

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
January 08, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Agenda**

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:  
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings  
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. POLICE REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
  - A. *Approve Purchase of Truck for Water Department, not to Exceed \$26,000, Including Opportunity to Purchase from On-Line Seller.*
  - B. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: January 05, 2024- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
August 12, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Agenda**

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:  
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings  
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. POLICE REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
  - A. *Approve Purchase of Police Vehicle not to Exceed \$45,000.*
  - B. *Review of Proposals for Purchase of 107 North Main Street.*
  - C. *Discuss Locally Imposed Grocery Sales Tax.*
  - D. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: August 09, 2024- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**January 08, 2028**

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on January 08, 2024, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Dan Milleville; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Tayler Polk and Commissioner Terry White. Also present – Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Mike Walker was absent.

The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes. (Attachment 1)

Chief Heiens presented the December 2023 Police Activity Report and 2023 annual report. He announced Tyler Koester graduated police academy training.

Council Approved Purchase of Truck for Water Department, not to Exceed \$26,000, Including Opportunity to Purchase from On-Line Seller. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes. Commissioner Polk stated he preferred to purchase locally as a first choice.

Commissioner Rippetoe reported Electric crew will continue trimming trees.

Commissioner Polk recognized the Street and Water department for their efforts in repairing recent water main breaks. He is awaiting another quote for repair to the landscaping of the Opilka property.

Commissioner White reported the reservoir is 40 inches down.

Mayor Milleville had nothing to report.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
January 22, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Agenda**

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:  
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings  
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. ENGINEER REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
  - A. *Approve Ordinance VA-1750; Modify Setback, 4 & 6 South Main Street for Placement of Conex Containers.*
  - B. *Approve Ordinance SP-1750; 2 South Main St., Allowing Commercial Activity Outside Enclosed Building.*
  - C. *Approve Resolution 2024-01-01; Authorizing Sale of Surplus Equipment, Water Department Truck and Squad Car.*
  - D. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: January 19, 2024- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**January 22, 2024**

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on January 22, 2024, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Dan Milleville; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Tayler Polk and Commissioner Terry White. Also present – Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Jeff Simpson; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes. (Attachment 1)

Due to inclement weather an engineer was not present to report.

Council Approved Ordinance VA-1750; Modify Setback, 4 & 6 South Main Street for Placement of Conex Containers. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, abstained; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes. Commissioner White abstained as owner of the property. Commissioner White plans to construct a roof structure adjoining the containers, which will be used for storage of inventory auction items. He also plans to construct a six foot privacy fence on the east side of the property and a chain link fence on the west side of the property by June 01, 2024.

Ordinance SP-1750; South Main St, Allowing Commercial Activity Outside Enclosed Building was presented to the Council. Commissioner Walker motioned for approval. Approval died for lack of a second. Prior to the Mayor's third call for a second to the motion, Commissioner White, requester of the special use, explained the special use is intended to be for auctioning of larger items outside the building. The sound would be minimal and directional, with the greatest potential for weekend auctions. Commissioner Rippetoe asked how many days those auction items would be placed on the property. Commissioner White expected 30 days or less. He doesn't have any scheduled auctions that would require the outside area and expects nor more than three per year as 95% of the auction business is online. He has discussed with neighboring businesses. They were unopposed. He also, stated his business would be no different than the nearby businesses that have inventory outside. Auctions would take place between the building, with overflow on the south lot. Mayor Milleville stated inventory would have to keep moving. Commissioner Polk stated he was concerned about the location staying cleaned up and inventory moving and he didn't feel it was in the best interest of the taxpayers.

Resolution 2024-01-01; Authorizing Sale of Surplus Equipment, Water Department Truck & Squad Car was approved on a motion by Commissioner Rippetoe and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes. (Attachment 2)

Commissioner Walker had nothing to report.

Commissioner Rippetoe reported Electric Department has been taking care of outages.

Commissioner Polk reported at the Third Street Sidewalk (Kremer Pharmacy) S&K Concrete is going to sandblast the old striping off the pavement to enhance marking of the two new parallel parking spots. He is waiting for a second bid on repairs to Opilka landscaping. Plans are being made to cover the street light base and former concrete piece with a poletector.

Commissioner White provided pictures of two repaired water main breaks. He stated water main repairs are being documented for future grant reporting. Meetings are being held with IDOT to repair sewer manhole lids causing rough surface in south Main Street.

Mayor Milleville reported he has been meeting with departments discussing projects, improving communications, employee training and licenses. Truck utilization and updating has been considered. The Water Department truck has been repaired and back in service.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Rippetoe and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
February 12, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Agenda**

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:  
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings  
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. AGENDA ITEMS
  - A. *Approve Ordinance 783-24; Authorizing Lease of Real Estate.*
  - B. *Approve Ordinance 784-24; Amending 627-17, Water Supply Agreement Between City of Altamont & EJ Water.*
  - C. *Approve Ordinance 785-24; Amending Solar Avoided Cost Rate.*
  - D. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matter 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).*
  - E. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: February 09, 2024- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**February 12, 2024**

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on February 12, 2024, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Dan Milleville; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Tayler Polk and Commissioner Terry White. Also present – Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes. (Attachment 1)

Council Approved Ordinance 783-24; Authorizing Lease of Real Estate. Commissioner Walker motioned for approval. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes. The agreement was entered into with Spencer Hammer to cash rent approximately 3.5 acres near Union Cemetery for grain production in the annual amount of \$700.00.

Council Approved Ordinance 784-24; Amending 627-17, Water Supply Agreement Between City of Altamont & EJ Water. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes. The amendment corrected the incorrect pipe size documented in the original agreement.

Council Approved Ordinance 785-24; Amending Solar Avoided Cost Rate was approved on a motion by Commissioner Rippetoe and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes. The avoided cost rate, which is refunded the customer, was reduced from .1007 kWh to .0543 per kWh for solar units placed in service after April 01, 2022.

Commissioner White reported bids will be advertised for a 360 foot water main replacement near I70. The new truck for the water department was purchased from A&H, \$3500 under budget. The reservoir has gained 27”.

Commissioner Rippetoe reported parking lot lighting at Gilbert Park is under construction. Improvements at the generation plant are being planned.

Commissioner Polk reported the street light near Kremer Pharmacy will be moved across the street near the Post Office drop box. The move will allow even better accessibility to the handicap ramp.

Commissioner Walker discussed improvements at Gilbert Park consisting of covering the existing canopy at Diamond A with metal roofing, replacing plywood sheeting as needed, replacement of fascia boards and fascia metal covering. Work is planned to begin the 1<sup>st</sup> of March.

Mayor Milleville reported he attended an IMEA Zoom presentation regarding the electric purchase agreement. He and Cory Harris, Street Supr, reviewed drainage needs.

Clerk Stephen presented the 2022 IDOT motor fuel audit.

On a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Walker Council entered into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matter 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Members voted



as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
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February 26, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Agenda**

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:  
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings  
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. POLICE REPORT
3. ENGINEER REPORT
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
  - A. *Yvonne Flannigan; National Road Yard Sale.*
  - B. *Dean Collette, Use of Utility Easement, 6 Jays Way.*
  - C. *Approve Roadside Fundraiser Request; VFW Poppy Days, May 11, 2024, Rain Date May 18, 2024.*
  - D. *Approve Advertising 2024 Mowing Bids.*
  - E. *Approve Roof Replacement Gilbert Park by M&J Remodeling, Estimated Cost \$24,325.00*
  - F. *Approve Payment to Kremer Pharmacy Pursuant to TIF Agreement (Ordinance 774-23) in the Amount of \$10,000.00.*
  - G. *Approve Payment to S&K Concrete, Third Steet Sidewalk, in the Amount of \$15,282.75*
  - H. *Approve Agreement with Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center to Provide Employee Assistance Program.*
  - I. *Discuss & Approve Masonry Repairs 12 North Third Street in the Amount of \$11,327.00.*

J. *Discuss & Approve Civic Systems Software Upgrade.*

K. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matter 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).*

L. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: February 23, 2024- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**February 26, 2024**

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on February 26, 2024, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Dan Milleville; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Tayler Polk and Commissioner Terry White. Also present – Mark Hoskins & Serenity Parker, Altamont News; Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers; Yvonne Flanigan; Dean & Gwen Collette; Police Chief Alan Heiens; Officer Tyler Koester and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes. (Attachment 1)

Altamont Police Chief Alan Heiens presented the January 2024 Police Activity Report. He introduced the new Altamont Officer, Tyler Koester. Commissioner White asked Chief Heiens why the police vehicle he uses is not marked as Altamont Police Department. Chief Heiens responded the chiefs vehicles have never been marked. Commissioner White also suggested a traffic camera be installed at Main & Division intersection to monitor the drivers not recognizing the stop intersection and speeding.

Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers provided an update of projects. The water main project design is ready for City review and walkthrough. The DCEO grant agreement has not been received. He stated possible tree removal may be an issue. Where meters are close to a tree, boring is a consideration. The triangle area has taken considerable attention. Fall construction is anticipated. Third Street sidewalk replacement has had parking markings repainted. He suggested the City wait to make a decision for repairs of the Kremer Pharmacy foundation exposed by the sidewalk replacement. Commissioner Polk expressed his displeasure of the Third Street sidewalk outcome. He felt the project was poorly planned with no indication the trailing issues would occur. Beckman explained the elevation change was marked by the sidewalk entry point created the issues.

Yvonne Flanigan presented information regarding the upcoming 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Historic National Road Yard Sale Festival, May 29 – June 02, 2024. She requested the City provide a formal letter of support and send the letter to area cities encouraging more participation along the National Road.

Dean Collette, 2 Jays Way, addressed the Council regarding a request to place a portable building on the south east area of his property. He had been told there was a 20 feet utility easement in the area and a building could not be placed on the easement without Council special consideration. After discussion with the subdivision developer, it became apparent further investigation is needed for accurate easement location.

Council approved a Roadside Fundraiser Request for VFW Poppy Days May 11, 2024 with Rain Date May 18, 2024. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

Council approved Advertising for 2024 Mowing Bids on a motion by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

Council approved Roof Replacement at Gilbert Park by M&J Remodeling, Estimated Cost \$24,325.00. Commissioner Walker motioned for approval. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes. Mayor Milleville commented he would have preferred having a second estimate removing the existing roofing and replacement with metal. The project approved covering the existing construction with metal. Commissioner Walker stated removing the plywood would be an unnecessary cost.

