and Johnston seconded to approve the appointment as stated by the mayor. Motion carried.</p>
PUBLIC WATER LOAN	<p>The council was provided with the notice about the Kansas Public Water Supply Loan Fund (KPWSLF) that City Administrator Myers had applied for. The water meter replacement within the City of Altamont didn't rank high enough on their project priority list for the 2024 Intended Use Plan to receive first round funding. There could still be a possibility if some projects that were ranked high enough don't turn in a complete application by October 16th, 2023.</p>
FIRE GRANT	<p>The council was provided with the notice from the Volunteer Fire Assistance, Cooperative Fire Protection Program about the approval of grant application. Altamont Volunteer Fire Department was granted \$6200.00 total, dept. share of \$3100.00 and KFS share of \$3100.00.</p>
CITY ADMINISTRATOR	<p>1) Budget – Worked on the 2024 city budget. a) Submitted the 2024 city budget information to the County Clerk for Taxpayers notification. b) The RNR and budget hearing is scheduled for August 24th, 2023, at 6:30PM prior to the regular council meeting.</p> <p>2) Streets – The County will asphalt Oak Avenue on July 28. Brad had been contacted by the county that they were busy asphaltting state highways and that it would be at least two weeks before they would get to Oak Avenue.</p> <p>3) Junk Yards and Inoperable Vehicles – Met with Robert Myers and Police Chief Michael Shields regarding the junk yards and inoperable vehicles ordinances.</p> <p>4) Kansas Department of Labor – KDL completed the City's safety inspection on July 20th.</p> <p>5) Labette County Flood Meeting – Attended the flood meeting in Oswego.</p> <p>6) Pool – The second session of swim lessons started on July 24th. a) Luke Wolgamott and Gracie Gatton attended Basic Swim Instructor training. b) The Back to School Swim Party is scheduled for August 12th. c) The last day the pool will be open is August 13th.</p> <p>7) Gas – Brad Myers and Bridget Nash attended the Kansas Municipal Gas Association meeting in Humboldt.</p> <p>8) Loan Fund – Submitted the KPWSLF pre-application to see about funding for new water meters and advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) system. a) The City of Altamont was not selected for funding. A notification letter was included in your packet.</p> <p>9) Water Meter Pilot Program – We are working with D.C.&B Supply to do a pilot program</p>

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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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Cochran moved, and Coffey seconded the city council recess into executive session to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b) (1) to include the City Attorney. The open meeting will resume in the city council room at 7:25PM. Motion carried.

Out at 7:14PM

In at 7:25PM, no action taken.

COMMUNICATIONS

- The City of Altamont Budget and Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate hearings are Thursday, August 24, 2023, at 6:30PM in the City Council Room.

- Back to School Swim Party – Saturday, August 12, Altamont Pool, 7PM-8:30PM. Free admission.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Cochran moved and Coffey seconded to adjourn. Motion Carried 7:27PM

DATE

Heather Beasley, City Clerk