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CITY OF ALTAMONT
OCTOBER 24, 2024

REGULAR MEETING	The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with Mayor Richard Hayward presiding. Kristi Bishop led the prayer. Councilmembers present: Ben Cochran, Kyle Wiford, Lyle Sykes and Tyler Julich.
MINUTES	Councilmember Sykes moved, and Julich seconded to approve the meeting minutes from October 10, 2024. Motion carried.
INVOICES	Councilmember Sykes moved and Wiford seconded to pay invoices totaling \$75,311.61. Motion carried.
NATASHA THOMPSON	Natasha Thompson was present to request an extended lake stay at Idle Hour Lake through November, as she is here doing work at Day and Zimmerman through that time period. Councilmember Cochran moved, and Wiford seconded to approve extended lake stay for Natasha Thompson through December 1, 2024. Councilmember Cochran rescinded his motion. Councilmember Cochran moved and Skyes seconded to approve extended lake stay for Natasha Thompson through December 2, 2024. Motion carried.
BRIDGETTE PATTISON	Bridgette Pattison is the new employee for the Altamont Police Department. She is an LCHS graduate, class of 2004 and received her criminal justice degree from LCC.
JOHN IDOUX	John Idoux was present from BrightSpeed to discuss updating their services in Altamont from copper to fiber. They plan to have about 7 miles of fiber upgrades through Altamont, which will pass about 500 homes. He thought it should be about a month or less of actual construction time. They will be over lashing their fiber onto their already existing copper lines for the time being where they are able. Councilmember Sykes asked about the timeline of when they would like to begin their work. Idoux is thinking construction will start late 2024 early 2025. Franchise fee agreements are being worked out by City Attorney Robert Myers and will be tabled for now.
APPOINTMENTS	Mayor Richard Hayward appointed Bridgette Pattison as aN Altamont Police Officer. Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to accept the appointment of Bridgette Pattison as an Altamont Police Officer. Motion carried. Mayor Richard Hayward appointed Cody Dickerson as the Altamont Fire Chief. Councilmember Cochran moved and Wiford seconded to approve the appointment of Cody Dickerson as Altamont Fire Chief. Motion carried.
CODY DICKERSON	Cody Dickerson has been with the Altamont Fire Department since 2012 and was with Oswego’s Fire Department 4 years prior and has been in a captain position with Altamont Fire Department for 5 years.
POLICE CONTRACT	Council was provided with a new Police Department Employee Contract in their packets. City Administrator Myers stated they had reached out to area departments for their contracts and said this new contract was close to what Parsons had done. Councilmember Sykes moved and Wiford seconded to approve the City of Altamont Binding Agreement for Reimbursement of Hiring and Training Expenses. Motion carried.
KMGA GAS PREPAY	City Administrator LeaAnn Myers attended a webinar over the new KMGA Gas Prepay option. The City of Altamont has entered into an agreement with a Minnesota group through KMGA about a year or year and a half ago. That agreement hasn’t started yet, so therefore KMGA chose to look into other options. Councilmember Sykes out at 7:36PM. In at 7:36PM.