Council approved Payment to Kremer Pharmacy Pursuant to TIF Agreement (Ordinance 774-23) in the Amount of \$10,000. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

Council approved Payment to S&K Concrete, Third Street Sidewalk, in the Amount of \$15,282.75 on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

Council approved Agreement with Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center to Provide Employee Assistance Program. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

Council discussed Masonry Repairs at 12 North Third Street, Kremer Pharmacy. Commissioner Polk explained the Third Street sidewalk replacement project exposed the brick foundation of Kremer Pharmacy. The sidewalk elevation issue was not explained in the engineer design work. A contractor has been located that will cover the foundation with a veneer stone wainscoat. Commissioner Polk stated it was in the best interest of the City to absorb the cost and that it will likely be paid from the general fund. This repair was not in the scope of the sidewalk project or Kremer Pharmacy remodeling. Kremer has chosen the contractor because it is his project and his liability after installation. It was suggested to explore using TIF funds to pay the cost. Commissioner Polk motioned to Approve Payment of Masonry Repairs at 12 North Third Street Not to Exceed \$11,327.00. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

Clerk Stephen presented options for a Civic Systems software upgrade. The original system was purchased in 2000 for processing of utility billing, general ledger, payroll and accounts payable. An upgrade of the current system would cost \$10,650. However, an additional module could be purchased allowing the modification of a customer online billing and payment option at the cost of \$17,050. The upgrade would be scheduled for July. Council discussed discontinuing absorbing the cost of credit and debit card payments and pass the cost onto the customer. The cost would be 2.9% + 30 cents or the customer could pay with e-check for a fee of \$1.00. During the last 12 months the cost of credit card fees reached \$11,521.00. Public notice of the change would be published well in advance of the change. Council will vote on the cost change at a later date. Commissioner Walker motioned to purchase the Civic Systems Software Upgrade to Include an Additional Module in the Amount of \$17,050.00. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

No Executive Session was held.

Commissioner Walker reported roof repair should begin soon. Union Cemetery annual cleanup will be moved to late March. He will contact the school to utilize the Be a Tiffany program.

Commissioner Polk reported old water services were removed near West Washington Street.

Commissioner White reported a meeting will be scheduled to review the water main replacement design plans. Communication issues between the water plant and the tower have been repaired by Global Communications.

Commissioner Rippetoe had nothing to report.

Mayor Milleville had nothing to report.

Clerk Stephen reported City Wide Cleanup has been scheduled for the week of April 22<sup>nd</sup>, an electronics drive is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>. Plans are in place to provide early April notice to ordinance violators with unclean properties offering the Citywide cleanup program. If violations remain following cleanup week, violators will be reported to the City attorney for legal action.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Rippetoe and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
March 11, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Agenda**

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:  
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings  
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. POLICE REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
  - A. *Approve American Legion Request to Conduct Roadside Fundraiser for American Poppy Day, April 19<sup>th</sup> with Rain Date April 26<sup>th</sup>.*
  - B. *Approve Payment to Milano & Grunloh Engineers for Engineering Design of Water Main Replacement in the Amount of \$53,896.13*
  - C. *Approve Memorandum of Understanding with C.E.F.S. and the City of Altamont.*
  - D. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: March 08, 2024- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**March 11, 2024**

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on March 11, 2024, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Dan Milleville; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Tayler Polk and Commissioner Terry White. Also present – Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Police Chief Alan Heiens; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes. (Attachment 1)

Altamont Police Chief Alan Heiens presented the February 2024 Police Activity Report. Chief Heiens reported a help wanted ad was posted on social media as two officers will be accepting positions at other police departments.

Council approved a Roadside Fundraiser Request for American Legion Poppy Day April 19, 2024 with Rain Date April 26, 2024. Commissioner Walker motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

Council approved Payment to Milano & Grunloh Engineers for Engineering Design of the Water Main Replacement in the Amount of \$53,896.13 on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding with C.E.F.S. and the City of Altamont. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes. The agreement provides the Altamont Municipal Building Community Room as a location for the Meals of Wheels program.

Commissioner White reported a walk-thru of the water main replacement project with Milano & Grunloh Engineers was held today. Hydrant locations and tree removal were discussed. The water main replacement on South Main will be located on the east side of the street in the sidewalk area. Approximately six trees on various streets will need to be removed. Bid opening for water main replacement at the I70 overpass will be held March 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 in the Council Chambers. The reservoir is down 27". The destratifier replacement will be shipped March 25<sup>th</sup> and installed in April. City wide cleanup program will be limited to two dump truck loads per location.

Commissioner Rippetoe reported tree trimming on Jackson exposed the need for tree removal and electric line work in the alley, to correct phasing and spacing issues.

Commissioner Walker reported Gilbert Park cleanup of diamond A was done by the Be A Tiffany volunteers. The girls softball currently places a temporary fence on the diamond. He has discussed with Altamont school regarding placement of a permanent fence with financial assistance from the school. He asked about summer employment. He thought the person could work at the parks, stump grinding and routine jobs.

Commissioner Polk reported rock has been backfilled on Washington Street along the new Kremer Pharmacy parking lot. He provided Council with an estimate from Dirty Boys Construction in the



amount of \$15,000-\$18,000 to replace the east foundation of the Street Department storage building. The current foundation could be pulled and repoured. He commented the building is too nice to tear down, but too old to spend much in repairs. City employees could also change the doors on the building.

Mayor Milleville reported he is working on progressing South Point Subdivision.

Clerk Stephen reported the City hosted safety training provided by Illinois Municipal League Risk Management with 48 attendees from seven municipalities. City vehicles sold at Schmidt auction were 97 Dodge Ram \$610.00 and 2010 Impala squad car \$520.00.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
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ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
March 25, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Agenda**

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:  
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings  
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. ENGINEER REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
  - A. *Award Contract to R&H for Installation of Water Main at I70 Overpass, in the Amount of \$137,900.00.*
  - B. *Award 2024 Mowing Bids.*
  - C. *Approve Dirty Boys Construction to Replace Foundation of Street Department Storage Building, Estimated Cost \$15,000 - \$18,000.*
  - D. *Approve Ordinance 786-24; Amending Established Fees for Organized Leagues & Tournaments Utilizing Gilbert Park.*
  - E. *Approve Payment to MJ Remodeling for Gilbert Park Roofing in the Amount of \$12,000.00.*
  - F. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Business Matters ILCS 2 (c)(23) and Setting Price for Sale of Property ILCS 2 (c) (6).*
  - G. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: March 22, 2024- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**March 25, 2024**

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on March 25, 2024, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Dan Milleville; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Tayler Polk and Commissioner Terry White. Also present – Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers; Larry Taylor and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes. (Attachment 1)

Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers reported March 11<sup>th</sup> a walk thru was conducted of the water main replacement project. Project is awaiting receipt of the DCEO grant agreement. Third Street sidewalk seeding is done. ITEP sidewalk project is waiting progress of the water line replacement.

Council awarded a Contract to R&H for Installation of a Water Main at I70 Overpass, in the Amount of \$137,900.00. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

Council Awarded 2024 Mowing Bids to Precision Lawn Care and Jon Berg on a motion by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes. Berg will be mowing Municipal Building, Frog Pond, and wastewater treatment plant lagoons. Precision Lawn Care will mow Union Cemetery, Gilbert, Schmidt & Heritage parks.

Commissioner Polk motioned to Approve Dirty Boys Construction to Replace Foundation of Street Department Storage Building Not to Exceed \$18,000 to be Completed in Fiscal Year 2025, to be Paid by Street Department. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

Council Approved Ordinance 786-24; Amending Established Fees for Organized Leagues & Tournaments Utilizing Gilbert Park. Commissioner Walker motioned for approval. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes. The fee increases from \$200 per league/tournament to \$500.00. Commissioner Walker stated funds will be used for minimal expenses and simple repairs at Gilbert Park.

Council Approved Payment to MJ Remodeling for Gilbert Park Roofing in the Amount of \$12,000.00. Commissioner Walker motioned for approval. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

Commissioner Polk had nothing to report.

Commissioner Walker reported Union Cemetery cleanup was held Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. 17 high school volunteer students helped. The roller playground equipment at Schmidt Park will be removed, due to deteriorated condition. There is no plan for a replacement. He met with Luke Easton & representatives

of South Central IL Regional Planning & Development concerning an OSLAD grant for Gilbert Park. He will be moving forward with a grant application to possibly include restroom improvements, fencing, and lighting.

Commissioner Rippetoe reported Electric Department has been tree trimming, pole replacement & JULIE locates.

Commissioner White reported the destratifier will arrive tomorrow. IDOT is entertaining an agreement to utilize the south wastewater treatment plant for sewage disposal from the I70 rest area. The connection will be paid in full by the State. A transfer switch was repaired at the south treatment plant.

Mayor Milleville had nothing to report.

Commissioner Polk motioned to move in Executive Session for the Purpose of Business Matters ILCS 2 (c )(23) and Setting Price for Sale of Property ILCS 2 (c ) (6). Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
April 08, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Agenda**

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:  
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings  
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. POLICE REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
  - A. *Approve Lion’s Club Request to Conduct Roadside Fundraiser for Tootsie Pop Day, April 27<sup>th</sup> with Alternate Date May 04<sup>th</sup>.*
  - B. *Approve SAFE Organization to Conduct “Yappy Hour” Fundraiser at Schmidt Park, May 19, 2024 noon – 8:00 pm.*
  - C. *Approve Special Use Liquor License SP-62; Vahling Vineyards for SAFE Fundraiser Yappy Hour at Schmidt Park; May 19, 2024, 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm.*
  - D. *Approve Ordinance 787-24; Authorizing Execution of New Power Sales Contract and Capacity Purchase Agreement with Illinois Municipal Electric Agency for Delivery Period Commencing October 1, 2035.*
  - E. *Approve Master Services Agreement with CliftonLarsonAllen to Perform Fiscal Year 2024 Audit and Year End Reporting. Cost \$54,000.00.*
  - F. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: April 05, 2024- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 08, 2024**

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on April 08, 2024, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Dan Milleville; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Tayler Polk. Also present – Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Alan Heiens, Altamont Chief of Police; Larry Taylor; Courtney Yockey; Becky Turner; Jill Wright and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Terry White was absent.

The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes. (Attachment 1)

Chief Heiens presented the March 2024 Police Activity Report. He announced Brian Brummer will be transitioning from the Water Department to the Police Department. Officer Christopher Carpenter will be ending his full time employment with the City on April 13, 2024.

Courtney Yockey invited the Council to the PAVE Community Breakfast on Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup>. PAVE is a product of the County mapping process.

Larry Taylor reported the Effingham County Economic Development Board has money to loan at 3% for new or expanding businesses within the County.

Becky Turner approached the Council regarding traffic on East Wurl Lane. She has placed obstacles in and along her drive to discourage drivers from pulling thru her driveway, but they were not adhered to, causing ruts in her yard. She asked for suggestions. She requested the street be opened back up as it was before. Commissioner Polk stated there is no good solution. However, he would entertain changing to a one way street moving east, as it is not possible to widen the street. Commissioner Walker stated the barriers were placed in such a way to give her access from both directions. Commissioner Rippetoe stated there is no good drainage for the street, making it nearly impossible to maintain. Mayor Milleville stated he and Commissioner Polk would discuss options and get back with Becky.

Council Approved a Lion's Club Request to Conduct Roadside Fundraiser for Tootsie Pop Day, April 27<sup>th</sup> with Alternate Date of May 04<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Walker motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

Council Approved SAFE Organization to Conduct "Yappy Hour" Fundraiser at Schmidt Park May 19, 2024 noon-6:00 pm on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes. Shelter comfort pets will be at the event, as comfort pets. Food vendors and wineries providing wine tasting will be participating. Bands will be entertaining also.

