

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
January 13, 2025 - 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. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matter 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) and Setting Price for Sale of Property 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5).*
 - B. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: January 10, 2025- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
January 13, 2025

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on January 13, 2025, 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; Charles Pagel; Gale Warner; Dwight Homann; Richard Frailey; Altamont Police Chief, Alan Heiens; Officer Jacob Herd and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. One vacant Council position remains. Commissioner Tayler Polk was absent.

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)

Chief Heiens presented the December 2024 Police Activity report and the 2024 Year End report. He introduced the new Officer, Jacob Herd.

Richard Frailey asked what the procedure was for starting snow removal. He stated in the past the on-duty police officers determined when removal or street salting should start. He commented if the snow removal had been started earlier, some of the street accumulation issues could have been avoided. Richard Finn stated the employees reacted well, but need to be proactive. Commissioner Walker explained we usually don't get two storms in one week. The employees worked long hours on snow removal.

Commissioner Rippetoe reported one bucket truck failed the dielectric testing and has been taken to Springfield for repair. The Electric Department helped with snow removal.

Commissioner White reported there was an oversight in newspaper advertising of the water main replacement. The bid opening has been moved to February 20th. An RFP is being prepared for removal of trees along the water main replacement area. Planting of replacement trees on the residential property has been discussed.

Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker had nothing to report.

Commissioner Rippetoe motioned to move into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matter 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) and Setting Price for Sale of Property 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5). Commissioner White seconded. . Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

No action resulted from Executive Session.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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2. ENGINEER REPORT
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6. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Approve Change Order #1 Water Main Replacement Project. Effecting Bid Opening Date, Prevailing Wage & Salvaged Hydrants.*
 - B. *Approve Resolution 2025-01-01; Approving Preliminary Plat and Final Plat of Second Replat of South Point Subdivision and Further Approving Certificate of Platting for Second Replat of South Point Subdivision.*
 - C. *Approve Purchase of Filter Media in the Amount of \$29,400 from Calgon for Replacement in Filters 1, 2 & 3..*
 - D. *Approve Resolution 2025-01-02; Regulating Employee On Call Time Compensation.*
 - E. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matter 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) and Lease of Property 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(6)*
 - F. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: January 24, 2025- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
January 27, 2025

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on January 27, 2025, 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 –Janet Voelker; Richard Finn; Dwight Homann; Richard Frailey; Mimi Mays; Danny Simmons; Dan Milleville; 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 Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. (Attachment 1)

Lee Beckman of Milano & Grunloh Engineers reported the water main replacement bid opening date has been moved to 2:00 pm February 20th. Plans for a proposed street in the underpass from the frontage road to south of I70 will be provided to IDOT this week.

Mimi Mays asked about the purpose of the solar panels. She stated her concerns of the use of pea gravel rather than the white rock when oiling streets. She asked why the street sweeper had not been used. Commissioner Polk explained the pea gravel prevents blotting and holds up better. A different street sweeper was purchased in the fall that is more suitable to the contour of Altamont streets. The sweeper will be utilized in the spring.

Council Approved Change Order #1 Water Main Replacement Project, Effecting Bid Opening Date, Prevailing Wage & Salvaged Hydrants. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Council Approved Resolution 2025-01-01; Approving Preliminary Plat and Final Plat of Second Replat of South Point Subdivision and Further Approving Certificate of Platting for Second Replat of South Point Subdivision. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. Commissioner White is not authorized to vote due to his TIF residency.

Council Approved Purchase of Filter Media in the Amount of \$29,400 from Calgon for Replacement in Filters 1, 2, & 3 on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. Commissioner White explained the filters will not all be changed in the same year. Ordering in bulk reduced the cost.

Council Approved Resolution 2025-01-02; Regulating Employee On Call Time Compensation on a motion by Commissioner Rippetoe and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. As a safety measure for the public and employees, employees are now required to be present during the normal working day to receive on call time.

Commissioner Rippetoe had nothing to report.

Commissioner White reported the reservoir is 22” below the spillway. A request for proposals for tree removals will be presented at the next meeting. A stipulation in the proposal is for logs 16’-20’ be taken to the north storage area for repurposing. The completion date is slated for April 30, 2025. Letters will be sent to residents adjacent to trees selected for removal.

Commissioner Polk reported the Street Department could grind stumps of the trees being removed. He thanked the electric and water departments for helping in snow removal.

Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker reported South Central Illinois Regional Planning and Development will write a second OSLAD grant application free of charge. Three of the six organizations have committed to continuing the pledges for future grant applications.

Commissioner Polk motioned to move into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matter 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) and Lease of Property 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6). Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

No action resulted from Executive Session.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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6. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Approve Appointment of Wes Bell as Zoning Administrator, as Replacement for the Retiring Gary White.*
 - B. *Approve Resolution 2025-02-03; Approving Preliminary Plat and Final Plat of Schultz Business Park.*
 - C. *Approve Bid Advertising for Removal of 41 Trees, in Preparation of Water Main Replacement.*
 - D. *Approve Advertising 2025 Mowing Bids.*
 - E. *Approve Condemnation of 703 Field Street by R&H Plumbing & Heating in the Amount of \$11,800.00.*
 - F. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: February 07, 2025- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
February 10, 2025

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on February 10, 2025, 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 –Richard Finn; Dwight Homann; Richard Frailey; Mark Hoskins, Altamont news; Alan Heiens, Chief of Police; 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 Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. (Attachment 1)

Richard Frailey requested the cul-de-sac in front of his residence be graded or dug out to make mowing easier and requested the culverts and ditches be cleaned.

Chief Heiens presented the January 2025 Police Activity Report.

Council Approved Appointment of Wes Bell as Zoning Administrator, Replacement for the Retiring Gary White. Commissioner Rippetoe motioned for approval. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Council Approved Resolution 2025-02-03; Approving Preliminary Plat and Final Plat of Schultz Business Park Commissioner Rippetoe motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. The replat is in preparation for land purchase by the Altamont Fire Department for a future fire station.

Council Approved Bid Advertising for Removal of 41 Trees, in Preparation of Water Main Replacement on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. Commissioner White explained letters will be sent to property owners nearby the selected trees. The completion date is slated for April 30, 2025. Bids are due 10:00 am March 5th.

Council Approved Advertising for 2025 Mowing Bids on a motion by Commissioner Rippetoe and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. Bids are due 10:00 am March 24th.

Council Approved Condemnation of 703 Field Street by R&H Plumbing & Heating in the Amount of \$11,800.00 on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Commissioner Rippetoe reported Electric Department has been doing winter shop cleanup and trimming trees. The company that provided LED street light replacements performed an autopsy on the shipment, which resulted in the company taking responsibility for defective materials. The company will be replacing LED strips and drivers. The defective parts have caused random street light outages.

Commissioner White reported the reservoir is 21” below the spillway. All hands have been searching for water leaks. There is a push to repair pooling water on North Tenth Street. February 20th bids will be opened for the water main replacement project.

Commissioner Polk reported the culvert replacement on West Division Street (west of ADM) started today.

Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker reported Schmidt Park restroom build is planned to start in mid March.

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

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 - A. *Omnibus Vote Concerning Main Street Water Main Replacement Project:*

Item #1 -Approve Addendum #2. Effecting Material Storage, Providing Water, Water Main Shutdown, Tree Removal.

Item #2 – Approve Addendum #3. Bidder Information, Steel Requirements, Sidewalk Specifications, Business Access During Construction.

Item #3 – Approve Addendum #4. Bid Shall Include Pricing for SDR21 and SDR 26 Pipe Material.
 - B. *Award Bid for Main Street, Water Main Improvement Project.*
 - C. *Approve Milano & Grunloh Project Authorization – Survey Ditch, Plat & Legal for Easement.*
 - D. *Approve Resolution 2025-02-04; 2025 Maintenance Program - Motor Fuel Tax Funds in the Amount of \$103,000.00*
 - E. *Approve Master Services Agreement with CliftonLarsonAllen to Perform Fiscal Year 2025 Audit and Year End Reporting. Cost \$57,540.00.*
 - F. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: February 21, 2025- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
February 24, 2025

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on February 24, 2025, 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 –Richard Finn; Dwight Homann; Richard Frailey; Mark Hoskins, Altamont news; Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers; Dan Milleville; Charles Pagel; Paige Lowe; 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 Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. (Attachment 1)

Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers, provided the water main replacement bid tabulation. The low bidder is Kieffer Bros Construction. The bids offer a base bid, alternate #1 to include sidewalk replacement and alternate #2 substituting SDR26 pipe for SDR21. The estimated cost of the base bid was \$1,602,216.50 the low bid was \$1,745,765.71. Council will need to determine a reduction in the project or accept an increased cost. Beckman recommended accepting Kieffer Bros alternate #1. SDR21 & SDR26 pipe samples were available for Council to inspect, as SDR21 is classified as thicker and stronger pipe. Commissioner White expressed interest in stamping and staining downtown sidewalks to dress up the downtown. Commissioner Polk stated he would prefer unstained and unstenciled sidewalks to allow more sidewalk footage for the cost.

