

# CITY OF ALTAMONT

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## ALTAMONT CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Richard Hayward  
Councilmembers: Ben Cochran, Raymond Coffey,  
Cameron Johnston, Lyle Sykes and Kyle Wiford

**March 23, 2023**

**7:00 PM Regular Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER

MINUTES - Regular meeting of March 9, 2023

INVOICES - \$1842.00 + \$60,533.24 = **\$62,375.24**

PUBLIC COMMENT & GUESTS

A. Kathy Wetzstein – Extended Lake Stay

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS /PROCLAMATIONS

A.

OLD BUSINESS

A. KMGa Member Update

B. Waste Tire Grant

NEW BUSINESS

A.

TABLED & PENDING BUSINESS

A. Old Fire Department Building Demolition

B. War Veteran Memorial

C. Sewer Rate Increase

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. City Administrator

EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION

COMMUNICATIONS:

- The Low Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) is accepting applications through March 31, 2023. Please contact the City Office if you need assistance with the application.
- If you are interested in signing up for level payment, please contact the City Office at 620-784-5612 before March 31, 2023.



- Easter Egg Hunt - April 1<sup>st</sup> at 11 AM on the west side Labette County High School
- Altamont Pet Clinic - April 11<sup>th</sup> in the Altamont Recycle Center (409 S Huston), 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM. All cats and dogs must be registered with the City annually including a current proof for rabies.

## ADJOURNMENT

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

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, Kyle Wiford, Lyle Sykes & Cameron Johnston.
MINUTES	Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to approve the minutes from February 23, 2023. Motion carried.
INVOICES	<p>Councilmember Johnston moved and Cochran seconded paying the invoices totaling \$49,427.70, not to include invoice number 2152023, making the total invoices \$47,585.70. Motion carried.</p> <p>Council would like for invoice number 2152023 reviewed in the City Office.</p>
SHANE HOLTZMAN	Shane Holtzman was present to answer questions from Council about placing a permanent gate on 7 <sup>th</sup> Street North of Harrison Auditorium. The gate would be secured when not in use and used to barricade the road during home basketball games. A letter included in the packet from USD 506 Superintendent John Wyrick states that, “The gate will be secured on each side when not in use. The school will also make sure the gate has the required signage/reflective tape as required by the city.” Shane thought that they wanted to go with square tubing and Councilmember Sykes stated that was his thought also, as they looked more robust. Mayor Hayward said that Chief Shields would like the Police Department as well as the Utility Department to have a key to unlock the gates when they are in the open locked position, if needed.
USD 506 BARRICADES	Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to allow 506 to build the barricades to set up on 7 <sup>th</sup> Street north of Harrison Auditorium. Motion carried.
NATURAL GAS PRE-PAY	<p>The City Council previously agreed to enter an agreement for Natural Gas Prepay with KMGa. Included in their packets was the agreement to be signed between KMGa and the City of Altamont.</p> <p>Councilmember Cochran moved and Johnston seconded to enter into the natural gas prepay participation agreement with KMGa and MMGA. Motion carried.</p>
OFFICE HOUR CHANGE	<p>During the February 23 Council Meeting the council was presented a new office hour schedule. The proposed schedule would change the open door hours of the City Office from 8AM-5PM Monday-Friday to 7:30AM-5PM Monday-Thursday &amp; 7:30AM-1:30PM on Fridays. This schedule would allow for anyone who needs to do business in the City Office time outside of a normal 8-5 work week to do so. The new schedule would also give the Utility Department more open office hour time during their work schedules. Councilmember Cochran stated that he thinks there is a really good City Office staff right now and if this little change is going to improve moral and retention then he is all for it. Mayor Hayward was in agreeance.</p> <p>Councilmember Cochran moved and Wiford seconded allow the proposed City Office hours as written in the minutes which is Monday-Thursday 7:30AM-5PM and Friday 7:30AM-1:30PM effective May 1st. Motion carried.</p>
20 ACRE HAY BIDS	The City of Altamont is requesting bids for the mowing, baling and removal of hay for the 2023 harvest season. The general scope of the project includes approximately 20 acres located at McMillian and Huston Avenues. Council was on board to taking bids again and wants to move forward with advertising it.
NRP	Council was provided with a brochure with general information about the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. NRP is a program that would provide incentives for housing and building improvements through property tax rebates. NRP would provide residential and commercial property owners a 100% rebate of the tax increase, less a 5% administration fee. Residential homeowners would have to make a minimum investment of \$5,000 towards their property, and commercial property owners would have to make a minimum investment of \$10,000 towards their property. Council would like to move forward with NRP.
INSURANCE RENEWAL	Council was provided with an email from Brannon Green with Assured Partners about the renewal of the city insurance policy, along with an attached quote. City Administrator LeaAnn Myers also included a letter to council about the renewal rates. The insurance policy would go from \$63,194.00 in 2022 to \$70,290.00 for 2023.

