

[ALTAMONT HOME PAGE](#)
[PRESENT MINUTES](#)
[COUNCIL MINUTE INDEX](#)

YEAR 2001 COUNCIL MINUTES

2000
2002
**2003
2006**
2004
2005

Disclaimer: The Meeting Minutes on this site have been transcribed to highlight the general information of the Official Minutes recorded by Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. It is meant in no way to duplicate the Minutes word for word and could be subject to omissions and typographic areas. It is meant in no way as use for legal litigation or any likewise purpose. The Official Meeting Minutes are maintained by the City Clerk at the City Hall, 202 North Second Street, Altamont, Illinois 62411. Phone 618-483-5212Webmaster

Meeting Date : 08 January 2001 7 P.M.

On The Agenda

1. Minutes of prior meetings
2. Public comments
3. Commissioners reports
4. Communications
5. Unfinished business
6. Approval of bills
7. New business
 - A. *No new business as of 01/05/2001*
8. Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

Present: N Mayor Taylor Y Commissioner Smith Y Commissioner Wendling Y Commissioner White Y Commissioner Zeigler

1. Police Department Activity Report was given.
2. Kevin Whitten was present to discuss problems of freezing lines and replacement of valves on Main Street.
Council approved proceeding with repairs to water system under Main Street prior to

3. resurfacing.

[Top of Page](#)

Meeting Date : 22 January 2001 7 P.M.

On The Agenda

1. Minutes of prior meetings
2. Public comments
3. Commissioners reports
4. Communications
5. Unfinished business
6. Approval of bills
7. New business
 - A. No new business as of 01/19/2001
8. Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

Present: Y Mayor Taylor Y Commissioner Smith Y Commissioner Wendling Y Commissioner White Y Commissioner Zeigler

1. Prior minutes read
2. Routine business
3. Adjourn

[Top of Page](#)

Meeting Date : 12 February 2001 7 P.M.

On The Agenda

1. Minutes of prior meetings
2. Police report
3. Public comments
4. Commissioners reports
5. Communications
6. Unfinished business
7. Approval of bills
8. New business
 - A. Approve Liquor License For The Carriage Inn

B. Approve Local Government Taxpayer's Bill Of Rights Ordinance

C. Approve Ordinance Imposing A Tax On Certain Occupations Or Privileges Calculated On The Basis

Of A Proportional Rate Method

9. Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

Present: Y Mayor Taylor Y Commissioner Smith N Commissioner Wendling Y Commissioner White Y Commissioner Zeigler

1. Prior minutes read
2. Police Department Activity Report was given.
3. Routine Business
4. Approved Liquor License For The Carriage Inn
5. Approved Local Government Taxpayer's Bill Of Rights Ordinance # 338-01
6. Approved Ordinance Imposing A Tax On Certain Occupations Or Privileges Calculated On The Basis Of A Proportional Rate Method # 339-01
7. Adjourned

[Top of Page](#)

Meeting Date : 26 February 2001 7 P.M.

On The Agenda

1. Minutes of prior meetings
2. Public comments
3. Commissioners reports
4. Communications
5. Unfinished business
6. Approval of bills
7. New business
 - A. Approve Proposal For Fiscal Year 2001 Audit - Daughhetee & Parks, P.C.
 - B. Discuss Warning Siren
 - C. Approve Purchase Of New Squad Car For Police Department
9. Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

Present: Y Mayor Taylor Y Commissioner Smith Y Commissioner Wendling N Commissioner White Y Commissioner Zeigler

1. Prior minutes read
2. Public comments
3. Routine Business
4. On a motion by Com. Smith and seconded by Com. Ziegler, the Council approved Daughhetee & Parks, P.C. from Danville, Il. to perform the fiscal year 2001 audit for the city for a fee not to exceed \$4,500.00. The audit is scheduled to start May 8th. Voted as follows : Com. Smith

- Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y

5. Mayor Taylor will be attending a meeting at the Layton Davis building in regard to warning sirens throughout the County which will be activated through the 911 System. There is a possibility of a legislative grant for this project. On a motion by Com. Smith and seconded by Com. Zeigler, the Council approved the involvement of the City of Altamont in this project not to exceed \$8,000.00 for one siren. Voted as follows : Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - N, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
6. On a motion by Com. Wendling, the Council authorized the purchase of a squad car for the Police Dept.. This will be a 2001 Ford Taurus, fully equipped for police service, for \$16,500.00 through the State Purchasing Agreement. Voted as follows : Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
7. The Council discussed contact that has been made with Slingshot Wireless Communications from Woodlawn, Il. in regard to wireless internet access at a cost of approx. \$70.00 per month residential. In a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. Smith, the Council authorized the city to do a survey to determine the interest in this service by by putting a questionnaire on the upcoming utility billings. Voted as follows : Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
8. Mayor Taylor has again been in contact with Bill Myers of Althoff Insurance in regard to employee health insurance, discussing possibilities for employees' health insurance coverage. A meeting with Mr. Myers will be scheduled for him to explain various plans to the employees and enable them to ask any questions they may have.
9. Adjourn

[Top of Page](#)

Meeting Date : 12 March 2001 7 P.M.

On The Agenda

1. Minutes of prior meetings
2. Police report
3. Public comments
4. Commissioners reports
5. Communications
6. Unfinished business
7. Approval of bills
8. New business
 - A. Approve ordinance establishing stop signs, yield signs, etc.
9. Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

Present: Y Mayor Taylor Y Commissioner Smith Y Commissioner Wendling Y Commissioner White N Commissioner Zeigler

1. Prior minutes read
2. Public comments
3. Routine Business

4. On a motion by Com. White and seconded by Com. Wendling, the Council adopted an Ordinance replacing Ordinance #250, Establishing Stop Signs, Yield Signs, No Parking Signs, Through Streets, One Way Streets, and Unloading Zones, within the Corporate Limits of the City of Altamont and imposing penalties for violations thereof. Voted as follows : Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
5. Mayor Taylor informed the Council that Bill Myers, local representative for our employee health insurance through American Community Ins., had met with city employees to discuss and receive questions on a new plan for health insurance which would be equal or better to our present policy and possibly less expensive. All employees will need to complete a new Group Employee Application. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. White the Council approved proceeding with the necessary steps to put the new plan into effect. Voted as follows : Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
6. Mayor Taylor informed the Council he had attended the meeting on the proposed county-wide Siren Project and would keep them informed on the proceedings.
7. Correspondence from AT&T Broadband, the city cable system, was received informing of an agreement for sale to Mediacom Communication Corp.. Study will be made of materials received.
8. Com. Wendling reported on the progress of the Generation Project. Anticipated start up date is the end of August.
9. Adjourn

[Top of Page](#)

Meeting Date : 26 March 2001 7 P.M.