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KDOT TA AWARD	City Clerk Heather Beasley applied for the Transportation Alternatives Program through KDOT last spring for the Pedestrian Connections to School & Food Retail Project. The City of Altamont has been notified that they will be awarded \$1,528,469 to complete that project for fiscal year 2026.
CITY ADMINISTRATOR	1) Police Department – Received all pre-employment paperwork back on two police candidates. I would like to welcome Officers Bridgette Pattison and Tim Ames to the Altamont Police Department. a) Officer Pattison started with the Police Department on October 21st. b) Officer Ames is scheduled to start with the Police Department on November 4th. c) Worked with Chief Michael Shields on the Police hiring and training reimbursement policy. 2) Municipal Software – City Office employees attended a two-day webinar over enhancements and training sessions over municipal software. 3) Idle Hour Lake – Updated rules and regulations and posted on the City of Altamont’s website. a) Updated booking software to reflect camping closure during January and February. 4) KMG/KMEA – Attended an informational meeting regarding a gas pre-pay opportunity. a) Attended the KMG/KMEA annual conference. 5) 2024 Ford Utility Truck – The 2024 Ford has returned from the shop and is back in service. 6) Employee Evaluations – Department heads are working on employee evaluations. 7) Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks – Completed acknowledgement of change from regarding the ending of the CFAP program. 8) Collection Bureau of Kansas – Received \$1042.52 from collections on past due utility accounts. a) CBK has also collected \$758.41 for prior payments in 2024. 9) USD 506 – Working on the final billing for USD 506 auxiliary gym project. 10) New Directions – Set up An employee assistance meeting for those interested in attending. 11) HELP – Heather Beasley and LeaAnn Myers attended the monthly meeting. 12) Watco Railroad – Contacted Watco about the bolts sticking up from the railroad ties on their crossing on Wabash Avenue. 13) Recreation Commission – Bridget Merchant and the Altamont Recreation Commission have been preparing for the upcoming Altamont Boo Bash and the UTV Poker Run. 14) Transportation Alternatives Program – Heather Beasley has been working with KDOT regarding the paperwork for the sidewalk project. 15) Cybersecurity – Working with Higher Calling Technologies setting up password vaults to better protect the City from security threats. 16) Lead and Copper – Working with Brad Myers and Heather Beasley on notification letters for known or potential lead service lines to mail out to the residents as required by KDHE. The deadline to get the letters sent out is November 16, 2024.
UTILITY REPORT	Monday October 14th - Off for Columbus Day. Tuesday October 15th - Residential trash and Monday dumpsters. - Finished book 6 on meters. Wednesday October 16th - Read meters got all but one book done. - Riley Bradfield missed work due to fever and flu. Thursday October 17th - Finish meters. - Picked Ford truck up from Mike Carpino’s Columbus, KS. - Continuous water meter flow checks 1 leak on our side fixed. - Worked on big green generator. Friday October 18th - Hung 25KV transformer for Kansas equities on Wells Street. - Power outage at 1414 S Huston Carol Meiwes On transformer fuse. - Disconnect electric 701 E 4th Street for house siding being installed/hooked back up. - Nate Barnett left work at noon for 506 having a half day of school. Monday October 22nd - Gas leak investigation at 308 N. Wells, leak was found currently working on correcting leak.

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- Install meters at 908 S. Huston.
- Repair underground electric at 308 N. Wells.

Report submitted by Nathan Barnett

- Cut dead tree to the ground on Wells.
- Take left rear outrigger out and get rebuilt, it was going down by itself no leak the others on last report (we found plastic debris in check valve) took to Tim Wass to rebuild and put back on.
- Our 580 Case Backhoe had a cylinder leaking for some time so we took off and the ram was bent so I ordered a reman cylinder and put on (new cylinder was 6,036 and reman was 1,690 exchanged)
- Start taking our gas tests (we do every 3 years)

Report submitted by Utility Superintendent Brad Myers

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Richard Hayward shared that at the last fire meeting they had several new additions to the department, both full-time and junior. He stated that they quickly gained a lot of their numbers back at that meeting. An invitation was extended to each council member if they would like to attend a fire meeting.

Councilmember Wiford asked about the SCBA status on the quote and LeaAnn Myers stated she had reached out to Laura Moore who said if there were unused ARPA funds she would be in contact. Heather Beasley brought up the possibility of starting an endowment fund through Parsons Area Community Foundation in order to have a fund that could be used for various projects throughout the city, or things like purchasing SCBA's.

COMMUNICATIONS

- The 11th Annual Boo Bash will be Sunday, October 27 on the West Lawn of LCHS from 3PM-5PM
- The 4th Annual Chasing Daylight UTV Poker Run will be Saturday, November 4th. Registration is from 10AM-12PM at McMillen Park.
- November FoodStruck calendar is attached.
- \$5 BBQ lunch at the 20 acres during the Poker Run to raise funds for the Veteran's Memorial.
- Labette County is currently under a burn ban and citizens should follow guidelines and be very aware of their actions during this time.

Tonight is councilmember Cochran's last meeting, Mayor Hayward thanked him for his time on council, his hard work and service to our community.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Wiford moved and Julich seconded to adjourn. Motion Carried 7:58PM

Councilmember Cochran opposed the motion.

DATE

Heather Beasley, City Clerk