Gale Warner asked about the progress of selling the lot at 107 North Main Street. Commissioner Walker stated a full Council needs to be seated before the matter can be presented for vote, which may be as late as June 2025.

Stan Mehl requested the area on north Eighth & Ninth be put back in the condition prior to the sewer main replacement; Lucky Drive is in need of re-patching and the ditches cannot be mowed at the angle they were dug.

Paige Lowe asked if chickens could be allowed in the City of Altamont as other communities have provided. Commissioner Rippetoe suggested Ms Lowe provide ordinance examples from other towns.

Council Approved Omnibus Vote Concerning Main Street Water Main Replacement Project. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. Three addendums to the bid document included material storage, steel requirements, sidewalk specifications, business access during construction, SDR 21 pricing, among other items.

Commissioner White motioned to table awarding the bid for main street water main replacement project to allow review of the bids . Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Council Approved Milano & Grunloh Project Authorization – Survey Ditch, Plat and Legal for Easement on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes;

Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. The easement would provide maintenance to a drainage area between South Sixth and South Eighth streets. An ordinance and agreement with property owners will be prepared for Council approval.

Council Approved Resolution 2025-02-04; 2025 Maintenance Program – Motor Fuel Tax Funds in the Amount of \$103,000 on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Council Approved Master Services Agreement with CliftonLarsonAllen to Perform Fiscal Year 2025 Audit and Year End Reporting. Cost \$57,540.00 on a motion by Commissioner Rippetoe. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Commissioner Rippetoe had nothing to report.

Commissioner White reported interviews continue to fill a position in the Water Department.

Commissioner Polk reported additional improvements near the culvert replacement on West Division Street (west of ADM) are being completed.

Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker reported no progress on the selling of the 107 North Main Street lot and the property is not rented. Schmidt Park restroom build is awaiting good weather. Another OSLAD grant request will be submitted this year, with the school, Lions Club and others continuing their support.

Clerk Stephen provided a nuisance ordinance revision to Council members for their review prior to the next meeting when it will be present for approval. The altamontil.net website is exhibiting South Point Subdivision, the business listing has been updated and a new community calendar has been provided. Organizations are encouraged to contact the City office to have their event listed on the calendar.

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

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 - A. *Approve Roadside Fundraiser Request; VFW Post 7676 Poppy Day April 11, 2025 with Rain Date April 25, 2025.*
 - B. *Open Bids 301 North Main Street.*
 - C. *Approve Acceptance of Bid 301 North Main Street.*
 - D. *Approve Resolution 2025-03-05; Accepting Bid and Awarding Contract Regarding Water Main Replacement (Main Street).*
 - E. *Approve Resolution 2025-03-06; Accepting Bid and Awarding Contract Regarding Tree Removal & Disposal of Designated Trees (Water Main Replacement-Main Street)*
 - F. *Approve Ordinance 815-25; Amending Solar Avoided Cost Rate.*
 - G. *Approve Ordinance 816-25; Amending Ball Diamond Use Fee.*
 - H. *Approve Ordinance 817-25; Amending Chapter 25 of the Revised Code of Ordinances Relating to Nuisances and Abandoned Property.*
 - I. *Approve Appointment of Amanda Bannister, Pam Dammerman, and Jaz Sain to the Zoning Board.*
 - J. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: March 07, 2025- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
March 10, 2025

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on March 10, 2025, 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 –Richard Finn; Richard Frailey; Mark Hoskins, Altamont news; Larry Taylor; Marie Adamick, Effingham Daily News; Dan Milleville; Charles Pagel; Dan Simmons; Mimi Mays; Gale Warner; Roy Long; 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 White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. (Attachment 1)

Chief Heiens presented the February 2025 Police Activity Report. He stated one office hire is needed to be at full staff.