Commissioner Rippetoe motioned to Approve a Special Liquor License SP-62 to Vahling Vineyards for SAFE Fundraiser Yappy Hour at Schmidt Park, May 19, 2024 noon – 6:00 pm. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

Council Approved Ordinance 787-24; Authorizing Execution of New Power Sales Contract and Capacity Purchase Agreement with Illinois Municipal Electric Agency for Deliver Period Commencing October 1, 2035. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded.

Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

Council Approved Master Services Agreement with CliftonLarsonAllen to Perform Fiscal Year 2024 Audit and Year End Reporting at a Cost of \$54,000.00. Commissioner Walker mentioned for approval. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

Commissioner Walker reported Union Cemetery stone alignment is scheduled for June. Materials for Gilbert Park roof, should arrive Friday with work starting Monday. Estimated completion of two weeks.

Commissioner Polk reported he has discussed hiring of summer help. Commissioner Walker asked if one individual could be dedicated to park help. Commissioner Polk would like to find an individual to grind stumps.

Commissioner Rippetoe reported the Ninth Street manhole near the Catholic Church needs patched. The Electric Department has been trimming trees and replacing poles. Gilbert Park parking lot lights have been installed.

Mayor Milleville reported he attended the Southern Illinois Mayors Association meeting regarding retail strategy. A meeting was held with engineers concerning a sanitary connection with the I70 rest area.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
April 22, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Agenda**

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:  
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings  
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. ENGINEER REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
  - A. *Approve Request by Altamont Masonic Lodge to Conduct Memorial Day Parade 10:00 am May 27, 2024.*
  - B. *Approve Controlled Burn Request by American Legion to Conduct Dignified Disposal of Unserviceable Flags at Schmidt Park June 14, 2024 6:00 pm. Alternate Date June 22, 2024.*
  - C. *Approve Ordinance 788-24; Authorizing Sale of Real Estate (Lots in Replat of South Point Subdivision).*
  - D. *Approve Ordinance 789-24; Authorizing Execution of Third Notice of Extension of Option for Purchase of Real Estate (FCC Limited Partnership)*
  - E. *Approve Submittal of Request for Zoning Amendment Regulating Temporary Accessory Structure or Facility.*
  - F. *Approve Grant Writing Services Agreement with South Central Illinois Regional Planning & Development for Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Grant (OSLAD) from Illinois Department of Natural Resources in the Amount of \$2,500.*



G. *Omnibus Vote:*

*Item No. 1 –Approve Special Use Liquor License SP-63; Barn & Bottle for SAFE Fundraiser Yappy Hour at Schmidt Park; May 19, 2024, 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm*

*Item No. 2 - Approve Special Use Liquor License SP-64; Wylewood Cellars for SAFE Fundraiser Yappy Hour at Schmidt Park; May 19, 2024, 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm*

H. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: April 19, 2024- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 22, 2024**

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on April 22, 2024, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Dan Milleville; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Terry White. Also present – Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Lee Beckman, Milano Grunloh Engineers; Richard Frailey; Gale Warner; Jerry Hoffmeister and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes. (Attachment 1)

Lee Beckman presented the project report. Main Street Water line project is awaiting the DCEO grant agreement. A final walk thru is planned for the Third Street sidewalk project. ITEP sidewalk project is anticipated to start the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2025.

Gale Warner addressed the Council regarding speeding traffic on South Fourth Street. He asked that police department monitor from a discrete location.

Council Approved a Masonic Lodge Request to Conduct Memorial Day Parade, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Commissioner Walker motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

Council Approved Controlled Burn Request by American Legion to Conduct Dignified Disposal of Unserviceable Flags at Schmidt Park June 14, 2024 noon-6:00 pm, Alternate Date June 22, 2024 on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes. A collection box for unserviceable flags is available at the Municipal Building.

Richard Frailey addressed the Council concerning the pricing of South Point Subdivision lots. He suggested the sanitary lift station at the subdivision entrance be disguised. He asked how much interest there was in the lots, if the covenants were complete, why the City was going to replat. Mayor Milleville indicated there had been some interest, how serious would be determined when the lots are marketed and the covenants were previously approved. He asked how much had been spent per lot. Clerk Stephen responded for completion of the subdivision it is estimated an investment of \$51,700 per lot would be expended. Commissioner Rippetoe explained the anticipation is to regain the cost through real estate taxes of the home built. It is not a quick return and could take 20 years for full repayment. Commissioner Walker stated it is a long term growth plan to grow the City.

Council Approved Ordinance 788-24; Authorizing Sale of Real Estate (Lots in Replat of South Point Subdivision). Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, no, stating for the record he wanted to see the price higher and more comparable to the market. The cost per lot was established at \$5,000 per lot.

Rich Frailey, Jerry Hoffmeister and Gale Warner addressed the Council with their concerns of purchasing 24 acres for development. Frailey stated the money could be used in other departments for repairs and improvements of existing property. He felt there was a liability in purchasing the water

ways of the property. Commissioner Rippetoe stated there are 30 proposed lots in the option plans. Hoffmeister stated it would be a better investment to give those wanting to build \$45,000 each, rather than invest \$50,000 and sell for \$5,000. He stated there are wants and needs in life and the Council should take care of the needs. He suggested buying the 24 acre option after South Point is successful. Warner stated in other communities, homes were built, all benefits were exhausted and then the house was for sale. Families did not stay in the community.

Council approved Ordinance 789-24; Authorizing Execution of Third Notice of Extension of Option for Purchase of Real Estate (FCC Limited Partnership). Commissioner Walker motioned for approval. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, no Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, no.

Council Approved Submittal of Request for Zoning Amendment Regulating Temporary Accessory Structure or Facility. Commissioner Rippetoe motioned for approval. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, no Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes. The request prohibits placement of freight containers in residential and commercial areas. Following Zoning Board recommendation Council an ordinance will be presented to Council.

Council approved a Grant Writing Services Agreement with South Central Illinois Regional Planning and Development for Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Grant (OSLAD) from Illinois Department of Natural Resources in the Amount of \$2,500. Commissioner Walker motioned for approval. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

An Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of :

Item No. 1 – Approve Special Liquor License SP-63; Barn & Bottle for SAFE Fundraiser Yappy Hour at Schmidt Park; May 19, 2024, 12:00 pm-6:00 pm

Item No. 2 - Approve Special Liquor License SP-63; Wylewood Cellars for SAFE Fundraiser Yappy Hour at Schmidt Park; May 19, 2024, 12:00 pm-6:00 pm

Commissioner Rippetoe motioned for approval. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

Commissioner White reported the destratifier is placed on the water reservoir. He provided pictures showing bent blades of the removed unit.

Commissioner Walker reported the canopy replacement at Diamond A is started. The OSLAD grant application is moving forward with plans of the grant request to include Gilbert Park improvements of diamond A fencing replacement, diamond B lighting replacement, and remodel of concession and restrooms. The FIELDS group is committed to fundraising for the projects. The OSLAD grant only provides 50% funding. He will be hiring a summer employee for park and cemetery help. May 11<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am is the Gilbert Park Baseball Mega Day to included dedication of the new playground equipment and kickoff of the summer leagues.

Commissioner Polk reported Wendling Landscape will be renovating the Opilka landscaping disturbed during the Third Street sidewalk project. The City will pay the cost.

Commissioner Rippetoe reported a utility pole survey, which indicated there are many poles and aged wiring needing replaced. Electric Department will be assisting with city-wide cleanup.

Mayor Milleville stated the first day of City-wide cleanup has already made a great improvement in the City.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
May 13, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Agenda**

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:  
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings  
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. POLICE REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
  - A. *Sharon Harper – Future Pickle Ball Court.*
  - B. *Approve Peoples Bank & Trust Banking Proposal June 1, 2024-June 30, 2025.*
  - C. *Approve Payment to Civic Systems in the Amount of \$17,050 for Software Upgrade.*
  - D. *Approve Purchase of Utility Line Inspection Camera in the Amount of \$13,027.90 and Utility Locator in the Amount of \$4,825.00 from Coe Equipment for Sewer Department.*
  - E. *Approve Payment to Limnetics Corp for Destratifier in the Amount of \$30,875.00.*
  - F. *Approve Ordinance 790-24; Repealing Ordinance 786-24, and Reinstating Fees for Organized Teams and Tournaments Utilizing Gilbert Park.*
  - G. *Approve Special Use Liquor License, SP-65; Wright House Wine Tasting Event; September 14, 2024, 9:00 am- 11:00 pm.*
  - H. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: May 10, 2024- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**May 13, 2024**

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on May 13, 2024, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Dan Milleville; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Terry White. Also present – Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Derek Warren, Cromwell Media; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief; Gale Warner; Ryan Spade, Sewer Department Supr; Jonathon Kaye; Kurt Becker; Sharon Harper; April Luchtefeld; Patsy Mahaffey; Debbie Frailey; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Jason Rippetoe was absent

The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes. (Attachment 1)

Chief, Alan Heiens presented the April 2024 Police Activity Report. He stated a new officer is in academy training until August until then staffing is minimal. Commissioner White requested patrol at Main & Division for motorists disobeying intersection stop signs. Gale Warner suggested monitoring of South Fourth Street be conducted from a less obvious location. Warner also suggested lowering the speed limit on downtown Main Street.

Gale Warner addressed the Council regarding the purchase option of approximately 24 acres. He asked how much was actually sellable property since there is a consider amount of ponds included in the acreage. Mayor Milleville explained land only is approximately 12 acres and the City currently only has an option to purchase.

Sharon Harper addressed the Council regarding plans for improving marking of the surface at Nori's Yard to enhance the multi-use of pickle ball, tennis and basketball courts. She emphasized it is not their intention to take the basketball away from the youth. Johnathon Kaye, a grant writer and avid pickle ball player stated the court is in good condition and he would like to see the City and community working together for grants, private sponsorship and private donations to fund the remarking. Harper stated she would like permission from the City to start fundraising. Commissioner Walker stated he would like to complete some of the current projects. Therefore, would not expect a quick turnaround. Kaye stated he felt the fundraising and project could be completed in 90-120 days. Mayor Milleville stated he was in favor of getting a plan together for all parties to agree upon and work towards a larger future project for pickle ball courts in another park where restroom facilities are available. Kaye asked if the Council would be favorable to a business plan being presented at a later date. Council was in agreement.

Council Approved a Peoples Bank & Trust Banking Proposal June 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

Council Approved Payment to Civic Systems in the Amount of \$17,050 for Software Upgrade on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

Ryan Spade, Sewer Department Supervisor, presented information concerning a video inspection camera. He stated there have been several instances when televising of an underground line has been outsourced, delaying repairs. He also presented information regarding a line locator which works with

the camera or independently. Devices can be utilized for sanitary, water and storm lines. Commissioner White motioned to purchase the Utility Line Inspection Camera in the Amount of \$13,027.90 and Utility Locator in the Amount of \$4,825.00 from Coe Equipment for the Sewer Department. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner White, yes Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

Council approved Payment to Limnetic Corp for Destratifier in the Amount of \$30,875.00. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner White, yes Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

Council Approved Ordinance 790-24; Repealing Ordinance 786-24 and Reinstating Fees for Organized Teams and Tournaments Utilizing Gilbert Park. Commissioner Walker motioned for approval. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner White, no Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes. The action reinstates the fee to \$200.00 per team and tournament.

