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Meeting Minutes

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, January 10, 2005 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 Don Zeigler; Altamont Police Chief Kendal Balding and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Gerald 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 Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Chief Kendal Balding presented the December 2004 Police Department activity report.
3. Ordinance #395-05 Establishing Street Signs 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. Ordinance establishes a no parking sign on the south side of Division Street, east 120 feet of the intersection with Main Street.
4. Commissioner Williams made a motion to advertise for bids to purchase a bucket truck for use by the Electric Department. Motion was seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Bids are to be opened at the next regular scheduled meeting, January 24, 2005.
5. 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 January 2005 7:00 P.M.

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A. Bid Opening for Bucket Truck

B. Resolution 2005-01-01, Adopting the Emergency Aid Program Established by IMUA

C. Resolution 2005-01-02, Authorizing Submission of Urban and Community Forestry Grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources

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H. *Executive Session*

6. ADJOURN

Meeting Minutes

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, January 24, 2005 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; Altamont Police Chief Kendal Balding and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Don Zeigler was absent.

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 Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Bucket truck bids were opened. The only bid received was from Drake and Scruggs in the amount of $115,848 with an additional $229.00 for fender flares. On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jones the bid was accepted. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
3. Resolution 2005-01-01 Adopting the Emergency Aid Program Established by IMUA was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
4. Resolution 2005-01-02 Authorizing Submission of Urban and Community Forestry Grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources 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; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Award of the grant is $8750.00 to assist the City in utility and tree conflicts, to include trimming by an arborist or treating a tree to slow down growth
5. Mayor Taylor reported IDOT has plans to install a new LED flashing light at the intersection of Main and Rt 40. The light will be more obvious and less expensive to operate.
6. Commissioner White reported the pumps, at the wastewater treatment plant, are needing replaced. The current pumps process 750 gallons per minute. Estimates are being collected for replacements to operate at 1100 gallons per minute.
7. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 14 February 2005 7:00 P.M.

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6. AGENDA ITEMS
 A. Discuss County Public Safety Tax Referendum
 B. Discuss Electric Rate Increase
 C. Discuss Construction of Storage Building and Purchase of Truck for Water Department
 D. *Replacement of Overhead Doors at Street & Alley Shop*
 E. *Discuss Creation of Grease Trap Ordinance*
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 H. *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, February 14, 2005 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; Commissioner Don Zeigler; Altamont Police Chief Kendal Balding; Officer Doug Holman; Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, Terry Hahn; Water Department Supervisor, Kevin Whitten; Jim Ray; 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 White 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 Kendal Balding presented the January 2005 Police Department activity report. Chief Balding also reported the Decatur Herald will be attending the Explorer Post meeting Thursday, February 17, 2005 to collect information for an article concerning success of the Altamont Explorer Post.
3. Officer Doug Holman presented information concerning the possibility of a K-9 unit within the Altamont Police Department. Two types of dogs are typically used. Those being a drug only dog costing $5500 or an all-purpose dog, whose skills would include tracking and missing persons search, at a cost of $9500. The cost includes

training for the dog and handler. In addition a kennel would be needed in the officers car and at officers house. Officer Holman also mentioned there are grants available to support K-9 units and businesses have offered to provide supplies. He feels the presence of a K-9 would illustrate the message of a drug free community. Officer Holman was asked to research the grant options and report back to the Council.

