

**MINUTES
CITY OF ALTAMONT
August 11, 2022**

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 and prayer. Councilmembers present: Ben Cochran, Raymond Coffey, Kyle Wiford & Lyle Sykes.
MINUTES	Councilmember Cochran moved and Wiford seconded to approve the minutes from July 28, 2022. Motion carried.
INVOICES	Councilmember Coffey moved and Cochran seconded to pay the invoices of \$43,171.48. Motion Carried.
COX COMMUNICATIONS	Megan Bottenberg was present to discuss Cox Communications and their plans to bring 2 gigs of symmetrical fiber to the homes of Altamont. In order to make this happen COX will be investing \$700,000 into the community, that is all private dollars. They will not be using any local, state or federal dollars for this project, only looking to have a good partnership and working relationship with the City of Altamont. The Cox construction team will work directly with the Public Works Department and anyone else the City requires. This will ensure the City knows where they are building and where they will go under-ground in order to protect our water and sewer lines. Councilmember Cochran asked when they would plan to start the project, and Megan stated she would check the date for sure but either late this year or early next. The plan would be to complete the project within 5 years but their typical build is about 6 months. The agreement between Cox and The City of Altamont is a non-exclusive agreement, so the citizens will be able to still choose their own service provider and not required to use Cox.
ORDINANCE #638	Council was given a copy of the new Standard Traffic Ordinance. Robert Myers let the Council know that the fine minimum had been updated to \$75 so they were all consistent across the board. Coffey moved and Cochran seconded to accept the Ordinance 638, Standard Traffic Ordinance. Ben yes, Raymond yes, Kyle yes, Lyle yes. Motion Carried.
ORDINANCE #639	Coffey moved and Cochran seconded to accept Ordinance 639, The Uniform Public Offense Code. Ben yes, Raymond yes, Kyle yes, Lyle yes. Motion Carried.
EXECUTIVE SESSION	Mayor Hayward requested a 10 minute Executive Session for Attorney-Client privilege. 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: City Council, City Attorney and City Administrator. The open meeting will resume in the City Council Room at 7:40PM. Motion Carried. City Council resumed the open meeting at 7:42PM due to technical difficulties and chose not to take any action on the executive session at this time.
COX FRANCHISE FEES	Franchise Fees are set by State Statute which the Council was provided with in their packets. Councilmember Cochran moved and Wiford seconded to approve the KSA 12-2024 agreement with Cox Communications, 5% franchise fee with a non-exclusive agreement. Councilmember Coffey voted no, but majority voted yes. Motion carried.
TOBACCO-FREE PARKS	Councilmember Cochran moved and Coffey seconded to approve the tobacco-free parks policy. Motion Carried.
2023 BUDGET REVIEW	City Council was provided with and LeaAnn Myers went over the proposed 2023 Budget with the City Council. Robert Myers suggested using meter connect fees rather than calling them deposit fees to get away from having to hold on to those deposits. He was going to review those terms and conditions and see about a change being made to those and the best way to go about that. The council will have two weeks to review the proposed budget and bring any questions or concerns back to the Budget Hearing before the Council Meeting on August 25, 2022.

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STREET CLOSURE

The Recreation Commission is requesting that the street be closed on 5th Street from Huston to the alley next to the Fire Department from 6:30-9:30PM on August 26, 2022.

Councilmember Cochran moved and Coffey seconded to allow the Rec Commission to close 5th Street from Huston to the alley next to the Fire Department from 6:30-9:30PM on August 26. Motion Carried.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Budget – Finalized the 2023 City Budget.

a. The Revenue Neutral Rate and Budget hearings will be held on August 25, 2022 at 6:30PM in the City Council Room.

2. Pool – The Pool’s last day is August 14th.

3. Police – Officer Christian Powell was promoted to Sergeant on July 26, 2022. Sergeant Powell has been a great addition to our Police Department and is very knowledgeable with the law and Kansas State Statutes. Congratulations Sergeant Powell.

a. Part-time Officer Josh Daniels will be finishing the part-time police academy this week.

4. Culpepper & Merriweather Circus – The Circus will be returning to Altamont on Monday, September 19th at McMillen Park.

a. The morning of September 19th there will be a tent raising ceremony around 9:30AM. The public is invited to attend.

b. There will be two shows that evening at 5PM and 7:30PM.

c. Tickets are now available at the Altamont City Office, Altamont Labette Bank and The Corner Store.

i. Advanced Adult Tickets are \$12. The day of the show they will be \$15.

ii. Advanced Children Tickets (Ages 2-12) and Seniors Ages (65 & Older) are \$7. The day of the show they will be \$8.

iii. Everyone is encouraged to purchase advanced tickets. The Altamont Recreation Commission will get back between 40%-50% of the advance ticket sales.

5. PHMSA Grant – Completed and turned in the documentation for the PHMSA Grant with Midwest Engineering.

6. Back to School Dance – The Altamont Recreation Commission is hosting a Back to School Dance with DJ Neil Springer behind the Police Department on August 26th starting at 7PM.

7. Gas – The AC mitigation equipment has been installed on our gas line which prevents stray currents and brings the City into compliance with the KCC.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Pool’s last day will be Sunday, August 14th.

Back to School Dance – Friday, August 26th behind 501 Huston from 7-9PM.

Culpepper & Merriweather Circus – Monday, September 19th at McMillen Park.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Cochran moved and Coffey seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. 8:11PM

DATE

Heather Beasley, City Clerk