Council approved a Special Liquor License SP-65; Wright House Wine Tasting Event; September 14, 2024, 9:00 am-11:00 pm. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner White, yes Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

Commissioner Walker reported Gilbert Park kickoff and playground dedication was held with a large presence from the Stice family. The Gilbert Park A diamond roofing has been completed. Pyramid Marble will be resetting stones in Union Cemetery in June.

Commissioner Polk reported a walk-thru of the Third Street sidewalk project was held. An employee has been hired in the Street Department to grind stumps. He is working on a water drainage solution near Grant & Sixth streets. He was impressed with the response from ADM to clean up West Division after emptying the corn pits.

Commissioner White reported a walk-thru was conducted at the Ninth Street sanitary project. A punch list of items to correct is being revised. Curry & Associates inspected the north wastewater treatment facility evaluating the general operations, pits, pumps and berms. IDOT rest area connection to the south wastewater treatment plant is awaiting paperwork. I70 underpass water line reinforcement is half way done. Two new employees have been hired in the water department. Discussion has been held with Lynn Kull, Tree City Chairman, pertaining to removal of trees for the water line project and replacement of trees the following year.

Mayor Milleville reported he was on sight during the recent outage and emergency sewer repair near North Tenth Street. He praised the employees for their proficiency. South Point Subdivision has been mowed, thanks to Vaughn Voelker.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
May 28, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Agenda**

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:  
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings  
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. ENGINEER REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
  - A. *Approve Ordinance 791-24; Appointment Ordinance.*
  - B. *Approve Ordinance 792-24; Legal Counsel Appointment Ordinance.*
  - C. *Approve Payment to M&J Remodeling in the Amount of \$13,653.00 Gilbert Park Diamond A Roofing.*
  - D. *Approve Final Payment to S&K Concrete in the Amount of \$7,185.34, Third Street Sidewalk.*
  - E. *Approve Resolution for 2024 Maintenance Program - Motor Fuel Tax Funds in the Amount of \$93,000.00*
  - F. *Approve Resolution 2024-05-02; Authorizing Execution of Agreement for Wastewater Services (I70 Rest Area).*
  - G. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: May 24, 2024- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK



**CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**May 28, 2024**

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on May 28, 2024, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Dan Milleville; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Terry White. Also present – Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Nick Taylor, Effingham Daily News; Richard Frailey; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes. (Attachment 1)

A written engineer report provided by Milano & Grunloh was reviewed.

Council Approved Ordinance 791-24; Appointment Ordinance on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes. All positions were reappointed.

Council Approved Payment Ordinance 792-24; Legal Counsel Appointment on a motion by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes. Taylor Law Office is retained as City Legal Counsel.

Council approved Payment to M&J Remodeling in the Amount of \$13,653.00 Gilbert Park Diamond A Roofing. Commissioner Walker motioned for approval. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

Council Approved Final Payment to S&K Concrete in the Amount of \$7,185.34, Third Street Sidewalk. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, no; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

Council approved Resolution for 2024 Maintenance Program – Motor Fuel Tax Funds in the Amount of \$93,000. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes. Streets to be oiled include East Division Street, streets east of Main Street and north of Division Street.

Council Approved Resolution 2024-05-02; Authorizing Execution of Agreement for Wastewater Services (I70 Rest Area). Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Walker seconded. . Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes. The I70 Rest area will be opening in the future. The State of Illinois will provide \$15,000 to the City for expenses. IDOT will install and own a sanitary line from the rest area to the south wastewater treatment plant. Rates will be charged as defined by City ordinance.

Commissioner White reported the I70 Overpass water main improvement is completed. The new camera purchase has already been utilized. The north wastewater treatment plant engineer report has

been received. Reservoir is down 3". Two replacement employees have been hired in the water department, Jennifer Holland and Easton Hanna.

Commissioner Rippetoe reported storm damage north of the City was repaired. Poles have been earmarked for replacement. Pricing is being obtained for new inventory pole purchase. Line replacement project is being planned from Jackson to Main and north of the City. This project will improve the service provided and eliminate outages.

Commissioners Walker and Polk had nothing to report.

Mayor Milleville reported Wesley Bell has been hired for the Zoning Administrator/IT position.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
June 10, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Agenda**

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:  
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings  
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. POLICE REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
  - A. *Sharon Harper – Multi Use Court Rehab at Nori's Yard.*
  - B. *Approve Vendor Agreement Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.*
  - C. *Approve Ordinance 793-24; Amending Article II of Chapter 40 of the Revised Code of Ordinances (Temporary Accessory Structure or Facility).*
  - D. *Approve Ordinance 794-24; Authorizing Sale of Real Estate (107 N Main St).*
  - E. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: June 07, 2024- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**June 10, 2024**

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on June 10, 2024, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Dan Milleville; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe; Also present – Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Nick Taylor, Effingham Daily News; Derek Warren, Cromwell Media; Sharon Harper; Tyler Polk; Kyle Stuemke; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Terry White was absent.

The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes. (Attachment 1)

Chief Heiens presented the May 2024 Police Activity Report. He also reported the speed signs are now working and recording data.

Kyle Stuemke asked for the ditch behind his house to be mowed and reported the culvert at Grant Street is washing out. Mayor Milleville concurred the mowing is needed. Commissioner Polk stated he would like to meet with Stuemke regarding the ditch.

Sharon Harper presented a new quote from Courts & Cracks, the only known vendor specific to this type of work, for rehab of the Nori's Yard Multi Use Court. The estimated cost is \$11,000. She requested the Council give her permission to solicit donations towards 50% of the project and the City provide the remaining funds. Funds raised would be presented to the City for processing. Several grant opportunities were discussed. Future permanent pickle ball courts in a different park were discussed. She stated three courts would be needed to host tournaments. Mayor Milleville stated he liked the 50/50 cost share.

Council Approved Vendor Agreement with Department of Commerce & Economic Development Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

Council Approved Ordinance 793-24; Amending Article II of Chapter 40 of the Revised Code of Ordinances (Temporary Accessory Structure or Facility) on a motion by Commissioner Rippetoe and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner, Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes. The ordinance restricts conex containers in residential and commercial zoned areas. A 60 day consideration is available in the event of a disaster or demolition.

Ordinance 794-24; Authorizing Sale of Real Estate (107 N Main St) was presented to the Council for approval. Tyler Polk addressed the Council explaining he owns adjacent property at 109 North Main, had made a previous offer to Mayor Milleville of \$5,000 and wanted a fair shake at purchasing the property. He asked if Dan spoke to anyone about the offer and stated he was not aware of a second buyer. He requested the Council reconsider and take sealed bids on the lot. Mayor Milleville stated he had informed Polk the asking price was \$12,500 and in his last conversation with Tyler Polk, which was approximately 30 day ago, Polk indicated the lot was only worth \$5,000 to him. There was not a second buyer at that time. Mayor Milleville stated Ron Myers, adjacent property owner at 101 North Main, conveyed he was needing to expand his business and would like to purchase the lot. Myers offered \$9,000, which Mayor Milleville stated was a fair offer for an expanding business. Commissioner Polk

stated he recused himself from the subject and would abstain from any vote. Commissioner Rippetoe questioned Mayor Milleville's sequence of conversations. Commissioner Walker commented if there were two bidders on the property it should have been offered at sealed bid to obtain the highest sale price. Commissioner Walker motioned to approve the Ordinance. Ordinance did not pass for lack of a second.

Commissioner Walker reported Pyramid Marble will be resetting Union Cemetery headstones beginning 7 am on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Walker will be flagging the stones needing correction.

Commissioner Rippetoe reported the Electric Department will be changing poles and trimming trees.

Commissioner Polk reported a part time employee has been grinding stumps, with 30 completed. Mound Township has offered assistance in ditch cleaning along the north side of Division Street to the east side of Whitler Lane.

Mayor Milleville had nothing to report.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Milleville, yes.

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
June 24, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Agenda**

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:  
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings  
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. ENGINEER REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
  - A. *Stan Mehl – drainage, streets, culverts Lucky Drive.*
  - B. *Becky Turner – Reopening of Wurl Lane*
  - C. *Approve Publishing of Request for Alternate Proposal Regarding Sale of 107 North Main Street.*
  - D. *Approve Resolution 2024-06-03; Effingham County Fair Parade, July 28, 2024.*
  - E. *Approve Payment to R&H Plumbing & Heating in the Amount of \$137,899.00 for I70 Overpass Water Main Replacement.*
  - F. *Approve Change Order #2, Northwest Sanitary Sewer Replacement.*
  - G. *Approve Pay Estimate #7 (final) to Kieffer Bros Construction in the Amount of \$9,462.55 for Northwest Sanitary Replacement.*
  - H. *Award 2024 Street Oiling to Larry Heuerman Trucking in the Amount of \$56,724.00.*

- I. *Approve One Month Garbage Contract Extension with DBS Sanitation.*
- J. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matter 5 ILCS 120/2 (c )*
- K. *Action as a Result of Executive Session*
- L. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: June 21, 2024- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**June 24, 2024**

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on June 24, 2024, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe; Also present – Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Derek Warren, Cromwell Media; Victoria Miller; Mike Klitzing; Buck Stephen; Connie & Bill Durbin; Dwight Homann; Doug Hammer; Yvonne Flanigan; Greg Warner; Gale Warner; Janet Voelker; Stan Mehl; Becky Turner; Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Terry White was absent. Michael Walker will serve as Mayor Pro Tem until the April 2025 municipal election, as a result of Mayor Dan Milleville's resignation, leave one empty council position.

The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Rippetoe and seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. (Attachment 1)

Lee Beckman presented the engineering report. He reported DCEO released new census data indicating City of Altamont low to moderate income limit decreased 20%, placing Altamont in an ineligible status for DCEO grants. He suggested another funding opportunity would be IEPA 50% principal forgiveness loans. The replat of South Point Subd is at Taylor Law Offices.

Yvonne Flanigan thanked the City for support letters sent prior to the National Road Yard Sale event. She reported on participation of communities from Indianapolis to St. Louis. She requested a thank you letter be sent to those who participated, to include encouragement for the 2025 event. She also encouraged Altamont to do something special next year to interest tourism. Walker indicated the City could send such a letter. She requested the address of yard sales be put on the map provided by the City.

Mike Klitzing asked for clarification/verification that Nori's Yard court would be repainted for three sports of basketball, tennis and pickleball. Walker confirmed plans are for a three function court.

Connie Durbin addressed the Council concerning property cleanup. She read from the Altamont Police Department facebook page, which indicated city-wide cleanup days were being conducted and those who continued to have properties with ordinance violation would be contacted by the City. She stated there are several properties she has been complaining about. She is asking for enforcement. Walker stated he would speak with Chief Heiens.

Doug Hammer spoke to the Council in opposition of schools requesting Diamond A fence removal to make the diamond suitable for girls softball. He stated the diamond was built by volunteers and recognized as the best Illinois fastpitch mens diamond. The integrity of the ball park would be changed. There were water and drain lines installed in the field, it would be a bad move if the City went along with the school. Walker stated the park is an ongoing project, the diamond is not being used as it is and the schools are in support of the renovation.

Gale Warner asked for the sidewalk in front of his residence, that was broken several years ago, by a stump grinder be replaced. He cautioned the Council to be responsible directing monies to the appropriate projects.

Stan Mehl asked the Council to have an ordinance on file regulating surveillance cameras to not invade a persons privacy. He complained about the street, ditches and culverts around Lucky Drive. He stated water backs up onto his lot following rains. Eighth & Ninth streets are narrow after the sanitary sewer



installation. He asked why South Point Subd was needed when the City has so many needed repairs. He requested more patrol during city-wide cleanup to keep roadways clear when scrap collectors block the streets.

Becky Turner again addressed the Council concerning the closing of Wurl Lane. Motorists continue to drive thru her yard and thru her circle drive to continue as if it were a thru street. Commissioner Polk stated he and Dan Milleville had walked the area and reviewed the easement. Wurl was not designed for two-way traffic. The best resolution is to make it a one-way street. Turner asked them to open the street. Walker stated the barricades were placed to accommodate Turner, against his better judgement. Turner stated she and others living on Wurl were not notified of the closing. Victoria Miller, neighbor to Turner, stated she watched cars and delivery trucks drive thru Turners yard. Turner and Miller stated they prefer one way to the highway. Commissioner Rippetoe stated the street cannot be maintained, because there is no drainage and no way to make the drainage. Commissioner Polk stated a vote would be taken at the next meeting to open Wurl Lane to one way traffic.

Commissioner Rippetoe motioned to table Approval Publishing of Request for Alternate Proposal Regarding Sale of 107 North Main St until all the Council could be present. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Council Approved Resolution 2024-06-03; Effingham County Fair Parade, July 29, 2024 on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Council Approved Payment to R&H Plumbing & Heating in the Amount of \$137,899.00 for I70 Overpass Water Main Replacement on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. The cost will be reimbursed by IDOT.

Council Approved Change Order #2, Northwest Sanitary Sewer Replacement on a motion by Commissioner Rippetoe. Seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. The completed project cost was reduced by \$5,079.10.

Council Approved Pay Estimate #7 (final) to Kieffer Bros Construction in the Amount of \$9,462.55 for Northwest Sanitary Replacement on a motion by Commissioner Rippetoe. Seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Council Awarded 2024 Street Oiling to Larry Heuerman Trucking in the Amount of \$56,724.00 on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Council Approved a One Month Garbage Contract Extension with DBS Sanitation on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. Commissioner White will have a presentation at the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting concerning a new garbage contract.

Commissioner Polk reported many stumps have been ground. A street department employee has accepted a position with another company. The department will be preparing streets for oiling. He met with Kyle Stuemke concerning the drainage area behind his residence. A solution is forthcoming.

Commissioner Rippetoe reported the Electric Department will be changing poles and trimming trees.

Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker had nothing to report.

Clerk Stephen announced the regular scheduled July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting has been rescheduled to July 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Polk motioned to Enter into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matter. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Upon returning to open session, Commissioner Polk motioned to award a 5% wage increase for all employees. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes..

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
July 10, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Agenda**

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:  
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings  
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. POLICE REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
  - A. *Stan Mehl – Lucky Drive Street Conditions.*
  - B. *Approve Ordinance 794-24; Replacing Ordinance 670-17 Establishing Street Regulations and Rescinding Ordinance 747-22 Establishing Wurl Lane, South Edwards to South Main as One-Way Street.*
  - C. *Announce Estimated FYE 2025 Appropriation.*
  - D. *Approve Street Closing Sunday August 11, 2024 noon – 9 pm of Ninth Street from Monroe to Alley North of Madison for St. Clair Catholic Church 150<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration.*
  - E. *Approve Ordinance 795-24; Authorizing Acceptance of Electronic Payments (convenience fee paid by customers)*
  - F. *Discuss Sanitation Contract Changes and Customer Rates.*
  - G. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: July 08, 2024- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 10, 2024**

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on July 10, 2024, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Terry White; Also present – Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Derek Warren, Cromwell Media; Mike Klitzing; Connie & Bill Durbin; Dwight Homann; Greg Warner; Gale Warner; Janet Voelker; Stan Mehl; Becky Turner; Damon Simmons; Kyle Stuemke; Nick Burrus; Rich Frailey; Alan Heiens, Chief Altamont Police Dept; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Jason Rippetoe was absent. One vacant Council position remains.

The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. (Attachment 1)

Chief Heiens presented the June 2024 Police Activity Report.

Mike Klitzing asked the Council to please reconsider permanently moving the Diamond A fence at Gilbert Park. He stated fast pitch men's team went to Teutopolis during covid, because they were not allowed to play at Gilbert Park. A permanent fence move would eliminate their possibility to return to Altamont. A multi-use field has the potential to serve more people.

Kyle Stuemke stated he would like to know detailed plans and a resolution for the drainage area behind his residence. He also asked for a timeline of when the area would be mowed. Commissioner Polk stated the recently completed budget included funding to make over the drainage area. Mowing is not a priority since the reshaping is planned. Stuemke stated he would take care of the mowing this year.

Gale Warner thanked Commissioner Polk for looking at the broken sidewalk at his residence. Commissioner Polk stated he has increased the sidewalk budget and discussed replacements with a contractor.

Janet Voelker asked for a clearer explanation of the engineer report given at the previous meeting regarding DCEO funding. Clerk Stephen explain she had contacted the area DCEO representative for verification. The City is not currently eligible for DCEO funding, as the last census indicated a 51% Low to Moderate Income level. Such a high rating also eliminates the possibility of location specific DCEO funding. The funding options remaining are Rural Development loans or IEPA low interest loan, whereby IEPA may provide some repayment forgiveness. This status will remain until the next census data is provided. Grant searches will continue. The awarded water main replacement grant is not in jeopardy.

Richard Frailey asked if purchasing water from EJ was out of the question. Commissioner White indicated he continues to look at all alternatives.

Stan Mehl brought several matters to the Council's attention including side by side vehicles in the City; a tree at Lucky Drive dropping limbs; pot holes; missing street sign; water standing in areas of Lucky Drive; properties with nuisance violations; gravel spread on streets; ditches that cannot be mowed; uneven intersections; how the City determines where to oil; Eighth Street needing repair after sanitary replacement project; Frontier wire needing raised; street base and depth, suggested obtaining core samples.

Gale Warner questioned why Wurl Lane couldn't be widened and if the fire department had been asked their opinion of the closing. Commissioner Polk explained transformers and overhead utilities on the

north limits street width. Becky Turner suggested it be widened. Commissioner Polk stated Wurl is wide enough for one-way and there would be less traffic. Mayor Pro Tem Walker, asked for Turner to agree to moving the current street closing obstacles to the west, eliminating vehicle access to her driveway. Turner stated she would still have the issue with traffic moving east to west using her drive as a turn around and she would have to go around the block to meet Main Street when going to work. Commissioner Polk motioned to Approve Ordinance 794-24; Replacing Ordinance 670-17 Establishing Street Regulations and Rescinding Ordinance 747-22 Establishing Wurl Lane, South Edwards to South Main as One-Way Street. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, no. Wurl Lane will be a one-way street, moving east to west, effective July 20, 2023.

The FYE 2025 Estimated Appropriation was announced in the amount of \$7,731,780. Larger projects for the year include Main Street water main replacement, sanitary sewer lining, north wastewater treatment plant berm rebuild, and mandated police cameras.

Commissioner Polk motioned to Approve Street Closing Sunday, August 11, 2024 noon-9:00 pm of Ninth Street from Monroe to Alley North of Madison for St. Clair Catholic Church 150<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Council Approved Ordinance 795-24; Authorizing Acceptance of Electric Payments (convenience fee paid by customers) on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. Electronic payments will be available upon completion of a software upgrade in early August. Convenience fees paid by customers will be 3% for debit/credit card payments or \$1.00 for e-check payments. ACH payments will remain free to customers.

Council discussed the future of garbage services with Commissioner White explaining the customer cost has been \$9.50 for garbage pickup plus 50 cents for the recycling program. The base price was lowered in 2014 and remains today. DBS Sanitation has offered the lowest contract renewal to include totes which can be mechanically emptied. The new contract will increase customer garbage rates to \$13.50 per month for a single tote, supplied by DBS Sanitation. An additional tote will add \$6.75 per month to the base charge. The base rate will increase 41 cents per year. DBS will place totes where they need to be on pickup evening. The pickup schedule will not change. If the 96 gallon tote is too big for a smaller household, it can be reduced to a 64 gallon tote. Rumpke Waste Service has indicated they will only be accepting cardboard. Commissioner White agreed to continue 1 year with cardboard recycling and a maximum of two containers. He suggested alternative recycling locations in Effingham

Commissioner Polk had nothing to report.

Commissioner White reported the north wastewater treatment plant berm repair is being worked on. The EPA mandated lead service inventory August deadline is fast approaching. The reservoir is down 7" from the previous 14".

Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker had nothing to report.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes..

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
July 22, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Agenda**

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:  
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings  
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. ENGINEER REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
  - A. *Approve Ordinance VA-1763; Commercial Use 208A North Tenth St.*
  - B. *Approve Publishing of Request for Alternate Proposal Regarding Sale of 107 North Main Street.*
  - C. *Approve Ordinance 796-24; Awarding Contract for Sanitation Services to DBS.*
  - D. *Approve Ordinance 797-24; Amending Ordinance 557-14 and 491-11 Relative to Service Charges for the Collection of Garbage.*
  - E. *Approve Ordinance 798-24; Adopting Procedures for Electronic Attendance at Meetings of the City.*
  - F. *Approve Ordinance 799-24; Fiscal Year Ending 2025 Appropriation.*
  - G. *Approve Payment to DKSK Properties (Kremer Pharmacy) for Masonry Repair in the Amount of \$11,327.00.*
  - H. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: July 19, 2024- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 22, 2024**

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on July 22, 2024, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe. Also present – Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Bill Durbin; Dwight Homann; Gale Warner; Janet Voelker; Rich Frailey; Sheryl Marble; Inga Herboth; Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. One vacant Council position remains.

The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills, was approved on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. (Attachment 1)

Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers provided project updates.

Sheryl Marble addressed the Council concerning the recent action to open Wurl Lane to one-way traffic. She stated she and other residents along Wurl Lane were given an easement from Hillard & Betty Morris in 1992. The easement holders were never contacted at the time Morris's dedicated Wurl Lane to the City. She believes this makes the dedication invalid. Her solution is to barricade Wurl Lane at the end of the two easements.

Inga Herboth expressed her objection to the recycling program only accepting cardboard and the increase in garbage rates. She asked Council to search for another recycling alternative, possibly Waste Management, that would accept more items and have a recycling container available at all times. Commissioner White explained the rates have been low for over a decade and Altamont is the last community to move to automated garbage collection. He will consult Waste Management about their recycling program.

Council Approved Ordinance VA-1763; Commercial Use of 208A North Tenth St on a motion by Commissioner Rippetoe and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. Council concurred with Zoning Board recommendation to deny commercial use at the location of 208A North Tenth St, which is zoned residential.

Council Approved Publishing of Request for Alternate Proposal Regarding Sale of 107 North Main St on a motion by Commissioner Rippetoe. Motion seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, abstained; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. Proposals are due into the City Clerk's office by 9:00 am August 08, 2024.

