

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ALTAMONT  
May 27, 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 prayer. Councilmembers present: Craig Carnahan, Ben Cochran and Jeff Garretson.
MINUTES	Councilmember Cochran moved and Carnahan seconded to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.
INVOICES	Councilmember Cochran moved and Garretson seconded to pay the invoices in the amount of \$11,576.77. Motion carried.
FLAG DAY COOK-OFF	Johnny Sandusky requested a donation of \$500 for the Flag Day BBQ Cook-off.  Councilmember Cochran moved and Carnahan seconded to make a donation to the BBQ cook-off for \$500. Motion carried.
AUDIT	Kyle Spielbusch with Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips presented the City of Altamont 2020 Audit.
CITY ADMINISTRATOR	Report written by Audree Aguilera. Natural gas/energy crisis – make excess payment of \$230,000 to State Treasurer. Form Energy Crisis Advisory Committee. Personnel handbook copies are complete. A copy will be given to each employee; acknowledgements filed with personnel file. GO Bond being published in paper. Fire Truck has arrived at manufacturer for final touches; early arrival anticipated for early summer. Pool will open on Friday, May 29 <sup>th</sup> ; swim lessons will begin June 14 <sup>th</sup> . Paige and Audree met with Lizzy Smith. City will have a lifeguard present during the swim team’s use of the Pool. They will reimburse the City for wages; anticipated use for June 1 – 7 <sup>th</sup> from 7:45 AM to 10:00 AM. No conflicts for City and scheduling. Trash Truck is anticipated to arrive in July. Hired part-time employee to assist Brad with mowing. Hired new janitor; Amanda resigned. Purple Wave auction set July 13; will be selling various desks, tables, lockers, PD Interceptor, 2003 Utility Department Ford Truck, old Fire Truck in Springfield, MO. KDA and FEMA will begin a floodplain mapping project for our area. This project will update the current floodplain maps; this is a long process and will have many public meetings and comment periods. Planning Employee Appreciation Pool Party/ Barbeque on August 7 <sup>th</sup> ; will have corn hole, food, swimming, music and more. Organizing parade for Flag Day; please contact Audree if you would like to have a float. Maximus Brumback turned in his resignation effective June 4, 2021. Audree will be temporarily acting as Court Clerk. LeaAnn will be temporarily acting as Treasurer and Recreation Director. Departments budgets due by May 28 <sup>th</sup> ; attended State Budget Presentation. Multiple legislative changes will change budget procedures this year. Contacted Wave Wireless and they anticipate to be here this week to install equipment. The City of Altamont is anticipated to receive \$142,662 from American Rescue Plan; first disbursement anticipated at the beginning of June. Swings are ordered for Lake; anticipated arrival in two weeks. Working on draft of towing policy. Will begin HAT and LMI Survey in June. Collecting estimates for restriping and crosswalks around school and Huston Avenue. Also collecting estimates for sealing of Huston. Electric – budget for engineering study; implement rate increase in fall.
ORDINANCE #626	Ordinance #626 was presented to Council to repeal Ordinance #148 regarding employee vacations.  Councilmember Cochran moved and Carnahan seconded to approve Ordinance #626 to repeal Ordinance #148. Carnahan - yes, Cochran - yes, Garretson - yes. Motion carried.
PAINTED CROSSWALKS	Wildcat Striping submitted a bid for the striping of the parking lots, crosswalks down Huston and around the grade school. Audree is waiting on a bid for sealing Huston. Audree would like to meet with the school to see if they would share the crosswalk cost.  Councilmember Carnahan brought up the street by the Corner Store during school lunch time to see if we could redirect foot traffic. There would have to be a study completed by the State. Audree will check with the school and KDOT regarding a crossing.
OLD FIRE BUILDING	The Utility Department has been making small repairs. We have not received any quotes at this time.
SWIM TEAM	The Parsons Dolphins Swim Team found another pool they are able to use.
AUDIT	Councilmember Cochran moved and Carnahan seconded to approve the audit for the City of Altamont for the year ending December 31, 2020. Motion carried.
UTILITY TRUCK	The 2003 Ford is no longer in service and we are not able to get parts. The Utility Department is now short a vehicle. There are funds for a new utility truck in the Municipal Equipment Fund. Brad stated the Utility Department currently has three trucks in operation. A quote was presented for a 2500 HD Chevy Truck for the Utility Department from Fayetteville Autopark for \$39,500. Councilmember Garretson stated the red truck could break down at any time.

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- UTILITY TRUCK Councilmember Cochran moved and Carnahan seconded to allow purchase of 2021 Chevy Silverado for \$39,500. Motion carried.
- RESIGNATION Maximus Brumback submitted a resignation letter for the Deputy City Clerk position.  
Councilmember Carnahan moved and Garretson seconded to accept the resignation of Maximus Brumback. Motion carried.  
Audree stated we are in the process of accepting applications for the position.
- CREDIT CARDS Brian Sinclair and Maximus Brumback need to have their names removed from the City's financial accounts.  
Councilmember Garretson moved and Cochran seconded to cancel the credit cards for Brian Sinclair and Maximus Brumback. Motion carried.
- ENERGY CRISIS An Energy Crisis Review Committee was presented to Council to include the City Administrator as the Chairman, Public Works Superintendent, City Clerk, City Attorney, one Councilmember and two members at large. Councilmember Cochran would like the members at large to not be currently affiliated with the City of Altamont in any way and be a City resident. Audree would like the committee to review the KMGGA agreement and try to prevent an energy crisis happening again.  
Councilmember Cochran moved and Garretson seconded to approve the formation of the Energy Crisis Review Committee with the changes specified in regards to the two members at large. Motion carried.
- LOW INTEREST LOAN Audree would like to make an excess payment for the gas fund for residents who paid in full from the April bill. This would be the first payment and it is due July 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Councilmember Carnahan moved and Cochran seconded to authorize the \$230,000 payment to the Kansas Treasurer for the gas loan. Motion carried.
- FUEL PURCHASE The City of Altamont has been purchasing fuel from the Labette County Barn. There has been moisture in the tanks causing some rust in our tanks and algae which could lead to mechanical issues. Brad has several vehicles that have been running poorly. Council is concerned about continuing to use the fuel from Labette County with three new vehicles coming.  
Councilmember Cochran and Garretson seconded to allow the City to purchase fuel locally opposed to through the County Barn for a period of six months and then we will revisit. Motion carried.
- EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION Audree would like to have an employee appreciation pool party and barbeque on August 7<sup>th</sup> at the Altamont City Park and Pool.  
Councilmember Carnahan moved and Cochran seconded to approve renting the pool and City Park building, and approving the use of alcohol at the City Park Building for an employee appreciation get together on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.
- MEMORIAL DAY The City Office will be closed May 31, 2021 in observation of Memorial Day.
- FISHING DERBY The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids Fishing Derby will be held Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at Idle Hour Lake.
- FLAG DAY Altamont Flag Day will be held Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> in Downtown Altamont.
- ADJOURNMENT Councilmember Cochran moved and Carnahan seconded to adjourn the Council meeting at 8:17 PM. Motion carried.

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LeaAnn Myers, City Clerk