

**MINUTES
CITY OF ALTAMONT
November 22, 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 Eric Rucker led the prayer. Councilmembers present: Ben Cochran, Paul Souders, Raymond Coffey & Kyle Wiford
- MINUTES Councilmember Cochran moved and Souders seconded to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting from November 8, 2021. Motion carried.
- INVOICES Councilmember Souders moved and Cochran seconded to pay the invoices in the amount of \$41,102.12. Motion carried.
- ORDINANCES ORDINANCE NO. 633
- Half cent sales tax was passed by the Governing Body of the City of Altamont, the 22nd Day of November, 2021.
- Councilmember Cochran moved and Souders seconded to approve ordinance number 633 the half cent sales tax that was voted in November 2020
- Councilmember Cochran yes, Councilmember Souders yes, Councilmember Coffey yes, Councilmember Wiford yes.
- MCMILLEN PARK DEVELOPMENT KICKOFF MEETING 10-11AM Project Kick-off Meeting
11AM-12PM Visit the site to complete site analysis
1-4PM Stakeholder Interviews
5-6PM Public Open House for Community Input
LeaAnn will be working on the stakeholder list tomorrow for anyone who would be interested in the project and making it move along.
- KMGA GAS UPDATE KMGA put out a gas price projection, which was included in the packet and there isn't much change from the previous communication.
- LeaAnn looked and said there was 17,811 units of gas in storage, going into winter. Thinking there wouldn't be an injection into storage in December. Councilmember Coffey asked what the storage capacity was, and LeaAnn stated she would have to check.
- LINEMAN'S SERVICES Mayor Hayward said that the Chetopa Mayor has requested a work session in Chetopa with her Council Members. In order to make a good informed decision, we probably should have a meeting and see what all the options are stated Mayor Hayward. LeaAnn stated that Jerry Beaker from KMEA had reached out and stated that we could possibly do a participation agreement and bid out jobs to other cities. Mayor Hayward stated that he would like to see a member present from KMEA to speak to all parties together. Councilmember Cochran stated he supports the conversation. Mayor Hayward thinks everyone should go in open minded in order to make the best decision for the residents.
- EMPLOYEE PREMIUM PAY **Proposed:** to give full-time City Employees who worked during fiscal year 2020, premium pay in the amount of \$1000 for police officers and \$630 for office and utility staff using the American Rescue Plan Act funds.
- LeaAnn stated several other communities around had given back to their employees for their sacrifices during the Covid Pandemic. Councilmember Cochran asked where the figures came from. LeaAnn stated that the Utility Department got to work a week on and a week off and the Police only being three of them didn't get that opportunity, so therefore they will get more money. Councilmember Cochran asked how many employees that would be and LeaAnn stated nine. Councilmember Cochran stated that he felt there was no problem that he saw for rewarding those employees who worked hard to keep the city running during that time. Councilmember Cochran moved and Wiford seconded to approve the employee Covid-19 premium as recommended by the City Administration. Motion Carried
- ALTAMONT REC APPOINTMENT Mayor Hayward appointed Rhyder Turner to the Altamont Recreation Commission, her term ending 2025. Councilmember Cochran moved and Wiford seconded to approve the appointment of Rhyder Turner to the Altamont Recreation Commission, term ending in December 2025. Motion Carried
- WAR VETERAN MEMORIAL Mayor Hayward asked if Councilmember Garretson would still spear head the project even though he wouldn't be on council anymore. Mayor Hayward stated that the city would be glad to help however they could. Mr. Garretson said that he would remain in charge of the project.

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CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer-Bridget Nash Started November 12th.

Council Opening-Accepting letters of interest from anyone wishing to fill an open Council seat.

Janitor Opening-Accepting applications for a new janitor to clean City Hall, Fire and Police Departments. The position is open until filled.

McMillen Park Plans-Planning the kick-off meeting for 20 acres park development on November 30, 2021.

Lake Overflow Project-The City received \$26,324.97 from the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism for completing this project. The total project cost \$38,462.25.

Certified Public Manager-LeaAnn Myers Attended her last Certified Public Manager Course.
a. Graduation Ceremony will be December 3rd, 2021.

CCMFOA-Heather Beasley attended the City Clerks and Municipal Finance Officers Association training.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Cochran moved and Souders seconded to adjourn at 7:23 PM. Motion carried.

DATE

Heather Beasley, City Clerk