Council Approved Ordinance 796-24; Awarding Contract for Sanitation Services to DBS on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. The contract is for a five year term and begins automated garbage collection.

Council approved Ordinance 797-24; Amending Ordinance 557-14 and 491-11 Relative to Service Charges for the Collection of Garbage on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. The new rate will be \$13.50 per month beginning with the August 20 – September 20, 2024 billing, payable in September.

Council Approved Ordinance 798-24; Adopting Procedures for Electronic Attendance at Meetings of the City. Commissioner Rippetoe motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Council Approved Ordinance 799-24; Fiscal Year Ending 2025 Appropriation. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. The total appropriation is \$7,731,779.

Council Approved Payment to DKSK Properties (Kremer Pharmacy) for Masonry Repair in the Amount of \$11,327.00. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Commissioner White reported the reservoir is running over the spillway after the 1' rain.

Commissioner Rippetoe reported Dillon Meier completed the apprentice lineman training.

Commissioner Polk reported an excellent job has been done on the many stumps that have been ground. Roads are being patched and sidewalk replacement is being planned. On Tuesday will be the walk-thru for ITEP grant sidewalk replacement project to be done after the water main replacement.

Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker reported a meeting is planned Friday to go thru the checklist for the OSLAD grant regarding Gilbert Park improvements. The Altamont School has decided they would prefer having diamond B restructured for the girls ACHS games, as the diamond has lighting and they can host evening events.

Clerk Stephen reported a meeting was held Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, with WEIU and several local businesses to discuss featuring Altamont in their "This is Our Story" edition. The community investment needs to be a minimum of \$10,000. 10-12 story tellers will be needed for the feature. A red carpet event will be held for the debute.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes..

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
August 12, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Agenda**

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:  
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings  
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. POLICE REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
  - A. *Approve Purchase of Police Vehicle not to Exceed \$45,000.*
  - B. *Review of Proposals for Purchase of 107 North Main Street.*
  - C. *Discuss Locally Imposed Grocery Sales Tax.*
  - D. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: August 09, 2024- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 12, 2024**

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on August 12, 2024, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe. Also present – Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Dwight Homann; Gale Warner; Janet Voelker; Rich Frailey; Dan Milleville; Ron Myers; Alan Walk; Larry & Judy Pilger; Tony Weber; Darren Beccue; Tyler Polk; Charles Pagel; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. One vacant Council position remains.

The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. (Attachment 1)

Chief Heiens presented the July 2024 Police Activity Report. He reported Brian Brummer has completed police academy training. A new recruit will be starting academy in August.

Council Approved Purchase of a Police Vehicle not to Exceed \$45,000 on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Tyler Polk addressed the Council regarding sale of 107 North Main Street. He explained he is owner of the adjoining property at 109 North Main. He submitted a proposal on Wednesday, which was open to public knowledge. He stated this procedure should be changed. He suggested if the Council determined the sale should go to another buyer, there should be recourse if they do not carry out plans stated in their proposal.

Ron Myers then addressed the Council regarding sale of 107 North Main Street. If he is awarded the purchase of the property he plans to expand the showroom of RDM Cabinetry and Flooring. He encouraged Council to take into consideration he is an operating and sales tax generating business waiting to expand in 3-5 years.

The Council could not vote on the matter, but were directed to make a statement regarding the sale. Commissioner White stated he had no relationship to either party. He felt the sales tax input from RDM Cabinetry made the Ron Myers offer more appealing. Mayor Pro Tem, Mike Walker concurred with Commissioner White. He liked Ron Myers plan and wanted to keep businesses in Altamont. Commissioners Rippetoe and Polk abstained commenting. The City attorney will be directed to prepare an agreement to sell the property to Ron Myers. An ordinance and the agreement will be presented at a future meeting for approval.

Clerk Stephen explained the State of Illinois will be repealing the Grocery Sales Tax effective January 1, 2026, decreasing City's sales tax revenue. Municipalities can impose a maximum of 1% tax. 100% of the tax will pass to the municipality. She suggested the Council not delay in determining a sales tax, to avoid an interruption in receiving sales tax revenue.

Commissioner Rippetoe had nothing to report.

Commissioner White reported approximately 14 trees have been marked for removal in preparation of the water main replacement. The north wastewater treatment plant berms will be rebuilt with material currently stored at the south wastewater treatment plant. The option of applying herbicide by drone to the south wastewater treatment plant lagoons for weed removal is being explored.

Commissioner Polk reported stump removal throughout the City has been completed. Tomorrow a walk-thru is planned of the sidewalk replacement project, which follows the water main replacement. It should not be necessary to remove more trees. The anticipated installation is spring/summer 2025. Stakes on West Lincoln are location markers to determine the City right-of-way.

Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker reported plans are going well for the OSLAD grant. The FIELD's group has pledged \$35,000 toward Gilbert Park improvements. Wednesday, August 22, the Altamont Chamber will host an informational meeting concerning the 1% retail sales tax benefiting the school system. The meeting will be held at 6:30 in the Community Room.

Clerk Stephen reported meetings continue in preparation of the WEIU making of Altamont: This is Our Story.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes..

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY OF ALTAMONT  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
August 26, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.**

*Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development  
(OSLAD)*

Information of the City of Altamont's intent to apply to the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Program. (OSLAD) is a state-financed grant program that provides funding assistance to local government agencies for acquisition and/or development of land for public parks and open space.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
August 26, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Agenda**

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:  
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings  
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. ENGINEER REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
  - A. *Approve Ordinance 800-24; Authorizing Sale of Real Estate (107 N Main St)*
  - B. *Approve Resolution 2024-08-04; Authorizing Execution of License Agreement (Luchtefeld – Portion of North Sixth St)*
  - C. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Setting Price for Sale of Property 5 ILCS 2 ( c ) (5)*
  - D. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: August 23, 2024- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 26, 2024**

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on August 26, 2024, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe. Also present – Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Dwight Homann; Gale Warner; Janet Voelker; Rich Frailey; Dan Milleville; Jerry Hoffmeister; Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. One vacant Council position remains.

The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. (Attachment 1)

Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh reported the water main replacement plans are 95% complete, project bid advertisement is anticipated for December 2024.

Janet Voelker requested the trash can in front of Kremer Pharmacy be replaced. It was removed prior to sidewalk replacement.

Council was presented Ordinance 800-24; Authorizing Sale of Real Estate (107 N Main St). Commissioner Polk abstained and excluded himself from any conversation or vote. Commissioner Rippetoe recused himself. Commissioner White motioned to accept the ordinance. No second could be entered, as two Commissioners abstained/recused themselves. Clerk Stephen read a statement provided by City Attorney, Tracy Willenborg, regarding qualifications of conflict of interest. Mayor Pro Tem Walker asked the present public if the statement satisfied all questions regarding council members conflict of interest. Clerk Stephen asked Commissioners Rippetoe and Polk if they had personal gain in the purchase/sale of 107 North Main. They both affirmed they did not. Commissioner Polk stated his business sign was on an adjoining building belonging to the person who previously submitted a proposal for 107 N Main St and felt ethically he should abstain. The matter was tabled until the September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting so more legal clarification of the voting process could be obtained.

Council Approved Resolution 2024-08-04; Authorizing Execution of License Agreement (Luchtefeld – Portion of North Sixth St) on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Commissioner White reported he received correspondence from a solar company interested in placing solar panels on the wastewater lagoons and the water reservoir. He stated a Council presentation could be scheduled at a future meeting. Positive responses were received to obtain more information. R&H Plumbing & Heating is recovering rip rap stored at the south wastewater lagoon to be used to repair berms at the north lagoon. This will be a considerable cost savings.

Commissioner Rippetoe reported maintenance and pole replacement continues. Removed poles are going to be consigned on the next Schmid Auction. Plans are being finalized on rebuilding the north feeder line. The plan includes tree trimming, pole and line replacement to increase service reliability.

Commissioner Polk reported he has been discussing major drainage issues with a contractor and is waiting for pricing. Street oiling was completed.

Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker reported a public hearing concerning the OSLAD grant for Gilbert Park was held at 5:30 this evening. A resolution will be presented September 9<sup>th</sup> for approval.

Clerk Stephen reported WEIU Altamont, This is Our Story meetings continue in selecting stories and storytellers.

Council entered in Executive Session for the Purpose of Setting Price for Sale of Property 5 ILCS 2 ( c) (5) on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Motion seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
September 09, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Agenda**

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:  
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings  
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. AGENDA ITEMS
  - A. *Jared Karban; Presentation Regarding Solar Panels at Water Reservoir.*
  - B. *Shaun Splechter; Use of Connex Container for New Business.*
  - C. *Approve Resolution 2024-09-05; Resolution of Support and Commitment of Local Funds to the City of Altamont FY-2025 IDNR OSLAD Grant Application.*
  - D. *Approve R&H Proposal; Schmidt Park Restrooms Plumbing Installation in the Amount of \$22,072.00.*
  - E. *Approve S&K Concrete Proposal; Schmidt Park Restroom Concrete Foundation in the Amount of \$7,675.00*
  - F. *Approve S&K Concrete Proposal; Schmidt Park 150 Foot Sidewalk in the Amount of \$6,000.00.*
  - G. *Approve Payment to Larry Heuerman; Street Oiling in the Amount of \$59,519.38*
  - H. *Approve Roadside Fundraiser Request, Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive, September 13, 2024.*
  - I. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matter 5 ILCS 120/2 (c )*
  - J. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: September 06, 2024- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK



**CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**September 09, 2024**

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on September 09, 2024, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe. Also present – Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Dwight Homann; Gale Warner; Janet Voelker; Rich Frailey; Bill Durbin; Luke Easton & Chirayu Patel, SCIRPDC; Larry & Judy Pilger; Charlie Pagel; Robb Frost; Shaun Splechter, Feed the Crave; Jared Kerban, Third Pillar Solar and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. One vacant Council position remains.

The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Rippetoe and seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. (Attachment 1) Commissioner White asked for changes to the minutes, which were noted.

Richard Frailey asked why the lot at 107 North Main was not being presented for vote. Mayor Pro Tem Walker explained clarity of the vote is being determined. The nature of TIF laws has and the fact the Board is one member short has created a setback to the approval process.

Jared Karban, Third Pillar Solar, made presentation proposing solar array installation on the water reservoir and wastewater treatment plant lagoon. Third Pillar would pay the City for lease of the area. Solar power produced would be used locally. This would be their first install in Illinois. There are IEPA and IMEA regulations to be investigated prior to any agreements.

Shaun Splechter, Feed the Crave, presented plans for a double drive thru coffee shop at 508 E Cumberland Road. He is proposing a connex container structure modified to a business appearance. The container build is less expensive than general construction. Feed the Crave is a non-profit ministry. Council instructed Mr. Splechter to meet with Gary White to submit his proposal to the Zoning Board.

Council Approved Resolution 2024-09-05; Resolution of Support and Commitment of Local Funds to the City of Altamont FY-2025 IDNR OSLAD Grant Application on a motion by Commissioner Rippetoe and seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Council Approved R&H Proposal for Schmidt Park Restroom Plumbing Installation in the Amount of \$22,072.00. Commissioner Rippetoe motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Council Approved S&K Concrete Proposal for Schmidt Park Restroom Concrete Foundation in the Amount of \$6,675.00. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Council Approved S&K Concrete Proposal for Schmidt Park 150 Foot Sidewalk in the Amount of \$6,000.00. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. Walker explained the sidewalk will connect the walking path with the restroom entrance, making it wheelchair accessible.

