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Meeting Date : 13 January 2003 7:00 P.M.

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6. Approval of bills
7. Agenda Items

   A. Approve an Ordinance establishing a policy for the leasing of space on City of Altamont municipal communications towers and related facilities.

   B. Approve preliminary plat of lots 6, 7 & 8, Anna E. Hilleman's Addition "B" - Block 3

   C. Approve ten year contract extension with I.M.E.A.

8. *Adjourn*

<u>Meeting Minutes</u>

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

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 7:30 P.M. Monday, January 13, 2003. The late starting time was due to a public informational meeting in regard to extraterritorial zoning held at 6:00 P.M. and which did not conclude until near 7:30.

Others present were Rana Connolly from the Effingham Daily News, Clyde Barr, Barbara Barr and Justin Tegeler from the Altamont News, Deputy Clerk Sarah Stephen and City Clerk Helen Moll.

2. Public comments
3. Routine Business
4. Approval of bills
5. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. White, Ordinance No. 361-03, an Ordinance Establishing a Policy for the Leasing of Space on the City of Altamont Communication Towers and related Facilities was approved. Members voted as follows: Com. Wendling - Y, Com. Smith - Y, Com. White - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.
6. On a motion by Com. White and seconded by Com. Wendling, the Council approved a preliminary replat of lots 6,7 & 8, Block 3, Anna E. Hilleman's Addition "B" requested by Ryan Eckhardt, representing 12 Point Enterprises. This will permit 3 lots to be made into 1 to conform to MR-1 zone requirements. Members voted as follows: Com. Wendling - Y, Com. Smith - Y, Com. White - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.
7. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. Smith, the Council approved a ten year contract extension to our Power Sales Contract with I.M.E.A. which will extend to September 30, 2035. Altamont is one of approximately 40 cities which purchase electric power from I.M.E.A. to serve its residents. This contract will assure an adequate supply of power and control cost. Members voted as follows: Com. Wendling - Y, Com. Smith - Y, Com. White - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.
8. Due to the fact no bids were received on a 1992 Ford Crown Victoria, it will again be advertised for sale on a motion by Com. White and seconded by Com. Smith and possibly a 1986 International Pelican also to be included for bids, with bid opening to be 7:00 P.M., Monday, February 10, 2003. Members voted as follows: Com. Wendling - Y, Com. Smith - Y, Com. White - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.
9. In response to literature on insurance coverage, the Council concurs with a suggestion by Com. Wendling, that contact be made with someone or some agency knowledgeable with insurance to go over our current policies and coverage. The City pays a large amount of insurance premiums and this should assure us of adequate but not duplicate coverage.
10. The Council has been asked or invited to be present at the Altamont Library Building Corporation "Mortgage Burning" set for Saturday, January 18 at 1:00 P.M., with the mortgage burning scheduled at 2:00 P.M.
11. Adjourned

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Meeting Date : 27 January 2003 7:00 P.M.

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6. Approval of bills
7. New business

   A. An Ordinance of the City of Altamont authorizing the execution and delivery of an addendum to the power sales contract with the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency.

   B. Annual Laborers' Local 1048 Roadblock for Disabled Children - Division & Main & Route 40 & Main - Friday, May 16 - 3:30 until 5:00 and Saturday, May 17 - 8:00 until 1:00
8. *Adjourn*

<u>Meeting Minutes</u>

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

The Council of the City of Altamont convened at 6:45 P.M. Monday, January 27, 2003 for a public hearing to consider vacating a portion of Lajean Drive to contiguous property owners. This hearing was prior to the regular meeting at 7:00 P.M. Also present were Willard Strullmyer, Clyde Barr from the Altamont News, Pat Turner, Police Chief Mark Walker and City Clerk Helen Moll.

Mayor Taylor explained that the vacated area, 22+ feet on each side of Lajean Drive would be vacated to adjoining property owners. Included in this is a 15 foot utility easement. There being no further discussion, Mayor Taylor declared the hearing closed at 6:55 P.M.

1. The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Minutes of the last regular meeting were read and ordered to stand approved as read except to change the number of cities involved in the Power Sales Contract with I.M.E.A. from 40 to 28.
2. Police Chief Mark Walker gave a report of the Police Department activities for the month of December.
3. Public comments
4. Routine Business
5. Approval of bills
6. On a motion by Com. Smith and seconded by Com. Wendling, the Council approved the vacation of a portion of Lajean Drive to adjoining property owners as outlined above. 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. Wendling and seconded by Com. White, the Council approved Ordinance No. 362-03, an Ordinance of the City of Altamont Authorizing the execution and delivery of an Addendum to the Power Sales Contract with the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.
8. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. Zeigler, the Council approved the Annual Laborers' Local 1048 Roadblock for Disabled Children at Division and

Main and also Route 40 and Main on Friday, May 16 from 3:30 until 5:00 and on Saturday, May 17 from 8:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.

9. Adjourned

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Meeting Date : 10 February 2003 7:00 P.M.

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1. Minutes of prior meetings
2. Police Report
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5. Communications
6. Approval of bills
7. New business
   A. Open bids on 1992 Ford Crown Victoria as advertised
   B. Appointment of member to Effingham County GIS Committee
   C. Set date for Council vote on extraterritorial zoning
   D. Present Ordinance to Abate the 2002 Tax Levy for Payment of General Obligation Bonds
8. *Adjourn*

Meeting Minutes

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

Also Present were Sara Stephen, Deputy Clerk, Rana Connelly of Effingham Daily News and Clyde Barr of the Altamont News.

1. Police Chief Mark Walker could not be present, will give the monthly police report at the February 24th meeting.
2. Public comments
3. Routine Business
4. Approval of bills
5. Bids were opened on the 1992 Ford Crown Victoria. They are as follows: Lloyd Wendling $65.00, Pat Turner $145.45, Tom Wendling $152.73. On a motion by Com. Zeigler and seconded by Com. Smith, the bid was awarded to Tom Wendling in the amount of $152.73. Vote was as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.
7. Gary White was appointed by Mayor Taylor to the GIS (Geographical Information System) Committee of Effingham County.
8. The Altamont City Council will vote on the extraterritorial zoning at the next regularly scheduled council meeting on February 24th, 2003.
9. On a motion by Com. Zeigler and seconded by Com. Smith, Ordinance No. 362-03 An Ordinance Abating the 2002 Tax Levy for the Payment of the City of Altamont,

Effingham County, Illinois General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2001 was accepted for presentation of final vote for the February 24th meeting. Vote was as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.

10. Results of the LIHEAP participation survey were reviewed of approx. 1250 surveys sent 300 were returned. 171 disagree with participation, 128 agree to participate. Mayor Taylor commented that the government has announced there will be more dollars put toward the LIHEAP Program. No action will be taken by the Council at this time.
11. Mayor Taylor commended the Street & Alley Department for doing a good job clearing the streets during the inclement weather.
12. Adjourned

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Meeting Date : 24 February 2003 7:00 P.M.

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1. Minutes of prior meetings
2. Police Report
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5. Communications
6. Approval of bills
7. New business
   A. Approve Daughhette & Parks, P.C. Audit Proposal for Fiscal Year 2003 Audit
   B. Approve Proclamation - National Lutheran Schools Week
   C. Approve an Ordinance Abating the 2002 Tax Levy for the Payment of the City of Altamont, Effingham County, Illinois General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2001
   D. Vote on Extraterritorial Zoning
8. *Adjourn*

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

Also present were Police Chief Mark Walker, Rana Connoly from the Effingfham Daily News, Clyde and Barbara Barr from the Altamont News, approximately 40 persons interested in the extraterritorial issue and City Clerk Helen Moll.

1. Prior minutes were read and approved
2. Police Chief Mark Walker gave a report of the Police Department activities for the month of January.
3. Public comments
4. Routine Business
5. Approval of bills

6. Mayor Taylor asked for a vote on the extraterritorial zoning stating that since a meeting on the issue had already been held, he did not feel it necessary for further discussion to be held. Com. Don Zeigler made a motion that the extraterritorial zoning be approved as presented by the Zoning Board. There being no seconde to the motion, Mayor Taylor stated the motion died due to lack of a second. This was met by applause by those present.
7. On a motion by Com. Smith and seconded by Com. Wendling, the Council approved Daughhettee & Parks, P.C. proposal for FY 2003 Audit for the amount of $5,050.00. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.
8. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. Zeigler, the Council approved a Proclamation for National Lutheran Schools Week, March 2 - 8. 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. Wendling and seconded by Com. White, the Council approved Ordinance No. 363-03, an Ordinance Abating the 2002 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: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.
10. On a motion by Com. White and seconded by Com. Smith, the following pay adjustments for two city employees were approved. Joshua Shamhart - six months of employment - 50¢ per hour increase; Terrance Hahn - obtaining Class 4 Wastewater Treatment Works Operator & Spraying License - $1.00 per hour increase. By Terrance obtaining the above, it will not be necessary to have John Horstman from Certops, Inc. to satisfy requirements for a Certified Wastewater Treatment Plant OPerator, which will mean a considerable saving to the city. Members voted as follows for the above pay adjustments: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.
11. In response to an inquiry by David Frederking, the City does have an Ordinance - No. 328-00 - An Ordinance Restricting Adult Oriented Businesses, adopted Feb. 28, 2000.
12. Adjourned

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Meeting Date : 10 March 2003 7:00 P.M.

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5. Communications
6. Approval of bills
7. Agenda Items
    A. Discuss mosquito larviciding program
    B. Name appointment to Zoning Board

8. *Adjourn*

Meeting Minutes

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

Mayor Taylor was out of town on vacation. Others present were Sam Gnuse, President of the Library Board, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Brown, Rana Connolly Effingham Daily News and City Clerk Helen Moll. Com. Smith called the meeting to order in the absence of Mayor Taylor.

1. Prior minutes were read and approved
2. Public comments
3. Routine Business
4. Approval of bills
5. Sam Gnuse was present to discuss the budget for the library which he is presently working on and which is included with the city budget.
6. Mr. & Mrs. Brown, who own property at 706 W. Jefferson, were present in regard to problems with the approach to their property, West Jefferson being a very narrow street. Com. Zeigler will look at this with Chip Northrop in regard to a solution.
7. On a motion by Com. Zeigler and seconded by Com. Wendling, the Council approved the proposal of Effingham County Health Department for a Mosquito Larviciding Program for a period beginning April 15 and continuing through approximately October 31 for the sum of $600.00. Members voted as follows: Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Com. Smith - Y.
8. On a motion by Com. White and seconded by Com. Zeigler, the Council approved the appointment of Susan Hoffmeister to replace Bob Bray on the Zoning Board. Members voted as follows: Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Com. Smith - Y.
9. Adjourned

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Meeting Date : 24 March 2003 7:00 P.M.

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6. Approval of bills
7. Agenda Items

   A. Approve J.B. Esker & Sons, Inc. proposal for curbing at ball park entrance

   B. Approve intergovernmental agreement between Effingham County and City of Altamont - regard geographic information systems

   C. Discuss health insurance increase

8. *Adjourn*

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

Also present were Police Chief Mark Walker, Rana Hoffman, Effingham Daily News, Tom Wendling, Clyde Barr, Altamont News and City Clerk Helen Moll.

1. Police Chief Mark Walker gave a report of Police Department activities for the month of February.
2. Public comments
3. Routine Business
4. Approval of bills
5. On a motion by Com. Zeigler and seconded by Com. White, the Council approved the proposal of J.B. Esker & Sons, Inc. in trhe amountr of $5,000.00 for curbing at the ball park entrance. 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. Smith, the Council approved an Intergovernmental Agreement between Effingham County and the City of Altamont in regard to GIS - Geographic Information Systems. 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. White, the Council approved a Renewal Statement for employee health insurance with American Community Mutual Insurance Co., local representative being Bill Myers of Althoff Insurance. The monthly increase amounts to $445.40 or approximately 3 1/2 %, effective May 1, 2003. Members voted as follows - Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.
8. Adjourned

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Meeting Date : 14 April 2003 7:00 P.M.

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7. Agenda Items
   A. *Approve proclamation - Save a Life Foundation*
   B. *Approve change of insurance carrier for electric utility liability coverage*
   C. *Approve proclamation - Regard Volunteer Week*
   C. *Six month pay adjustment for Police Officer Sean Aaron*

C. *Approve repairs to bucket truck*

8. *Adjourn*

Meeting Minutes

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

Also present were Rana Hoffman, Effingham Daily News, Clyde Barr, Altamont News, Police Chief Mark Walker, Water Plant Operator Kevin Whitten, Water Plant Employee Scott Winter and City Clerk Helen Moll. Kevin introduced Scott, a new water plant employee.

1. Prior minutes were read and approved
2. Police Chief Mark Walker gave a report of Police Department activities for the month of March.
3. Public comments
4. Routine Business
5. Approval of bills
6. On a motion by Com. Smith and seconded by Com. Zeigler, the Council approved a proclamation naming the week of April 27 - May 3 as Volunteer Week in the City of Altamont and urging citizens to join in volunteer efforts in our community. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.
7. Due to the fact the Council felt our present premium for Electric Utility Liability Coverage was excessive, an inquiry was made to IMLRMA for a quote on this coverage, for which we are now paying an annual premium of $16,516.oo to Lanphier & Webster Co., Springfield. A copy of the details for our present coverage was sent to IMLRMA for a quote on the same coverage, which has now been received. In regard to the above and on a motion by Com. Wendling, the Council approved a quote from IMLRMA for an annual premium of $4,120.00, or prorated from 4/15/03, when our present coverage expires, to 12/31/03 for $2,935.00. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y. A notice of cancellation of coverage will be sent to Lanphier & Webster Co..
8. On a motion by Com. White and seconded by Com. Zeigler, a six month pay adjustment, $.50 per hour, was approved for Police Officer Sean Aaron. 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. Wendling, the Council approved a proclamation presented by Save A Life Foundation proclaiming May 18-24 as Save a Life Week. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.
10. On a motion by Com. Zeigler and seconded by Com. Smith, the council approved the estimate of Sarco Hydraulics, Inc. in the amount of $10,400 for repairs to a 1986 International bucket truck. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.
11. Adjourned

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Meeting Date : 28 April 2003 7:00 P.M.

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4. Communications
5. Approval of bills
6. Agenda Items
   A. Approve proclamation - regard Altamont City Police
   B. Approve appointments to Altamont Library Board
   C. Approve pay adjustment - Lloyd Wendling - Achieved Class C Water Plant Operator's License
   D. Consider Variance Request VA-863 of side yard setback 205 S. Edwards Street per Zoning Board recommendation and Ordinance on same
   E. Executive session - personnel
7. *Adjourn*

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

Also present were newly elected Commissioner Jason Williams, Bill Overton, Gale Warner, Rana Hoffman, Effingham Daily News, and City Clerk Helen Moll.

1. Prior minutes were read and approved
2. Public comments
3. Routine Business
4. Approval of bills
5. Overton of 306 North Third Street was present to discuss with the Council the sidewalk on the north side of his home, which will be dealt with when sidewalk work is scheduled this season.
6. Gale Warner was concerned with traffic on the abandoned railroad tracks, now owned by Ging & Co. and runs behind his home at 212 South Fourth Street.
7. On a motion by Com. White and seconded by Com. Smith, the Council approved a Proclamation in regard to the Altamont Police Department, which concluded as follows: "Therefore, I, Mayor Larry E. Taylor, on behalf of the Altamont City Council and the residents of this City, do hereby proclaim May 11 to May 17, 2003 as "police Week" to recognize the tremendous dedication of the men of the Altamont Police Department who serve and protect us." Members voted as follows to approve this Proclamation: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.
8. On a motion by Com. White and seconded by Com. Smith, two new members were named to the Library Board to fill existing vacancies, namely Cheryl Painter and Dawn Michelle Freezeland. 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. White and seconded by Com. Wendling, Waterplant Operator

Lloyd Wendling was given a $.50 an hour pay increase in recognition of his achieving a Class "C" Waterplant Operators License. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.

10. On a motion by Com. Wendling and seconded by Com. Smith, the Council approved Ordinance No. VA-863 - Variance Permit at 205 South Edwards Street. Members voted as follows: Com. Smith - Y, Com. Wendling - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.
11. Mayor Taylor reported that Andy Klitzing has been employed for summer work at the ball park.
12. Com. Wendling extended "Thanks for the reception held Sunday honoring himself and Commissioner Smith on their retirement from the city Council, as they did not elect to run for another term. Mayor Taylor in turn thanked Com. Wendling for his 22 plus years and Com. Smith for her 8 years of service on the Council.
13. Adjourned

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Meeting Date : 12 May 2003 7:00 P.M.

On The Agenda

1. Minutes of prior meetings
2. Police Report
3. Public comments
4. Commissioners reports
5. Communications
6. Approval of bills
7. Agenda Items
    - *A. Swearing in of Mayor and Commissioners*
    - *B. Notice of appointment of authorized agent*
    - *C. Appointment Ordinance*
    - *D. Appointment of Zoning Board members*
8. *Adjourn*

Meeting Minutes

Present:	Y	Mayor Taylor	Y	Commissioner Jones	Y	Commissioner White	Y	Commissioner Williams	Y	Commissioner Zeigler

Also present were Police Chief Mark Walker, Linda Smith from the Altamont Independent, Clyde Barr from the Altamont News, Rana Hoffman from the Effingham Daily News, newly appointed City Clerk Sarah Stephen and City Clerk Helen Moll.

Meeting was opened by the swearing in of the Council members listed above, by Helen Moll, City Clerk for the term of May 2003 through April 2007, as a result of the April 1, 2003 election.

1. Prior minutes were read and approved
2. Police Chief Mark Walker gave a report of Police Department activities for the month of April.

3. Public comments
4. Routine Business
5. Approval of bills
6. On a motion by Com. Zeigler and seconded by Com. White, IMRF Form 2.20 - Notice of Appointment of Authorized Agent, namely Candice Smith, Deputy Clerk, was approved. This is a requirement of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, naming a person responsible for the submittal of all necessary IMRF forms for employees, also any IMRF correspondence. Members voted as follows: Com. Jones - Y, Com. Williams - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.
7. On a motion by Com. Zeigler and seconded by Com. Williams, Ordinance No. 364-03 - Appointment Ordinance was approved. Members voted as follows: Com. Jones - Y, Com. Williams - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.
8. On a motion by Com. Williams and seconded by Com. Jones, two persons, namely Dr. Tony Weber and Thomas Rector were named to fill vacancies on the Zoning Board. Members voted as follows: Com. Jones - Y, Com. Williams - Y, Com. White - Y, Com. Zeigler - Y and Mayor Taylor - Y.
9. Mayor Taylor told the Council that I, Helen Moll, am retiring from full time employment and City Clerk position. As indicated in the Appointment Ordinance, Sarah Stephen will be assuming the position of City Clerk and City Treasurer, with Candice Smith as Deputy Clerk.
10. Mayor Taylor thanked me for my many years of service to the City for which I have always tried to do the best of my ability. I was presented with a beautiful Bulova shelf clock for which I thank the Council and appreciate very much.
11. Adjourned

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Meeting Date : 28 May 2003 7:00 P.M.

On The Agenda

1. Approve Minutes of prior meetings
2. Public comments
3. Commissioners reports
4. Communications
5. Approval of bills
6. Agenda Items
   A. Approve Resolution for 2003 Maintenance Program- Motor Fuel
   B. Approve Resolution for Appointment to IMEA Board of Directors - Larry E. Taylor
   C. Consider purchase of Global Positioning System Data Collector
   D. Executive Session
7. *Adjourn*

Meeting Minutes

Mayor Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner

Present: Y Taylor Y Jones Y White Y Williams Y Zeigler

Also present were Linda Smith from the Altamont Independent and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

1. Bills were approved for payment as presented.
2. On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner White, minutes of the May 12, 2003 meeting were approved. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.
3. The annual Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways in the amount of $58,000 was passed. Motion was made by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes. (Attachment 1)
4. A Resolution appointing Mayor Larry Taylor as Representative to the Board of Directors of the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency was passed on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, present (Attachment 2)
5. The purchase of a demonstrator model global positioning system data collector from RLH Technologies, in the amount of $4500.00, and also $400.00 training was approved on a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes. This unit will work in conjunction with the Geographical Information System being implemented by the County. It will assist in obtaining statistics such as elevation, water hydrant flow rate, location of utilities, etc.
6. Mayor Taylor stated the Police Department has been notified they have been awarded a grant, in the amount of $8,000 - $9,000, to help in the purchase of a police car.
7. Commissioner White reported that Bill Bell was honored today with a reception of fellow City employees and family honoring Bill's retirement, after 11 years with the Water Department.
8. Commissioner Gerry White requested more police patrol at the City Reservoir. Presently only trolling motors are allowed. However, recently outboard motors have been used. Also, no camping is allowed on the City Reservoir property and there have been indications of camping activity.
9. The City will be checking into a storm warning system with the possibility of applying for federal homeland security funding.
10. Commissioner Jones commented on the good parade held Memorial Day with excellent attendance by the community. The cemetery looked especially nice for the services. Adding to the attractiveness of the parks, the Garden Club recently replanted the flowerbeds.
11. On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler, the Council went into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss personnel. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.
12. Executive Session ended at 8:16 p.m. on a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones,

yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.

13. On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Williams a 3% pay increase for all full time City employees was approved. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.
14. Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 9 June 2003 7:00 P.M.

On The Agenda

1. APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING'S
2. POLICE REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. APPROVAL OF BILLS
7. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Approve Ordinance 365-03 Regulating Solicitation of Contributions on Public Streets and Highways*

   B. *Approve Ordinance 366-03 Vacating a Portion of LaJean Drive within the City of Altamont*

   C. *Approve Ordinance 367-03 Prevailing Wage*

   D. *Approve Resolution for Effingham County Fair Parade*

   E. *Discuss Purchase of Transformers from Solomon Company*

   F. *Intergovernmental Agreement with Effingham County*

   G. *Executive Session*
8. ADJOURN

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Present:	Y	Mayor Taylor	Y	Commissioner Jones	Y	Commissioner White	Y	Commissioner Williams	Y	Commissioner Zeigler

Also present were Linda Smith, Altamont Independent; Rana Hoffman, Effingham Daily News; Clyde Barr, Altamont News; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

1. On a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Williams, minutes of the May 28, 2003 meeting were approved. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. No police report was available as Chief Mark Walker could not be present for the

meeting.

3. On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Jones bills were approved for payment as presented. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes. (Attachment 1)
4. Ordinance #365-03, Regulating Solicitation of Contributions on Public Streets and Highways was approved. Motion to accept was made by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes. This ordinance establishes Friday and Saturday between the hours of 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. as the allowed times for solicitations and only to be held at the intersections of Rt 40 and Main St and Division St and Main St. Organizations will be required to provide an insurance policy and request Council approval 45 days prior to the date of solicitation.
5. Ordinance #366-03, Vacating a Portion of LaJean Drive was approved on a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes. This ordinance gives a 20'+ wide strip of land along LaJean Drive to the adjacent property owners while retaining City easements.
6. The annual Prevailing Wage Ordinance #367-03 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.
7. The Council approved a Resolution allowing Rt 40 to be closed, from Ewing Street to the Fairgrounds entrance on August 3, 2003 for the purpose of the Effingham County Fair parade. Motion to accept was made by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes. (Attachment 2)
8. The Council approved the purchase of 31 electrical transformers to replenish the Electric Department inventory. Transformers are to be purchased from Solomon Company in the amount of $14,990.00. Motion to approve the purchase was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.
9. The City of Altamont has entered into a 3 year Intergovernmental Agreement with Effingham County. Agreement concerns Geographic Information Systems (GIS). An annual fee of $5,000 will be paid by December 31st of each year. The County will provide training, quarterly updated maps, and maintain a database. Motion to accept the agreement was made by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes. (Attachment 3)

19. Mayor Taylor announced that on June 24th in a ceremony in Springfield, Brian Lange, Tim Mehl and Paul Abendroth will be presented the Governor's Home Town Award for their hard work, along with other volunteers, on the sports complex at Gilbert Park.

11. Commissioner White reported the pump house setting on the reservoir dam is deteriorating. Curry Engineers have been consulted with in repairing the building. It is advised to consider a concrete or block building of a larger size to allow room for service of the pumps.
12. Commissioner Williams reported Dave Yagow has requested electric service for a six resident development outside the City limits. Providing the electric would be a considerable cost the to the City, with a slow return of investment. Council discussed charging all development outside City limits for material and setting a minimum footage limit for service provided inside City limits. Presently the electric hook-up is free.
13. Commissioner Jones reported the park pavilions have been busy this year. He expressed concern that pavilions were being routinely booked by families for the same annual weekends, but not used. In the future there will be no carryover of bookings. Individuals will need to contact the Park Commissioner each year. Also, the City is currently charging $5.00 per pavilion for profitable activities (yard sales, etc). This is lower than other communities charge. Consideration is being made to increase the rate to $25.00.
14. Commissioner Zeigler reported clean up days are approaching. The City has contacted an individual who previously, free of charge, picked up discarded appliances. This person no longer is providing this service. The City requests no appliances be left at street side for City pickup.
15. Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 23 June 2003 7:00 P.M.

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1. APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING'S
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5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. APPROVAL OF BILLS
7. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Set fee increase for park pavilion rental*

   B. *Annual Knight's of Columbus, Mentally Handicapped Tootsie Roll Drive September 19 & 20, 2003*

   C. *Executive Session*
8. ADJOURN

Meeting Minutes

Mayor Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner

Present: Y Taylor Y Jones N White Y Williams Y Zeigler

Also present was Clarence Pagel Jr and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner White was absent.

1. On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jones, minutes of the June 9, 2003 meeting were approved. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Chief Mark Walker presented the Police Department activity for the month of May 2003. (Attachment 1)
3. Clarence Pagel Jr was present to voice his displeasure of the tree trimming work that had been done on his property at 508 North Second. Mr Pagel requested he be notified prior to any future work and he would like to be present when the work is conducted. Commissioner Williams stated the tree was trimmed in such a way to allow access of the bucket truck during an electrical outage and that notification would be given in the future. Mr Pagel also would like to have the drainage along Jackson Street in front of FFA plot. He routinely mows this location.
4. On a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Williams bills were approved for payment as presented. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes. (Attachment 2)
5. Commissioner Jones made a motion to increase park pavilion rental to profit making activities from $5.00 to $25.00 effective July 1, 2003. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes. Family reunions and social gatherings will remain at no charge.
6. On a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Williams, the annual Knight's of Columbus, Tootsie Roll Drive to benefit mentally handicapped, to be held September 19 & 20, 2003, was approved. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.
7. Mayor Taylor stated the flags lining Main Street and the yellow ribbons would be removed following the July 4th holiday. There were no objections.
8. Commissioner Williams requested other communities be surveyed for their customer charge of new electric service in and outside city limits. A more specific charge needs to be established before preparing an ordinance.
9. A remote startup was conducted last week at the generator plant. Commissioner Williams reported all processed smoothly.
10. Commissioner Zeigler reported citywide cleanup week was complete. He suggested the 2004 cleanup method be evaluated and possibly changed to discourage dumping of individuals who are not residents of the City.
11. Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 14 July 2003 7:00 P.M.

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1. APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING'S
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5. APPROVAL OF BILLS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Consider Application to Maintain a Trailer Court*
   B. *Approve Bids for Materials – Street Maintenance from Motor Fuel Funds*
   C. *Discuss Water Rate Increase*
7. ADJOURN

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Present:	Y	Mayor Taylor	Y	Commissioner Jones	Y	Commissioner White	Y	Commissioner Williams	Y	Commissioner Zeigler

The Council of the City of Altamont opened a public hearing at 6:45 p.m., July 14, 2003 prior to the regular meeting to present the FY 2004 Appropriation Ordinance. Also present was Sarah Stephen, City Clerk and Dan Kruger. With no comment from the public, the hearing was closed at 6:55 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.

1. On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner White, minutes of the June 23, 2003 meeting were approved. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Dan Kruger inquired as to the lights of the tennis courts at Klitzing Park. He doesn't believe they are sufficient for nighttime tennis. Mr Kruger questioned the eligibility of the City for the Ameren CIPS Smart Lights Program. Mayor Taylor did not believe the City was eligible and noted the nets had been removed at Klitzing Park. He suggested tennis could be played at the Frog Pond location.
3. Bean Development Inc has made application to maintain the Mound Mobile Home Park. On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler, the application was approved. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.
4. On a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Williams, bids for street maintenance from Motor Fuel funds were accepted: Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.
5. On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler bills were approved for payment as presented. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes. (Attachment 1)

6. Auditors, Daughhetee & Parks, have assisted in obtaining projected water rate increases. The Council discussed the fact that chemicals, testing and insurance have all escalated in the past years. It has been ten years since the last water rate increase. An ordinance will be prepared by Matt Hortenstine with the intention of the increase to take effect September 1, 2003.
7. Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Zeigler seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 28 July 2003 7:00 P.M.

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1. APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING'S
   POLICE REPORT
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4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. APPROVAL OF BILLS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Zoning Area VarianceOrdinance VA-887 – Front property line setback, 302 South Sixth*
   B. *FY 2004 Appropriation Ordinance*
   C. *FY 2003 –2004 Estimate of Revenue*
   D. *Illinois Municipal League Risk Management – Intergovernmental Cooperation Contract.*
   E. *FY 2004 LIHEAP Vendor Agreement*
   F. *Effingham County Fair Assn using Gilbert Park for Parade Staging area, August 3rd*
   G. *Executive Session*
7. ADJOURN

Meeting Minutes

Present:	Y	Mayor Taylor	Y	Commissioner Jones	Y	Commissioner White	Y	Commissioner Williams	Y	Commissioner Zeigler

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, July 28, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Also present was Elwin Stuemke, Kyle Stuemke, Linda Smith of Altamont Independent, Bill Grimes, Effingham Daily News and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

1. On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jones, minutes of the July 14, 2003 meeting were approved. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.

2. Kyle Stuemke requested cooperation from the City to determine the location of Sixth Street to the east of his property located at 302 South Sixth. Kyle will measure from the property pins and mark where he plans to locate a driving surface. The City will check the location and give approval before work can progress.
3. Zoning Variance VA-887 allowing a front property line set back at 302 South Sixth was approved on a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.
4. The FY 2004 Annual Appropriation Ordinance, in the amount of $4,651,680 was approved on a motion from Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.
5. The FY 2003 – 2004 Annual Estimate of Revenue, in the amount of $4,153,185, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.(Attachment 1)
6. On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Williams the City entered into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Contract with Illinois Municipal League Risk Management. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.
7. On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Jones the FY 2004 LIHEAP Vendor Agreement was approved. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.
8. The Council voted to allow the Effingham County Fair Assn to use Gilbert Park for assembly of the parade on August 3, 2003. This allowance is being made because the high school parking lot is limited as a result of on-going construction. A motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.
9. Bills were approved for payment. (Attachment 2)
10. Mayor Taylor informed the Council a concerned citizen approached him about the Willard Strullmeyer nature habitat on South Main Street and the possibility of the tall grasses creating a mosquito breeding site. The Effingham County Health Department will be inspecting the location and providing their findings.
11. Commissioner Jones reported the Park Board has met. They compiled a list of recommended improvements to each City park, with the emphasis being on safety. They will search out volunteers to help with some of the improvements.
12. Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 11 August 2003 7:00 P.M.

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1. Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting
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5. A. *Joe Daughhetee – Daughhetee & Parks to Present FY 2003 Audit.*
   B. *Ordinance 369-03 Amending Water Rates*
   C. *Discuss Utility Deposit Increase*
   D. *Long Distance Service Provider*
   E. *Executive Session*
6. ADJOURN

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Present:	Y	Mayor Taylor	N	Commissioner Jones	Y	Commissioner White	Y	Commissioner Williams	Y	Commissioner Zeigler

Also present Joe Daughhettee of Daughhetee & Parks CPA firm and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Williams was absent.

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes (Attachment 1)
2. Mayor Taylor announced that Chief Mark Walker has submitted a letter of resignation. After 21 years of service with the City of Altamont and 37 years of law enforcement, he would like to enjoy retirement. Mark's scheduled last day is November 19, 2003.
3. Joe Daughhetee of Daughhetee & Parks, P.C. was in attendance to present the Fiscal Year 2003 Audit report. Mr. Daughhetee explained several pages of the audit to the Council. Overall Mr Daughhetee felt the audit went well with no adverse circumstances and the City records are in good order.
4. Ordinance 369-03 Amending Water Rates was approved on a motion from Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.
5. The utility deposit rate was discussed. The present rate is $75.00 for persons renting property. An ordinance will be prepared to increase the rate to $150.00. A vote will be taken at a subsequent meeting.
6. On a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Jones the City will change the long distance service from AT&T and Frontier to Powernet Global. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes. This could prove to be an annual savings of $3,500 for the City. This change will only

affect the City's phone service and not that of residents or businesses.

7. The Mayor reported the City will be seeking bids for the construction of a 30x30 building to house equipment at the south waste water treatment plant.
8. Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 25 August 2003 7:00 P.M.

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OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

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5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. A. *Sam Gnuse – Future Direction for the Library*
   B. *Ordinance # 370-03 – Amending Utility Deposit Fee-*
   C.
   D.
   E. *Executive Session*
7. ADJOURN

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Present:										
	Y	Mayor Taylor	Y	Commissioner Jones	N	Commissioner White	Y	Commissioner Williams	Y	Commissioner Zeigler

Also present were members of Altamont Library Board, Bill Wendling, Dona Strullmyer, Sam Gnuse, Hillard Morris, Billy Inman, Michelle Freezeland, Connie Kommer, Cheryl Painter; Beth Speers, Librarian; Bill Grimes of Effingham Daily News; Clyde Barr of Altamont News; Mark Walker, Police Chief and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner White was absent.

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes
2. Chief Mark Walker presented the Police Department activity for the month of July 2003.
3. Sam Gnuse spoke on behalf of the nine attendees representing the Altamont Library. Mr Gnuse indicated that although the annual library budget had increased each year the tax funding had decreased, as a result of the distribution rate as set by the County. He requested the maximum amount allowed be levied for the library in the 2004 levy.

The Library Board would like the Council to give consideration to developing a library district, which would retain the local library, as apposed to being incorporated into the Effingham Library District. Hillard Morris expressed the community donations continue to be necessary in maintaining the library inventory and services.

4. Clyde Barr inquired of the City's possible involvement in obtaining lights at the entrances of the Effingham County Fairgrounds. The lights would be used only during events as a safety feature to help illuminate the dark entrances. It was recommended he approach the County, as this will effect Rt 40 frontage.
5. Ordinance 370-03 Amending Utility Deposits was approved on a motion from Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes. The increase will take effect September 1, 2003.
6. Commissioner Jones has been talking with the Altamont School District concerning use of Gilbert Park. The school will be cleaning the park, working and marking the fields for the remainder of the season. The City will continue to provided mowing and dumpsters.
7. Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 8 September 2003 7:00 P.M.

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6. A. *Lion's Club Candy Day Roadblock, October 10, 2003*

   B. *Budget, Income and Equity report for Rural Development*

   C. *Ordinance No. 371-03 Regulating Solicitors, Itinerant Merchants, Vendors, Peddlers, and Canvassers.*

   D. *Open Bids for WWTP 30x30 Storage Building*

   D. *Resolution Relating to Participation by Elected Officials in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund*

   E.

   F. *Executive Session*
7. ADJOURN

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Present:	Y	Mayor Taylor	Y	Commissioner Jones	Y	Commissioner White	Y	Commissioner Williams	Y	Commissioner Zeigler

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, September 8, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present; Mayor Larry Taylor; Commissioner Don Zeigler; Commissioner Bill Jones; Commissioner Gerald White Jr, and Commissioner Jason Williams. Also present were Bill Grimes of Effingham Daily News; Mark Walker, Police Chief, Terry Hahn, and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes
2. Chief Mark Walker presented the Police Department activity for the month of August 2003.
3. Commissioner Williams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner White to approve Lions Club Candy Day roadblock for October 10, 2003. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes
4. The Fiscal Year Ending 4/30/03 Budget, Income and Equity report, which is required by Rural Development, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes
5. Ordinance 371-03 Regulating Solicitors, Itinerant Merchants, Vendors, Peddlers, and Canvassers was approved on a motion from Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes
6. A Resolution Relating to Participation by Elected Officials in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund was accepted on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, present. This allows the Mayor to participate in IMRF when the position requires 1000 hours or more of service.
7. Bids were opened for a 30x30 storage building to be constructed at the south wastewater treatment plant. Bids were received from: Runge Construction, Mikel's Construction and Brandt Construction. Due to variations in the bids of materials and building sizes no action was taken. The Council will seek clarification of the bids.
8. Commissioner Zeigler explained the Cat 416 backhoe is in need of constant repair, a practical solution may be to trade for a newer model. In the near future, the City will be advertising for bids on a new backhoe.
9. Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes

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Meeting Date : 22 September 2003 7:00 P.M.

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OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

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3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. A. *Consider Salary Adjustment for Scott Winter*
   B. *Set Trick-or-Treat date – Friday, October 31st 6:00-8:00 p.m.*
   C. *Approve Route for Halloween Parade*
   D. *Consider bids for 30x30 WWTP Building*
   E.
   F.
   G. *Executive Session*
6. ADJOURN

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Present:	Y	Mayor Taylor	Y	Commissioner Jones	Y	Commissioner White	Y	Commissioner Williams	Y	Commissioner Zeigler

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, September 22, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present; Mayor Larry Taylor; Commissioner Don Zeigler; Commissioner Bill Jones; Commissioner Gerald White Jr, and Commissioner Jason Williams. Also present were Sarah Stephen, City Clerk and Candy Smith, Deputy Clerk.

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Water Department employee, Scott Winter was issued a six month wage adjustment of 50 cents. Motion was made by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.
3. Trick-or-Treat for the City of Altamont was set for Friday, October 31st 6:00 – 8:00 pm., on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.
4. On a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Jones, the route for the Halloween Parade on October 24, 2003 was approved. The route will remain the same as 2002, line-up at Frog Pond tennis courts, east on Lincoln to Main, south on Main and around the triangle. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.

5. Bids were again considered for a 30x30 storage building to be constructed at the south wastewater treatment plant. Clarification was received from Mikel's Construction, who was the winning bidder. Motion was made by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.
6. Commissioner White reported the block walls are complete for the new pump house at the water reservoir. The roof will be placed in the near future.
7. On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Council entered into executive session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss personnel. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.
8. Executive session ended at 7:55 p.m. on a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.
9. Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes

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Meeting Date : 13 October 2003 7:00 P.M.

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4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
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6. A. *Announce Levy Amount*
   B. *Set Date for Truth in Taxation Hearing*
   C. *Revised Halloween Parade Route*
   D. *Red Ribbon Week October 18 - 26, 2003*
   E. *Consider Purchase of 2002 Dodge Durango*
   F.
   G. *Executive Session*
7. ADJOURN

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Present:	Y	Mayor Taylor	Y	Commissioner Jones	Y	Commissioner White	Y	Commissioner Williams	N	Commissioner Zeigler

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, October 13, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present; Mayor Larry Taylor; Commissioner Bill Jones; Commissioner Gerald White Jr, and Commissioner Jason Williams. Also present were Candy Smith, Deputy Clerk; Chief Mark Walker and Bill Overton. Commissioner Don Ziegler was absent.

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes
2. Chief Mark Walker presented the Police activity report for the month of September.
3. Bill Overton was present to inquire about the status of the sidewalk to be put in at his residence. Mayor Taylor said he spoke with the street and alley supervisor and the plan is to start later this week.
4. Mayor Taylor announced the Levy amount for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2004 will be $308,500. On a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner White, a public hearing to present the proposed property tax levy increase for the City of Altamont will be held on October 27, 2003 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
5. On a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner White, the route for the Halloween Parade on October 24, 2003 was revised. The route will begin at the Altamont High School going west on Division to Main, north on Main and around the triangle. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.
6. A Proclamation announcing the week of October 18 through 26, 2003 be proclaimed Red Ribbon Week was signed by Mayor Taylor. Red Ribbon Week encourages the youth and community to think about who the players are in making our land drug free.
7. Commissioner Williams made a motion , seconded by Commissioner Jones to purchase a 2002 Dodge Durango for the electric department from A & H Implement for the price of $17, 250. Commissioner Williams explained that the Ford Explorer now used by the department was in constant need of repair. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.
8. Commissioner White reported the recent rain raised the water level on the lake about 2 inches. The lake is still down but in good shape.
9. Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes

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Meeting Date : 27 October 2003 7:00 P.M.

On The Agenda

OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

1. Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting

Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. A. *Illinois State Representative, Ron Stephens*
   B. *Ordinance # 372-03 – FY 2003 Annual Tax Levy*
   C. *Ordinance #373-03 – Abating 2003 Annual Tax Levy*
   D. *Ordinance #374-03 – Annexing Certain Territory*
   E. *Leaf Pickup Schedule*
   F. *Discuss Regulating Garage Sales*
   G. *Discuss Banning Use of Jake Brakes in City Limit*
   H. *Discuss Extending Saturday Night Hours of Operation for Altamont Liquor Retailers from 12:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.*
   I. *Executive Session*
7. ADJOURN

Meeting Minutes

Present:	Y	Mayor Taylor	Y	Commissioner Jones	Y	Commissioner White	Y	Commissioner Williams	Y	Commissioner Zeigler

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, October 27, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present; Mayor Larry Taylor; Commissioner Bill Jones; Commissioner Gerald White Jr, Commissioner Don Zeigler and Commissioner Jason Williams. Also present were Elwin & April Stuemke, Bonnie & Carl Becker, Jon Becker, Illinois State Representative Ron Stephens, and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Elwin & April Stuemke were present to express their concerns of the Altamont Police officers the evening of Friday October 24, 2003. They felt the officers offered little compassion toward the youth that were present at an accident scene, which occurred at the corner of Coles and Division. Also, April Stuemke was disappointed the officers did not provide an escort back to the High School after the Halloween parade. An escort was not pre-arranged by the parade committee.
3. Elwin Stuemke commended the City for repair of the drainage in Southmore Heights.
4. Illinois State Representative, Ron Stephens was present to introduce himself and offer assistance in any way to the Mayor and City Council.
5. Bonnie Becker conveyed her hopes for a citywide banning of leaf burning. She explained how devastating the emission of burning is to someone with respiratory problems. Mrs. Becker provided the Council with information detailing the actions other communities have taken, letters from doctors, and information from the EPA. Carl Becker also emphasized the health problems related to burning of leaves. Jon Becker, Altamont Assistant Fire Chief, was present to give a fireman's perspective of the dangers open burning may have to personal property. Mayor Taylor stated it is

difficult to ban burning when the majority of the community has no objection. At the encouragement of Mrs. Becker, the consensus being the community needs to be informed of alternatives for disposal of leaves.

6. Ordinance # 372-03, FY 2003 Tax Levy was passed. On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The Levy amount is $308,000.00
7. On a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Williams, Ordinance #373-03 Abating the 2003 Tax Levy was approved. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The abatement reflects the amount of electric department bond payments totaling $209,000.00.
8. Ordinance #374-03 Annexing Certain Territory and the preliminary plats of Mayfair Village Subdivision and Kull Family Farms North Subdivision were approved on a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The parcels being annexed are presently owned by Glen & Connie Mathias, Kull Family Farms, Jerry & Cheryl Hoffmeister, and the City of Altamont.
9. The Council discussed the possibility of regulating garage sales within the City limits. There have been locations holding sales on a continual basis. Information is to be obtained from other municipalities.
10. Mayor Taylor has received complaints of excessive noise from vehicles "jake braking". After Council discussion, an ordinance banning such use will be presented at the earliest date possible.
11. Travis Voelker, owner of Lukenbach's Bar and Grill has requested an extension of hours for Altamont liquor retailers from 12:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. on Saturday nights. The Council made no decision, but will take the extension of hours under consideration.
12. Commissioner White reported the construction permit has been approved for a water line to the City electric generation plant located on North Tenth Street.
13. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 10 November 2003 7:00 P.M.

On The Agenda

OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

1. Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting
   Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. POLICE REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. A. *Open Backhoe Bids*

   B. *Bill Teichmiller, EJ Water*

   C. *Ordinance 375-03 Prohibiting Engine Braking within City Limits*

   D. *Discuss Extending Saturday Night Hours of Operation for Altamont Liquor Retailers from 12:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.*

   E.

   F.

   G.

   H.

   I. *Executive Session*
7. ADJOURN

<u>Meeting Minutes</u>

Present:	Y	Mayor Taylor	Y	Commissioner Jones	N	Commissioner White	Y	Commissioner Williams	Y	Commissioner Zeigler

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, November 10, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present; Mayor Larry Taylor; Commissioner Bill Jones; Commissioner Don Zeigler; and Commissioner Jason Williams. Also present were Don Spence, Birkey's; Larry Medders, Erb Equipment Co; Beau Cotton, Fabick Tractor; Chief Mark Walker; Corporal Kendal Balding; Brenda Walker; Linda Smith, Altamont Independent; Clyde Barr, Altamont News; Bill Grimes, Effingham Daily News; Officer Alan Heiens; Abijah "Chip" Northrop; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Corporal Kendal Balding gave the police activity report for October 2003
3. Mayor Taylor presented Chief Mark Walker with a gift, from the City Council, of a collectors knife, in honor of Chief Walker's approaching retirement. Chief Walker will retire November 19, 2003 after 21 years of service with the City of Altamont.
4. Bids were opened for a 2004 Backhoe as follows:

   Erb Equipment – John Deere 310SG, Fabick Tractor – CAT 416D, Birkey's – Case 580SM Commissioner Zeigler made a motion to review the bids and vote on the purchase at a later meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
5. Ordinance # 375-03, Prohibiting Engine Braking within City Limits was passed, on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
6. Mayor Taylor asked the Council members for any public comments they had received concerning extending the Saturday night hours of Altamont Liquor Retailers. No

comments had been received. Therefore, an amended ordinance defining the open hours will be prepared for vote at a later Council Meeting.

7. On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jones, Council entered into Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
8. Council returned to regular session at 7:55 p.m.
9. On a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Williams the day after Christmas, Friday, December 26, 2003 will be a holiday for the employees. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
10. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 24 November 2003 7:00 P.M.

On The Agenda

OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

1. Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting
   Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. POLICE REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Introduction of New City Employees*
   B. *Approve Backhoe Purchase*
   C. *Ordinance 376-03 Amending Closing Hours of Liquor Licenses*
   D. *Discuss Extending New Year's Eve Hours of Operation for Altamont Liquor Retailers from 12:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.*
   E. *Ordinance AM-917 Rezoning Property Owned by Glen Mathias*
   F. *Ordinance AM-918 Rezoning Property Owned by Kull Farms*
   G. *Ordinance AM-919 Rezoning Property Owned by City*
   H. *Discuss 2004 Holiday Schedule*
   I. *Executive Session*
7. ADJOURN

Meeting Minutes

Present:	Y	Mayor Taylor	Y	Commissioner Jones	Y	Commissioner White	Y	Commissioner Williams	Y	Commissioner Zeigler

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, November 24, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present; Mayor Larry Taylor; Commissioner Bill Jones; Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Gerald White, Jr and Commissioner Don Zeigler. Also present were David Tipsword, Bob Vandelist, Police Chief, Kendal Balding; Doug Holman; Bill Grimes, Effingham Daily News; Eric Morris; John Slifer, Jr; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Newly hired employees were introduced to the Council. Chief Balding introduced Officer Doug Holman and Eric Morris introduced lineman John Slifer, Jr.
3. Commissioner Zeigler made a motion to award the bid of a new CAT 416D in the amount of $49,072 with trade-in to Fabick of Salem. Motion was seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
4. Ordinance # 376-03, Amending Closing Hours of Liquor Licenses was passed, on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. New hours become effective December 1, 2003.
5. On a motion by Commissioner White and Seconded by Commissioner Zeigler approval was given for liquor licenses to extended hours on New Year's Eve from midnight to 1:00 a.m. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
6. Ordinance # AM-917 Approving a Zoning Amendment was accepted, on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. This Amendment rezones property on South Main St, owned by Glen Mathias, from SR-1 to B-3.
7. Ordinance # AM-918 Approving a Zoning Amendment was accepted, on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. This Amendment rezones property on North Tenth St, owned by Kull Farms, from SR-1 to I-1.
8. Ordinance # AM-919 Approving a Zoning Amendment was accepted, on a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. This Amendment rezones property on North Tenth St, owned by the City of Altamont, from SR-1 to I-1
9. The 2004 Holiday Schedule for City employees was approved on a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Holidays to be observed in 2004 are News Years Day, January 1; Good Friday, April 9; Memorial

Day, May 31; Independence Day, July 5; Labor Day, September 6; Veteran's Day, November 11; Thanksgiving, November 25 and 26; Christmas, December 24.

10. Commissioner White explained there will be a public meeting, conducted by the Illinois EPA, on December 18, 2003 at 6:30 concerning watershed at the Altamont Water Reservoir.
11. Mayor Taylor announced he would be attending a meeting on December 4th in Springfield. The IMEA will be entering into a contract with LG&E and Indiana Power to build a Trimble County power plant. This agreement will help in establishing reasonable electric rates until the year 2035.
12. On a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Williams, Council entered into Executive Session at 7:25 p.m.. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
13. Council returned to regular session at 7:50 p.m.
14. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 8 December 2003 7:00 P.M.

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OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

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2. POLICE REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Christmas Lighting Contest*
   B. *2004 Council Meeting Dates*
   C. Ordinance VA-921 (Jon R. Gieseking)
   D. *Employee Vacation, Personal Days, and Sick Leave Policy*
   E.
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   H.
   I. *Executive Session*
7. ADJOURN

Meeting Minutes

Present: Y Mayor Taylor N Commissioner Jones N Commissioner White Y Commissioner Williams Y Commissioner Zeigler

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, December 8, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present; Mayor Larry Taylor; Commissioner Jason Williams; and Commissioner Don Zeigler. Also present were, Police Chief, Kendal Balding and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioners Bill Jones and Gerald White Jr were absent.

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Chief Kendal Balding presented the November 2003 police activity report.
3. Commissioner Zeigler made a motion to give free electric for the month of December to the winner of the Christmas lighting contest and 50% discount for second place. Seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
4. Ordinance VA-921, granting a set back variance to Jon R. Gieseking was approved on a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Williams. . Members voted as follows: Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
5. Revisions to the Employee Vacation, Personal Day and Sick Leave Policy was approved on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. . Members voted as follows: Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Revisions were increasing maximum accrued sick days from 60 days to 180 days and vacation days will be earned on a monthly basis rather than on the employee anniversary date.
6. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 22 December 2003 7:00 P.M.

On The Agenda

OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

1. Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting
   Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Ordinance #377-03 Amending Boundary of Altamont Enterprise Zone*
   B. *Ordinance #378-03 Altering the Termination Date of Altamont Enterprise Zone*

C. Ordinance VA-916 Side Yard Setback, 9 Lincoln Drive

D. *Resolution 2003-12-01 Adopting a Policy for the Keeping of a Verbatim Record of Closed Meetings Under the Illinois Open Meetings Act*

E. *Discuss Parking on West Madison St*

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H.

I. *Executive Session*

6. ADJOURN

Meeting Minutes

Present:	Y	Mayor Taylor	Y	Commissioner Jones	Y	Commissioner White	Y	Commissioner Williams	Y	Commissioner Zeigler

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, December 22, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present; Mayor Larry Taylor; Commissioner Bill Jones; Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Gerald White Jr; and Commissioner Don Zeigler. Also present were, Kevin Whitten, Water Dept Supr; Vaughn Voelker and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Kevin Whitten, Water Department Supervisor introduced Vaughn Voelker to the Council. In January 2004, Vaughn Voelker will begin employment with the Water Department. He is filling the approaching vacancy created by the retirement of Lloyd Morris.
3. Ordinance # 377-03 Amending Boundary of Altamont Enterprise Zone was accepted on a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. This Ordinance annexes property on South Main St, owned by Glen Mathias, on North Main owned by Jerry & Cheryl Hoffmeister, and North Tenth St owned by Kull Farms.
4. Ordinance #378-03 Altering the Termination Date of Altamont Enterprise Zone, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. This ordinance extends the enterprise zone termination date from December 11, 2011 to December 31, 2021.
5. Mayor Taylor stated Resolutions containing the same text as Ordinance 377-03 and 378-03 have been delivered to all the taxing bodies for presentation at their next meeting.
6. Ordinance VA-916 for a Side Yard Setback at 9 Lincoln Drive was approved on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes;

Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Property owner of record is Dean and Marcella Biggs.

7. Resolution 2003-12-01 Adopting a Policy for the Keeping of a Verbatim Record of Closed Meetings Under the Illinois Open Meetings Act was approved on a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
8. The Council discussed the possibility of restricting parking to only one side along West Madison St. The street is narrow and the restriction would create easier passage for emergency vehicles. The Council is taking the change under consideration.
9. Commissioner White reported the meeting conducted by the Illinois EPA was well attended. The IEPA made several suggestions for correcting the high phosphorus content of the water reservoir. The speakers also mentioned there were monies available to help in the cost.
10. On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler, Council entered into executive session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss personnel policy. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
11. Council returned to regular session at 7:50 p.m.
12. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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