4. On a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler, the Council unanimously voted to support and encourage Altamont citizens to votes yes for the Public Safety Tax Referendum. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
5. Kevin Whitten, Water Department Supervisor was present to request the Councils consideration of a storage building to be constructed at the water plant for supply storage and a shop maintenance area. Council suggested advertising bids in the next fiscal year.
6. Whitten also expressed the need to replace the Ford Explorer with a pickup truck. At this time no particular vehicle has been located for purchase. The State Purchase Program will be considered as a supplier for discount vehicles.
7. Whitten also reported some interest has been expressed by property owners along Rt 40, east of Altamont in connecting to the City water service. Mayor Taylor will check with the State for permits required to achieve the services.
8. Terry Hahn, Wastewater Operator was present to discuss pump replacement at the north wastewater treatment plant. The estimated cost, including installation and training, is $35,000 for two pumps. Hahn stated there are no bar screens or grit chambers in the existing pumps and the railing system is obsolete. The matter was tabled for future a meeting.
9. On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jones the Council entered into Executive Session at 7:45 to discuss an existing contract. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Council returned to open session at 7:55 pm
10. Commissioner White congratulated Terry Hahn for achieving his Class 3 Wastewater Treatment Operators license.
11. Approval was received to purchase two overhead thermal garage doors and openers from Altamont Overhead Door in the amount of $6676 to replace nonworking doors at the Street and Alley shop. Motion 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.
12. Barnes, Henry, Meisenheimer & Gende have conducted an electric service rate study. Results of the study recommend a 10.95% per kilowatt increase. Mayor Taylor commented that considering the General Fund is experiencing a shortfall he suggests the increase include another 1% pledged to the General Fund. Customers would experience an increase of 1 cent per kilowatt. No action was taken at this time.
13. Council discussed the possible contents of a grease trap maintenance ordinance. The City Attorney will be contacted to create such ordinance.
14. Mayor Taylor commended Joe Luchtefeld for the message, located on Main and Division, encouraging shopping in Altamont.
15. Sarah Stephen reported an improvement in utility billing collections as a result of the

new collection policy.

16. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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   - B. Discuss Electric Rate Increase
   - C. Laborer's Local 1197 Roadblock for Disabled Children May 13 & 14, 2005
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   - H. *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, February 28, 2005 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; Commissioner Don Zeigler; Boy Scout Members, Dalton Stein, Jason Williamson and Nancy Williamson; Dan Baxter, Data Transfer Inc; Bill Grimes, Effingham Daily News; 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. Dan Baxter of Data Transfer Inc presented a telephone long distance service program to the City Council. The City acts as an enrollment representative for PowerNet Global long distance service. In return the City receives 15% of residential long

distance calls and 7% of commercial long distance calls. Those signing up do not have to be residents of Altamont or Altamont utility customers. Dan Baxter will assist in providing requested rate comparisons. Toll free numbers will also be available for the same low rate with no monthly fee. Commissioner Williams made a motion to enter into an agreement with Data Transfer with the revenue to be designated for improvements and repairs to the municipal building. The 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. Needed improvements/repairs are seamless gutters, replacement of single pain windows and updated central air units.

3. On a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner White, the Council approved a fundraising roadblock for disabled children sponsored by Laborer's Local 1197 on May 13 & 14, 2005. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
4. The Council discussed the possibility of a higher percentage increase in electric rates for those customers outside City limits and a lesser percentage increase for in town customers. Mayor Taylor explained this is only an idea at this time. However it is something to consider since 1 ½% of the increase is committed to the general fund and those outside City limits do not pay taxes to support the general fund. Commissioner Williams suggested another possibility of proposed smaller increases over several years. The matter has been tabled until Barnes, Henry, Meisenheimer & Gende can assist in developing a more definite rate structure increase.
5. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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5. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Resolution 2005-03-03 Approving Participation in State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program

B. *Approve VFW Poppy Day Sales May 20th & 21st, 2005.*

C. *Discuss Electric Rate Increase*

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H. *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, March 14, 2005 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 Don Zeigler; Altamont Police Chief Kendal Balding; Officer Doug Holman; Clyde Barr, Altamont News; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Gerald 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 Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Chief Kendal Balding presented the February 2005 Police Department activity report.
3. On a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Williams Resolution 2005-03-03 Approving Participation in State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program was approved. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
4. VFW Poppy Day Sales to be held May 20th & 21st, 2005 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
5. Mayor Taylor stated Barnes, Henry, Meisenheimer & Gende have been instructed to provide new electric rates with a 12 1/2 % increase overall. An ordinance revision will be prepared for vote at a later meeting.
6. Officer Doug Holman presented additional information concerning the possibility of a K-9 unit within the Altamont Police Department. Officer Holman reported there is a dog available at this time, which is trained for tracking, evidence recovery and drug search at a cost of $5500. Officer Holman has made presentations to community organizations and received a favorable response for financial support of a K-9. The necessary accessories needed for the K-9 have been located at discounted prices. No action was taken by the Council at this time.
7. Commissioner White entered the meeting at 7:25.
8. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: 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 March 2005 7:00 P.M.