Council Approved Payment to Larry Heuerman for Street Oiling in the Amount of \$59,519.38. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Council Approved a Roadside Fundraiser Request, Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive, September 13, 2024. Commissioner Rippetoe motioned for approval. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Commissioner Rippetoe reported the Electric Department has street lighting replacements on back order.

Commissioner White provided pictures of 4000-8000 ton of rip rap that has been recovered from the south wastewater treatment plant. This will provide rock to replace the north lagoon berm and will be utilized during the water main replacement project. This will also provide a location for placing junk soil. Water department is flushing hydrants this week during the hours of 10:00 pm – 6:00 am.

Commissioner Polk reported he has been working on drainage issues. Renovation of the Street Department building is planned for later this year.

Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker reported Pyramid Marble will be resetting headstones at Union Cemetery.

Clerk Stephen reported WEIU Altamont, This is Our Story stories and storytellers have been finalized. An informative Altamont Story is planned.

Council entered into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2 ( c) on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Motion seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker asked if Council would be interested in an additional sign program at Gilbert Park whereby businesses would pay \$5,000 for a 25 year sign display agreement. Commissioner Rippetoe expressed 25 years was too long for the contract term.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
September 23, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Agenda**

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:  
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings  
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. POLICE REPORT
3. ENGINEER REPORT
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS
5. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
6. COMMUNICATIONS
7. AGENDA ITEMS
  - A. *Explanation of Pending Approval of Sale of 107 North Main Street Property.*
  - B. *Approve Renewal of Blue Cross Blue Shield Employee Health Insurance with Tingley Insurance with 6.3% Increase.*
  - C. *Approve Closing of North Main Street City Parking Lot for St. Paul ELCA Trunk-or-Treat, October 31, 2024, 6:00 pm -8:00 pm.*
  - D. *Approve Ordinance 801-24; Declaring Certain Real Property and Improvements Thereon as Being Dangerous and Unsafe. (107 S. Main St)*
  - E. *Approve Quote from Courts & Cracks for Repair & Painting of Multi Use Court at Nori's Yard in the Amount of \$11,000.00.*
  - F. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: September 20, 2024- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**September 23, 2024**

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on September 23, 2024, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe. Also present – Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Dwight Homann; Janet Voelker; Bill Durbin; Larry & Judy Pilger; Charlie Pagel; Richard Garrard; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief; Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. One vacant Council position remains.

The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. (Attachment 1)

Chief Heiens presented the August 2024 Police Activity Report. He reported an additional officer has been hired and is currently attending police academy training.

Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers, reported bids for the water main replacement project is anticipated for January 2025, when better prices are typically received. Commissioner Rippetoe agreed advertising in December could be beneficial.

Richard Garrard addressed Council concerning drinking water conditions. He stated after hydrants were flushed the water had a terrible smell and then a strong chlorine presence. He asked Council to consider drilling wells rather than a reservoir system. He stated Town & Country Subdivision had terrible water and wondered how the subdivision will benefit from replacement of old water mains. Commissioner White explained IEPA requires hydrant flushing and chlorine treatment. When mains are replaced water chemical treatment would not be as necessary to reach the north end of the service area.

Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker explained the pending approval of the sale of 107 North Main Street. He stated Commissioner Polk has excused himself from voting. The mayor cannot make a motion, nor second a motion. Commissioner White is exempt from actions regarding TIF, because he resides in the TIF. Commissioner Rippetoe can make the motion, but there is no one to second the motion. The Council is at an impasse and cannot move forward until a full Council is in place. Therefore, the matter is postponed until after the April 2025 election when replacements are complete.

Council Approved Renewal of Blue Cross Blue Shield Employee Health Insurance with Tingley Insurance at a 6.3% increase on a motion by Commissioner Rippetoe and seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Council Approved Closing North Main Street Parking Lot for St. Paul ELCA Trunk-or-Treat, October 31, 2024, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Council Approved Ordinance 801-24 Declaring Certain Real Property and Improvements Thereon as Being Dangerous and Unsafe (107 S Main St). Commissioner Rippetoe motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Council Approved Quote from Courts & Cracks for Repair and Painting of Multi Use Court at Nori's Yard in the Amount of \$11,000. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. Sharon & Kyle Harper have raised over 50% of the project cost. The City will pay 50%. The company has committed to May 2025 completion.

Commissioner Rippetoe reported northeast feeder rebuild has started. Notices have been sent to customers who will be affected by many outages during the course of the rebuild.

Commissioner White reported additional background work is being done regarding the solar presentation offered at the last Council meeting. 14 trees will need removed prior to the water main replacement and he has obtained a quote of under \$10,000. The City will have to remove stumps and take the debris to the north storage area. Hydrant flushing has been completed, with chlorine levels lowering. The Reservoir is down 20". Sewer Department is waiting on estimates for pump repairs. He is working with State Representative, Brad Halbrok to sponsor a bill lessening the restrictions of municipal board members voting on TIF issues.

Commissioner Polk had nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker reported Schmidt Park restroom rebuild will begin, with demolition of the existing structure on October 3rd. Portable units will be available.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Rippetoe and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
October 14, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Agenda**

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:  
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings  
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. POLICE REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
  - A. *Approve Ordinance 802-24; Regulating Development in Flood Plain Areas.*
  - B. *Approve Purchase of Four Body Cameras from Axon Enterprise in the Amount of \$19,551.20.*
  - C. *Approve Ordinance 803-24; Authorizing Purchase of Real Property for Utility Purposes (2024 Water Main Replacement-Hoffmeister)*
  - D. *Approve Resolution 2024-10-06; Amending Control of Travel Expenses.*
  - E. *Approve Sewer Department Purchase of 2017 Ford Truck in the Amount of \$16,950.00 from Muncy's Auto Credit.*
  - F. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: October 11, 2024- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**October 14, 2024**

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on October 14, 2024, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe. Also present – Maria Adamick; Effingham Daily News; Bill & Connie Durbin; Larry & Judy Pilger; Charlie Pagel; Gail Warner; Kyle Stuemke; April Stuemke, Beth Smith; Becky Turner; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief; Ryan Spade, Sewer Dept Supervisor; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. One vacant Council position remains.

Friends of Altamont presented a check to the City Council in the Amount of \$49,711.01. The funds will be utilized for rebuilding of the Schmidt Park Restroom. Friends of Altamont was a committee established to organize the Altamont Sesquicentennial in 2021. The donation is a result of funds raised during the sesquicentennial celebration.

The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. (Attachment 1)

Chief Heiens presented the September 2024 Police Activity Report.

Ryan Spade, Sewer Department Supervisor addressed those in attendance regarding the recent water condition. He explained the earthy taste and odor is a result of a mineral of Geosmin and MIB, which is not harmful, just unpleasant. It is a seasonal occurrence caused by the weather change. The IEPA and Illinois Rural Water have visited the plant. They have indicated all measures are being taken by the City and other communities are experiencing the same event.

Kyle Stuemke stated the water event is not a new problem. He asked for the estimated life span of the water plant. He recommended the Council have a utility assessment conducted. Commissioner White stated the monthly infrastructure fee is step one in the water system upgrade.

Becky Turner thanked the Council for opening Wurl Lane to one-way traffic. The issues with people driving in her yard or using her driveway as a turn around have ended.

Council Approved Ordinance 802-24; Regulating Development in Flood Plain Areas on a motion by Commissioner Rippetoe and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Council Approved the Purchase of Four Body Cameras from Axon Enterprises in the Amount of \$19,551.20. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. The purchase satisfies a January 2025 mandate.

Council Approved Ordinance 803-Authorizing Purchase of Real Property for Utility Purposes (2024 Water Main Replacement-Hoffmeister). Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. The water line easement is located on the east side of 202 West Cumberland Road.

Council Approved Resolution 2024-10-06; Amending Control of Travel Expenses. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. The meal limits were increased for lunch from \$10 to \$15 and dinner from \$20-\$25.

Council Approved Sewer Department Purchase of 2017 Ford Truck in the Amount of \$16,950.00 from Muncy's Auto Credit on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Commissioner Rippetoe reported northeast feeder rebuild will result in a lengthy outage on Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> to change poles and pull new wire.

Commissioner White had nothing to report.

Commissioner Polk reported the restroom has been demolished at Schmidt Park. The Street Department worked on storm damage cleanup.

Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker expressed his appreciation for the donation by the Sesquicentennial Committee. He also thanked Ryan Spade, Vaughn Voelker and Terry White for keeping him informed of the water event and steps taken to remedy the situation.

Clerk Stephen reported the online payment portal is up and running. It has been well received by the public.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Rippetoe and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
October 28, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Agenda**

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:  
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings  
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. ENGINEER REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
  - A. *Sandy Perry, CliftonLarsonAllen – 2024 Audit Presentation.*
  - B. *Approve Ordinance VA-1777; Variance for Use of Conex Container for Commercial Building Structure, 508 East Cumberland Road.*
  - C. *Approve Resolution 2024-10-07; Authorizing Purchase of Street Sweeper; Authorizing Trade-in Equipment.*
  - D. *Approve Ordinance 804-24; Authorizing Execution of the RMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement.*
  - E. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: October 25, 2024- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**October 28, 2024**

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on October 28, 2024, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe. Also present – Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Judy Pilger; Charlie Pagel; Gail Warner; Robert Frost; Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers; Sandy Perry, CliftonLarsonAllen; Dwight Homann; Richard Frailey; Janet Voelker; Dan Milleville and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. One vacant Council position remains.

The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. (Attachment 1)

Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers, reported bid advertising for the Main Street water main replacement project will be before December 14, 2024 and tentative bid opening date of January 23, 2025. ITEP sidewalk plans are close to completion.

Sandy Perry of CliftonLarsonAllen accounting firm presented FYE 2024 audit report. She reported the overall income had increase in part to higher interest income. The fund balances have increased, which is a good indication. There were no significant issues reported in the audit.

Council Denied Ordinance VA-1777; Variance for Use of Conex Container for Commercial Building Structure, 508 East Cumberland Road on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, no; Commissioner Polk, no; Commissioner Rippetoe, no; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, no. The ordinance was structured to concur with Altamont Zoning Board recommendation to deny the request. The Council's no votes opposed the Zoning Board recommendation and allows the conex container structure.

Council Approved the Resolution 2024-10-07; Authorizing Purchase of Street Sweeper; Authorizing Trade-in Equipment. Commissioner Rippetoe motioned for approval. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. A 2005 Street sweeper will be purchase in the amount of \$37,092.50 from Key Equipment. A trade in allowance for a 2007 street sweeper results in a net purchase price of \$17,092.50. Commissioner Polk reported the current sweeper is air powered and is not effective on the contoured streets of Altamont.

Council Approved Ordinance 804-24; Authorizing Execution of RMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. The insurance coverage encompasses workmens comp, general, property and liability coverage.

Commissioner Rippetoe reported a major pole change was completed on the northeast feeder rebuild. Main Street to 1100<sup>th</sup> will be the next target area.