On The Agenda

1. Minutes of prior meetings
2. Public comments
3. Commissioners reports
4. Communications
5. Unfinished business
6. Approval of bills
7. New business
 - A. Approve resolution - Assign cable franchise and system from AT&T to Mediacom
 - B. Discussion of delinquent accounts
8. Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

Present: Y Mayor Taylor N Commissioner Smith N Commissioner Wendling Y Commissioner White Y Commissioner Zeigler

1. Prior minutes read
2. Public comments
3. Routine Business
4. Police Chief Mark Walker gave the report of the Police Department activities for the

month of February.

5. Following discussion of the request for assignment of franchise from AT&T to Mediacom, Resolution #32601 was approved on a motion by Com. Zeigler and seconded by Com. White. Voted as follows : Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
6. A delinquent accounts list was distributed to the Council but no action was taken due to the absence of two council members.
7. Adjourn

[Top of Page](#)

Meeting Date : 9 April 2001 7 P.M.

On The Agenda

1. Minutes of prior meetings
2. Police report
2. Public comments
3. Commissioners reports
4. Communications
5. Unfinished business
6. Approval of bills
7. New business
 - A. Approve addition to enterprise zone
 - B. Present audit report no. 64 - motor fuel tax funds
 - C. Approve payment to Howell Paving & Howell Asphalt Co. - \$11,901.36
8. Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

Present: Y Mayor Taylor N Commissioner Smith Y Commissioner Wendling Y Commissioner White Y Commissioner Zeigler

1. Prior minutes read
2. Public comments
3. Routine Business
4. Police Chief Mark Walker gave the report of the Police Department activities for the month of February.
5. Dave Lyons and Aaron Robinson from a High School government class attended.
6. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com Ziegler, the coucil approved the recommendation of the Enterprise Zone Board to accept Beecher City, Farina, and Dieterich in the Altamont Enterprise Zone with the expense involved to be borne by these communities. Voted as follows : Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
7. On a motion by Com. Zeigler and seconded by Com. Wendling, the Council approved Audit Report No. 64 from I.D.O.T. covering the receipt and disbursement of Motor Fuel Tax Funds. Voted as follows : Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com.

Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y

8. On a motion by Com. Zeigler and seconded by Com. Wendling, the Council approved the Engineers Payment Estimate No. 2 payable to Howell Paving and Howell Asphalt for the Main Street Surfacing Project. Voted as follows : Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
9. On a motion by Com. White and seconded by Com. Wendling, the Council approved Good Friday, April 13th as a vacation day for city employees. Voted as follows : Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
10. Adjourn

[Top of Page](#)

Meeting Date : 23 April 2001 7 P.M.

On The Agenda

1. Minutes of prior meetings
2. Public comments
3. Commissioners reports
4. Communications
5. Unfinished business
6. Approval of bills
7. New business
 - A. Approve garage sale day set by Chamber of Commerce - June 2
 - B. Approve dates - June 4 through June 8 for Annual Spring Clean-up Days
 - C. Solicitation - Laborer's Local 1048 For Disabled Children - May 19
 - D. Discuss and approve Zoning Regulations
 - E. Set date of special meeting to open bids on foundation work at Generating Plant
 - F. Add Mosquito Abatement Endorsement #90 to insurance coverage
8. Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

Present: Y Mayor Taylor Y Commissioner Smith Y Commissioner Wendling Y Commissioner White Y Commissioner Zeigler

1. Prior minutes read
2. Public comments
3. Routine Business
4. Jerry Hoffmeister was present to discuss development of his subdivision. Following Discussion and on a motion by Com. Smith and seconded by Com. White, the final plat of survey for Hoffmeister's Addition to June Hill Subdivision was approved. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
5. On a motion by Com. Smith and seconded by Com. White, the date for the annual City Wide Garage Sale set by the Chamber for June 2nd was approved by the

- Council. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
6. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. Smith, the dates for the annual Clean-up Days were set for June 4th to June 8th with the sections of City to be covered the same schedule as always. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
 7. On a motion by Com. Zeigler and seconded by Com. Wendling, Laborer's Local 1048 for Disabled Children was approved to solicit on May 19th from 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at Route 40 and Main and at Division and Main. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
 8. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. White, the Council approved adding a Mosquito Abatement Endorsement to the insurance coverage with IMRMA. There will be an annual charge and will run from May 1st to Oct 31st. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
 9. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. Smith, the council will receive sealed bids for the Power Plant Expansion Project until 2:00 P.M. Monday, April 30, 2001. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
 10. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. White, the Council will hold a public hearing on May 14th at 6:30 P.M. on the subject of selling bonds on the above Power Plant Expansion Project. This will be held prior to the regular Council Meeting of this date. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
 11. On a motion by Com. White and seconded by Com. Smith, the council approved the zoning code with minor changes, named Phil Schultz and Elwin Stuemke as new members of the Zoning Board to fill vacancies, and named Gary White as Zoning Administrator. The Council approved payment of \$20.00 to Zoning Board Members for meetings attended. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
 12. Com. White reported that the Shore Erosion Project at the lake is in process.
 13. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. White, the Council authorized the expenditure of funds for summer maintenance of the ball fields at Gilbert Park. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
 14. Meeting was adjourned until 2:00 P.M. Monday, April 30th for receiving sealed bids for Power Plant Project.

[Top of Page](#)

Meeting Date : 14 May 2001 7 P.M.

On The Agenda

1. Minutes of prior meetings
2. Police report
3. Public comments

4. Commissioners reports
5. Communications
6. Unfinished business
7. Approval of bills
8. New business
 - A. Approve resolution for maintenance of street & highways - Motor Fuel Tax Funds
 - B. Approve payment to Howell Paving & Howell Asphalt Co. Payment Estimate No. 3
 - C. Approve Dona Strullmyer as a member of the Altamont Library Board
 - D. Approve special liquor license for Altamont Softball, Inc.
 - E. Approve Alcoholic Beverage Permit for Dave & Pete's Run
 - F. Approve Joint Agreement and Municipal Ordinance - regard adding portion of frontage road 3.34 to the city street system
9. Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

Present: Y Mayor Taylor Y Commissioner Smith Y Commissioner Wendling Y Commissioner White Y Commissioner Zeigler

Also Present - Clyde Barr, Dru Devore, Zig, and three members of the government class - Derek Hankins, Cassie Watts and Neil Winter