Larry Taylor addressed the Council regarding Illinois Municipal Electric Agency energy efficiency program. \$3,857.00 needs to be committed prior to April 2025 or the funds move to the rate stabilization fund. He suggested using the funds for lighting upgrade at Gilbert Park. A total of \$10,545 is available for energy saving upgrades. Capital credits will soon be finalized by IMEA.

Roy Long requested an explanation of the area to be surveyed for a ditch. Commissioner Polk explained the location is southeast of Grant Avenue. Long stated West Jefferson Street has experienced water problems for years. He suggested Council investigate cleaning the ditch west of Tenth Street near the railroad crossing. He asked the Council to consider removing more empty, unsightly houses in the City and to deal with the former feed store along West Jefferson Street.

Gale Warner asked why a survey was being conducted on private property (southeast of Grant Avenue). Commissioner Rippetoe stated this area is a continuation of prior drainage cleaning near the railroad. Warner asked why Council wanted the I70 underpass to remain open. Commissioner Walker explained there are future plans to connect a street to South Point Subdivision, the proposed fire station and other anticipated improvements.

Council Approved Roadside Fundraiser Request, VFW Post 7676 Poppy Day, April 11, 2025 with a rain date April 25, 2025. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Bids were opened for the sale of 301 North Main Street by Clerk Stephen, with one bid received from Tyler Polk in the amount of \$7,500.

Commissioner White motioned Accept the bid received from Tyler Polk for purchase of 301 North Main St. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, abstained; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Council Approved Resolution 2025-03-05; Accepting Bid and Awarding Contract Regarding Water Main Replacement (Main Street) Commissioner White motioned to accept Alternate one with Alternate 2 addition and award to low bidder Kieffer Bros Construction. Seconded by Commissioner Polk.

Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. The bid amount was \$1,876,072.22.

Council Approved Resolution 2025-03-06; Accepting Bid and Awarding Contract Regarding Tree Removal & Disposal of Designated Trees (Water Main Replacement – Main Street). Commissioner White motioned to approve the resolution awarding the bid and contract to low bidder, Jay's Tree Service in the amount of \$15,000. Seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Council Approved Ordinance 815-25; Amending Solar Avoided Cost Rate. Commissioner Rippetoe motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. The avoided cost rate, which refunds customers for the amount of solar produced, was lowered from .0543 per kw to .0391 per kw.

Council Approved Ordinance 816-25; Amending Ball Diamond Use Fee on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. The annual fee was increased from \$200 to \$300 for teams and tournaments.

Council Approved Ordinance 817-25; Amending Chapter 25 of the Revised Code of Ordinances Relating to Nuisances and Abandoned Property. Commissioner Rippetoe motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. The ordinance will strengthen enforcement of abandoned structures and serious violators of the nuisance ordinance.

Council Approved Appointments of Amanda Bannister, Pam Dammerman and Jaz Sain to the Zoning Board. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. The appointments fill existing zoning board vacancies.

Commissioner Rippetoe reported work will soon resume on the northeast electric feeder.

Commissioner White reported he is excited to move forward on the water main replacement project.

Commissioner Polk reported the Street Department assisted in resolving issues in the Water Department. The house on Field Street has been demolished. A truck is being adapted for use with the durapatcher. The newly purchased street sweeper has been used this week. He acknowledged the heavy amount of rock on East Monroe and noted the Street Department will try sweeping up the excess rock.

Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker reported the pickle ball renovation at Nori's Yard may be started in May.

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

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 - A. *Award 2025 Mowing Bids.*
 - B. *Approve Ordinance 818-25; Authorizing Sale of Real Estate (301 North Main St)*
 - C. *Approve 3 yr Contract Renewal – Clean Uniform Service.*
 - D. *Discuss Repair or Replacement of Schmidt Park Sign.*
 - E. *Adjourn.*

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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 Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. (Attachment 1)

Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers reported Council awarded the water main replacement contract for the CDBG Grant to Kieffer Bros Construction. Preconstruction meeting will be held in 30-45 days. In regards to the ITEP grant, IDOT is favorable in splitting sidewalk replacement into two projects. Property line changes in South Point Subdivision has been staked.

Roy Long asked if the ditch on Tenth Street had been reviewed. Commissioner Walker stated he and Commissioner Polk drove the area. They determined planning is needed. Commissioner Polk stated at the bridge water flows north and south.

