

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ALTAMONT  
NOVEMBER 09, 2023**

REGULAR MEETING	The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with Mayor Richard Hayward presiding. Greg Garrett was present to lead prayer. Councilmembers present: Ben Cochran, Raymond Coffey, Kyle Wiford & Cameron Johnston.
MINUTES	Councilmember Johnston moved and Cochran seconded to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on October 26, 2023. Motion carried.
INVOICES	Councilmember Cochran moved and Johnston seconded to pay invoices in the amount of \$50,768.51. Motion carried.
BILLY SUMRALL	<p>Billy Sumrall was present to request an extended lake stay at Idle Hour Lake. Billy is from Alabama and was hired as a welding inspector in the area and is looking to move to the area. He and his wife are searching for a home to buy and haven't yet found anything.</p> <p>Councilmember Cochran moved and Coffey seconded to allow Mr. Sumrall to extend his lake stay through the end of March 2024. Motion carried.</p>
SOFTBALL LIGHTS	Council was provided with a letter from Mike Ramsey with CDL Electric for an update after a crew had been out to investigate the lights and underground at the Softball Field. The letter also included the revised totals. Base bid revised total \$12,616.88, option #1 \$28,281.00, option #3 \$1,631.00 which put the project total at \$42,528.88.
LAWN MOWER QUOTE	Baughner Equipment quoted a 2024 Grasshopper 900D at \$21,454.20 or \$4,372.75 with an additional 72" deck. The trade in value of the 2013 Grasshopper 725 is \$4000.00, there would also be the option to sell the mower on Purple Wave Auctions. Councilmember Wiford asked about the cost of the maintenance that was needed. Administrator Myers wasn't sure on the exact maintenance needed, or the cost. Councilmember Cochran asked if it was in the budget, and Myers confirmed that it was. Councilmember Wiford asked if the new mower came with any warranty, Administrator wasn't sure. Councilmember Wiford would like to see if they could get some maintenance done and possibly get another season out of the current mower. Administrator Myers thinks that the seasonal maintenance each year is currently like \$2000 without the extras. Council would like to table the discussion until the next meeting in order to get a cost of all the maintenance needed on the current mower, then make a decision.
CITY ADMINISTRATOR	<p><b>1) Labette County</b> – LeaAnn Myers and Mayor Richard Hayward met with Labette County Commissioner Terry Weidert.</p> <p><b>a)</b> Commissioner Weidert is working with local communities to encourage growth including housing and businesses to complement the soybean plant in Montgomery County on Highway 160.</p> <p><b>b)</b> LeaAnn has put together a list of possible lots which may be available for growth.</p> <p><b>2) Year End</b> – Processed the 2022 audit adjustments.</p> <p><b>a)</b> Started working on year-end</p> <p><b>3) Employee Evaluations</b> – All employees have received their Employee Evaluations.</p> <p><b>4) USD 506 Auxiliary Gym</b> – Staff completed an estimate and provided it to the school on November 3<sup>rd</sup> for the utility extension for the Auxiliary Gym.</p> <p><b>5) Veteran's Memorial</b> – Heather Beasley submitted the Seed Grant 2.0 for this project.</p> <p><b>6) LMI Study</b> – Heather is working with SEK Regional Planning on the LMI Study.</p> <p><b>7) HELP Meeting</b> – LeaAnn and Heather attended the HELP Meeting.</p> <p><b>8) Recreation</b> – Bridget Nash and the Altamont Recreation Commission hosted the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Boo Bash. They had a large turnout for the event.</p> <p><b>a)</b> The Recreation Commission hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chasing Daylight UTV Poker Run, they sold 174 hands.</p> <p><b>b)</b> Turkey boxes are now at the local businesses.</p> <p><b>c)</b> The Altamont Christmas Parade is on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.</p> <p><b>9) Water Meter Pilot Program</b> – Eight water meters and AMI endpoints were installed throughout town on October 10, 2023, to start the water meter pilot program.</p> <p><b>a)</b> LeaAnn and Bridget attended training on the AMI system.</p> <p><b>b)</b> Everything is running smoothly with the test meters. The information they provide has been very useful for both the City and the customers.</p> <p><b>10) Lead and Copper</b> – 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.</p>
POLICE REPORT	<p>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.</p> <p>- Warnings issued for traffic infractions by officers – 5 – 2 speed, 2 defective equipment &amp; 1 misc. violation</p> <p>- Citations issued for traffic infractions by officers – 5 – 1 speed, 3 defective equipment and,</p>

- 1 loud sound amplification from a motor vehicle.
- KBI adult reports – 1 aggravated failure to properly comply with offender registration.
- Working with Parsons PD pertaining to a subject who has failed to comply with his sex offender registration
- 1 state accident report handled
- All officers have been busy with patrol duties and community relations, very proactive lately
- Officers reported no issues during the Halloween evening within the city, and no issues within the city pertaining to the ATV Poker Run held last weekend

**WATER BOARD** Councilmember Coffey updated the council about the water project. Due to timing and the weather the project won't begin until March. The whole project is expected to take 6-8 months without any disruption in water service. The project will mean reduced costs for producing better filtered water. Councilmember Cochran asked about water shortages with the issues that Caney is having with their shortage. Coffey stated that we were still 3 feet above where we would start seeing problems. As long as we get rain from time to time, we shouldn't have any problems.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** Councilmember Cochran moved, and Coffey 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 later the City Administrator open meeting to resume at 7:50PM. Motion carried. Out at 7:28PM

In at 7:50PM. No action was taken.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Congratulations to the Altamont City Council Election winners. Elected Officials will take their seats at the December 14, 2023, Council Meeting in accordance with Resolution 276.
- The City Offices will be closed on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> in observance of Veteran's Day.
- The City Offices will be closed Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Friday November 24<sup>th</sup> in observation of Thanksgiving.
- The Next Council meeting is Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Cochran said moving forward, city wise there needs to be a more proactive approach to a lot of things. I would like to engage in some strategic planning for things that are needed moving forward. Councilmember Cochran would like each department director to formulate a vulnerability assessment of where we currently are, for every department. Then work towards a strategic plan for a 1 year, 3-year, and 5-year plan so that we can begin planning for that. He would rather be proactive instead of reactive when things come up. Attorney Myers stated that it would help with the budget every year as well.

**ADJOURN** Councilmember Cochran moved and Coffey seconded to adjourn. Motion Carried 7:54PM

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Heather Beasley, City Clerk