

**MINUTES
CITY OF ALTAMONT
MARCH 23, 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, Raymond Coffey, Cameron Johnston and Kyle Wiford.
MINUTES	Councilmember Cochran moved and Johnston seconded to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.
INVOICES	Councilmember Coffey moved and Wiford seconded to pay the invoices in the amount of \$62,375.24. Motion carried.
KATHY WETZSTEIN	Kathy Wetzstein requested an additional extended lake stay. Councilmember Cochran moved and Johnston seconded to allow them to stay out at the lake for another 90 days. Motion carried.
KMGA MEMBER UPDATE	Council received a KMGA member update stating temperatures are expected to be below normal through March 26. The Energy Information Administration (EIA) expects natural gas will establish new record highs in 2023 and 2024. The Attorney General filed a lawsuit over the February 17, 2023 winter storm event.
WASTE TIRE GRANT	The City of Altamont was not chosen for the Waste Tire Grant program for benches downtown. They had 64 applications requesting over one million dollars in funding.
CITY ADMINISTRATOR	Report written by LeaAnn Myers. <ol style="list-style-type: none">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.<ol style="list-style-type: none">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 the 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 1st at 11:00 AM. 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 forms8. Cox Communications – Cox Communications started construction in Altamont the week of February 13.<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. The Utility Department has been busy marking One Call locates and overseeing the project.9. Year End – Continuing to work on year-end reports10. 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.<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. The Solid Waste Committee approved an increase from the temporary rate of \$40.76 per ton to \$42.00 per ton from March 1st, 2023, to June 1st, 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.<ol style="list-style-type: none">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.
LIEAP	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.
LEVEL PAYMENT	If you are interested in signing up for level payment, please contact the City Office before March 31, 2023.
EASTER EGG HUNT	Easter Egg Hunt – April 1 st at 11 AM on the west side Labette County High School.

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PET CLINIC Altamont Pet Clinic – April 11th 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 of rabies.

ADJOURNMENT Councilmember Cochran moved and Coffey seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 PM. Motion carried.

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LeaAnn Myers, City Administrator