Paige Lowe stated she has gathered other community ordinances allowing and controlling chickens. Commissioner Walker stated she could email him the ordinances.

Commissioner Rippetoe motioned to award mowing bids to Precision Lawn Care- Groups 1, 2 and 3 and Jon Berg Mowing- Groups 4 & 5. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Council Approved Ordinance 818-25; Authorizing Sale of Real Estate (301 North Main St). Commissioner White motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, abstained; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. The property is sold to Tyler Polk for the amount of \$7,500.

Council Approved a 3 year Contract Renewal with Clean Uniform Service on a motion by Commissioner Rippetoe. Seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Council discussed the future of the Welcome to Altamont sign in Schmidt Park. The sign has boards rotting away. It was determined the sign should be replaced. Commissioner Walker stated he would contact the Altamont High School Industrial Arts class to see if they would like the project.

Commissioner Rippetoe reported pole replacement is proving helpful, as there were no major outages from the high winds. Another pole order is being placed.

Commissioner White reported tree removal on Main Street will start tomorrow. A pump at the south wastewater treatment plant needs replaced at a cost of \$18,000. The removed pump will be repaired to

have on hand as a spare. Video security will be installed at the south wastewater treatment plant to assist in securing the water main replacement materials. He has spoken with Pam Jacobs, Effingham County EMA Director, about tornado sirens. She stated hazard and mitigation meetings need to be attended by a City official. Commissioner White offered to complete the meeting requirement. He has been talking with Mike Pierce, owner of 102 West Washington, about the future of the building. Commissioner White toured the building and found it to be decaying. He suggested the City accept the building from Mr. Pierce and avoid expensive legal costs to condemn the structure. The City could remove the building and make the location an extension of the Triangle park area. Commissioner Rippetoe stated quotes were received three years ago at an estimated \$95,000 for removal.

Commissioner Polk reported drainage on West Division Street has been completed. East Division Street culverts have been cleared. The street sweeper has been used with favorable reports of the machine. The Street Department is advertising for a full time employee.

Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker reported porta pots will be placed at Schmidt Park until the restroom rebuild is completed. During a meeting with teams utilizing Gilbert Park, upgrades to the batters building such as screens and lighting were suggested. The Be A Tiffany will be helping with Union Cemetery annual cleanup.

Clerk Stephen reported the City has been awarded the Trees Forever, Recover, Replant & Restore program in the amount of \$1,600.00. This is a matching grant for the planting of new trees. Volunteer assistance is a major part of the program, groups will be contacted to coordinate planting dates. Residents wanting a tree planted on the boulevard may contact the City office to reserve a tree.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
April 14, 2025 - 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 Roadside Fundraiser Request; Lion's Club Tootsie Roll Day May 03, 2025.*
 - B. *Approve Roadside Fundraiser Request; American Legion Post 512, Poppy Day June 13, 2025 with June 20, 2025 Rain Date.*
 - C. *Approve Street Closure for Memorial Day Parade, May 26, 2025. Sponsored by Altamont Masonic Lodge.*
 - D. *Approve Employee Assistance Program 1 Year Renewal with Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center.*
 - E. *Approve Resolution 2025-04-07; Joint Funding Agreement for Federally Funded Construction. (ITEP Grant)*
 - F. *Discuss Installation of Storm Siren.*
 - G. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Purchase of Property 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)*
 - H. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: April 11, 2025- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
April 28, 2025 - 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 819-25; Regarding Execution of Option for Purchase of Real Estate (FCC Limited Partnership).*
 - B. *Approve Payment to Jay's Tree Service in the Amount of \$15,000 for Tree Removal.*
 - C. *Approve Payment to Milano & Grunloh Engineer in the Amount of \$13,474.03; Watermain Replacement Design.*
 - D. *Approve Payment to Whistle Stop Saloon LLC Pursuant to TIF Agreement (Ordinance 814-24) in the Amount of \$4,800.00.*
 - E. *Approve Ordinance 820-25; Authorizing Execution of Advertising Sign Permit Agreements (Gilbert Park 15 Year Term)*
 - F. *Approve Ordinance 821-25; Amending 749-22 and Authorizing the Execution of Advertising Sign Permit Agreements (Gilbert Park-Yearly)*
 - G. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Selection of Person to Fill Public Office 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3)*
 - H. *Approve Appointment to Fill Council Vacancy.*
 - I. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: April 25, 2025- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK