

**MINUTES
CITY OF ALTAMONT
OCTOBER 12, 2023**

REGULAR MEETING The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with Mayor Richard Hayward presiding. Rusty Adams was present to lead prayer. Councilmembers present: Ben Cochran, Kyle Wiford, Lyle Sykes & Cameron Johnston.

RUSTY ADAMS Rusty Adams was present to request an extended lake stay. Rusty is the new preacher for Western Way Cowboy Church and is requesting an extended stay while in the transition of moving closer. Rusty asked for a 30-day extension while he gets things settled on new ground where he is renting.

Councilmember Coffey in at 7:01PM

Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to allow Mr. Adams to extend his stay another 30 days at the lake.

Councilmember Wiford suggested making it 60 days in case they ran into problems to save him a trip coming back to council again.

Councilmember Cochran rescinded his motion and Councilmember Sykes rescinded his second.

Councilmember Cochran moved and Wiford seconded to allow 60 days. Motion carried.

MINUTES Councilmember Cochran moved and Johnston seconded to approve the minutes from September 28, 2023. Motion carried.

INVOICES Councilmember Wiford moved, and Sykes seconded to pay invoices in the amount of \$47,952.77. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 653 An ordinance providing for the regulation of gas line construction and procedures for gas leak discoveries and repealing ordinance #360.

Councilmember Wiford moved and Cochran seconded to approve ordinance #653

Cochran yes, Coffey yes, Wiford yes, Sykes yes, Johnston yes

Motion carried.

LANSDOWNE Council was provided with a quote for \$3,200 to pour a curb along the building at Lansdowne Garden.

Councilmember Cochran moved and Johnston seconded to approve the invoice or the quote in the amount of \$3200.00. Motion Carried.

VETERANS MEMORIAL Council was provided with some pictures of area Veterans Memorials as reference to what would be possible at Lansdowne. City Clerk Heather Beasley would like to apply the money from the SEED Grant 2.0 towards the veteran's memorial if the city is granted those funds. The council thought the veteran's memorial would be a good use of grant funds, if the city had granted them. The council would like to see about possible grant money from Parsons VFW as well.

Councilmember Cochran thought it would be probably a more expensive idea, but he liked the listing of names like what Chetopa had done.

LMI STUDY City Clerk Heather Beasley reached out to SEKRPC to let them know that we would like to proceed with the LMI Study. Taylor Hogue from SEKRPC said for the office to start working on the master list of each household in town as well as identifying businesses and vacant houses.

SOFTBALL FIELD Council was provided with a quote from CDL electric in their council packets, that quote included four bid options. Base bid, which is necessary for operation coming in at \$23,511.00. Option #1 is to replace existing fixtures with LED Sportslighters on a 1:1 ration for \$28,281.00. Option #2 is to replace fixtures with LED and increase number of fixtures to meet standard lighting requirements for \$43,355.50. Option #3 would add flood lights to 3rd base pole to light up the batting cages for \$1,631.00. Councilmember Wiford thought reaching out to the high school softball team as well as the rec leagues and where they had issues or dark zones. Council would like to update the lights with LED's and possibly add the lights to the batting cages. Council would like to table the lights issue until there is more information.

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City Administrator LeaAnn Myers informed the council that the Altamont Little League had agreed to provide their board members as well as their code of conduct to the city. When Bridget Nash reached out to Audra Moore with Altamont Little League requesting that information again and was told that their attorney told them they didn't have to provide that to the city. Council from Attorney Robert Myers' suggestion decided they would not be allowed to use the city facilities until that information had been provided.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

- 1) USD 506** – LeaAnn Myers and Brad Myers met with USD 506 to discuss what their needs are for the new auxiliary gym project.
 - a) LeaAnn requested the school provide the City with a letter stating what they required.
- 2) Safety Meeting** – KMU provided monthly safety training for all employees over fire extinguishers.
- 3) Employees Retirement** – A customer service representative met with the employees regarding an optional retirement benefit through KPERS 457 and SEK Financial.
- 4) Recreation** – Bridget Nash and the Altamont Recreation Commission will host the 10th Annual Halloween Boo Bash on Sunday, October 29th downtown Altamont.
- 5) Council Forum** – The Council Forum was held on Thursday, October 5th with Mr. Brian Johnson as the moderator. The Council Forum is available on the City of Altamont's Facebook page.
- 6) Softball Field** – The lights at the softball field need to be rewired prior to the Spring Little League season. The City of Altamont does not have trucks tall enough to do this project.
 - a) LeaAnn Myers reached out to CDL electric to get a bid for the project. CDL has looked at the project and will be getting us a bid for the repairs and upgraded lighting.
 - b) The electric has been turned off at the softball field until a repair can be made. The lights need to be upgraded at the same time.
- 7) Lansdowne Garden** – The Utility Department has been preparing Lansdowne Garden for the patio project.
 - a) Heather Beasley and Bridget Nash attended a meeting with Alexander Manufacturing and Labette Community College regarding a shade structure for Lansdowne Garden.
- 8) Kansas State Water Supply Loan Fund** – Notified KDHE and the City of Altamont is not going to pursue funds through KPWSLF for the water meter project.
- 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.
 - a) City representatives met with D.C.&B. to start the pilot program on water meters and AMI service.
 - b) 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.
 - 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.
- 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.

POLICE REPORT

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.

- Responded to a couple medical calls
- Warnings issued for traffic infractions by officers – 9 defective equipment
- Citations issued for traffic infractions by officers – 7 – 2 speed, 2 no insurance, 1 expired tag, 1 headlight, 1 no driver's license
- KBI adult reports – fraud, identity theft and criminal use of credit card
- 1 state accident report handled
- Officers received radar training and certifications, all patrol vehicle radars recertified
- Police department received money for equipment purchase from KDOT seatbelt enforcements
- All officers have been busy with patrol duties and community relations, very proactive lately

UTILITY REPORT

- Bulk trash and tree pick up
- Check sewer main to 206 Wabash, we thought COX might have hit it but wasn't the case
- Clean electrodes on east lift station
- Mow
- Work on Lansdown Garden (formally known as) no pocket park!
- Check sewer main in alley between 6th & 7th
- Replace electric fuse by city shop
- Take 6 gas meters out and put new ones in, we are sending those in to be proven for usage

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-Lansdowne Garden – haul off dirt and take fence down Nate & JB 4 hours, Brad 2 hours 10-2

-Haul off dirt and level rock, Nash Services hauled 2 loads Nate & JB 5 hours, Brad 3 hours
-10-4, 5th & 6th Nate & JB 6 hours, Monty 3 hours, Brad 4 hours

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Cochran moved, and Sykes seconded 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 Attorney and City Administrator, open meeting will resume in the City Council Room at 8PM. Motion carried.

Out at 7:39PM

In at 8PM, no action was taken.

Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded 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 Attorney and City Administrator, open meeting will resume in the City Council Room at 8:12PM. Motion carried.

Out at 8PM

In at 8:12PM, no action was taken.

Councilmember Coffey out at 8:12PM.

COMMUNICATIONS

- 10th Annual Halloween Boo Bash, Sunday October 29th from 3-6PM in downtown Altamont
- Chasing Daylight UTV Poker Run, Saturday November 4th

ADJOURN

Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to adjourn. Motion Carried 8:15PM

DATE

Heather Beasley, City Clerk