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   A. Discuss Sale of 1981 International Bucket Truck
   B. *Purchase of K-9 Unit*
   C. *Purchase of 2004 Dodge Pickup for Water Department*
   D. *Set Date for City Wide Cleanup*
   E. *Ordinance 396-05 Amending Electric Rates*
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   H. *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, March 28, 2005 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; Commissioner Don Zeigler; Altamont Police Chief Kendal Balding; Linda Smith, Altamont Independent; Water Department employees, Kevin Whitten, Lloyd Wendling, and Vaughn Voelker; Todd Slingerland; 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. Todd Slingerland addressed the Council requesting permission to use "Altamont" in an organization he would like to title "Altamont Youth Enlightenment, Inc" or "AYE" The group would be comprised of representatives from each of the area churches and organize a one day youth praise and worship festival at the Effingham County Fairgrounds. No objections were heard from the Council.
3. On a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler the City will be accepting sealed bids for the sale of the 1990 International Dump Truck and the 1981 International bucket truck. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Sealed bids will to opened at the next regular meeting, April 11, 2005.
4. Mayor Taylor opened the floor for a motion to purchase a K-9 Unit for the Altamont

Police Department. The issue failed for lack of a motion.

5. The Council approved the purchase of a 2004 Dodge truck for the amount of $19,500 from A&H Implement for use by the Water Department. A motion was made by Commissioner White and seconded by Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
6. Citywide cleanup was scheduled for June 27 thru July 1, 2005 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. Cleanup is set a week later than usual in an attempt to keep the City clean for the National Road Festival. Mayor Taylor appreciates the public cooperation in this beautification project.
7. Ordinance 396-05 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. The ordinance allows for an overall 12 ½ % increase to electric rates as furnished by the City of Altamont. 1 ½ % of the increase to be transferred to the General Fund. Customers will see the increase on the bill received May 2005.
8. Kevin Whitten, Water Department Superintendent, announced to the Council the Water Department received a 10-year award from the Illinois Department of Public Health and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. The award recognizes the department for maintaining recommended fluoride levels.
9. On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Jones the Council entered into Executive Session at 7:22 p.m. to discuss a contract issue and delinquent utility customers. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
10. Council returned to regular session at 8:06 p.m. No action was taken resulting from the Executive Session.
11. Council discussed the possibility of increasing the current rate of hydrant rental collected annually from the Altamont Fire Department. The current annual rate is $7.00 per hydrant. No action was taken at this time.
12. The 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 : 11 April 2005 7:00 P.M.

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5. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. Opening of Bids for Sale of 1981 International Bucket Truck
   B. *Opening of Bids for Sale of 1991 International Dump Truck*
   C. *Encroachment Permit for 23 North Main Street.*
   D. *t.a.c. - Water Department Performance Contract*
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   H. *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, April 11, 2005 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 Ziegler and Commissioner Jason Williams. Also present were Candy Smith, Deputy Clerk; Steve Rudolphi, Effingham Tree Service; and Doug Sigrist and Richard Moore, Rural Comm.

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 Ziegler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Bids on the 1981 International S1700 Bucket Truck were opened.
3. Motion was made by Commissioner Williams to accept the high bid by Rural Comm. of Farina of $12,501.00 and seconded by Commissioner Ziegler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Ziegler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.
4. Bids on the 1984 International 1900 Series Dump Truck were opened. One bid was received from Groff Equipment of Lawrenceville in the amount of $378.00. Motion was made by Commissioner Ziegler to accept the bid by Groff Equipment for $378.00 and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Ziegler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.
5. A one-foot encroachment permit was presented by Mayor Taylor for a business at 23 N Main St. The encroachment is for the purpose of vending sales. The structure will be an ice machine placed on the west sidewalk at this location. Additional conditions are that if the encroachment becomes a hazard the machine will be removed upon the City's request. Motion to accept the encroachment permit was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Ziegler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes. Commissioner White abstained from voting due

to a conflict of interest.

6. Mayor Taylor discussed a meeting that was held with t.a.c. representative Michelle Allen, concerning providing a water feasibility study. Motion was made by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Williams to not enter into a contract with t.a.c. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Ziegler and Mayor Taylor, yes.
7. Commissioner White reported there is problem with an insect called midges at the south sewer lagoon. Commissioner White suggested checking into the different types of control such as spraying and treating the lagoon.
8. Mayor Taylor reported that the destratifier at the City reservoir has quit working. Baker Well service checked for problems and will provide the City with an estimate for correcting the problem.
9. Commissioner Jones reported that he spoke with Mr. Littleford, Superintendent of Unit 10 Schools, about the schools using the ball diamonds at Gilbert Park. The school will pay the City $25.00 per diamond used to cover cost of preparation of field and trash pick up after the games. Commissioner Jones also reported that he spoke with Abijah Northrop, Superintendent of streets and alleys for the City, about a building at Union Cemetery The building will be repaired and the Street department will use it for storage.
10. 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 White, yes; Commissioner Ziegler, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes

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Meeting Date : 25 April 2005 7:00 P.M.

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6. AGENDA ITEMS

A. *Ordinance 397-05 An Ordinance Vacating An Alley Adjacent to the 200 Block of South Tenth Street.*

B. *Ordinance 398-05 Establishing a Program to Regulate the Installation and Routine Cleaning of Grease Interceptors and Traps*

C. *Mosquito Larviciding Agreement Between Effingham County Health Department and Municipality of Altamont Through October 31, 2005.*

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H. *Executive Session*

7. ADJOURN

Meeting Minutes

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

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, April 25, 2005 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; Commissioner Don Zeigler; Altamont Police Chief Kendal Balding; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Jason Williams was absent.

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 White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Chief Kendal Balding presented the March 2005 Police Department activity report. Commissioner White complimented the Police Department for their efforts of property cleanup.
3. Ordinance #397-05 Vacating an Alley Adjacent to the 200 Block of South Tenth Street, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The property will convey to adjacent property owners Arnold Schmidt and Ray and Patsy Wurl.
4. Ordinance #398-05 Establishing a Program to Regulate the Installation and Routine Cleaning of Grease Interceptors and Traps was approved on a motion by 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. An agreement was entered into between Effingham County Health Department and the City of Altamont to conduct mosquito larviciding within the City through October 31, 2005. Motion was made by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
6. Commissioner Jones reported new lights are being installed at the south ball diamond in Gilbert Park.
7. The Council discussed lawn mowing regulations and mentioned some properties that need to be watched closely for excessive growth.
8. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 9 May 2005 7:00 P.M.

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   A. *Ordinance 399-05 Appointment Ordinance*
   B. *Special Liquor License for Altamont Softball, Inc*
   C. *Chief Balding - Discuss Part Time Officer*
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   H. *Executive Session*
7. ADJOURN

Meeting Minutes

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, May 9, 2005 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 Don Zeigler; Altamont Police Chief Kendal Balding; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Gerald White was absent.

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 Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Chief Kendal Balding presented the April 2005 Police Department activity report.
3. Chief Balding requested permission to hire an additional part time officer. There have been scheduling difficulties as a result of one officer being on medical leave and two officers having other employment obligations. On a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Jones, Ted Heath will be offered a part time position. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
4. Altamont Softball Inc, was granted a special liquor license 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. This will allow liquor to be served at the annual softball tournaments located at Gilbert Park.
5. Ordinance #399-05, Appointment Ordinance, was approved on a motion made 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. All appointed positions remained the same as the previous fiscal year.