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Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to approve our agreement with Assured Partners and EMC for insurance renewal in the amount of \$70,290.00. Motion Carried

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

- 1) Sewer** – Tri-Star Utilities replaced the sewer line north of 4<sup>th</sup> Street between 401 S Washington and High School Street.
- 2) Solid Waste** – The Solid Waste Committee requested revenue and expense figures from GFL, regarding the county owned transfer station, in December and have not received this information from them.
  - a. The Solid Waste Committee approved an increase from the temporary rate of \$40.76 per ton to \$42.00 per ton from March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, to June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, without the option for them to request another rate increase during that time. The proposed rate has been presented to GFL for their approval or for them to counter.
  - i. GFL has not responded to the proposal.
- 3) Building Repairs** – TW Construction continues to work on the Utility building behind 501 S Huston.
- 4) Cox Communications** – Cox Communications started construction in Altamont the week of February 13.
  - a. The Utility Department has been busy marking One Call locates and overseeing the project.
- 5) Year End** – Continuing to work on year-end reports.
- 6) Audit** – The 2022 Annual Audit is scheduled for April 4, 2023.
- 7) HELP** – Attended the monthly HELP meeting.
  - a. Heather Beasley judged the Labette Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge at Labette County High School. The winner won \$1000 and will advance towards State.
- 8) Court Conference** – Heather attended Court Conference.
- 9) Level Payment** – Bridget Nash has been calculating the new level payments for the upcoming year and will be mailing out letters in the next couple of weeks. If you are interested in level payment, please contact the City Office.
- 10) Recreation** – Bridget compiled youth soccer teams and submitted teams to Parsons Recreation Commission for their season.
  - a. The Altamont Recreation Commission is hosting an Easter egg hunt on April 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00AM. The Easter egg hunt will take place on the west side of Labette County High School.
- 11) Insurance** – Reviewed Insurance renewal policy and updated required forms.
- 12) 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.

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ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Cochran moved and Sykes seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. 7:45PM

DATE

Heather Beasley, City Clerk

# Approved Invoices by Vendor- Summary

City of Altamont

Vendor	Invoice	PO	Description	Account Description	Invoice Amt
<b>79532</b>	<b>VISA 6275</b>				
	2152023		desk, minute book, fire hydrant valve, firelock, website hosting, employee lunch, training expense, utility jeans - Barnett & George, water meeting registration - Bertling & George	Commodities	\$237.20
	2152023		minute book	Commodities	\$263.19
	2152023		fire hydrant valve, firelock	Commodities	\$230.00
	2152023		water meeting registration - Bertling & George	Contractual	\$400.00
	2152023		desk, website hosting, employee lunch, training expense, utility jeans - Barnett & George	Commodities	\$237.20
	2152023		desk, minute book, fire hydrant valve, firelock, website hosting, employee lunch, training expense, utility jeans - Barnett & George, water meeting registration - Bertling & George	Commodities	\$237.20
	2152023		desk, minute book, fire hydrant valve, firelock, website hosting, employee lunch, training expense, utility jeans - Barnett & George, water meeting registration - Bertling & George	Commodities	\$237.21
<b>Subtotal for Vendor 79532 - VISA 6275 :</b>					<b>\$1,842.00</b>

**AP Check Register (APLT43)**

City of Altamont

Check No		Check Date	Vendor No	Vendor Name	Check Amount
<b>Bank No:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Account:</b>	006572		
	36475	3/23/2023	885	ADVANCE INSURANCE COMPANY	\$69.20
	36476	3/23/2023	79500	Als Fitness Center	\$175.00
	36477	3/23/2023	248	BAUGHER EQUIPMENT, INC.	\$66.70
	36478	3/23/2023	80464	Brightspeed	\$462.88
	36479	3/23/2023	79547	Cintas Corporation	\$19.17
	36480	3/23/2023	402	Computer Information Concepts	\$2,395.00
	36481	3/23/2023	80429	Darrell Winter	\$40.00
	36482	3/23/2023	79653	Dollar General-Regions 410526	\$80.25
	36483	3/23/2023	79988	JANICE MCKINZIE	\$40.00
	36484	3/23/2023	80518	John Wheelock	\$300.00
	36485	3/23/2023	950	Kansas Municipal Gas Agency	\$12,262.47
	36486	3/23/2023	969	Kansas Peace Officers Assn	\$30.00
	36487	3/23/2023	80524	Kelley Manley	\$40.00
	36488	3/23/2023	79706	Koons Gas Measurement	\$1,778.25
	36489	3/23/2023	79848	Labette Hardware	\$269.00
	36490	3/23/2023	80074	Labette Health Physician's Group	\$198.00
	36491	3/23/2023	80416	Marion National Bank	\$2,862.35
	36492	3/23/2023	1338	MIDWEST ELECTRIC TRANSFORMERS	\$1,270.00
	36493	3/23/2023	80347	Missy Hodges	\$40.00
	36494	3/23/2023	79586	Monty Wertz	\$19.86
	36495	3/23/2023	1660	POSTMASTER	\$250.00
	36496	3/23/2023	80195	Thomas Implement, Inc	\$1,205.76
	36497	3/23/2023	80029	TODDZ ELECTRIC LLC	\$943.87

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36498	3/23/2023	79900	TRI-STAR UTILITIES INC.	\$31,500.00
36499	3/23/2023	80508	TW Construction	\$3,920.00
36500	3/23/2023	79973	UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS	\$115.00
36501	3/23/2023	83	Verizon	\$180.48
Bank Account Totals:				<b>\$60,533.24</b>
Total Of Checks:				<b>\$60,533.24</b>

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<b>83 Verizon</b>				
9929676834		Police Cell Phones	Contractual	\$180.48
<b>Subtotal for Vendor 83 - Verizon :</b>				<b>\$180.48</b>
<b>248 BAUGHER EQUIPMENT, INC.</b>				
248		Kubota Oil	Commodities	\$66.70
<b>Subtotal for Vendor 248 - BAUGHER EQUIPMENT, INC. :</b>				<b>\$66.70</b>
<b>402 Computer Information Concepts</b>				
03142023		Municipal Software Annual Licenses and Support Renewal	Contractual	\$550.00
03142023		Municipal Software Annual Licenses and Support Renewal	Contractual	\$345.00
03142023		Municipal Software Annual Licenses and Support Renewal	Contractual	\$25.00
03142023		Municipal Software Annual Licenses and Support Renewal	Contractual	\$25.00
03142023		Municipal Software Annual Licenses and Support Renewal	Contractual	\$550.00
03142023		Municipal Software Annual Licenses and Support Renewal	Contractual	\$300.00
03142023		Municipal Software Annual Licenses and Support Renewal	Contractual	\$300.00
03142023		Municipal Software Annual Licenses and Support Renewal	Contractual	\$300.00
<b>Subtotal for Vendor 402 - Computer Information Concep</b>				<b>\$2,395.00</b>
<b>885 ADVANCE INSURANCE COMPANY</b>				
04012023		life insurance	Benefits	\$20.60
04012023		life insurance	Benefits	\$43.20
04012023		life insurance	Benefits	\$5.40
<b>Subtotal for Vendor 885 - ADVANCE INSURANCE COMP</b>				<b>\$69.20</b>
<b>950 Kansas Municipal Gas Agency</b>				
2023-02		Natural Gas and Transportation	Utility Costs	\$12,262.47
<b>Subtotal for Vendor 950 - Kansas Municipal Gas Agency</b>				<b>\$12,262.47</b>
<b>969 Kansas Peace Officers Assn</b>				
2023 Dues		2023 Dues	Contractual	\$30.00
<b>Subtotal for Vendor 969 - Kansas Peace Officers Assn :</b>				<b>\$30.00</b>



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<b>1338</b>	<b>MIDWEST ELECTRIC TRANSFORMERS</b>			
61907		Polemounts	Commodities	\$1,270.00
<b>Subtotal for Vendor 1338 - MIDWEST ELECTRIC TRANS</b>				<b>\$1,270.00</b>
<b>1660</b>	<b>POSTMASTER</b>			
04012023		Postage	Contractual	\$50.00
04012023		Postage	Contractual	\$50.00
04012023		Postage	Contractual	\$50.00
04012023		Postage	Contractual	\$50.00
04012023		Postage	Contractual	\$50.00
<b>Subtotal for Vendor 1660 - POSTMASTER :</b>				<b>\$250.00</b>
<b>79500</b>	<b>Als Fitness Center</b>			
04012023		gym memberships	Benefits	\$10.00
04012023		gym memberships	Benefits	\$30.00
04012023		gym memberships	Benefits	\$40.00
04012023		gym memberships	Contractual	\$65.00
04012023		gym memberships	Benefits	\$30.00
<b>Subtotal for Vendor 79500 - Als Fitness Center :</b>				<b>\$175.00</b>
<b>79547</b>	<b>Cintas Corporation</b>			
8406163154		disinfectant	Commodities	\$19.17
<b>Subtotal for Vendor 79547 - Cintas Corporation :</b>				<b>\$19.17</b>
<b>79586</b>	<b>Monty Wertz</b>			
03132023		DG water - charge sales not working	Commodities	\$19.86
<b>Subtotal for Vendor 79586 - Monty Wertz :</b>				<b>\$19.86</b>
<b>79653</b>	<b>Dollar General-Regions 410526</b>			
03042023		library phone	Commodities	\$19.75
03042023		batteries	Commodities	\$60.50
<b>Subtotal for Vendor 79653 - Dollar General-Regions 410</b>				<b>\$80.25</b>

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<b>79706 Koons Gas Measurement</b>				
56173		Dresser Roots Repair Assembly	Commodities	\$1,778.25
<b>Subtotal for Vendor 79706 - Koons Gas Measurement :</b>				<b>\$1,778.25</b>
<b>79848 Labette Hardware</b>				
2303-145995		Extension Ladder	Commodities	\$269.00
<b>Subtotal for Vendor 79848 - Labette Hardware :</b>				<b>\$269.00</b>
<b>79900 TRI-STAR UTILITIES INC.</b>				
47593		Sewer Pipe Replacement	Capital	\$10,000.00
47593		Sewer Pipe Replacement	Capital	\$21,500.00
<b>Subtotal for Vendor 79900 - TRI-STAR UTILITIES INC. :</b>				<b>\$31,500.00</b>
<b>79973 UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS</b>				
100681B3		Crisis Response - Brown	Training/ Conference/ Dues	\$70.00
33C02174		Investigations Leadership - Shields	Training/ Conference/ Dues	\$45.00
<b>Subtotal for Vendor 79973 - UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS :</b>				<b>\$115.00</b>
<b>79988 JANICE MCKINZIE</b>				
03132023		Park Deposit Refund	Park Building Deposit Refunds	\$40.00
<b>Subtotal for Vendor 79988 - JANICE MCKINZIE :</b>				<b>\$40.00</b>
<b>80029 TODDZ ELECTRIC LLC</b>				
4715		Generator Repair	Contractual	\$943.87
<b>Subtotal for Vendor 80029 - TODDZ ELECTRIC LLC :</b>				<b>\$943.87</b>
<b>80074 Labette Health Physician's Group</b>				
2152023		Workman's Comp	Contractual	\$198.00
<b>Subtotal for Vendor 80074 - Labette Health Physician's</b>				<b>\$198.00</b>
<b>80195 Thomas Implement, Inc</b>				
03032023		def oil	Commodities	\$67.96
03032023		complete skid steer service (500 hours)	Contractual	\$250.00
03032023		complete skid steer service (500 hours)	Contractual	\$249.60

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<b>80195</b>	<b>Thomas Implement, Inc</b>				
	03032023		sae zert	Commodities	\$14.38
	03032023		omplete skid steer service (500 hours)	Contractual	\$250.00
	03032023		freight for water samples	Contractual	\$89.84
	03032023		complete skid steer service (500 hours)	Contractual	\$250.00
	03032023		def oil	Commodities	\$33.98
<b>Subtotal for Vendor 80195 - Thomas Implement, Inc :</b>					<b>\$1,205.76</b>
<b>80347</b>	<b>Missy Hodges</b>				
	03212023		Park Deposit Refund	Park Building Deposit Refunds	\$40.00
<b>Subtotal for Vendor 80347 - Missy Hodges :</b>					<b>\$40.00</b>
<b>80416</b>	<b>Marion National Bank</b>				
	04-2023		Case Compact Tractor	Contractual	\$2,862.35
<b>Subtotal for Vendor 80416 - Marion National Bank :</b>					<b>\$2,862.35</b>
<b>80429</b>	<b>Darrell Winter</b>				
	03092023		Park Deposit Refund	Park Building Deposit Refunds	\$40.00
<b>Subtotal for Vendor 80429 - Darrell Winter :</b>					<b>\$40.00</b>
<b>80464</b>	<b>Brightspeed</b>				
	03072023		Phone Service	Contractual	\$59.38
	03072023		Phone Service	Contractual	\$57.97
	03072023		Phone Service	Contractual	\$90.19
	03072023		Phone Service	Contractual	\$20.00
	03072023		Phone Service	Contractual	\$47.97
	03072023		Phone Service	Contractual	\$44.34
	03072023		Phone Service	Contractual	\$44.35
	03072023		Phone Service	Contractual	\$44.34
	03072023		Phone Service	Contractual	\$44.34
	03072023		Phone Service	Contractual	\$10.00
<b>Subtotal for Vendor 80464 - Brightspeed :</b>					<b>\$462.88</b>

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<b>80508</b>	<b>TW Construction</b>				
	03072023		West Wall Repairs, heat pipe and bracket to Utility Building at 501 S Huston	Contractual	\$3,920.00
<b>Subtotal for Vendor 80508 - TW Construction :</b>					<b>\$3,920.00</b>
<b>80518</b>	<b>John Wheelock</b>				
	02282023		Meter Deposit Refund - No Late Payments	Reimbursements/ Miscellaneous	\$60.00
	02282023		Meter Deposit Refund - No Late Payments	Reimbursements/ Miscellaneous	\$120.00
	02282023		Meter Deposit Refund - No Late Payments	Reimbursements/ Miscellaneous	\$120.00
<b>Subtotal for Vendor 80518 - John Wheelock :</b>					<b>\$300.00</b>
<b>80524</b>	<b>Kelley Manley</b>				
	03092023		Park Deposit Refund	Park Building Deposit Refunds	\$40.00
<b>Subtotal for Vendor 80524 - Kelley Manley :</b>					<b>\$40.00</b>

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Grand Total: \$60,533.24

## Approved Invoices - Fund/Dept. Totals

Fund	Fund Total	Fund Name
<b>01 General Fund</b>		
01 General Government	\$408.37	
02 Gen Police	\$491.27	
03 General Court	\$45.00	
04 General Fire	\$111.95	
05 General Park	\$160.00	
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	\$1,216.59	
<b>03 Municipal Equipment Reser</b>		
00 NonDepartmental	\$2,862.35	
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<b>04 Library</b>		
00 NonDepartmental	\$227.75	
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<b>07 Special Highway Fund</b>		
00 NonDepartmental	\$316.70	
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<b>09 Lake Fund</b>		
00 NonDepartmental	\$10.00	
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<b>50 Water Utility Fund</b>		
00 NonDepartmental	\$833.21	

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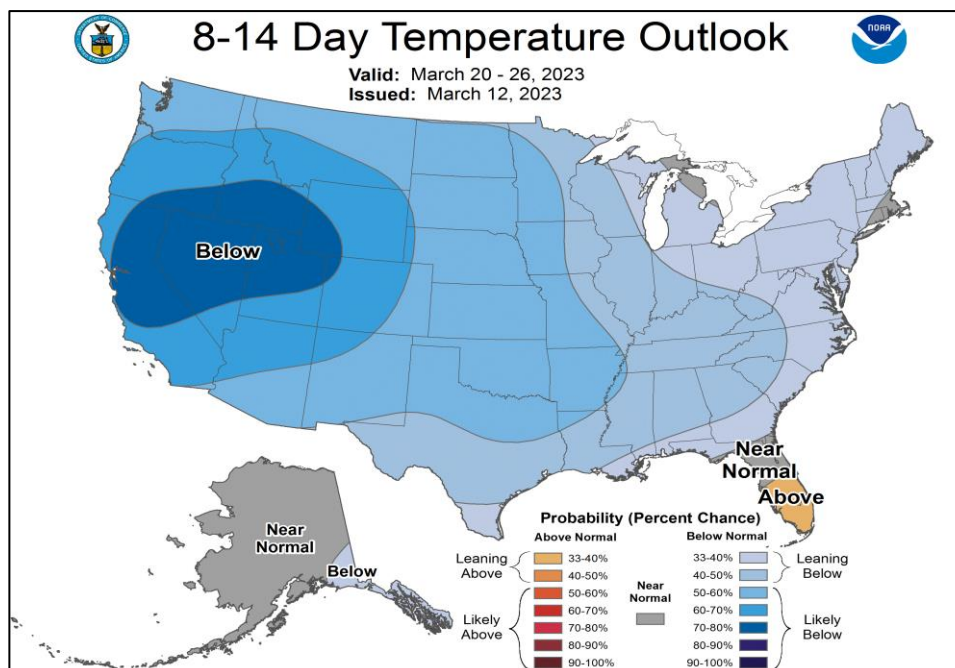
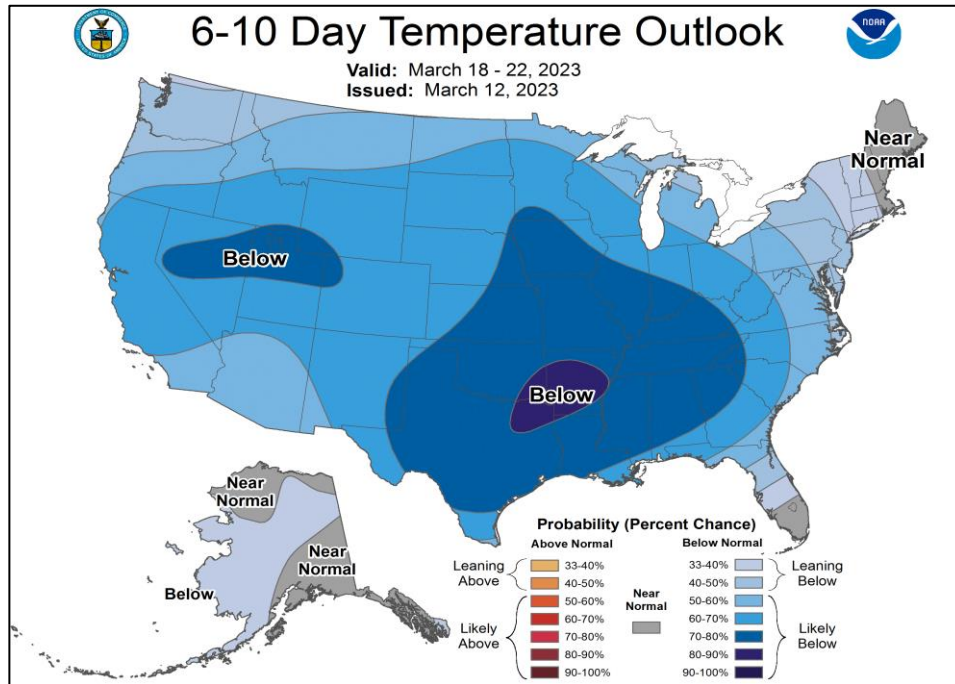
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Vendor Invoice	PO	Description	Account Description	Invoice Amt
			\$833.21	
	51	Electric Utility Fund		
	00	NonDepartmental	\$7,340.33	
			\$7,340.33	
	52	Gas Utility Fund		
	00	NonDepartmental	\$15,054.67	
			\$15,054.67	
	53	Sewer Utility Fund		
	00	NonDepartmental	\$10,644.34	
			\$10,644.34	
	54	Sanitation Utility Fund		
	00	NonDepartmental	\$462.30	
			\$462.30	
	65	Al's Fitness Center		
	00	NonDepartmental	\$65.00	
			\$65.00	
	79	Sewer Reserve		
	00	NonDepartmental	\$21,500.00	
			\$21,500.00	
		<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$60,533.24</b>	

## KMGA Member Update – March 15, 2023

### Spring???

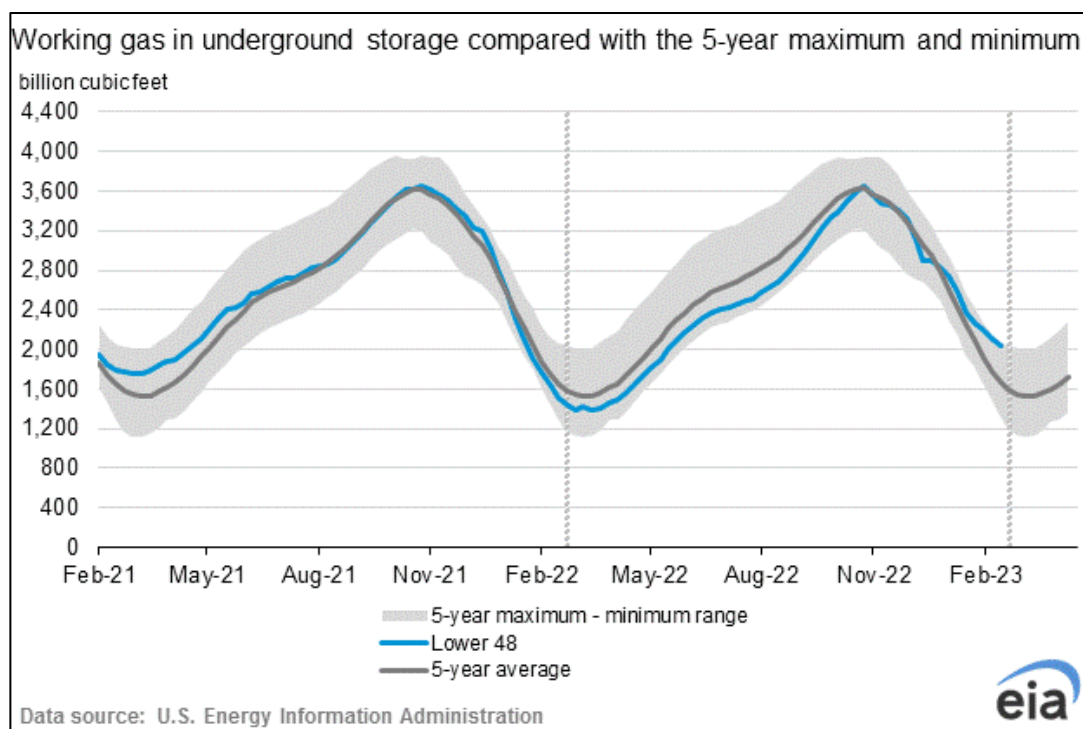
The calendar says we are a few days away from Spring, but the weather forecast is hanging on to winter. NOAA's forecast through March 26<sup>th</sup> expects well below normal temperatures across the lower 48 states of the U.S.



## Natural Gas Production and Storage Levels

In EIA's Short-term Energy Outlook report, EIA Administrator Joe DeCarolis stated, "The natural gas market is particularly uncertain, but we expect that US natural gas production will establish new record highs in both 2023 and 2024, leading to lower domestic prices". The EIA boosted its total natural gas marketed production forecast for 2023 by 2.36 Billion Cubic Feet per day (Bcf/d) to 109.11 Bcf/d on average and estimated production will grow further to average 111.24 Bcf/d in 2024.

According to NOAA January and February, the first two months of 2023 combined were among the three warmest on record for that period going back to 1895. The historically mild 2022-23 winter season across much of the US has created a surplus in gas storage levels. As of March 3<sup>rd</sup>, storage inventory levels are 21.5%, or 359 Bcf, above the five-year average.



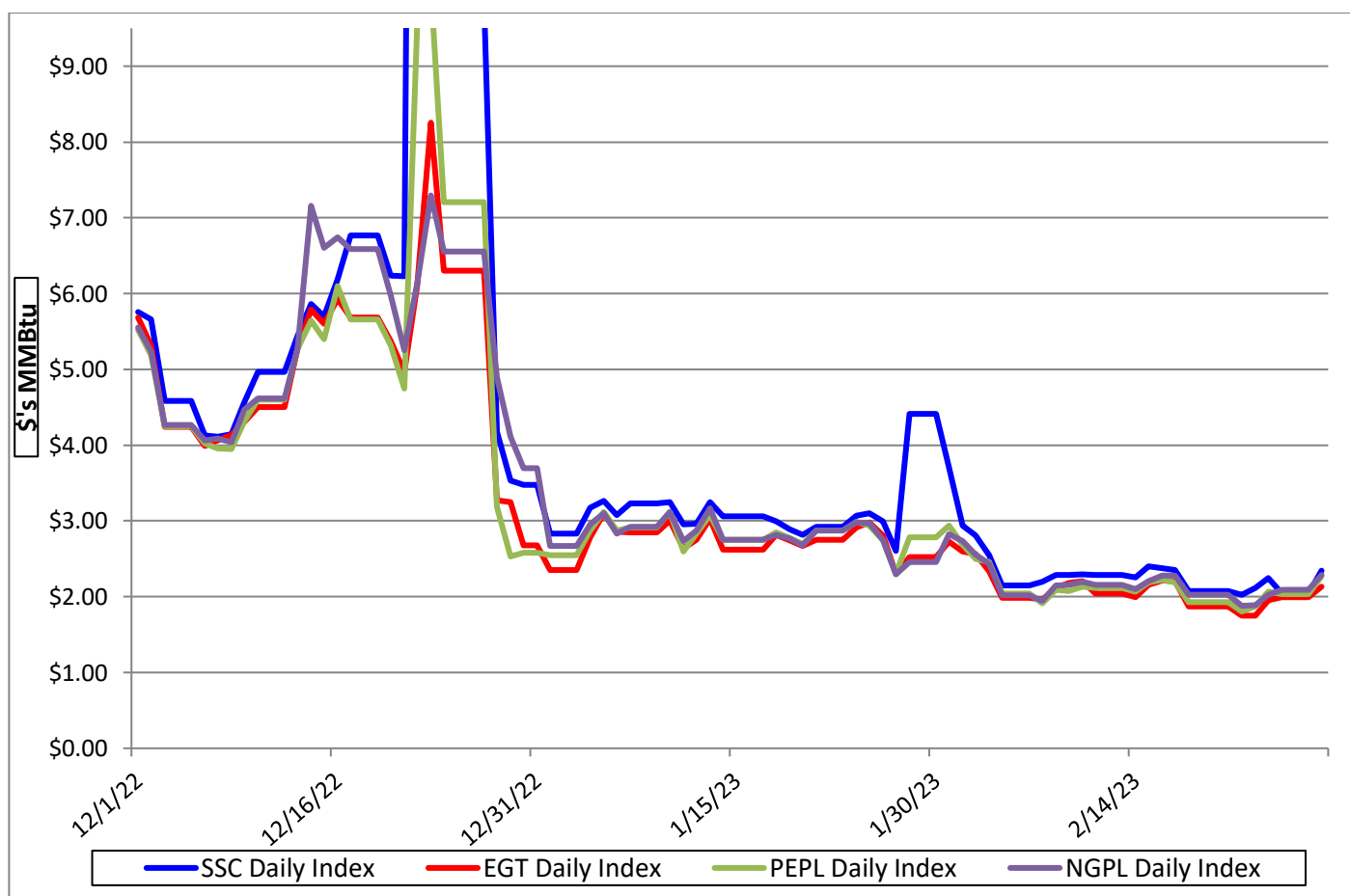


## Natural Gas Prices

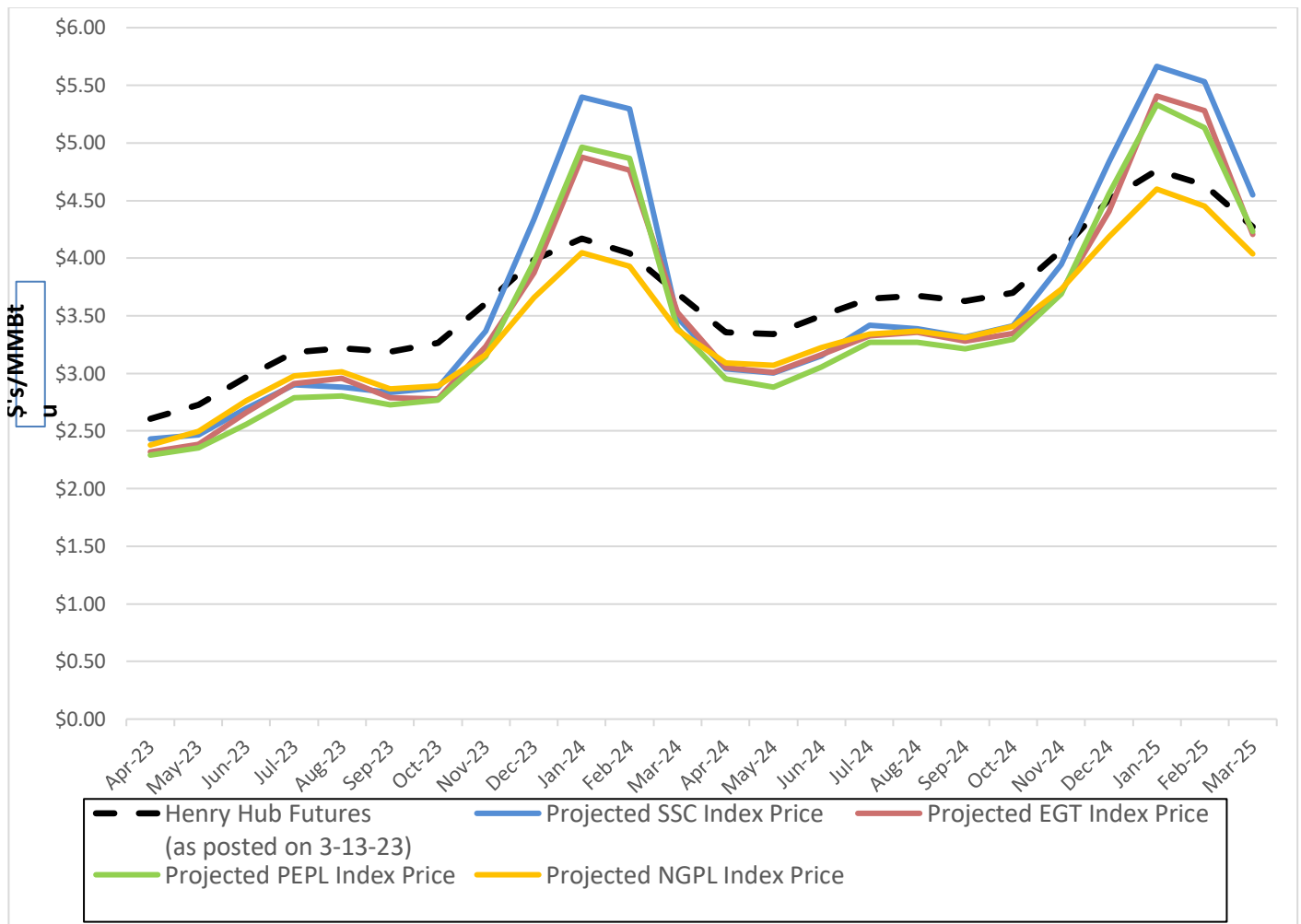
As noted in previous member updates during the summer of 2022, both daily and monthly index gas prices were high. For the months of June-August the daily index averaged around \$7.35/MMBtu, while the monthly pricing for 2 of the 3 summer months was above \$8.00/MMBtu.

Winter 2022-23 saw monthly prices remain high, with January seeing the highest monthly prices posting at \$8.43/MMBtu. January's monthly prices were reflected of the cold weather and supply constraints experienced during the Christmas weekend.

The chart below is a snapshot of the daily index prices for Dec 2022-Feb 2023. The highest prices posted came with the cold weather during the Christmas weekend with Southern Star index price nearly reaching the \$30/MMBtu mark. Daily prices dropped significantly after the Christmas storm and have remained low since that time (except for the jump in price at the end of January due to colder weather). This drop in price has been driven by the extreme mild weather. The lowest posted daily price of \$1.75/MMBtu was on the Enable index on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.



Looking forward, the Henry Hub Futures contract price is relatively low through March 2025, shown as the dashed line in the chart below. Some drivers in this pricing trend are U.S. storage inventory is at a surplus coming out of winter, mild winter has created high storage inventory levels in Europe, LNG prices in the Europe and Asian markets have dropped from near \$40/MMBtu in December to just over \$10/MMBtu, and U.S. gas production projected to reach new levels.



Henry Hub, located in Erath, Louisiana is a nexus of several natural gas interconnections. Because market conditions vary between Henry Hub and the roughly 40 or so physical trading locations around the U.S., a published "basis" per MMBtu is utilized to approximate this difference in geography and local market conditions.

In the chart above the current published basis has been applied to the posted Henry Hub price to achieve a projected mid-continent index price. You can see the basis is typically a negative component during summer months and a positive component in the winter months.

Fear and uncertainty remain within the natural gas market and industry. It will only take one incident and/or news article to impact natural gas prices.

### **Natural Gas Supply Purchasing Strategy Policy**

As we move out of the winter season, we have begun the process of our annual review of the current purchasing policy. KMGa staff has recently been in contact with several entities within the natural gas industry seeking input on possible modifications to the policy. We will be making recommendations with any policy changes to KMGa's Executive Committee in the coming months.

### **Kansas AG Lawsuit**

As we shared with you earlier, the Kansas Attorney General has filed suit against Macquarie Energy related to the February 2021 Winter storm seeking redress under the Commodity Exchange Act. The claim is that Macquarie manipulated the Southern Star daily gas index for February 17, 2021, for the benefit of Macquarie. The estimated damages to Kansas consumers (KMGa, Atmos Energy, Kansas Gas Service & Black Hills) is \$50 million.

