

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ALTAMONT  
November 10, 2022**

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| BUDGET AMENDMENT   | <p>The budget amendment hearing was held prior to the regular scheduled meeting at 6:50PM. The actual expenditures were higher than the amount which had originally been budgeted for 2022.</p>  |
| REGULAR MEETING    | <p>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: Ben Cochran, Raymond Coffey, Kyle Wiford, Lyle Sykes &amp; Cameron Johnston.</p>  |
| MINUTES            | <p>Councilmember Cochran moved and Coffey seconded to approve the minutes of the City of Altamont from October 27, 2022. Motion carried.</p>   |
| INVOICES           | <p>Councilmember Johnston moved and Wiford seconded the payment of invoices in the amount of \$46,942.87. Motion carried.</p>  |
| KATHY WETZSTEIN    | <p>Kathy Wetzstein was present to request an extended stay at Idle Hour Lake. Kathy and her husband are here taking care of his father and aren't sure how long he will need their care.</p> <p>Councilmember Johnston moved and Cochran seconded to grant an extension to the end of first quarter, the end of March 2023. Motion Carried.</p>  |
| BUILDING REPAIRS   | <p>At the March 10, 2022 meeting, Council approved Cook's services to replace the roof, walls and steel door in the utility building behind Altamont Police Department.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) The doors have been replaced but they haven't made arrangements to complete the roof and walls. With the recent rain, there has been water standing in the building.</li><li>b) Brad Myers has reached out a few times but never received a time frame of when they would be able to finish the project.</li><li>c) LeaAnn left messages for Brock Cook on October 26<sup>th</sup>, October 28<sup>th</sup>, and November 3<sup>rd</sup> with no response.</li></ul> <p>Brad is reaching out to some different contractors to get new bids for this project.</p> <p>Council would like LeaAnn to continue reaching out to Mr. Cook in order to fix the existing problem with the garage door.</p> |
| KMGA UPDATE        | <p>Council was provided a KMGA member update letter in their packets. Gas prices are expected to be 22% higher this winter over last winter, as well as the transportation increase.</p>   |
| UTV POKER RUN      | <p>Bridget Nash provided a letter for Council with results from the Altamont Recreation Commission UTV Poker Run. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chasing Daylight UTV Poker Run was held on Saturday November 5, 2022 and brought in almost \$700.00 after expenses for the Recreation Commission. Bridget said the Recreation Commission is still learning and will make adjustments as needed for future the future events.</p>   |
| BUDGET AMMENDMENT  | <p>The Municipal Equipment Reserve Fun was budgeted at \$57,044.00 for expenditures for 2022. The City of Altamont would like to amend the 2022 Budget to \$115,000.000 for Municipal Equipment Reserve expenditures.</p> <p>Councilmember Johnston moved and Cochran seconded to approve the budget amendment for 2022. Motion Carried.</p>   |
| LANDSDOWNE GARDEN  | <p>Heather Beasley proposed the idea of making the current open space of Landsdowne Garden into a pocket park, community patio area. The space would provide seating for the community to enjoy as well as a spot for food trucks to park. The possibility of having an area for raised beds for a community garden, as well as holding community events would hopefully encourage more community support and involvement. Council likes the concept of having the pocket park and will brainstorm their ideas to bring back to the next meeting.</p> <p>Council would like to move forward with plans and ideas for Landsdowne. Council would like Heather to look into grant possibilities for the project as well.</p>  |
| CITY ADMINISTRATOR | <p><b>1) Budget Amendment Hearing</b> – On November 10, 2022 at 6:50PM City Council held a budget adjustment hearing for the Municipal Equipment Reserve fund. This will allow us to be in compliance with our 2022 expenditures, which includes lease purchase payments for the trash truck, track loader, Ditch Witch, and trencher.</p> <p><b>2) Phone Service</b> – The City was without long distance from October 20<sup>th</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup> due to an outage with the phone company.</p>   |

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This created an issue for the Police and Utility Departments for transferring the phones in the evenings and on weekends.

**3) Police Officer Opening** – We are currently accepting applications for two full-time police officers. Information can be found at [www.altamontks.com](http://www.altamontks.com)

**4) Burn Site** – The burn site is currently closed to the public until the burn ban is lifted and we can burn the brush already at the site.

**5) Annual Evaluations** – Supervisors have completed employee annual evaluations for their employees.

**6) Electric Upgrade** – Twin Valley and the Altamont Utility Department have started the electric upgrade and pole replacement project from Wabash Avenue east towards Karner Avenue a half block north of 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

**7) Lead and Copper** – Heather Beasley has been talking to residents as they come in our office about the Lead and Copper letters. Every resident will need to return their letter to the City Office as part of the EPA requirements for Lead and Copper reporting.

**8) Solid Waste** – The solid waste rate meeting is scheduled for November 16<sup>th</sup> at 2PM.

**9) Building Repairs** – At the March 10, 2022 meeting, Council approved Cook’s Services to replace the roof, walls and steel door in the utility building behind the Altamont Police Department.

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**10) Council Videographer** – Hired Miss Izzy Hall to be the new Council Videographer.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilmember Cochran moved and Coffey seconded for the City Council recess into executive session to discuss an individual employee’s performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b) (1) to include the City Administrator: The open meeting will resume in the City Council Room at 8PM. Motion carried.

The regular meeting resumed after executive session in the City Council Room at 8PM

Councilmember Cochran moved and Coffey seconded to approve the employee pay raises per the City Administrator recommendations, effective the first pay period in January, 2023. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Council Dates for 2022
  - Tuesday, November 29
  - Thursday, December 8
  - Tuesday, December 27
- City Office will be closed November 11 for Veteran’s Day
- City Office will be closed November 24 – 25 for Thanksgiving
- Christmas Parade – December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7PM

**ADJOURN**

Councilmember Cochran moved and Johnston seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.  
8:02PM

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Heather Beasley, City Clerk