

**MINUTES
CITY OF ALTAMONT
October 13, 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: Raymond Coffey, Kyle Wiford, Cameron Johnston, and Ben Cochran
MINUTES	Councilmember Cochran moved and Coffey seconded to accept the minutes of the City of Altamont from September 22, 2022. Motion carried.
INVOICES	Councilmember Coffey moved and Cochran seconded to approve payment of invoices totaling \$47,628.44. Motion carried.
FIRE GRANT	The Altamont/Mt. Pleasant Fire Department has been approved for a grant from the Kansas Firefighter Recruitment and Safety Grant program in the amount of 12,062.42.
GAS HEDGING	Dixie Riedel with KMGA informed City Administrator, LeaAnn Myers, the City's gas storage needed for the winter is about 60% and will achieve 95% full by the end of October, the average cost of the gas is \$7.70 plus the cost of the transportation fee. At the moment the price of fuel is on average about \$5.00 more per dkth than last year's price. Robert Myers asked council if any more information has been obtained about the open investigation in regards to the Gas Emergency from February 2021. No answers at this time.
CITY ADMINISTRATOR	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. KMU Training – Rob Gartner presented the monthly safety training on electrical safety.2. Police Officer Opening – we are currently accepting applications for two full-time police officers. Information can be found at www.altamontks.com.3. Burn Site – The brush site is currently closed to the public until the burn ban is lifted and we can burn the brush already at the site.4. Tobacco Free Parks – Kick Ball Tournament was held on September 30, 2022. There were three teams that participated including dads, mom, and kids. Dads ended up 2-0 and won the evening.5. Annual Evaluations – Supervisors are working on employee annual evaluations for their employees.6. Gas Prices – Natural gas prices have consistently been higher all summer long. The City's gas in storage is averaging over \$5.00 more per dkth than it was last year's highest gas at \$3.83 per dkth. Part of the increase is due to an increase in transportation costs.<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) As of October 10, 2022, the City has 18,205 dkth in storage.b) When level payments were calculated this spring, we didn't know what the price of gas was going to do. Customers on level payment need to keep an eye on their total amount due and are encouraged to pay more than their level payment if their total is more than their monthly level payment. This will help alleviate having a large bill due in March 20237. HELP – Attended the monthly HELP meeting.8. Ribbon Cutting – The HELP committee hosted a ribbon cutting for Main Street Auto Detailing on October 13 at 10 AM9. Utility Billing Cards – We received new utility billing cards which added an option to donate to park improvements. We will start using them as soon as we get through our current supplies.10. Lead and Copper Rule – Heather Beasley and LeaAnn Myers attended a meeting with the Kansas Rural Water Association to answer some reporting questions on the new lead and copper EPA requirements regarding water service lines.<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Altamont is looking at hosting a meeting with other area water districts to go over the reporting documents in late October.11. Electric Upgrade – Twin Valley, City Superintendent Brad Myers and the utility crew are working on finalizing plans for the electric upgrade and pole replacement from Wabash Avenue east towards Karner Avenue a half block north of 4th Street.<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) At the March 22, 2022 meeting Council approved the work to be done by Twin Valley not to exceed \$53,151.19. However, there is an additional electric pole which needs to be replaced. This will increase the cost of the project.<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. The last electric pole we ordered was over \$500b) The Altamont Utility Department has been preparing the locations for the upgrade, including trimming trees to help keep costs down.c) Twin Valley recently also replaced some electric poles east of the LCHS tennis courts.12. Electric Grants – Brad Myers and LeaAnn have been looking into electric grant opportunities for electric upgrades.13. Federal Surplus Property – renewed the City's applications for the Federal Surplus Property. This has to be done every three years.

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14. **Boo Bash** – Bridget Nash and the Altamont Recreation Commission is busy planning the 9th Annual Halloween Boo Bash which will be held on Sunday, October 23rd, Downtown.
15. **UTV Poker Run** – Bridget Nash and the Altamont Recreation Commission is also preparing the 2nd Annual Chasing Daylight Poker Run which will be held on Saturday, November 5th.

