

**MINUTES
CITY OF ALTAMONT
June 24, 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 Councilmember Souders led the prayer. Councilmembers present: Ben Cochran, Raymond Coffey, Jeff Garretson and Paul Souders.
MINUTES	Councilmember Garretson moved and Cochran seconded to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.
INVOICES	Councilmember Cochran moved and Carnahan seconded to pay the invoices in the amount of \$54,951.34. Motion carried.
CITY ADMINISTRATOR	<p>Report written by Audree Aguilera. Energy crisis – formation of advisory committee; first meeting July 8th at 6:00 PM. Met with KMGA/KMEA in June. KMEA is working on a plan and options to provide Cities with callable generation. KMGA is drafting a plan to help pay for the legal costs as they are involved in several law suits. Questions that were answered: When will the investigations be complete? FERC has indicated it could be up to two years. Kansas Attorney General has indicated that around the end of the year they will end the investigation in a lawsuit against someone or close the case. Why didn't we just use all of our storage during the event? An operational flow order was in place meaning we could only use our contract amounts; a penalty of 2.5 times the daily price would be assessed for overages. Well we knew this weather was coming well in advance. Why didn't we start preparing ahead of time? KMGA started purchasing extra gas on the daily market as soon as February 2nd when this event was forecasted. However, the monthly supply was already locked in. KMGA is looking at changing the purchasing strategy to limit the percent we were exposed to on the daily market. How much gas did we purchase on the daily market? Normally, our daily market exposure is close to 30%; however, because of the increased usages that daily market exposure increased to 60%. Looking at changing the fixed pricing to 80% during the winter months to decrease daily spot market exposure. Why is it just KMGA and KMEA cities? Why is it just "Altamont"? This is a common misconception about the entire situation. While KMGA did note they could not speak on behalf of other companies, they were generous to share information they have learned. Other companies are regulated by the KCC. These other companies (Kansas Gas, Black Hills, etc.) also experienced these same costs as KMGA. These companies had billions in debt from the February storm. KCC required these other companies to put these extra costs into an "asset" account and propose a rate change to recuperate the additional cost incurred. The Cities do not have the cash-on-hand to absorb these costs; therefore, they are very directly and quickly passed down to the consumers.</p> <p>Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) - information shared at department head meeting on June 15th; no other employee requests made. Fire Truck/USDA Loan – a resolution for the USDA loan is needed to move forward with closing on the financials of the fire truck. Fire truck vendor has noted they are now ready to receive final payment. Trash Truck – anticipated to arrive in July. Purple Wave auction – set for July 13th; will be selling various desks, tables, lockers, Police Interceptor, 2003 Utility department truck, old Fire truck in Springfield, MO. The Fire truck title has been signed over to the City and registered. Waiting on the new title to return and then it will be given to Purple Wave. Floodplain – KDA and FEMA will begin a floodplain mapping project for our area. This project will update the current floodplain maps; comment for a detailed study has been made. Employee Appreciation Pool Party/Barbeque on August 7th; we will have corn hole, food, swimming, music and more. Budget – all department budgets are turned in. Working on input and revenue/expense forecasting; will meet with department heads for review on June 29th. American Rescue Plan – City of Altamont is anticipated to receive \$142,622. First disbursement anticipated in July; recommend use for wastewater study and enhancements. Lake swings – anticipated arrival in mid-July; experiencing longer than normal shipment times due to Covid. Housing Assessment Tool (HAT)/Low-Moderate Income (LMI) Study – during the absence of our Deputy Clerk, Audree hired a part-time summer intern to assist in the LMI Survey and HAT process. Crosswalk/Huston Street – estimates received for striping; waiting to receive second estimate for striping and an estimate for sealing Huston Avenue.</p> <p>Electric review – implement rate increase in October 2021; budget for engineering study in 2022. Planning commission and exterritorial zoning – received planning and zoning handbook from the League of Kansas; requires resolution to establish and must have at least five members. Wind turbines – met with City of Edna Mayor; discussed being in support of Labette County initiative to limit wind turbines development within three miles of City limits. Requested support from other Cities. Discussed with KMEA the benefits of having such turbines next to the City. It would make our access point closer and potentially lower cost. However, KMEA has not been contacted by the wind turbine company to purchase energy; possibility of such is slim due to the small market for our area.</p>

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- RESOLUTION 285 Resolution 285 was presented to Council providing for the incurrence of indebtedness for the purpose of purchasing a fire truck through the USDA.
Councilmember Cochran moved and Carnahan seconded to accept loan Resolution 285. Motion carried.
- TREASURER Audree and LeaAnn conducted interviews for the City Treasurer/Deputy City Clerk and their final selection was Heather Beasley.
Councilmember Carnahan moved and Cochran seconded to appoint Heather Beasley as City Treasurer. Motion carried.
- TOWING POLICY The Vehicle Towing Policy was presented to Council relating to the guidelines for the Altamont Police Department when towing vehicles. Audree and Michael reviewed it and this is the final copy.
Councilmember Carnahan moved and Cochran seconded to accept the Towing Policy as present. Motion carried.
- EXTERRITORIAL ZONING The City of Edna is asking the County to include in the contract to have no wind turbines be placed within three miles outside the City limits. Edna is trying to get support from the other Cities. They don't believe there is time to do County zoning in this short amount of time. Councilmember Carnahan stated he will not be included in this subject due to a conflict of interest. Councilmember Souders would like to wait until he knows what the contract says. Councilmember Cochran had citizens come to him and ask to keep the wind turbines away from the City limits. Councilmember Souders has had some residents for it and some against it. Councilmember Garretson stated anything that goes on outside of the City limits is not City business. Audree stated there may be something in place preventing development within so far from the wind turbines which could prevent City growth. Councilmember Cochran would like to table the subject for more information, and requested a copy of the exterritorial zoning from Parsons.
- PLANNING & ZONING Audree stated in order for the City to do our own exterritorial zoning, the City would have to have a planning and zoning committee in place; this would require an ordinance. Audree has two people interested in being on that board. With the board, the City can look at building codes and zoning. Mayor Hayward stated at the immediate time unless we are getting in on the wind turbines, it would be something to think about. Audree would recommend going ahead and setting up planning and zoning which would allow the board to look into the wind turbines. Councilmember Garretson and Cochran are ok with that. The planning and zoning board will have to have a quorum just like Council.
- RURAL OPPORTUNITY Councilmember Cochran moved and Souders seconded to allow Audree to apply for the Rural Opportunity Zone sponsorship with the City of Altamont being the sponsor. Motion carried.
- OFFICE CLOSED The City Office will be closed on July 5th in observation of Independence Day.
- FIREWORKS The Altamont Fireworks shoot will be Saturday, July 3rd at Harrison Auditorium.
Firework shooting times will be June 27th - July 1st from 10 AM – 10 PM, July 2nd – 4th from 10 AM to midnight and July 5th from 10 AM – 9 PM.
- VETERAN'S MEMORIAL Councilmember Garretson had a citizen approach him about possibly having a veteran's memorial in the downtown area. The citizen will get more information to Councilmember Garretson so it can be added to the agenda.
- ADJOURNMENT Councilmember Cochran moved and Carnahan seconded to adjourn the Council meeting at 7:38 PM. Motion carried.

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LeaAnn Myers, City Clerk