Commissioner White reported a text message notice will be sent out reminding customers to remove totes from curbside after trash has been collected. The water reservoir is down 25". He read a letter from the IEPA explaining the current foul taste and smell. The letter indicated the causing mineral

cannot be controlled or eliminated. Natural causes and effects will return the water to a more pleasant condition.

Commissioner Polk reported ditch cleaning and shaping has been done on West Jackson, North Eighth and Lucky Drive. Looking forward to more ditch cleaning.

Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker reported he would be meeting regarding concrete at the new Schmidt Park restroom location. R&H will provide the plumbing. Volunteers Justin Osteen, Tayler Polk and Jason Rippetoe will complete the build. He attended the Kremer Pharmacy grand opening and encouraged everyone to visit the new business.

Clerk Stephen reported \$25,000 of unexpended Build Illinois Bonds have been reappropriated to DCEO. Funds can be used for infrastructure, public safety and security improvements, either ongoing or new projects. Council will give direction of fund utilization. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> due to the Monday Veteran's Day holiday.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**City of Altamont**  
**Notice of City Council Meeting Change for**  
**November 12, 2024 Meeting**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to residents of the City of Altamont, in the County of Effingham, State of Illinois, that the City Council meeting originally scheduled to be held on November 12, 2024 at 6:00 pm has been rescheduled to:

Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 6:00 pm  
Altamont Municipal Building Council Chambers  
202 North Second Street, Altamont, IL

An agenda will be posted prior to the meeting.

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk  
City of Altamont

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
November 13, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Agenda**

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:  
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings  
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. POLICE REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
  - A. *Approve Curry & Associates Proposal for Engineering Services, North Wastewater Treatment Plant Lagoon Berm in the Amount of \$26,500.00.*
  - B. *Present 2023 Motor Fuel Compliance Review.*
  - C. *Present Ordinance 805-24; Amending Water Capital Infrastructure Fee.*
  - D. *Enter into Executive Session for the Operation of Municipal Utility 5 ILCS 120/2 (c ) (23).*
  - E. *Approve Ordinance 806-24; Authorizing Execution and Implementation of a Wholesale Connection Agreement.*
  - F. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: November 08, 2024- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**November 13, 2024**

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on November 13, 2024, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The November 12, 2024 meeting was rescheduled to November 13, 2024. The following members were present: Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe. Also present – Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Charlie Pagel; Janet Voelker; Larry Taylor; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. One vacant Council position remains.

The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. (Attachment 1)

Chief Heiens presented the October 2024 Police Activity Report. Commissioner White suggested the police department monitor traffic on South Main Street.

Council Approved Curry & Associates Proposal for Engineering Services, North Wastewater Treatment Berm in the Amount of \$26,500. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. Commissioner White indicated the berm slope would be changed to mow and keep algae from growing. The City saved money by previously recovering dirt to utilize on the project.

Clerk Stephen presented the 2023 Motor Fuel Compliance Review. IDOT conducted the compliance review and found no discrepancies. The amount expended in 2023 totaled \$66,075.04.

Ordinance 805-24; Amending Water Capital Infrastructure Fee was presented. The ordinance was written in 2020 with a provision to increase the infrastructure fee each year 3% following the audit review. To date, the fee has not been increased. Council will take action at the November 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. The monthly increase would be 29 cents per customer. Commissioner White stated a slower rate increase to plan for future infrastructure maintenance to sustain the water system is easier than a large increase.

Commissioner Rippetoe had nothing to report.

Commissioner White reported the south wastewater treatment plant generator is leaking. He approved renovations. Review of the water taste issue continues.

Commissioner Polk reported foundation repairs are completed at the Street Department building. Doors will be rearranged in the future. Leaf pickup has begun.

Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker reported the footings are set for the Schmidt Park restroom rebuild.

Clerk Stephen read a letter of resignation from Jeff Simpson, Zoning Board Chairman, effective immediately. There are now three vacancies on the board.

Council entered into Executive Session for the Operation of Municipal Utility on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Motion seconded by Commissioner White. . Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Upon returning to open session, Council Approved Ordinance 806-24; Authorizing Execution and Implementation of a Wholesale Connection Agreement. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. . Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
November 25, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Agenda**

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:  
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings  
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. ENGINEER REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
  - A. *Approve Ordinance 805-24; Amending Water Capital Infrastructure Fee.*
  - B. *Approve Ordinance 807-24; Disconnecting Certain Property from the City of Altamont (South Point Subdivision)*
  - C. *Approve Ordinance 808-24; Authorizing the Sale of Real Estate (Disconnected Real Estate – Tract 1)*
  - D. *Approve Ordinance 809-24; Authorizing the Sale of Real Estate (Disconnected Real Estate – Tract 2)*
  - E. *Approve Ordinance 810-24; Authorizing the Sale of Real Estate (Disconnected Real Estate – Tract 3)*
  - F. *Announce Amended Appropriate FYE 2025.*
  - G. *Announce Estimated Tax Levy.*
  - H. *Approve 2025 Holiday Schedule*
  - I. *Approve Resolution 2024-11-08; Establishing 2025 Meeting Schedule.*
  - J. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: November 22, 2024- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK



**CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**November 25, 2024**

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on November 25, 2024, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe. Also present – Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Charlie Pagel; Janet Voelker; Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers; Gale Warner; Richard Finn; Dan Milleville and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. One vacant Council position remains.

The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. (Attachment 1)

Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers reported the water main replacement bid openings are scheduled for January 23, 2025 at 2 pm in the Council Chambers.

Council Approved Ordinance 805-24; Amending Water Capital Infrastructure Fee. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. The amendment provides a 3% rate increase to the Water Capital Infrastructure Fee which equals a monthly customer increase of 29 cents effective January 1, 2025.

Ordinance 807-24; Disconnecting Certain Property from the City of Altamont (South Point Subdivision) was approved on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Ordinance 808-24; Authorizing the Sale of Real Estate (Disconnected Real Estate – Tract 1) was approved on a motion by Commissioner Rippetoe. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Ordinance 809-24; Authorizing the Sale of Real Estate (Disconnected Real Estate – Tract 2) was approved on a motion by Commissioner Rippetoe. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Ordinance 810-24; Authorizing the Sale of Real Estate (Disconnected Real Estate – Tract 3) was approved on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

The Amended FYE 2025 Appropriation was announced. The appropriation is lowered by \$476,105. The change is largely a result of projects not expected to be completed in the fiscal year.

The Estimated Levy was announced in the amount of \$278,000 a 4.14% increase.

The 2025 Holiday Schedule was approved on a motion by Commissioner White. Seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Resolution 2024-11-08; Establishing 2025 Meeting Schedule was approved on a motion by Commissioner Rippetoe. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. Meetings will remain at 6 pm on the second and fourth Monday of each month.

Commissioner Rippetoe reported Christmas light will be displayed soon.

Commissioner White reported the depth of the water line under the I70 overpass has been determined. IDOT will be dropping the pavement 12” to gain clearance. IDOT had instructed the City to relocate the existing water line. In a meeting today IDOT determined the line would not need to be moved. The contracted sanitation company has been instructed to remove containers and contents placed curbside except the issued DBS totes.

Commissioner Polk had nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker Ho Ho Land display will go live Friday November 29<sup>th</sup>. Anyone was to volunteer can contact Steve Long.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Rippetoe and seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
December 09, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Agenda**

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:  
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings  
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. POLICE REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
  - A. *Approve Ordinance 811-24; Amended Appropriate FYE 2025.*
  - B. *Approve Ordinance 812-24; FYE 2025 Tax Levy.*
  - C. *Approve Ordinance 813-24; Annual Abatement Ordinance.*
  - D. *Approve Ordinance 814-24; Authorizing Execution of a Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the TIF Redevelopment Plan (Whistle Stop).*
  - E. *Approve Payment to S&K Concrete for Foundation & Floor of Schmidt Park Restroom in the Amount of \$10,000.*
  - F. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: December 06, 2024- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**December 09, 2024**

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on December 09, 2024, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe. Also present – Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Charlie Pagel; Janet Voelker; Richard Finn; Mark Workman; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. One vacant Council position remains.

The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Rippetoe and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. (Attachment 1)

Chief Heiens presented the November 2024 Police Activity Report. He stated the new squad needs striping and will be ready for service.

Council Approved Ordinance 811-24; Amending Appropriation FYE 2025. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. The amendment lowers the appropriation to \$7,255,674.

Ordinance 812-24; FYE 2025 Tax Levy was approved on a motion by Commissioner Rippetoe. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. The levy is established at \$278,000 a 4.17% increase over the prior year.

Ordinance 813-24; Annual Abatement was approved on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Ordinance 814-24; Authorizing Execution of a Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the City of Altamont Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (Whistle Stop Saloon LLC) was approved on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, abstain; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. The project cost for new flooring is estimated at \$9,631.61, TIF funding provides 50% of the cost, not to exceed \$4,800.00.

Council Approved Payment to S&K Concrete for Foundation & Floor of Schmidt Park Restroom in the Amount of \$10,000 on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Commissioner Rippetoe reported Christmas lights are up. Winter fuel for the generators has been purchased. The northeast feeder improvements will continue, weather permitting.

Commissioner White reported the south wastewater treatment plant generator is being upgraded.

Commissioner Polk reported leaf pickup has been completed. A durapatch machine has been located and is being considered for purchase. The City currently subcontracts the patching to Effingham County. Purchasing a machine will eliminate the wait time and patching can be done year around. Effingham County will store the reserved oil.

Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker had nothing to report.

Clerk Stephen reported the TIF Joint Review Board meetings will be held December 12, 2024 beginning at 8:00 am. The City will be receiving a judicial deed for 703 Field Street at which time Council will determine the future of the property. The WEIU Spotlight on Altamont will air on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm on WEIU PBS station and everyone is encouraged to join in watching.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
December 23, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Agenda**

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:  
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings  
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. ENGINEER REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
  - A. *Approve Purchase of 2003 Duraco Dura Patch Machine in the Amount of \$14,000.*
  - B. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: December 20, 2024- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**December 23, 2024**

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on December 23, 2024, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe. Also present –Janet Voelker; Richard Finn; Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. One vacant Council position remains.

The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Rippetoe and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. (Attachment 1)

Lee Beckman reported January 23, 2025 at 2:00 pm in the Council Chambers, has been set for the bid opening of the water main replacement project. Notice to contractors was published in the Effingham Daily News December 17, 2024.

Commissioner Polk entered the meeting at this time.

Council Approved Purchase of 2003 Duraco Dura Patch Machine in the Amount of \$14,000 on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, no; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. The purchase allows City employees to conduct major patching projects rather than wait for Effingham County to be available.

Commissioner Rippetoe had nothing to report.

Commissioner White reported the water reservoir is down 21 inches. A chlorine analyzer replacement has been purchased. It will be relocated from the PCB building and connected by ViPower. In preparation of the main street water main replacement, all trees on the east side of Main Street from Rt 40 to Division Street will be removed. Tree removal will be bid advertised in the future.

Commissioner Polk had nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker had nothing to report.

Clerk Stephen reported the three parcels adjacent to South Point Subdivision have been transferred to the new owners. A replat of the subdivision will be presented in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk