

**MINUTES
CITY OF ALTAMONT
August 25, 2022**

BUDGET HEARING	The 2023 Revenue Neutral Rate and Budget Hearing was held at 6:30PM prior to the regular scheduled meeting. In attendance for the RNR and Budget Hearing were Mayor Hayward, Councilmembers Raymond Coffey, Kyle Wiford, Lyle Sykes, Cameron Johnston, City Administrator LeaAnn Myers and City Clerk Heather Beasley. No questions or concerns from any councilmembers or public. Budget Hearing closed at 6:37PM.
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: Raymond Coffey, Kyle Wiford, Lyle Sykes & Cameron Johnston
MINUTES	Councilmember Coffey moved and Wiford seconded to accept the minutes of the City of Altamont from August 11, 2022. Motion carried.
INVOICES	Councilmember Johnston moved and Wiford seconded to approve payment of invoices totaling \$152,268.42. Motion carried.
BRYNN PRICE	<p>Brynn Price and Taylor Johnston were present to request an extended lake stay in order to shorten the commute from an hour to 20 minutes to work and school. Brynn would like to stay until school is over in May, but would like to ask for the stay to be extended until December.</p> <p>Councilmember Coffey moved and Johnston seconded to allow them to stay until January 1, 2023 and if they need to extend further they could come back. Motion carried</p>
ORDINANCE #640	<p>An Ordinance relating to the use of the city's public right-of-way within the limits of the City of Altamont, Kansas; and, providing for regulation of related matters including penalties for violations thereof.</p> <p>Councilmember Coffey moved and Wiford seconded to accept ordinance #640, right of way. Coffey yes, Wiford yes, Sykes yes & Johnston yes. Motion carried.</p> <p>Councilmember Coffey moved and Sykes and seconded to make Brad Myers and Nathan Barnett the point of contacts for the right-of-way inspectors. Motion carried.</p>
RESOLUTION #292	<p>A resolution of the City of Altamont, Kansas to levy a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate.</p> <p>Councilmember Coffey and Johnston moved to accept resolution #292, exceeding the revenue neutral rate.</p> <p>Coffey yes, Wiford yes, Sykes yes & Johnston yes. Motion carried.</p>
KFSRG GRANT	Mayor Hayward informed council that the Fire Marshall Grant was submitted and awards will be announced by the end of September. The fire department has applied for 4 grants since December last year, 3 for the city and 1 for the township, being awarded 1 city and 1 township. Both grants awarded were through the Kansas Forestry Service. The total amount that the grants have been written for is an estimate of \$124,600. If they are awarded all of the grants that have been written, the fire departments out of pocket expense would be \$7800.
2023 BUDGET	Councilmember Coffey moved and Johnston seconded to approve the 2023 budget. Motion Carried.
CITY ADMINISTRATOR	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Pool – The pool closed on Sunday, August 14. We had a great year.2. Back to School – The Altamont Recreation Commission is hosting a Back to School Dance with DJ Neil Springer behind the Police Department on August 26th starting at 7PM3. Culpepper & Merriweather Circus – The Circus will be returning to Altamont on Monday, September 19th at McMillen Park.<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. There will be a tent raising ceremony that morning around 9:30AM, the public is invited to attend.

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- 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 (Ages2-12) 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.
- 4. **Burn Site** – Received notification from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment after the annual inspection, the City’s burn site is in compliance.
- 5. **Streets** – Asphaltting ended up costing more per block than we anticipated. The streets they overlaid were in bad shape and took more asphalt to cover them and to correct the crown of the streets. Unfortunately, we were not able to overlay all the streets we planned to due to cost. We will reevaluate the areas we were not able to get next year. Washington and Lincoln Avenues were asphalted from 4th to 6th Street this year.
- 6. **Police** – Officer Josh Fields Daniels successfully completed the part-time police academy on August 12, 2022. Congratulations Officer Daniels.
 - a. Chief Michael Shields attended several meetings with USD 506 over school crisis procedures.
- 7. **HELP Meeting** – Attended the monthly HELP Meeting.

GAS EMERGENCY Mayor Hayward informed Council that he had reached out to the Attorney General’s Office regarding the gas emergency from February 2021. There was no new information to be shared, they had reiterated the hiring of an outside law firm to handle the investigation.

COMMUNICATIONS -Back to School Dance will be Friday, August 26th behind the Police Department from 7-9PM
-The new school year is now in full swing. Please remember to be mindful of kids walking or on bikes and buses traveling and stopping throughout town. Also remember to watch your speed in the school zones.
-Merriweather & Culpepper Circus discount advanced tickets are available at the Altamont City Office, Altamont Labette Bank and Corner Store. The Circus will be here on Monday, September 19th.

THANK YOU Councilmember Coffey wanted to thank the city workers for all they do, the maintenance department, fire department, police department and the ladies in the office. They all do a heck of a job keeping the city going and without them there wouldn’t be a town. Thank you all for your hard work.

ADJOURN Councilmember Coffey moved and Sykes seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. 7:22PM

DATE

Heather Beasley, City Clerk