

**MINUTES
CITY OF ALTAMONT
October 28, 2021**

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 Pastor Han led the prayer. Councilmembers present: Ben Cochran, Raymond Coffey, Jeff Garretson and Paul Souders.

MINUTES Councilmember Cochran moved and Garretson seconded to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting from October 14, 2021. Motion carried.

INVOICES Councilmember Cochran moved and Garretson seconded to pay the invoices in the amount of \$118,931.43. Motion carried.

LC TRAP SHOOTING CLUB Robert Myers looked at the liability insurance and stated it is pretty standard and needs no action from the city. Mayor Hayward stated the school can move forward with what they need to do.

CITY TREASURER/DEPUTY Bridget Nash is from Parsons, but LCHS Alumni. Purchased a house in Altamont about a year ago and raising their small family here, and happy to be here. LeaAnn Myers says the office is excited to have her start.

CLERK APPOINTMENT Mayor Hayward appointed Bridget Nash as the City Treasurer/Deputy Clerk. Councilmember Cochran moved and Garretson seconded to accept the appointment of Bridget Nash as City Treasurer, starting day November 12th. Motion carried

WAR VETEREAN MEMORIAL Councilmember Garretson reached out to the VA in Parsons, they have helped with such projects in the past, so he is waiting to hear back from them.

COUNCIL RETREATS Mayor Hayward asks what other topics council would like to go over other than KOMA-KORA. The intent was to get together and create cohesiveness between the council members. Councilman Cochran suggested reaching out to the League for ideas and possible trainings. Mayor Hayward asks if council would prefer an evening or a weeknight. Council members were open to making arrangements for either weeknight or weekend.

EASEMENT RELEASE Mayor Hayward stated the subject is tabled for now as the homeowner is working on inside work and that is their focus currently. Once the homeowners get their outside survey, then it will be revisited at that time.

CITY ADMIN REPORT Report written by LeaAnn Myers. Conducted interviews for Deputy City Clerk, offered the position to Bridget Nash. She will start on November 12th. We are accepting applications for a new janitor to clean City Hall, Fire and Police Departments. The position is open until filled. Finalized the total electric and gas charges from the February utility bills. LeaAnn will bring those numbers to a November meeting. Attended the Certified Public Manager's course. LeaAnn will have one more class in November and will be done. Worked with the City's Auditor in regards to the 2022 Budget. Talked to KMGGA regarding gas hedging. Part of their purchasing strategy does include gas hedging on behalf of the City of Altamont. They hedge 40% of the City's gas from November to March at a price of \$4.30-\$4.50. If there is a large increase in gas usage then the percentage would be reduced from the 40% due to needing to purchase gas above the predicted usage. LeaAnn is working with GLMV Architecture to set up a date for project kick off meeting to start the process of a master plan for the 20 acres.

Mayor Hayward says that market experts are looking at three times the gas prices we are used to paying. Wants everyone to keep that in mind and conserve what we can, where we can. LeaAnn Myers states that the higher gas prices weren't figured into the customer's current level payments, if they want to pay more at any time to maybe have a cushion, they can do that at any time.

ADJOURN Councilmember Cochran moved and Garretson seconded to adjourn at 7:19 PM. Motion carried.

DATE

Heather Beasley, City Clerk