

**MINUTES
CITY OF ALTAMONT
July 8, 2021**

- REGULAR MEETING The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with Council President Ben Cochran presiding. President Cochran opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilmember Souders led the prayer. Councilmembers present: Craig Carnahan, Ben Cochran, Jeff Garretson and Paul Souders.
- MINUTES Councilmember Carnahan moved and Coffey seconded to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.
- INVOICES Councilmember Souders moved and Craig Carnahan seconded to pay the invoices in the amount of \$103,672.58. Motion carried.
- GUEST – LAKE STAY Dean Ruark requested an extended stay at the Idle Hour Lake. Carnahan moved and Garretson seconded to give Dean Ruark a 60-day extended stay at the Idle Hour Lake. Motion carried.
- GUEST – WIND TURBINES Vicki Haraughty submitted a written comment to City Council. First of all I want to thank you for being an elected official of Altamont. It is a thankless job and I am sure you have wondered at times why you chose to do this. Altamont is a great little town and I know you do this because you care. I was raised here as were my ancestors and I can't think of a better place to live! The people are great, the scenery is great and it is a peaceful place to live and raise a family. True there isn't a lot of money here, but if money were a factor then we would probably live in a big city. There are a lot of senior citizens here (including me) who have contributed to this town and are now enjoying retirement. I am writing this letter to you to please, please, veto the wind farms around Altamont. The unsightly images, the whirring noises, the flashing lights, and most of all the health risks to the citizens. Money isn't everything and it is the root of all evil! I have read everything I could about this and surely you know the only people in favor of this are the ones who will benefit monetarily. I wanted to talk to you, but I felt so strongly about this that I decided to write a letter expressing my feelings because you don't know what people think unless they tell you. Please think of the citizens of Altamont and do what is best for them.
- Secondly, I would like to voice my opinion about paying off employee's student loans. I feel like this is opening a can of worms. When we needed to borrow money to pay the high utility bills this winter, how could we justify paying of student loans? This just doesn't make sense to me.
- Thank you for reading this and please consider the citizens of this great little town.
- CITY ADMINISTRATOR Report written by Audree Aguilera. Energy Crisis – Formation of advisory committee. First meeting July 8th at 6:00 PM. Met with KMGGA/KMEA in June. KMEA is working on a plan and options to provide cities with callable generation. KMGGA 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 law-suit against someone or close the case. Why didn't we just use all of our storage during the event? A OFO (operational flow order) was in place meaning we could only use our contract amounts. A penalty of 2.5 time 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? KMGGA 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. KMGGA is looking at changing the purchasing strategy to limit the percent we were exposed to 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 nearly 60%. Looking at changing the fixed pricing to 80% during the winter months to decrease daily spot market exposure. Why is it just KMGGA and KMGGA cities? Why is it just "Altamont"? This is a common misconception about this entire situation. While KMGGA 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 cost as KMGGA. These companies had BILLIONS in debt from the February storm. KCC required these other companies put these extra cost 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 cost. Therefore the very directly and quickly passed down to consumers.
- Fire Truck/ USDA Loan – Working on a date for closing on the Fire truck. Vendor has noted they are near ready to receive final payment.
- Trash Truck – Anticipated to arrive in July.
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Purple Wave Auction – Set for July 13th. Will be selling various desks, tables, lockers, Police Interceptor, 2003 Utility Department Ford Truck, Old Fire Truck in Springfield, MO. The title for '95 E-One Fire Truck sent to Purplewave.

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. First meeting will be July 15th via ZOOM.

Employee Appreciation Pool Party/ Barbeque on August 7th. Will have Corn Hole, Food, Swimming, music, and more.

Budget – Reviewed budgets with all departments. Working on final adjustments and then sending notice to County for RNR overage.

American Rescue Plan – City of Altamont is anticipated to receive \$142,662. First disbursement anticipated in July. Recommend use for Wastewater study and enhancements. Application complete and submitted.

Lake Swings – Anticipated arrival in mid-July. Experiencing longer than normal shipment times due to COVID.

Housing Assessment Tool (HAT)/ Low-Moderate Income (LMI) Survey – Part-time intern has begun the process for the LMI survey and HAT.

Crosswalks/ Huston Street Bids – On agenda tonight. Would like to complete prior to school starting.

Electric Review – Implement rate increase in October 2021. Budget for engineering study in 2022.

Planning and Zoning Commission – Table to July 22. Need additional to time to develop by laws and ordinance.

