

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ALTAMONT  
AUGUST 10, 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. Councilmembers present: Ben Cochran, Raymond Coffey, Kyle Wiford, & Lyle Sykes.

MINUTES Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to approve the minutes from July 27, 2023. Motion carried.  
Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to approve the minutes from August 3, 2023. Motion carried.  
Councilmember Cochran moved and Coffey seconded to approve the minutes from August 9, 2023. Motion carried.

PRAYER Greg Garrett led the Council Meeting in Prayer.

INVOICES Councilmember Sykes moved and Wiford seconded to pay the invoices totaling \$42,070.88. Motion carried.

TONY NOTO Tony Noto requested an extended lake stay.  
  
Councilmember Cochran moved and Coffey seconded to allow Mr. Noto an extended 60 day stay at the Altamont Lake. Motion carried.

2022 CITY AUDIT Kyle Spielbusch was in attendance to present the results of the 2022 City Audit to Council.

BURL MOORE Burl Moore was in attendance to discuss and update the Council on the 2023 Softball and Baseball Season.  
  
The City Administrator requested a copy of the ABBC & Girl's Summer Ball Board Members and the Code of Conduct that will be put in place in the Spring of 2024.

ORDINANCE #648 The Council was provided Ordinance #648 with the recommended changes to the Utility Department and an alternate ordinance proposing changes in the Police Department wage ranges.  
0-2 Years \$17 - \$20/hr.  
2-4 Years \$19 - \$22.50/hr.  
4-6 Years \$21 - \$24/hr.  
6-9 Years \$23 - \$27/hr.  
10+ Years \$23 - \$30/hr.  
  
The City Administrator included the Police Department pay scale increase in the policy to cut down on publication costs and to save from having to redo Ordinance #648 in a few months.  
  
Councilmember Wiford understands the proposal to adjust the merit to save money on the publication but stated the Council took a lot of time to discuss their decision for the Utility Department and would rather have the time to do that for police before adjusting everything. The City Administrator noted she would like to see that too and this adjustment does not approve any raises, it would just be saving the cost to publish in the paper twice. She stated the cost is about \$60 for each posting. Wiford said he would be fine with paying that twice. The City Attorney said this would just be adjusting the minimums and maximums. The City Administrator touched on an advertisement sent out by the Sheriff's Department with starting wage of \$21.87/hour plus a shift differential. She stated the City's current wage is not competitive with that.  
  
Coffey and Sykes both agree with Wiford's viewpoint and Sykes would like to see how these rates fall with surrounding towns. Cochran agrees this will probably need to be done with office staff as well. The City Administrator said the office staff are all listed in that policy currently with a wide range of wages and no adjustment is needed for the time being. She requested the Police Department be placed on the next council meeting. Council would like to see more comparable rates to area towns, like Chetopa and Oswego.  
  
Councilman Wiford moved, and Coffey seconded to approve Ordinance #648 with Council recommendations. Motion carried.  
  
Cochran affirmative, Coffey yes, Wiford yes, Sykes yes.

AUDIT APPROVAL Councilmember Cochran moved and Wiford seconded to approve the 2022 Audit Report as reported by Jared Gilmore & Phillips. Motion carried.

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- 2024 BUDGET REVIEW      LeaAnn Myers provided and went over the proposed 2024 Budget with the City Council. The council will have two weeks to review the proposed budget and bring questions or concerns back to the Budget Hearing before the Council Meeting on August 24, 2023.
- CITY ADMINISTRATOR      **1) Budget** – Submitted the 2024 City budget information to the Labette Avenue for Publication.  
   **a)** The RNR and budget hearing is scheduled for August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:30PM prior to the regular Council meeting.  
**2) Streets** – The County is planning on asphaltting Oak Avenue in the next few weeks.  
**3) KMU Safety Meeting** – The employees attended the monthly KMU Safety meeting over bloodborne pathogens.  
**4) Pool** – The Back-to-School Swim Party is scheduled for Saturday, August 12.  
   **a)** The last day for the Pool is Sunday, August 13.  
   **b)** Ordered a new pool vacuum for the baby pool, 4 new pool chairs, and 8 new loungers. These items were on sale for the end of the season.  
**5) Janitor Position** – Posted janitor position for the City’s website and Facebook page.  
**6) Utility** – reviewed utility accounts budgets and employee benefits.  
**7) Water Meter Pilot Program** – We are working with D.C.&B. Supply to do a pilot program for advanced metering infrastructure  
   **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, 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. 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)** Shipping dates have been delayed. They are still waiting for the solar end point which would send the readings back to the City Office.  
**8) 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 Altamont Recreation Commission Budget and Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate hearings are Monday, August 21 at 6:30 PM in the City Office.  
   - The City of Altamont Budget and Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate hearings are Thursday, August 24, 2023, at 6:30 PM in the City Council Room.  
   - Back-to-School Swim Party- Saturday, August 12, Altamont Pool, 7:00-8:30PM. Free Admission.
- Councilman Cochran moved, and Coffey seconded to have Department Heads return to attending regular Council meetings. Motion carried.
- ADJOURN                      Councilmember Cochran moved and Coffey seconded to adjourn. Motion Carried 8:05PM.

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Bridget Nash, Deputy City Clerk