

**MINUTES
CITY OF ALTAMONT
December 8, 2022**

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 prayer. Councilmembers present: Ben Cochran, Raymond Coffey & Cameron Johnston.
MINUTES	Councilmember Coffey moved and Johnston seconded to accept the minutes of the November 29, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.
INVOICES	Councilmember Cochran moved and Coffey seconded to pay the invoices in the amount of \$35,052.16. Motion carried.
KMGA UPDATE	Council was provided with a KMGA Member Update newsletter in their packets.
COUNCIL DATES	Council was given a copy of the 2023 Council Date Calendar in their packets. Councilmember Johnston moved and Cochran seconded to approve the 2023 council dates with the amendment in November reflecting the holiday weekend. Motion carried.
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	Council was provided with the rates of the current grandfathered plan through Blue Cross Blue Shield for the year 2023 as well as a new level funded plan. All the employees were shown the new level funded plan compared to the current grandfathered plan, employees felt the new plan would be a fine switch at this time. Council saw no issues in switching and LeaAnn Myers was given the blessing to move forward with the switch.
CASEYS CMB	Councilmember Cochran moved and Coffey seconded to approve the CMB license application for Casey's General Store #1333. Motion carried.
CORNER STORE CMB	Councilmember Cochran moved and Johnston seconded to approve the CMB application for The Corner Store LLC. Motion carried.
POOR BOY TREE SERVICE	The City paid Asplundh Tree Experts \$10,427.50 for tree trimming services in January 2017. This City paid Poor Boy Tree Service \$7,163.62 for tree trimming services in January 2018. City Superintendent Brad Myers stated the money spent with Poor Boy Tree Services was money better spent. There has not been any contracted tree trimming service in the City since 2018. The Utility Department has trimmed where they could when they have time, but there are many spots the City is not able to trim because we do not have the equipment for larger cuts. With winter approaching, ice and wind create a situation where tree limbs break and could tear down the City's electric lines causing power outages and creating overtime during the coldest time of the year. In areas where the trees are rubbing the electric lines, it also creates electric line loss. City Administrator LeaAnn Myers reached out to Poor Boys Tree Service in October for pricing. Poor Boy's President Ty Bewley called this week. They have an opening starting next week if the City is ready to get started. Councilmember Coffey moved and Cochran seconded to hire Poor Boy Tree to trim trees around electric lines for \$40,000 and revisit for additional expense if needed. Motion carried.
CITY ADMINISTRATOR	1) Police Officer Opening – Mr. Anthony Austin starts on December 16 th . a. We are still accepting applications for the other full-time police officer position. Information can be found at www.altamontks.com 2) Burn Site – The burn site has been burnt down and open to the public. Keys may be checked out from the City Office. 3) Lead and Copper – We have been receiving quite a few lead and copper letters back from residents. Thank you for your help with this! 4) Solid Waste – Attended the Solid Waste meeting. The board approved to revert the transfer fee back to \$38.76 from the temporary rate of \$40.76. The County Commissioners will review this decision. 5) Building Repairs – Brad contacted TW Construction letting him know his estimate was approved by Council. 6) Health Insurance – Reviewed health insurance options and presented to Altamont City Employees 7) Christmas Parade – Bridget Nash has been preparing for the Altamont Christmas Parade which will be held on Friday, December 9 th at 7PM. 8) Turkey Boxes – Turkey winners were drawn today.

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COMMUNICATIONS

- Council Dates for 2022
 - Tuesday, December 27
- Christmas Parade - December 9th at 7PM
 - The Santa Mailbox will be available outside the City Office during the parade.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Cochran moved and Coffey seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. 7:18PM

DATE

Heather Beasley, City Clerk