

**MINUTES
CITY OF ALTAMONT
DECEMBER 28, 2023**

REGULAR MEETING	<p>The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with Mayor Richard Hayward presiding. Ben Cochran led the prayer. Councilmembers present: Ben Cochran, Kyle Wiford, Colt Booth, Lyle Sykes & Tyler Julich.</p>
MINUTES	<p>Councilmember Cochran moved, and Sykes seconded to approve the minutes of the December 14th meeting. Motion carried.</p>
INVOICES	<p>Councilmember Sykes moved and Wiford seconded to pay invoices totaling \$33,496.14. Motion carried.</p>
HOUSING	<p>Jerri Hammerschmidt with First Step Builders, LLC came to speak about assisting with bringing housing to Altamont and the services she would help provide such as an assessment of housing needs, developing framework for addressing needs, obtaining additional benefits and resources, and working to implement a housing plan. She emphasized the importance of economic development, housing, and daycare.</p> <p>Cochran stepped out at 7:14PM</p> <p>Cochran back in at 7:14PM</p>
VETERANS MEMORIAL	<p>O'Brien Ready Mix is donating the concrete for the Veteran's Memorial and Matt Volmer will donate the finishing of the concrete. The remaining costs are the Marble Tablet, Heather is currently working on a grant through the Parsons Area Community Foundation, the pavers, and flagpole.</p> <p>Discussed the average engraving cost of the 8x4" checkered gray and mahogany pavers before and after being laid. Before: \$84.50/paver. After: \$118.50/paver.</p> <p>The City would like to begin selling the pavers and getting information out to the community to establish interest and set the preselling cost to \$125/paver and after the order selling at \$150/paver to offset the cost of the engraving.</p> <p>Cochran has no issue with beginning to sell pavers as long as the funds are kept separate. Mayor Hayward commented to keep contact information as well. Sykes wants to know what the letter limit would be for each paver but thinks moving forward is great and would like to see the diagram and details posted in an advertisement to give a good visual and see what interest there is and he is excited for this project and is happy to be a part of it.</p> <p>LeaAnn commented on the possibility of having a flagpole base set in the concrete as it is laid to allow the placement of a flag and pole behind the Tablet of the Veteran's Memorial. Council agreed if it is lit properly.</p>
POLICE EQUIPMENT	<p>Council was provided quotes to update Police Body and In-Car Cameras from Axon, Safe Fleet, and Lenslock.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Axon Total Bundle: \$79,486.70 with Tasers, \$65,075.70 without Tasers<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tasers Quote and Payments: \$14,411.00Body Camera Quotes and Payments: \$33,082.50In-Car Camera Quotes and Payments: \$31,993.20- Safe Fleet Total Body and In-Car Camera Quote: \$59,380.00- Lenslock Total Body and In-Car Camera Quote: \$55,725 <p>City Administrator went over the differences between the three companies and what they have to offer over the time of their contracts.</p> <p>Wiford comments he appreciates the other quotes being provided, he understands how important this equipment is and his issue was with how it was a last-minute thing and would like to see more preparation and having a plan in place to replace equipment in a timely manner. He would like to see this purchase to come out of the Public Safety Sales Tax, so the Police and Vehicle Budgets are not impacted and work together with the fire department to make a strategic plan to be able to purchase the cameras and tasers as well as looking at the SBCA's for the fire department.</p> <p>Councilmember Wiford moved and Sykes seconded to approve the purchase of the Axon quote, total bundle purchase is \$79,486.70. Motion carried.</p> <p>Police Chief Shields expressed his appreciation to the Council for the approval.</p>

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CITY ADMINISTRATOR **1) Downtown Parking** – Contacted several companies to request a quote for striping the downtown parking area. I have one quote but will have additional quotes in time for this Council meeting.
2) Police Equipment – Worked with the Police Department to get additional quotes for body and in-car cameras.
3) Housing – Jerri Hammerschmidt with First Steps Builders is planning on attending Council to discuss housing options.
 a) Commissioner Terry Weidert has reached out to set up a meeting with Altamont and a few of the other cities after the first of the year.
4) Year End – Working on year-end
5) Council Training – Included two opportunities in your packet for Council training through the Kansas League of Municipalities. Please let me know if you would like me to sign you up.
6) Employee Benefits – Employees were given the opportunity to discuss optional retirement plans through SEK Financials.
7) USD 506 Auxiliary Gym – USD 506 sent an email agreeing to pay for “all the cost as listed on the attached document totaling \$50,414.76” on December 11, 2023.
 a) Brad Myers ordered utilities supplies on December 15, 2023.
 b) Attorney Robert Myers was sending USD 506 a clarification email regarding their response.
8) LMI Study – Heather is working with SEK Regional Planning on the LMI Study.
9) Water Meter Pilot Program – Eight water meters and AMI endpoints were installed throughout town on October 10, 2023, to start the water meter pilot program.
10) Lead and Copper – 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.
 a) The Utility Department has started contacting residents if we have not received their survey.

POLICE REPORT - Been pretty active.
 - Participated in the Shop with a Cop with the Parsons Police Department
 - Officers are in an enforcement period during the holiday season for DUI’s and seatbelts.
 - The Department has remained busy but uneventful during this time.

UTILITY REPORT - Read meters
 - Replaced 2 gas meters and 3 regulators at residences on North Ness Road. We were having some pressure issues.
 - Change out 5 gas dials and 1 electric meter during meter reading.
 - Gas meter hit by auto at 804 4th, repair set and replace meter and regulator. Going to move to house at a later date.
 - Cut trees
 - Unplug sewer main line between 6th and 7th from Illinois to Virginia, we have a lot of trouble there
 - Replace 2 gas meters and regulators on North Ness
 - Lead and Copper Reports
 - Take ¼ sewer samples and take to Meridian Lab in Mound Valley.

COMMUNICATIONS - The City Offices will be closed Monday January 1st, in observation of New Year’s Day.

 - Raymond Coffey was present to discuss Water board project updates and to thank his fellow Councilmembers during his time served on Council.

ADJOURN Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to adjourn. Motion Carried 8:03PM

DATE Bridget Nash, Deputy City Clerk