1. Prior minutes read
2. Public comments
3. Routine Business
4. Dru Devore was present to ask the Council to name the access road to his parents and where he is planning to build. This is North of Altamont, East off the blacktop and leads to the North wastewater Treatment Facility. On a motion by Com. Smith and seconded by Com. Wendling, the Council agreed to the name of Devore Drive, with 911 to be contacted in regard to numbers. Voted as follows : Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
5. On a motion by Com. Zeigler and seconded by Com. Wendling the Resolution was adopted for \$37,000 for street maintenance in 2001 for motor fuel tax funds. Voted as follows : Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
6. On a motion by Com. Smith and seconded by Com. Zeigler, the Council approved Engineer's Payment Estimate No. 3 in the ammount of \$73,570.00 payable to Howell Paving and Howell Asphalt Co. for Main Street resurfacing project. Voted as follows : Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
7. On a motion by Com. White and seconded by Com. Smith, Dona Strullmyer was named as a member of the Library Board to fill a vacancy. Voted as follows : Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
8. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. White, Janet Hamilton was named as a member of the Enterprise Zone Board. Voted as follows : Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y

9. On a motion by Com. Smith and seconded by Com. White, the Council approved a Special Liquor License for Altamont Softball, Inc. For the Fourth of July Softball Tournament and State Tournament at Gilbert Park. Voted as follows : Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
10. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. Smith, the Council approved an Alcoholic Beverage Permit for Dave and Pete's Run, a car show, at the American Legion Pavilion in the Lions Addition to Schmidt Park on Saturday, June 2. Voted as follows : Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
11. On a motion by Com. White and seconded by Com. Wendling, the Council approved Ordinance No. 341-01 and Joint Agreement providing for the addition of Frontage Road 3.34 (F.A.I 70) to the Municipal Street System of the City of Altamont, Effingham County, Illinois. Voted as follows : Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
12. On a motion by Com. Zeigler and seconded by Com. Smith, the Council approved the closing of portions of E. Division and N. Main St. as deemed necessary for the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 28th. Voted as follows : Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
13. On a motion by Com. Zeigler and seconded by Com. Wendling, the Council approved the purchase of a 1995 Jeep Cherokee from A&H Implement for \$8500.00 for use of the Zoning Administrator and office employees. Voted as follows : Com. Smith - N, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - N, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
14. Com. Wendling reported that I.M.E.A. will start weekly e-mail newsletters.
15. Com. White reported that preparatory work is being done on the rip-rap project at the City Reservoir with the delivery of rock scheduled for June 11th and early fall for actual work. He also stated the lake is down 10" and the flushing of hydrants is to start at 10:00 P.M., Saturday, May 19th and continue each day until 6:00 A.M. Thursday, May 24th.
16. Adjourn

[Top of Page](#)

Meeting Date : 29 May 2001 8:30 P.M.

On The Agenda

1. Minutes of prior meetings
2. Police report
3. Public comments
4. Commissioners reports
5. Communications
6. Unfinished business
7. Approval of bills
8. New business

- A. Approve Material Letting - Motor Fuel Tax Funds - June 14, 2001 - 10:00 A.M.
- B. Approve payment to Howell Paving & Howell Asphalt Co. - \$144,436.40 Payment Estimate No. 4
- C. Adopt Ordinance No. 342-01 - Issuance of \$1,600,000 General Obligation Bonds
- D. Transfers

9. Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

Present: Y Mayor Taylor Y Commissioner Smith Y Commissioner Wendling Y Commissioner White Y Commissioner Zeigler

Also present were David Yagow and Zig

1. Prior and special meeting of May 25th minutes were read and approved
2. Public comments
3. Routine Business
4. Police Chief Mark Walker gave the report of the Police Department activities for the month of April.
5. David Yagow was present to discuss preliminary plans of a twelve lot area he proposes to develop on West Jackson
6. On a motion by Com. Zeigler and seconded by Com. White, the Council approved the letting for 2001 Maintenance of City Streets from Motor Fuel Tax Funds to be held at 10:00 A.M. June 14th, 2001. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
7. On a motion by Com. Zeigler and seconded by Com. Smith, the Council approved Engineer's Payment Estimate No. 4 in the ammount of \$144,436.40 payable to Howell Paving and Howell Asphalt Co. for the Main Street Resurfacing Project. Members voted as follows to approve this payment: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
8. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. White, the Council approved Ordinance No. 342-01, an Ordinance authorizing and providing for the issuance of \$1,600,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2001, of the City of Altamont, Effingham County, Illinois, for the purpose of defraying the cost of improving the electric system of said city, prescribing all the details of said bonds, providing for an alternate revenue source to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds, and providing for the collection, segregation and distribution of the revenues of the electric system of said city and appropriate transfer of funds. Members voted as follows to approve this ordinance: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
9. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. Smith, the Council approved the closing of Second Street on the west side of the Triangle and Washington Street on the north end of the Triangle for an "End of the Program Bash" for the Altamont Public Library's Summer Reading Program on June 30th from 11:00 A.M. to approximately 2:30 P.M.. Members voted as follows to approve this closing: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
9. At 9:15 P.M., on a motion by Com. White and seconded by Com. Smith, the

Council went into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y

10. On a motion by Com. White and seconded by Com. Wendling, the Council returned to regular session at 9:55 P.M.. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
11. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. White, the Council approved an average 3 1/2% pay raise for city employees, as presented by Mayor Taylor. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
10. Adjourn

[Top of Page](#)

Meeting Date : 11 June 2001 7:00 P.M.

On The Agenda

1. Minutes of prior meetings
2. Police report
3. Public comments
4. Commissioners reports
5. Communications
6. Unfinished business
7. Approval of bills
8. New business
- A. Approve change request No. 2 and change request No. 3 - Howell Asphalt/Howell Paving Co.
9. Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

Present: Y Mayor Taylor Y Commissioner Smith Y Commissioner Wendling N Commissioner White Y Commissioner Zeigler

Also present were Police Chief Mark Walker, City Employee David Myers, Zaelon Rohwedder, and City Clerk Helen Moll

1. Prior minutes were read and approved
2. Public comments
3. Routine Business
4. Police Chief Mark Walker gave the report of the Police Department activities for the month of May.
5. On a motion by Com. Zeigler and seconded by Com. Wendling, the Council approved Change Order No. 2 and Change Order No. 3 for Howell Asphalt and Paving Co.. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
6. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. Smith, the Council approved entering into an agreement with Effingham County Health Department for a Mosquito

Larviciding Program for the sum of \$600.00. This provides for seeking out mosquito breeding sites, providing treatment of same and performing post-treatment inspections. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y

7. At 7:32 P.M. , on a motion by Com. Smith and seconded by Com. Wendling, the Council went into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
8. The Council returned to regular session at 7:52 P.M. on a motion by Com. Zeigler and seconded by Com. Wendling. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
9. On a motion by Com. Smith and seconded by Com. Zeigler, the Council approved the hiring of Alan J. Heiens as a Police Officer for the City of Altamont. He will start duties with the Altamont Police Department on June 28th. He was introduced to the Council by Police Chief Mark Walker. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
10. Adjourned

[Top of Page](#)

Meeting Date : 25 June 2001 7:00 P.M.

On The Agenda

1. Minutes of prior meetings
2. Public comments
3. Commissioners reports
4. Communications
5. Unfinished business
6. Approval of bills
7. New business
 - A. Approve bids for materials-street maintenance-mft funds
 - B. Adopt prevailing wage
 - C. Adopt Ordinance establishing salaries for the Mayor and City Commissioners
8. Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

Present: Y Mayor Taylor Y Commissioner Smith Y Commissioner Wendling N Commissioner White Y Commissioner Zeigler

Also present were Mike Brown, City Employee David Myers, and City Clerk Helen Moll

1. Prior minutes were read and approved
2. Public comments
3. Routine Business
4. Mike Brown was present to discuss with the Council a survey in reference to a strip of land adjacent to his property at 6th Street & W. Jefferson.

5. On a motion by Com. Zeigler and seconded by Com. Smith, the following bids were accepted for street maintenance from Motor Fuel Tax Funds, which bids were opened at 10:00 A.M. on June 14th. Charles Heuerman Trucking - Teutopolis, Dale Nelson Trucking - Altamont, & Larry Heuerman - Montrose. Members voted as follows to accept the above bids: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
6. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. Smith, the Council approved Ordinance No. 346-01, an Ordinance of the City of Altamont ascertaining the Prevailing Wages for Laborers, Workmen and Mechanics Employed on Public Works of said city. Members voted as follows to accept the above bids: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
7. On a motion by Com. Zeigler and seconded by Com. Wendling, the Council approved Ordinance 345-01, an Ordinance Establishing Salaries for the Mayor and City Commissioners. Members voted as follows to accept the above bids: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
8. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. Zeigler, the Council approved Ordinance No. 343-01, an Ordinance Pledging Certain Revenues to or on Behalf of the Illinois Rural Bond Bank to Secure Payment of Certain Local Government Securities. Members voted as follows to accept the above bids: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
9. On a motion by Com. Zeigler and seconded by Com. Wendling, the Council approved an Engineering Agreement with Milano & Grunloh Engineers Inc. for East Division Street resurfacing from Motor Fuel Tax Funds. This will extend from Main to Ewing Street. Members voted as follows to accept the above bids: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
10. Adjourned

[Top of Page](#)

Meeting Date : 9 July 2001 7:00 P.M.

On The Agenda

1. Minutes of prior meetings
2. Police Report
3. Public comments
4. Commissioners reports
5. Communications
6. Unfinished business
7. Approval of bills
8. New business
 - A. *Discuss garbage rates*
 - B. *Adopt Ordinance No. 344-01 RE. Interest on \$1,600,000 General Obligation Bonds*
 - C. *Discuss Michael Brown's request for vacation of a part of Sixth St. and Vandalia St.*

9. Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

Present: Y Mayor Taylor N Commissioner Smith Y Commissioner Wendling Y Commissioner White Y Commissioner Zeigler

Also present were Police Chief Mark Walker, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Brown, Jeff Grupe, and City Clerk Helen Moll

1. Prior minutes were read and approved
2. Public comments
3. Routine Business
4. Police Chief Mark Walker gave the report of the Police Department activities for the month of June.
5. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. White, the Council approved Ordinance No. 344-01. An Ordinance approving the rates of interest to be born on \$1,600,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2001, of the City of Altamont was passed and approved. Members voted as follows: Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
6. On a motion by Com. White and seconded by Com. Wendling, the Council tabled the request of Mr. & Mrs. Brown to vacate a small strip of land adjacent to their rental property at Sixth St. and W. Jefferson. They feel more research needs to be done. Members voted as follows: Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
7. Mr. Grupe was present to register a complaint on the condition of a property on W. Madison.
8. The Council discussed charges made to residents for garbage pickup. A charge of \$6.25 a month is included with utility billings. Inquiry has been made of about a dozen cities in the area which indicated Altamont's charges to be the lowest. Others ranged up to \$12.50 a month. Consideration will be given to an adjustment in the near future.
9. On a motion by Com. Zeigler and seconded by Com. Wendling, the Council approved the purchase of a 1998 Dodge Ram 1500 pickup for the Street and Alley Department from Haker Auto Sales for \$8,850.00. Members voted as follows: Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
10. Com. White reported that the heavy rainfall of the morning had raised the lake level from 13" down to 7" down. He also commended the city workers on their efforts to get rid of the water that had flooded streets in several areas.
11. Adjourned

[Top of Page](#)

Meeting Date : 23 July 2001 7:00 P.M.

On The Agenda

1. Minutes of prior meetings
2. Public comments
3. Commissioners reports

4. Communications
5. Unfinished business
6. Approval of bills
7. New business
 - A. *Approve resolution - Effingham County Fair Parade*
 - B. *Approve FY2002 Appropriation Ordinance*
 - C. *Approve Vendor Agreement (LIHEAP) for FY2002*
 - D. *Set pay for Appointed Officials*
 - D. *Further discussion of Garbage Rates*
 - E. *Approve payment to Howell Paving & Howell Asphalt Co. - \$7,048.71*
Payment Estimate No. 5
 - F. *Approve Alcoholic Beverage Permit*
8. Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

Present: Y Mayor Taylor Y Commissioner Smith Y Commissioner Wendling N Commissioner White Y Commissioner Zeigler

Also present were Kieffer and Vicki Milam and City Clerk Helen Moll

1. Prior minutes were read and approved
2. Public comments
3. Routine Business
4. The Milams were present to discuss with the Council necessary platting and easements they need for property along Rt. 40 at 6th Street where they are preparing to build.
5. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. Smith, the council approved a Resolution for a request to the Department of Transportation for permission to close off U.S. Route 40 from Ewing St. to the Effingham County Fairgrounds on August 4th, 2001 from approximately 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. for the public purpose of a Fair Parade. Members voted as follows to approve the Resolution: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
6. On a motion by Com. Smith and seconded by Com. Wendling, the Council approved an Alcoholic Beverage Permit for the Barnick Family Reunion at the American Legion Pavilion in the Lion's Addition to Schmidt Park on July 28, 2001. Members voted as follows to approve the Permit: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
7. On a motion by Com. Zeigler and seconded by Com. Wendling, the Council approved participation in LIHEAP program administered by CEFS Economic Opportunity Corporation for FY2002. Members voted as follows to approve the same: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. Zeigler, the Council set the following salaries for appointed city officials for which payment is made quarterly.
8. City Clerk - Annual \$650.00, City Treasurer - Annual \$400.00, Deputy Clerk - Annual \$200.00. Members voted as follows to approve the salaries: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y
7. On a motion by Com. Smith and seconded by Com. Zeigler, Ordinance No. 347-01, an Ordinance making Appropriation for the Corporate Purposes of the City of

Altamont for the fiscal year commencing May 1, 2001 and ending April 30, 2002, was passed and approved. Members voted as follows to approve the Ordinance: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y

8. Garbage rates were again discussed with no decision made but a possible increase of \$2.00 per month proposed and possibly approved at next regular Council Meeting.
9. Adjourned

[Top of Page](#)

Meeting Date : 13 August 2001 7:00 P.M.

On The Agenda

1. Minutes of prior meetings
2. Police Report
3. Public comments
4. Commissioners reports
5. Communications
6. Unfinished business
7. Approval of bills
8. New business
 - A. *Approve Alcoholic Beverage Permit*
 - B. *Approve Special Use Permit for Julie Kemme*
 - C. *Approve Ordinance regarding Special Use Permit*
 - D. *Approve Engineer's Payment Estimate - Akra Builders, Inc. - \$80,071.00*
8. Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

Present: Y Mayor Taylor N Commissioner Smith Y Commissioner Wendling N Commissioner White Y Commissioner Zeigler

Also present were Julie Kemme and City Clerk Helen Moll

1. Prior minutes were read and approved
2. Public comments
3. Routine Business
4. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. Zeigler, an Alcoholic Beverage Permit was approved for the Braasch Family Reunion on August 19, 2001. Members voted as follows: Com. Wendling - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.
5. On a motion by Com. Zeigler and seconded by Com. Wendling, the Council adopted Ordinance No. SP800 - Special Use Permit for Julie Kemme, who was present, which Ordinance approves a home occupation named "Woven Memories" at the location 807 Aker Drive, Altamont, Illinois per Zoning Code 40-10-28. Members voted as follows: Com. Wendling - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.
6. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. Zeigler, the Council approved Engineer's Payment Estimate, namely Bahrnes, Henry, Meisenheimer & Gende for

Akra Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$80,071.00. Members voted as follows: Com. Wendling - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.

7. The Council gave Mayor Taylor permission to negotiate with PrairieNet of Des Moines, Ia, represented by Dale Bentlage, in regard to providing wireless internet access.
9. Adjourned

[Top of Page](#)

Meeting Date : 27 August 2001 7:00 P.M.

On The Agenda

1. Minutes of prior meetings
2. Police Report
3. Public comments
4. Commissioners reports
5. Communications
6. Unfinished business
7. Approval of bills
8. New business
 - A. *Consider vacation of a portion of Sixth Street*
8. Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

Present: N Mayor Taylor Y Commissioner Smith Y Commissioner Wendling Y Commissioner White Y Commissioner Zeigler

Also present were Police Chief Mark Walker, Mark Schlichte, Altamont resident Gale Warner and City Clerk Helen Moll

Com. Smith chaired the meeting in Mayor Taylor's absence.

1. Prior minutes were read and approved
2. Public comments
3. Routine Business
4. Police Chief Mark Walker gave the report of the Police Department activities for the month of July.
5. Mark Schlichte was present to discuss with the Council plans which Altamont Wholesale are hoping to develop, which include a new 80' X 120' building. The vacation of a portion of Sixth Street would be necessary to accommodate their proposed expansion. Schlichte explained details of their plans and answered questions of Council members. Gale Warner, who resides on Fourth Street and whose property extends to Sixth Street also had questions for Schlichte.
6. Following discussion and on a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. Zeigler, the Council gave tentative approval to the proposed vacating, subject to the holding of a required Public Hearing set for Tuesday, September 18th at 7:00 P.M.. Members voted as follows: Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Com. Smith - Y.

7. Adjourned

[Top of Page](#)

Meeting Date : 10 September 2001 7:00 P.M.

On The Agenda

1. Minutes of prior meetings
2. Police Report
3. Public comments
4. Commissioners reports
5. Communications
6. Unfinished business
7. Approval of bills
8. New business
 - A. *Action on 12 Point Enterprises, Inc. - regarding zoning requests*
 - B. *Approve ordinance relative to service charge for collection of garbage*
 - C. *Approve summary of receipts and disbursements as of April 30, 2001 for publication*
 - D. *Discussion of renewal of cable franchise with mediacom*
8. Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

Present: Y Mayor Taylor N Commissioner Smith Y Commissioner Wendling Y Commissioner White Y Commissioner Zeigler

Also present were Ryan Eckhardt - Altamont, Bill Copeland - Effingham and Esther Viles - Jacksonville, both representatives of Mediacom, Clyde Barr from Altamont News and City Clerk Helen Moll

1. Prior minutes were read and approved
2. Public comments
3. Routine Business
4. On a motion by Com. White and seconded by Com. Zeigler, an Ordinance amending Ordinance 269 , an Ordinance relative to the service charge for the collection of garbage was adopted. Members voted as follows: Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y.
5. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. White, and as recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Council approved the rezoning of lots 6, 7, & 8 of Blk. 3 in Anna E. Hillemann's Addition "B" to the City of Altamont known as 212, 214, and 216 S. Bond St. from its present SR-2 to MR-1. Members voted as follows: Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y.
6. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. White, also as per action of the Zoning Board of Appeals following a public Hearing on August 28th 2001, the Council approved the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals to deny a Request for Variance and Special Use Permit for construction of two 8 unit multi-family dwellings on the property described in the prior motion. Members voted as follows:

Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y.

7. Bill Copeland and Esther Viles were present to discuss the proposed Franchise Agreement with Mediacom for the operation of a cable system in the City of Altamont, which franchise was in the past with Warner Cable Communications, Inc..
8. Adjourned

[Top of Page](#)

Meeting Date : 24 September 2001 7:00 P.M.

On The Agenda

1. Minutes of prior meetings
2. Public comments
3. Commissioners reports
4. Communications
5. Unfinished business
6. Approval of bills
7. New business
 - A. *Approve ordinance granting cable television franchise to Mediacom*
 - B. *Approve resolution regarding retroactive service credit for eligible elected officials in excess of 50 months*
 - C. *Approve resolution regarding terrorist attack on the United States of America*
 - D. *Discuss policy on payment of overdue accounts*
 - E. *Approve Ordinance regarding action taken on zoning at September 10 Council Meeting*
 - F. *Approve resolution estimating tax levy for the fiscal year 2001*
8. Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

Present: Y Mayor Taylor Y Commissioner Smith Y Commissioner Wendling Y Commissioner White Y Commissioner Zeigler

Also present were Police Chief Mark Walker, Alvin Schultz, Clyde Barr from Altamont News, American Red Cross Board Member Tom Bernahl, Boy Scouts Jason Williamson and Aaron Carlen who are working on their Citizenship Community Merit Badge, Don Williamson and City Clerk Helen Moll

1. The meeting was opened by Scouts Williamson and Carlen leading those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Prior minutes were read and approved
3. Public comments
4. Routine Business
5. Police Chief Mark Walker gave the report of the Police Department activities for the month of August.
6. Mayor Taylor read a Resolution supporting the President of the United States as he

works with his national security team to defend against additional attacks such as the United States suffered on September 11th, 2001. The Council members supported this Resolution on a vote as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, and Mayor Taylor - Y.

7. Mayor Taylor presented Tom Bernahl with a check on behalf of the Mayor, the Council, and the City Employees for \$500.00 payable to the American Red Cross to assist in relief efforts due to the September 11 attack.

8. Alvin Schultz was present to ask permission to enlarge the loading ramp at the Altamont Dairy Bar. On a motion by Com. Zeigler and seconded by Com. White, permission was given for the requested enlargement. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, and Mayor Taylor - Y.

- On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. Smith, the council adopted a resolution regarding retroactive service credit for eligible elected officials in excess of 50 months. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, and Mayor Taylor - Y.

- On a motion by Com. White and seconded by Com. Smith, the Council adopted Ordinance No. AM-791. An Ordinance Approving a Zoning Amendment and Denying a Special Use Permit and Zoning Variances, which puts in Ordinance form action taken at the September 10th Council meeting in regard to a request from 12 Point Enterprises, Inc. to build two 8 unit multi-family dwellings at 212, 214, and 216 South Bond Street. Members voted as follows to approve this Ordinance: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, and Mayor Taylor - Y.

- On a motion by Com. Zeigler and seconded by Com. Smith, the Council adopted Ordinance No. 350-01, an Ordinance Vacating a Part of Sixth Street in the City of Altamont, Illinois. Members voted as follows to adopt this Ordinance: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, and Mayor Taylor - Y.

- On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. Zeigler, the Council approved Ordinance No. 349-01, an Ordinance Granting a Cable Television Franchise to MCC Illinois LLC (Mediacom Communications Corp.) to Construct, Operate, and Maintain a Cable Television System in the City of Altamont, setting forth conditions accompanying the grant of the franchise and providing for regulation and use of the system. Members voted as follows to adopt this Ordinance: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, and Mayor Taylor - Y.

- On a motion by Com. White and seconded by Com. Smith, the Council approved a Collection Policy, which provides guidelines for City Office Employees to follow when dealing with delinquent utility bills. This will be published in both local newspapers so as to well inform customers what will be expected when paying delinquent bills. Members voted as follows to approve this policy: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, and Mayor Taylor - Y.

- On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. White, the Council adopted A Resolution of the City of Altamont, Illinois Estimating Tax Levy for the Fiscal Year 2001. Members voted as follows to approve this Resolution: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, and Mayor Taylor - Y.

On a motion by Com. White and seconded by Com. Wendling, the Council approved the purchase of 2 dry weather pumps from Vandevanter Engineering for

15. the South Sewer Plant for \$9,900.00. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, and Mayor Taylor - Y.
16. Com. White reported that the rip-rap project at the water plant is moving right along with help from crews from the Vandalia Correction Center.
17. Com. Smith reported that the Garden Club would finance the purchase of a flag pole for Schmidt Park with a flag do be donated by the V.F.W..
18. Adjourned

[Top of Page](#)

Meeting Date : 8 October 2001 7:00 P.M.

On The Agenda

1. Minutes of prior meetings
2. Police report
3. Public comments
4. Commissioners reports
5. Communications
6. Unfinished business
7. Approval of bills
8. New business
 - A. *Approve CERTOP Inc. contract for supervision of wastewater treatment facility*
 - B. *Present annual Tax Levy Ordinance for passage*
 - C. *Proclaim and support October 20th through October 28th as Red Ribbon Week in the City of Altamont*
 - D. *Present ordinance abating the 2001 tax levy for passage*
 - E. *Set date for trick or treat night*
9. Adjourn

Public Hearing 6:30 P.M. / Meeting Minutes 7:00 P.M.

Present: Y Mayor Taylor N Commissioner Smith Y Commissioner Wendling Y Commissioner White Y Commissioner Zeigler

The Council of the City of Altamont met at 6:30 P.M., Monday, October 8, 2001 for a proposed property tax increase for the City of Altamont Public Hearing, , notice of which was published in the Altamont Independent on October 1, 2001 and the Altamont News on October 2, 2001. Others present were Clyde Barr from the Altamont News, David Frederking, Ryan Eckhardt, Marc Reardon, Shane Frederking, Henry Verdeyen, and City Clerk Helen Moll.

1. Mayor Taylor opened the hearing by stating the purpose of same, required by the TruthIn-Taxation Act which states a hearing must be held if the levy shows and increase of over 105% of the previous year, ours showiing a 419% increase. This is due to the recent purchase of three new diesel Generator units through I.M.E.A. and through which the taxes will be abated. Consequently there will be no property tax

increase for Altamont residents. This being explained, there was no negative reaction from those present. Mayor Taylor declared the Hearing closed at 6:48 P.M..

2. The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M..

3. Prior minutes were read and approved
4. Public comments
5. Routine Business
6. Police Chief Mark Walker gave the report of the Police Department activities for the month of September.
7. Tim Mehl was present as a representative of the Altamont Youth Sports Commission to discuss their plans for a baseball/softball building. He stated they recently held a raffle to raise funds for a building to allow practice year round for pitchers, catchers, fielders and hitters from our area. He stated they had raised \$6,000.00 from the raffle and had chosen a suitable building which would cost \$4,800.00 for a limited period of time. Labor would be donated as well as donations toward electrical wiring, heating system for the building, with other donations along the way to help with the construction. They are asking the Council to locate this building in Gilbert Park at a location permitted by the Council. The full context of their proposal will be on file at the city office. He concluded by stating this building would permit year around practice to enable our athletes to keep up with the competition in the area. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. White, the Council gave permission for the Altamont Youth Sports Commission to proceed with their plans for a baseball/softball building. Members voted as follows: Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.
8. On a motion by Com. White and seconded by Com. Zeigler, the Council entered into an agreement with John Horstmann of Certop, 16923 Pollman Rd., Bartleso, IL 62218 for a one hour visit each month to oversee the Wastewater Treatment Plant operation for a charge of \$120.00 a month plus \$36.00 an hour for additional time spent as needed. He will be working with Terrence Hahn who is training as sewer plant operator. Members voted as follows: Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.
9. The Mayor endorsed a Proclamation proclaiming and supporting the week of October 20 - 28, 2001 as Red Ribbon Week which is intended to promote a "Drug Free America".
10. On a motion by Com. Zeigler and seconded by Com. White, the Council adopted an Ordinance Levying Taxes for all Corporate Purposes for the City of Altamont, Effingham County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Commencing May 1, 2001 and Ending April 30, 2002. Members voted as follows: Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.
11. On a motion by Com. Zeigler and seconded by Com. Wendling, the Council adopted an Ordinance Abating the 2001 Tax Levy for the Payment of the City of Altamont, Effingham County, Illinois General Obligation Bonds (alternate revenue source) Series 2001. Members voted as follows to approve this Ordinance: Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.
12. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. White, Trick or Treat will be Tuesday, October 30 from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.. Members voted as follows: Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.
13. The Halloween Parade will be Friday, October 26 with city employees assisting

with traffic control as needed.

14. Mayor Taylor reported that Mike Hoffmeister has been named to fill a vacancy on the Tourism Board.
15. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. White, the Council approved the placing of a flag pole in Schmidt Park along Route 128, south of the Dairy Bar. Members voted as follows: Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.
16. At 8:15 P.M., on a motion by Com. White and seconded by Com. Zeigler, the Council went into executive session to discuss personnel. Members voted as follows: Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.
17. At 8:22 P.M. the Council returned to regular session on a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. White. Members voted as follows: Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.
18. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. Zeigler, part-time police officers for the City of Altamont will be paid \$9.50 an hour. Members voted as follows: Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.
19. Adjourned

[Top of Page](#)

Meeting Date : 22 October 2001 7:00 P.M.

On The Agenda

1. Minutes of prior meetings
2. Public comments
3. Commissioners reports
4. Communications
5. Unfinished business
6. Approval of bills
7. New business
 - A. *Approve M&M Proclamation*
 - B. *St. Peter Enterprise approval*
 - C. *Discuss Enterprise Zone expansion*
 - D. *Discuss Vandalia Street vacation*
 - E. *Action on 12 Point Enterprises, Inc. request regarding Zoning Board's recommendation*
10. Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

Mayor Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner

Present: Y Taylor Y Smith

Y Wendling

Y White

Y Zeigler

Also present were Ryan Eckhardt, Marc Reardon, Shane Frederking, David Frederking, Robert Powell, Alvin Oliver, Tim Mehl Mr. & Mrs. Mike Brown and City Clerk Helen Moll.

1. Prior minutes were read and approved
2. Public comments
3. Routine Business
4. On a motion by Com. Zeigler and seconded by Com. Smith, the Council approved a Proclamation for M&M Days sponsored by the The Effingham County Detachment/Marine Corps League proclaiming Friday, November 2, 2001 as M&M Days at which time they will be collecting for many charitable works, which the Council approved. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y.
5. Tim Mehl, representing the Altamont Youth Sports Commission was present to discuss with the Council the possibility of naming a Gilbert Park Board, who would oversee activities at the park. He listed many things he feels would be accomplished with a board and volunteers of which he believes there are many, as well as donations of items needed to make some improvements. He stated the Board should be given a budget and should make monthly reports to the Council. He also listed five persons he would suggest being named to the Park Board. The Council felt this was a good proposal and it would be taken under advisement.
6. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. Zeigler, the Council approved including St. Peter in the Enterprise Zone. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y.
7. On a motion by Com. Zeigler and seconded by Com. Wendling, to sustain the recommendation of the Zoning Board, the Council denied Special Use and Variance Requests by 12 Point Enterprises, Inc. as 2/3 vote recommending approval was not acquired. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - N, Com. Wendling - N, Com. White - N, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y.
8. Mr. & Mrs. Mike Brown were present to discuss their previous request for a vacation of a portion of Vandalia Street, which is adjacent to the rental property at Sixth Street and W. Jefferson. Research on this request has not provided information felt necessary for the City to approve this vacation. Water, sewer and electric lines in the area need to be considered. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. Zeigler, the request of Mr. and Mrs. Brown for vacation of a portion of Vandalia Street was denied. Members voted as follows to deny the vacation: Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - N, Com. Zeigler - Y, Mayor Taylor - Y. Com. Smith had left the meeting at this point.
9. The Council plans to hold a work session to discuss the Enterprise Zone proceedings.
10. Adjourned

[Top of Page](#)

Meeting Date : 13 November 2001 7:00 P.M.

On The Agenda

1. Minutes of prior meetings
2. Police report
3. Public comments
4. Commissioners reports
5. Communications
6. Unfinished business
7. Approval of bills
8. New business
 - A. *Approve Ordinance No. 353-01 - an Ordinance Amending Vacation of a Part of South Sixth Street in the City of Altamont, Illinois.*
 - B. *Approve Ordinance No. SP-805, an Ordinance Denying a Special Use Permit and Zoning Variances.*
 - C. *Discussion on Gilbert Park Board*
 - D. *Discussion on IMEA Joint Pole Attachment Program*
10. Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

Present: Y Mayor Taylor Y Commissioner Smith Y Commissioner Wendling N Commissioner White Y Commissioner Zeigler

Also present were Police Chief Mark Walker, Clyde Barr, Dan Roedl, Inge Herboth, Carl Herboth, Carol Ungrund, Kevin Whitten, Terrence Hahn and City Clerk Helen Moll. Also present to observe were eight members of a high school government class. They were Chance Morrison, Michele Wendling, Lucas Kroening, Blake Mathias, Kristi Hoffmeister, Jill Cilk, Christine Goings and Greg Stice.

1. Prior minutes were read and approved
2. Public comments
3. Routine Business
4. Police Chief Mark Walker gave the report of the Police Department activities for the month of October.
5. Dan Roedl, the Herboths and Carol Ungrund were present to discuss with the Council, recycling in the City of Altamont. Roedl is Manager of Planters Farm Center which houses the recycling project in the city and is scheduled to discontinue the operation at the end of the year. With Inge Herboth as primary spokesperson for the recycling effort, she presented information from DCCA on grants that could be available after the first of the year. She stated she would be willing to do whatever might help to make it possible to keep recycling local. Roedl stated that local collections are taken to Champaign. In the past there would be a semi load every six or seven weeks. Currently there is one a month.
6. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. Smith, the Council approved Ordinance No. 353-01, an Ordinance Amending Vacation of a Part of South Sixth Street in the City of Altamont, Illinois. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, and Mayor Taylor - Y.
On a motion by Com. Zeigler and seconded by Com. Wendling, the Council approved Ordinance No. SP-805, an Ordinance Denying a Special Use Permit and Zoning
7. Variances. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com.

Zeigler - Y, and Mayor Taylor - Y.

- On a motion by Com. Smith and seconded by Com. Zeigler, the Council approved the purchase of a 2000 Ford Crown Vic for the price of \$14,500.00 from the Missouri Highway Patrol for the Police Department. Members voted as follows:
8. Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y, and Mayor Taylor - Y. This replaces the 1992 Chevrolet Caprice that was damaged when it struck a deer Oct 3rd.
 9. No decision was made on the establishment of a Gilbert Park Board or rules and regulations which would govern the same. Further discussion will be necessary. Kevin Whitten stated the need for a Safety Officer for the City. The Council is aware of this as the former Safety Officer is no longer acting in that capacity.
 10. Another requirement is the need for confined space training for city employees. Kevin will check with I.M.U.A. for guidance on these issues.
 11. Com. Wendling reported that work is progressing on the generation project.
 12. Adjourned

[Top of Page](#)

Meeting Date : 26 November 2001 7:00 P.M.

On The Agenda

1. Minutes of prior meetings
2. Police report
3. Public comments
4. Commissioners reports
5. Communications
6. Unfinished business
7. Approval of bills
8. New business
 - A. *Discuss Enterprise Zone map*
10. Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

Present: Y Mayor Taylor N Commissioner Smith Y Commissioner Wendling Y Commissioner White N Commissioner Zeigler

Also present was City Clerk Helen Moll.

1. Prior minutes were read and approved
2. Public comments
3. Routine Business
4. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. White, the Council approved the Estimate of Revenues for the fiscal year 2001-2002 in the amount of \$5,128,072.00. Members voted as follows: Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.
5. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. White the Council approved a Resolution opposing the Currie 2 map as adopted and specifically urge that the

proposed Senate District 51 be re-drawn to reflect a community of interest. Members voted as follows: Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y. A copy of this resolution will be sent to Representative Bill Mitchell and Senator Duane Noland.

6. On a motion by Com. White and seconded by Com. Wendling, the Council recommended an Enterprise Zone map which will be presented to the Enterprise Zone Board for its approval. Members voted as follows: Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y
7. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. White, the City's involvement for Christmas lighting will be 100% free electricity on December usage for the First Place Winner and 50% free electricity for the Second Place Winner. Members voted as follows: Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y
8. Mayor Taylor reported the appointment of Bill Jones to fill a vacancy on the Zoning Board.
9. Adjourned

[Top of Page](#)

Meeting Date : 10 December 2001 7:00 P.M.

On The Agenda

1. Minutes of prior meetings
2. Police report
3. Public comments
4. Commissioners reports
5. Communications
6. Unfinished business
7. Approval of bills
8. New business
- A.
10. Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

Present: Y Mayor Taylor Y Commissioner Smith Y Commissioner Wendling Y Commissioner White Y Commissioner Zeigler

Also present were Dale Kuhn, Executive Director of I.M.U.A., Water Plant Operator Kevin Whitten, Head Electric Lineman Eric Morris, Deputy Clerk Sarah Stephen, Police Chief Mark Walker, Jason Weiss, students Chantelle Rincker and J.R. Bray and City Clerk Helen Moll.

1. Prior minutes were read and approved
2. Public comments
3. Routine Business
4. Police Chief Mark Walker gave the report of the Police Department activities for the month of November.
5. Dale Kuhn of I.M.U.A. was present to discuss the safety program offered by

I.M.U.A.. The training they provide is documented and provides Department of Labor Standards. The cost of the basic program is \$500.00 per month. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. Zeigler, the Council approved participation in the I.M.U.A. Safety Program with an Ordinance on the same to be prepared and passed at the next regular Council meeting. In regard to this a safety committee consisting of Eric Morris, Chip Northrop, Kevin Whitten, Sarah Stephen and Mark Walker has been formed. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.

6. The Council discussed the internet service provided by PrairieNet, 4601 Westown Parkway Suite 200, West Des Moines, Ia. 50266. Some interest in this service has been indicated by Altamont residents. Receiving equipment will be placed on the watertower. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. White, the Council approved entering into a contract with PrairieNet for this service. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.
7. On a motion by Com. Zeigler and seconded by Com. Wendling, the Council approved the purchase of a 2000 squad car from the Missouri State Highway Patrol for \$14,500.00 which will replace Lt. Bly's car which is experiencing mechanical problems. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.
8. The Council approved the Holiday Schedule for 2002. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.
9. On a motion by Com. Smith and seconded by Com. White, The Council approved having Pet Graphics make placemats of the City of Altamont, indicating businesses, schools, churches etc. The City had these in the past but will need to be updated to reflect changes. Members voted as follows to approve this project which will be funded by Tourism moneys: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.
10. Mayor Taylor touched briefly on the situation with the Illinois E.P.A. placing the Altamont Reservoir on the impaired bodies of water list. The finished water is among the best in the state, but the reservoir water has too much phosphorus from farmlands which has caused algae to grow. A consulting engineer has been hired to come up with a plan to alleviate the condition. Public hearings have been held which has included property owners in the watershed as well as operators of farmland in the area.
11. Adjourned

[Top of Page](#)

Meeting Date : 26 December 2001 7:00 P.M.

On The Agenda

1. Minutes of prior meetings
2. Public comments
3. Commissioners reports
4. Communications

5. Unfinished business
6. Approval of bills
7. New business
 - A. *Approve Council meeting dates for 2001 - Resolution of same*
 - B. *Approve Community Antenna Pole Attachment Agreement - Mediacom*
 - C. *Approve purchase of heaters for water plant*
8. Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

Present: Y Mayor Taylor Y Commissioner Smith Y Commissioner Wendling Y Commissioner White Y Commissioner Zeigler

Also present was City Clerk Helen Moll.

1. Prior minutes were read and approved
2. Public comments
3. Routine Business
4. On a motion by Com. Zeigler and seconded by Com. White, the Council approved a Resolution Establishing Schedule of Meetings for 2002. Members voted as follows to approve this resolution: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.
5. On a motion by Com. White and seconded by Com. Zeigler, the Council approved the purchase of 3 water heaters from Jeff Wendling of Don's Refrigeration for a total cost of \$2,239.85. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.
6. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. White, the Council approved the Operating Budget Forecast, an annual requirement to be submitted to GMAC Commercial Mortgage, our water bond holder and the Statement of Budget Income and Equity, an annual requirement to be submitted to Rural Development Area Office, our other water bond holder. Members voted as follows to approve these documents: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.
7. The Council acknowledged receipt of our annual audit for fiscal year ending April 30, 2001 as prepared by Daughhetee & Parks, P.C..
8. Adjourned

[Top of Page](#)