There isn't anything additional to report to date, but we will continue to work with our legal counsel to monitor this case and keep you updated with any developments.

### **Regional Meetings**

Last year we held four regional meetings across the state. We believe these meetings were very beneficial to both our members and KMGa. We are currently working on dates/times/locations for regional meetings in 2023. We will get our schedule out to you as soon as we have that completed.

### **Board of Directors Meeting**

KMGa's spring Board of Directors meeting will be held in Wichita on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm at the Hyatt Regency, 400 W Waterman St, Wichita, KS 67202. Board of Directors should have received an email with details.

Also, mark your calendars as our 2023 Annual Conference will be held in Wichita on October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

## Heather Beasley

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**From:** Jessica Ruiz [KDHE] <Jessica.Ruiz@ks.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2023 1:20 PM  
**Subject:** Waste Tire Grant

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for your application for the Waste Tire Grant program. At this time, we are unable to fund your project. This year was highly competitive. We had 64 applications requesting over \$1,000,000 in funding. We encourage you to reapply for the 2024 Waste Tire Grant program on November 15, 2023.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out.

Thank you,

**Jessica Ruiz | Public Service Administrator**

Kansas Department of Health & Environment

Bureau of Waste Management

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## City Administrator Report City Council March 23, 2023

1. **Labette County** - Brad Myers attended the Labette County Commission meeting for approval for the County to mow the Lake and Lagoon ponds and asphaltting some of the City streets.
  - a. Labette County Director of Public Works Sandy Krider contacted the City. Labette County Commission has approved to chip and seal 13,000 Road between Ness Road and Huston Avenue at no cost to the City. Sandy requested some help with water and a truck to haul it in to help set the base. I told her the City would help wherever we could.
2. **Building Repairs** - TW Construction completed the repairs on the Utility building behind 501 S Huston.
3. **Spring Conference** - Heather Beasley and Bridget Nash attended Spring Conference training in Manhattan.
4. **Police** - Michael Shields attended the Kansas Narcotics Officers Association training.
5. **Level Payment** - Bridget Nash mailed out level payment letters for customers to review and return. If you are interested in level payment, please contact the City Office.
6. **Recreation** - The Altamont Recreation Commission is hosting an Easter egg hunt on April 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 a.m. The Easter egg hunt will take place on the west side of Labette County High School.
7. **Insurance** - Reviewing Insurance renewal policy and updated required forms
8. **Cox Communications** - Cox Communications started construction in Altamont the week of February 13.
  - a. The Utility Department has been busy marking One Call locates and overseeing the project.
9. **Year End** - Continuing to work on year-end reports
10. **Audit** - The 2022 Annual Audit is scheduled for April 4, 2023.



11. **Solid Waste** - The Solid Waste Committee requested revenue and expense figures from GFL, regarding the county owned transfer station, in December and has not received this information from them.
  - a. The Solid Waste Committee approved an increase from the temporary rate of \$40.76 per ton to \$42.00 per ton from March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, to June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, without the option for them to request another rate increase during that time. The proposed rate has been presented to GFL for their approval or for them to counter.
    - i. GFL has not responded to the proposal.
12. **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.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTIONS

I move 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: (people to participate besides governing body.) The open meeting will resume in the city council room at \_\_\_\_PM.

I move the city council recess into executive session to discuss **Attorney – Client privilege** matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) to include: (people to participate besides governing body.) The open meeting will resume in the city council room at \_\_\_\_PM.

I move the city council recess into executive session to preliminary discuss **employer-employee negotiations** matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b) (3) to include: (people to participate besides governing body.) The open meeting will resume in the city council room at \_\_\_\_PM.

I move the city council recess into executive session to preliminary discuss **property acquisition** matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6) to include: (people to participate besides governing body.) The open meeting will resume in the city council room at \_\_\_\_PM.

I move the city council recess into executive session to discuss data relating to **financial affairs or trade secrets** of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(4) to include: (people to participate besides governing body.) The open meeting will resume in the city council room at \_\_\_\_PM.

**K.S.A. 75-4319.** Closed or executive meetings; conditions; authorized subjects for discussion; binding action prohibited; certain documents identified in meetings not subject to disclosure. (a) Upon formal motion made, seconded and carried, all bodies and agencies subject to the open meetings act may recess, but not adjourn, open meetings for closed or executive meetings. Any motion to recess for a closed or executive meeting shall include a statement of (1) the justification for closing the meeting, (2) the subjects to be discussed during the closed or executive meeting and (3) the time and place at which the open meeting shall resume. Such motion, including the required statement, shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting and shall be maintained as a part of the permanent records of the body or agency. Discussion during the closed or executive meeting shall be limited to those subjects stated in the motion.

(b) No subjects shall be discussed at any closed or executive meeting, except the following:

- (1) Personnel matters of nonelected personnel;
- (2) consultation with an attorney for the body or agency which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship;
- (3) matters relating to employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the representative or representatives of the body or agency;
- (4) confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships;
- (5) matters relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a person as a student, patient or resident of a public institution, except that any such person shall have the right to a public hearing if requested by the person;
- (6) preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property;

# Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 1st

11:00 AM Sharp

Easter Bunny Pictures

LCHS West Lawn

Kids Birth to 5th Grade

Sponsored by Altamont Recreation Commission





# Altamont Pet Clinic



Tuesday, April 11th, 2023  
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

City Recycling Building  
409 S Huston

Rabies Shots &  
City Tags will be available.

Contact Regional Vet Service at 620-795-3099, if you  
need flea and tick protection PRIOR to the Clinic date.

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