

MAPS money OK'd for economic development

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An Economic Development agreement between the Altus Municipal Authority and the Producers Cooperative Oil Mill for \$115,000 in MAPS sales tax revenue in exchange for jobs and economic impact to Altus area was approved during the Tuesday AMA meeting.



Also during the AMA meeting, the purchase of chemicals, not to exceed \$14,000, to test with RO membranes at the city's water treatment plant was approved.

The **Jackson County Community Health Action Team** gave a presentation on a community garden to be funded through a healthy living grant. Lauren Mayes and Sophia Stoecki said the garden would be formed in phases, focusing on different elements. A pumpkin garden, wheelchair accessible beds, and a kids garden were ideas given for the project. Mayes said that she has researched several grant opportunities offered by the USDA and the State Department of Agriculture.

Council then approved a permit to allow use of the former Altus Athletics Manufacturing Company facilities at 709 S. Veterans for the Family Life Church. The building is located on the south side of Industrial Drive and consists of three tracts totaling 8.4 acres for the church facility and an off-set parking lot. The initial application was approved by the Planning Commission at a March 8 meeting.

A 20 year CATV permit to CableOne, a 5 percent franchise fee, and approval of a pole use agreement at \$5 a pole was approved by the council. This was a long-standing renewal issue that had been awaiting an official pole count. Recently the city of Altus and CableOne agreed to a pole count of 4,000 poles and an increased rate of \$5 per pole.

Council tabled an agenda item to approve an amended agreement for Mesquite Meadows addition master plan for 70 housing unit along Falcon Road.

Council then approved to purchase four hand-held radios in the amount of \$16,450.25 for the Altus Police Department. Chief of Police Tim Murphy had informed the council that the current radios the officers carry have been discontinued for seven years, and are no long supported by the manufacturer. He said that proper communication is not adequate and officers frequently experience repeater problems, and are not safe.

Under the Mayor's Appointments, the re-appointment of Trevor Deweese to the Altus City Planning Commission (ACPC) was approved, as was the re-appointment of Diane Landers to the Altus City Planning Commission (ACPC), the re-appointment of Bob Mills to the Altus Board of Adjustments (BOA), the appointment of Steve Allison to the Altus Recreation Advisory Committee (ARAC).

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