6. Mayor Taylor illustrated to the Council a draft of a magnetic memo board that will soon be placed in the baskets for the new Welcome Wagon program.
7. Commissioner Williams explained the electric department will be diverting electric lines from across property at 804 West Division to the Tenth Street right-of-way allowing for an ADM expansion.
8. Commissioner Jones reported two improvements at Gilbert Park. New lights have been installed at the south ball diamond and Diamond Pro product has been placed on the playing field of the A and B diamonds. The Cemetery storage building has been improved. He also indicated the restrooms at Schmidt Park will soon need painted inside.
9. The Council expressed concern about picnic tables being removed from the pavilions and not returned to the appropriate places. Council discussed the possibility of charging for pavilion rental.
10. The meeting was adjourned 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.

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Meeting Date : 23 May 2005 7:00 P.M.

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4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. AGENDA ITEMS
   - A. Tree City Banners
   - B. Ambulance Subsidy
   - C. Purchase of Tulip Trees for Union Cemetery $1,000
   - D. *Street Closing for Purpose of Methodist Church Bible School*
   - E. *Approve Library Board Appointments*
   - F. *Ordinance VA-988 Reducing Minimum Lot Area to 5,444 SF, 400 Block of North Ninth Street*
   - G. Approve 2005 Road Oiling Schedule
   - H. *Vision 20/20 Participation*
   - 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, May 23, 2005 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; Commissioner Don Zeigler. Also present was Bill Grimes, Effingham Daily News; 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. The current Tree City Banners, which are placed around the triangle are in need of replacement. The estimated cost of new banners is $1,440 for eight banners. The increased price is due to a loss of a vendor, making it necessary to pay a set up fee. The Tree City flag, flying below the United States flag will suffice in signifying Altamont's Tree City status. Therefore, no new banners will be purchased.
3. The City of Altamont has been providing an annual $2,000 ambulance subsidy to Altamont Ambulance Service and Gieseking Ambulance. On a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Jones, the subsidy will be discontinued. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Commissioner White abstained due to an employment conflict, but requested going on record that he agrees with the discontinuance.
4. A motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Williams to expend $1,000 from tourism funds for the purchase of tulip trees to be planted at Union Cemetery. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
5. The Methodist Church requested the closing of Second Street between Monroe and Madison, as well as, the alley south of the Methodist Church, on June 5 from 6 pm – 8 pm to ensure the safety of children while using Klitzing Park during Bible school. Motion to approve was made 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.
6. On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Williams, the following Library Board appointments were approved:

   Bill Wendling – renew three year term
   Connie Kommer – renew three year term
   Martha Teasley – renew three year term
   Karen Oliver – fill a vacancy
   Corey Guy – fill a vacany
   Michelle Freezeland to replace Martha Teasley as Treasurer

   Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
7. Ordinance VA-988 Reducing Minimum Lot Area of a specific location in the 400

block of North Ninth Street 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.

8. On a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Williams the 2005 road oiling schedule was approved. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
9. Mayor Taylor reported he had attended the Vision 20/20 Imagine 21 program. An Effingham Chamber of Commerce sponsored program conducted as a coordinated effort by various business people from Effingham County promoting positive ideas for county wide economic development. The Effingham Chamber is requesting $5,000 support from the communities participating. On a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner White, the expenditure was approved. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
10. Mayor Taylor requested the Commissioners look at the North Third Street trailer park area and report their findings at the next council meeting.
11. Commissioner White reported the water storage tanks have been cleaned and a new destratifier has been installed a the water reservoir.
12. Commissioner Williams thanked all the departments for their help after the May 13th storm. A great team effort by all City employees involved.
13. Commissioner Jones reported the parks are being heavily used his summer. Schmidt Park has a new park bench donated by Arnold Schmidt in honor of Mr Schmidt's 100th birthday. Commissioner Jones also reported he is reviewing cemetery ordinances from other Illinois cities in an effort to revise or create new cemetery rules.
14. 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 White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 13 June 2005 7:00 P.M.