POLICE

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. Several Warnings and Citations issued for traffic infractions by officers. Officers have taken reports ranging from flee and elude, several domestic calls, criminal damage, several DWS, several DUI's, domestic violence, batteries, disorderly conduct, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, assisted sheriff department with vehicle chase, charged a subject with unlawful discharge of firearm within the city. Looking to hire two new officers with the resignations of Officer Davis going to the sheriff department, and officer Wooden going to Humboldt PD, right now we're utilizing the part time officers to help with shift coverage. Met with LCHS administration and working on response and emergencies within the schools in town. Working with LCHS and High school skeet team to provide a weapons room at the police department. The department has signed up to start doing S.T.E.P. (Special Traffic Enforcement Program) enforcement mobilizations again to gain grants for equipment for the department. Working with city administrator on budget items for next year.

Report submitted by Chief Michael Shields

UTILITY

Install new gas line to Holiness Church. They are putting a new addition to the Church.
Replace gas line at 115 E 4th, leak found under the house.
Trench in underground electric at High School for Shooting Range and hang transformer for electric.
Dig Holes for new lights at the Tennis Courts and set 4 new poles
Mow and bush hog, spray weed killer all over.
Working with Midwest Engineering on GIS Mapping and gas for PHMSA Grant
Replace stool flapper at Lake Bathroom south side
USDI filled our odorant tank (Gas)
Install culvert at Whittley's new home
Clean sewer main
Replace two water meter tiles
Replace electric fuse going to industrial park, also north of 4th on Huston
Our AC mitigation is completed on our main gas line
Replace electric pole south of park, lightning arrestor shorted out and caught pole on fire
Replace lightning arrestor and fuse cutout at industrial park
Clean ditches on 4th from Washington to Lincoln going to asphalt Friday
Put new electric pole in at 1st and Huston
Replaced electric pole by the tennis court on 7th (pole was rotted off at the ground)
Cut tree behind Reliable Medical
Twin Valley replaced primary electric pole behind high school new weight room
Replace gas yard line at 702 E. 4th leak found outside above ground
Replace lightning arrestor on primary electric pole at 909 Huston
Replace 3 water meters leaking on bottom of meter and 2 water valves
Move gas meter to house at 411 W 4th and add new to line to generator
Repair sewer main at Quail Ridge (due to very dry conditions ground shifting)
Replace tri-plex going to house on 5th and Wabash
Install 2 down guy cables on primary electric poles
Install 2 new street lights
Replace culverts and clean ditches on 4th and Washington
Get 20 acres ready for Circus
Cut trees in primary electric, and change transformer at 1200 Huston
Take pole out by MJ's Produce
Patch holes
Been cutting a lot of trees due to extreme dry conditions (limbs are dropping off because lack of water)
Replace gas yard line at 701 Wells, leak found underground.
Used new trencher, worked great. Thank you.
Flush all fire hydrants
Bulk trash

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Repair gas leak on main line on wells (replace trap)
Add 6 foot of culvert at 405 5th
Started on our electric upgrade with Twin Valley.
Twin Valley cut some trees for us that we could not reach. They can go 65 feet as where we can only go 48 feet high
Been working with Midwest Engineering on finishing our sewer maps and flow from our lift stations

Mayor Hayward asks, "Will the City have to go door to door to obtain information for Lead and Copper Project?"
Brad informed there is a letter being worked up by Heather Beasley to send to the landlords and homeowners of the City to gather the needed information. Help from the landlords will help tremendously.
All lines that are lead, copper, or galvanized piping will have to be replaced
A meeting is set for October 26th to go over more details about the Lead and Copper Project
Heather has got a good jumpstart on gathering information such as, when houses were built, locations, and occupants.
EPA is mandating the information be gathered and turned in by October 2024.

Councilmember Cochran commended the utility crew on being observant and polite of the fellow businesses while doing their job.

COMMUNICATIONS

Boo Bash – Sunday October 23, Downtown Altamont. Trunk-or-Treat to follow directly after the Costume Contest portion, all local businesses and members of the City invited to join in handing out Candy.

Chasing Daylight ATV Poker Run – Saturday, November 5, Starting at McMillen Park

Mayor Hayward noted the 100th Anniversary of Fire Prevention Week.

ADJOURN

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

DATE

Bridget Nash, Deputy City Clerk