

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ALTAMONT  
July 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: Craig Carnahan, Ben Cochran, Raymond Coffey, Jeff Garretson and Paul Souders.
MINUTES	Councilmember Cochran moved and Souders seconded to accept the minutes of the July 8, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.
INVOICES	Councilmember Cochran moved and Garretson seconded to pay the invoices in the amount of \$67,237.76. Motion carried.
OLD FIRE DEPARTMENT DONATIONS ON BILLS	The demolition of the old fire department building was included in the 2022 budget. Councilmember Cochran moved and Garretson seconded to change the billing cards to include a spot for other donations and better education as far as other donations on the website. Motion carried.
LMI STUDY	A letter from the Mayor to the residents and a Low to Moderate Income (LMI) sample survey was included in the Council packet. Councilmember Cochran stated to add something about why the survey is important so the residents know it is for grant opportunities for improvements.  Councilmember Cochran moved and Garretson seconded to approve the LMI Survey and the letter with the change to be mailed out to the citizens of Altamont. Motion carried.
PLANNING & ZONING	Councilmember Souders doesn't feel like he has a right to tell people what they can do with their properties. Mayor Hayward would like to have a committee to go to the wind meeting to bring information to Council to make better decisions for our neighbors. Councilmember Cochran is torn on the subject. He stated at some point Council has to take into consideration of the residents of Altamont. Councilmember Carnahan spoke to the landowners on the west side of town; there are no leases with those landowners. Attorney Stephen Jones asked Council not to think of this as wind farms; it is whether the City wants zoning or not.  Councilmember Cochran moved and Carnahan seconded to not form a planning and zoning commission and be against zoning within the City of Altamont or within three miles of Altamont. Motion carried.
WAR VETERAN MEMORIAL	Councilmember Garretson is still gathering information and looking into grants. LeaAnn suggested looking at the Parsons Area Community Foundation for grant opportunities. Councilmember Garretson is hoping to have information for the next meeting.
BUDGET	A copy of the 2022 City of Altamont Budget was presented to Council. Audree went over the prepared budget. The budget and revenue neutral hearing is scheduled for August 26 <sup>th</sup> .  Councilmember Coffey out at 8:33 PM. In at 8:35 PM.
CITY ADMINISTRATOR	Report written by Audree Aguilera. Fire truck / USDA Loan closing on August 27 <sup>th</sup> . Trash truck anticipated arrival by August 1 <sup>st</sup> . Purple Wave Auctions – various desks, table, lockers, Police Interceptors and 2003 Utility Department Ford truck sold on July 13; total of items sold \$8,588.25. 1995 E-One Fire Truck in Springfield, MO on Purple Wave auction for August 10 <sup>th</sup> . Floodplain – KDA and FEMA will begin a floodplain mapping project for our area; this project will update the current floodplain maps. Budget – after budget presentation, RNR and budget hearing set for August 26, 2021 at 7:00 PM. American Rescue Plan – City of Altamont is anticipated to receive \$142,662. First disbursement anticipated in July; first half received on 7/15/2021, have until December 31, 2024 to expend funds. Lake swings – anticipated arrival in mid-July; experiencing longer than normal shipment times due to Covid. House Assessment Tool (HAT)/ Low Moderate Income (LMI) Survey – part-time summer intern will mail out initial LMI Survey at the end of this week. Crosswalks / Huston Street – Huston seal project to begin July 26, 2021; the striping project will start within the first two weeks of August. Electric Utility – tabled; set for discussion in Fall 2021. Planning and Zoning Commission – tabled to July 22; need additional time to develop by laws and ordinance. Old fire department building – demolition in 2022 budget. Energy Crisis Committee – first meeting was 7/22/2021. Employee Appreciation Pool Party / Barbeque on August 7 <sup>th</sup> ; will have corn hole, food, swimming, music and more.  A City Administrator year-in-review was also presented to Council.
KMIT	KMIT is looking at doing a pool to help decrease health insurance cost for Cities.
FLOODPLAIN	A floodplain timeline was included in the Council packet.

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STEPHEN JONES Attorney Stephen Jones submitted a letter of resignation to the City.  
Councilmember Cochran moved and Carnahan seconded to begrudgingly accept the resignation from Stephen Jones effective August 31, 2021. Motion carried.

COUNCIL RETREAT Mayor Hayward would like to add a Council Retreat to an upcoming agenda.

COVID Mayor Hayward asked the public to beware, Covid numbers are going up and he encouraged the public do what is right for them and possibly get a Covid vaccination.

UTILITY RATE INCREASES Councilmember Coffey would like to give our citizens a realistic view of what their bills will look like with potential rate increases.

GAS Brad presented his gas liaison information at the last meeting and wanted to see if Council had any questions.

ADJOURNMENT Councilmember Cochran moved and Carnahan seconded to adjourn the Council meeting at 9:22 PM. Motion carried.

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LeaAnn Myers, City Clerk