Wind Turbines – Set as the first agenda item for Planning and Zoning Commission.

During the City Administrator report, Councilmember Carnahan made a written statement about his position on several current and on-going agenda items.

POLICE

Report written by Michael Shields. The police department has handled numerous calls during this period from dog bites to animal control, horse complaints, civil standby's/child exchanges, citizens assist, lake patrol, and safety checks.

Citations and warnings for traffic violations, conducted motorist assist situations and conducted accident reports.

Assisted other agencies with calls and traffic situations.

During this quarterly period the police dept has conducted numerous investigations and made several arrest. Some ranging from simple battery, warrants, driving while suspended, violations of protection from abuse orders, violation of stalking orders.

Currently All officers completed training to maintain their certifications with various trainings ranging from Drug Investigations, Child Abuse, Domestic Violence, legal updates, Intoxilyzer (DUI) Refresher, Firearms training, Administering Naloxone (Narcan), Sexual Assault Investigations, Elements of Human Trafficking, Courtroom Testimony, Interdiction for the Protection of Children.

Assisted several fire agencies and our maintenance crew with escorts to get water here in town during the Edna fire recently.

Would like to congratulate officer Jonathan Davis for completion of the 14 week Full-time police officer academy at the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center, Jonathan was the Class president for his graduating class and we are happy to have him back, and wish Part-Time officer Lacy Atkins good luck and a quick return from the KLETC part-time officer academy she will be attending August 2nd through August 13th.

A huge thank you to Sgt. March and All the part-time officers that assisted with shift coverage while Officer Davis attended the 14 week full-time KLETC academy.

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PUBLIC WORKS	<p>Report written by Brad Myers.</p> <p>Bulk Trash Replace water valve on Washington Replace 2 culverts and clean ditches Replace electric pole at 4th and wells Read meters Clean Huston with our new sweeper. We have been using it to clean before patching holes (working great) Patch streets Tear down building at pole yard and haul off Replace frost free hydrant at campsite 9 Mow, weed eat, and spray Begin hauling rock and spreading at lake overflow - getting ready for overflow lining Electric outage 4-29 primary fuse blown. North east side of town Service trash truck Replace power steering hose on 03 Chevy pick up Set new water meter for lab. County public works and tap Clean pool, hook up water and start filling Haul rock and spread on camp sites Pool up and running Twin valley replaced a pole for us at 6th and Huston, we used our digger truck to help Clean ditches on north Huston, behind swimming pool and on south Wabash, stock pile dirt and seed Cleaned ditch at the old Texaco service station on 4th street Get lake ready for fishing derby Change banners, help get ready for Flag Day, and clean up after. Gas meter hit (vehicle) 203 5th, dig up and replace riser and meter, check for leaks and relight Find water meter, dig up and replace tile at old liquor store Install new gas line 605 Lincoln Restored electric service 510 S. Washington (Darrell Winter) due to limb falling causing outage Electric outage on 7th by tennis court going north to MJ's fuse blown (squirrel) 6-28 Help with Edna fire, fill tanker trucks (16)</p>
FIRE DEPT	<p>Report written by Bryson Shaffer. 2021 second quarter was fairly active. We responded to - 1 downed power line 1 fire alarm 2 grass fires 2 structure fires 5 injury car accidents 36 medical calls Also we had 7 training sessions with a flag day parade.</p>
PAINTED CROSSWALKS	<p>Councilmember Carnahan moved and Garretson seconded the bid of \$2,185.00 by Wildcat Striping for crosswalk and parking space painting. Motion carried.</p>
HUSTON STREET	<p>Councilmember Carnahan moved and Garretson seconded the bid of \$11,800.00 by All American Paving for the sealing of Huston Street. Motion carried.</p>
PLANNING COMMISSION	<p>Tabled to July 22.</p>
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL	<p>Jeff talked about the citizen that brought this up to him is researching grants, options, and opportunities for a Veteran's Memorial.</p>
AUDIT SERVICE	<p>Councilmember Carnahan moved and Garretson seconded to approve Jarred, Gilmore, and Phillips for 2021 Audit Services. Motion carried.</p>
ICE CREAM SOCIAL	<p>The Ice Cream Social will be July 10th at 6:00 PM at the City Park.</p>
ADJOURNMENT	<p>Councilmember Carnahan moved and Garretson seconded to adjourn the Council meeting at 7:58PM. Motion carried.</p>
DATE	<p>Audree Aguilera, City Administrator</p>