

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ALTAMONT  
September 9, 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 Conner led the prayer. Councilmembers present: Ben Cochran, Raymond Coffey, Jeff Garretson and Paul Souders.
MINUTES	Councilmember Coffey moved and Cochran seconded to accept the minutes of the City Council meeting from August 26, 2021. Motion carried.
INVOICES	Councilmember Cochran moved and Garretson seconded to pay the invoices in the amount of \$59,098.29. Motion carried.
DEAN RUARK	Dean Ruark requested an extended stay at the Lake.  Councilmember Cochran moved and Garretson seconded to allow Mr. Ruark to extend his lake stay for another two months. Motion carried.
UTV POKER RUN	Attorney Robert Myers asked Sheriff Darren Eichinger if he can make arrangements to watch the highway crossings. He stated he could work something out.  Councilmember Cochran moved and Garretson seconded to allow the UTV Poker Run on November 6th as laid out on the route provided to Council. Motion carried.  Councilmember Cochran moved and Garretson seconded to allow the barricading of Huston Street between 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Street from the Fire Department to Huston from 2 PM to Midnight on November 6 <sup>th</sup> . Motion carried.  Councilmember Cochran moved and Garretson seconded to pay for the event insurance for the poker run in the amount of \$325.00. Motion carried.  Councilmember Cochran moved and Garretson seconded to allow a temporary permit waiver for ATVs and UTVs for November 6 in conjunction with the event. Motion carried.  Sheriff Eichinger stated he had some part timers who could help with the event. Chief Shields stated the Altamont Police would be on the outskirts of the beer garden perimeter.  Councilmember Garretson moved and Cochran seconded to approve the Beer Garden on November 6 waiving the \$200 fee. Coffey opposed. Motion carried.
UTILITY RECONNECTION	Councilmember Coffey moved and Souders seconded to approve Ordinance #631. Cochran - yes, Coffey - yes, Garretson - yes, Souders - yes. Motion carried.
TRASH ORDINANCE	Councilmember Coffey moved and Cochran seconded to approve Ordinance #632. Souders - yes, Garretson - yes, Cochran - yes, Coffey - yes. Motion carried.
ALCOHOL ON PUBLIC PROPERTY	Alcohol will still have to be approved by City Council to be held at the City Park Building.  Councilmember Garretson moved and Cochran seconded to approve Ordinance #630. Coffey - no, Cochran - yes, Garretson - yes, Souders - no. Mayor Hayward - yes. Motion carried.
TRASH TRUCK LEASE	Councilmember Cochran moved and Garretson seconded to approve Resolution #288 to purchase the trash truck. Motion carried.
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN	Mayor Hayward stated the past City Administrator Audree Aguilera stated we could use the Rescue Plan money towards resident's February energy crisis bills. LeaAnn stated resident's bills varied and Council may want to look at a percentage if they are applying money towards the bills. Councilmember Cochran stated some of the American Rescue funds could go towards the sewer lagoons.
ENERGY CRISIS REVIEW	Council was presented with the minutes from the Energy Crisis Review Committee recommending to stay with KMG. KMG also provided the City with an update stating natural gas prices continue to climb. Mayor Hayward would like to see the KMG updated purchasing policies included for Council to see.
LEGAL SERVICES	Mayor Hayward appointed the Law Offices of Robert Myers as the City Attorney and City Prosecutor for the City of Altamont.  Councilmember Cochran moved and Garretson seconded to accept the appointment of the Law Offices of Robert Myers as City Attorney and City Prosecutor. Motion carried.
POLICE RADIOS	Chief Shields presented Council with a lease purchase option for purchasing 8 police radios from Motorola Solutions for \$51,461.59 with three-, five- or seven-year options. The radios they currently have were purchased about 11 years ago and can no longer be repaired.

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**POLICE RADIOS** Chief Shields stated he believed during the lease purchase period the warranty continued to cover the radios. Councilmember Cochran and Garretson would like verification of the warranty during the lease.

Councilmember Cochran moved and Coffey seconded to allow the Police Department to obtain a 7-year lease for the radio system, a total cost of \$51,461.59, contingent on written proof of warranty through the lease period. Motion carried.

**OPINION OF LESSEE'S COUNSEL** The Opinion of Lessee's Counsel for the lease-purchase of the new trash truck was presented to Council and City Attorney. Attorney Myers will take care of the documentation.

Councilmember Cochran moved and Coffey seconded to approve the Opinion of Lessee's Counsel. Motion carried.

**AGS 5K RUN** Carrie Agosto from Altamont Grade School would like to get permission to host a 5K Run to benefit the Altamont Eagles Athletic Program. Mayor Hayward would like to see the 5K Route. Council agreed. Council will ask Ms. Agosto to attend a future meeting.

**UTILITY** Report by Brad Myers. The County is going to chip and seal tomorrow. The Utility Department has been patching holes and cleaning the roads. The chip and seal project will start at 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Illinois and hopefully make it to Huston Street. The new Trash Truck arrived; it is faster than our old truck. Jim Peoples gas line was moved. The hedge row removal and fence are complete by the lagoon ponds. The Utility Department has been testing electric poles; they have found several poles that need to be replaced. Twin Valley gave a quote to repair these poles for a total of \$13,151.27. The Utility Department can do some of the work to help save some labor cost.

Councilmember Cochran moved and Coffey seconded to allow Twin Valley Electric Cooperative to repair the four work orders as listed for no more than the amount of \$13,151.27 contingent upon that money being located in the electric or electric reserve funds. Motion carried.

**FOOD DISTRIBUTION** The City will hold a community food distribution on Friday, September 10.

**RUMMAGE SALES** Altamont City Wide Rummage Sales will be Saturday, September 25.

**BULK TRASH** Bulk Trash will be September 27 - 29.

**REMEMBRANCE** Mayor Hayward asked everyone to remember those lost on September 11.

**ADJOURNMENT** Councilmember Cochran moved and Coffey seconded to adjourn the Council meeting at 8:13 PM. Motion carried.

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LeaAnn Myers, City Clerk