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3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *City Wide Cleanup*

B. *Sewer Tap on Fees*

C. *Discuss Condition of Third Street Trailer Court*

D. *Ordinance 400-05 Establishing Prevailing Wage Rates*

E. *Resolution #2005-06-04 Maintenance of Streets & Highways*

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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, June 13, 2005 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; Commissioner Don Zeigler. Also present was Chief, Kendal Balding; 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 Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Chief Kendal Balding presented the May 2005 Police Activity Report
3. The City Council discussed City wide cleanup to be held June 27 – July 1. Joe Petty will be accepting white goods during this week and parking a trailer at the generation plant. This will allow him time to sort through the goods rather than take them to his residence.
4. Commissioner White reported a survey of sewer tap on rates in area communities had been conducted. The survey revealed the City of Altamont was relatively lower in comparison. An ordinance will be amended and presented at the next Council meeting, increasing the rate from $100 to $200 for all sewer taps.
5. The condition of mobile home parks within City limits was discussed. At this time, there are few code restrictions for such areas of the City. The Council will revisit the mobile home park zoning, particularly the age and condition of structures being newly located in the designated mobile home parks.
6. Ordinance #400-05 Establishing Prevailing Wage Rates was approved 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.
7. Resolution #2005-06-04 Maintenance of Streets and Highways 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. Mayor Taylor reported he has been in contact with Alvin Schultz concerning renewal of the lease agreement for the location of the Altamont Dairy Bar. Mayor Taylor also

discussed with Alvin Schultz the possibility of finding another parking location for the catering vans. Vans have been parking at the northwest corner of the park, making limited parking for visitors trying to use the North pavilion. Alvin will seek other parking arrangements.

9. On a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Council entered into executive session a 7:30 pm to discuss contract issues. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
10. Council re-entered open session at 8:22 pm. No action was presently necessary from executive session.
11. Commissioner White reported the Ford 2120 tractor broke down. An estimate of rebuilding costs is being obtained.
12. Commissioner Zeigler reported sixteen tulip trees have been planted in Union Cemetery.
13. Mayor Taylor reminded the Council a public hearing is scheduled for June 21st, 7:00 pm to consider the construction of two four unit apartment buildings along Highway 40 on the Kieffer Milam property. The request has been made by developers Dave Yagow, Chris Worman, and Mike McCall.
14. Mayor Taylor reported that Phil Schultz will be replacing sidewalk sections on Main and Second Streets. Schultz is providing the labor and the City will pay for material costs.
15. The 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; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 27 June 2005 7:00 P.M.

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OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

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   Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
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3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. AGENDA ITEMS

A. *Ordinance AM 999Concerning Rezoning of Portions of Lots 14, 15, 18, 19, George Hillemann's Addition*

B. *Employee Health Insurance Agreement*

C. *Ordinance 401-05 Amending Sewer Tap on Fees*

D. *Acceptance of Bid Recommendation for Construction of Water Main Extension to Rouleau Site*

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I. *Executive Session*

6. ADJOURN

Meeting Minutes

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

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, June 27, 2005 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; Commissioner Don Zeigler. Also present was Laverne Koeberlein, Kyle Stuemke, Tina Verdeyen, Nancy Ohnesorge, Richard Ohnesorge, George King, Trina Cage, Jeff Cage and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Jason 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.
2. Nancy Ohnesorge spoke in opposition to rezoning portions of George Hillemann's Addition. Mrs. Ohnesorge stated she would like for the Council to keep the area zoned as residential property. The basis of her concerns were (1) the zoning change could have a snowball effect and allow additional area properties be zoned MR-2; (2) the drainage ditch across the property is dangerous for children during substantial rains; and (3) there would be an increase in the traffic for Lutheran Care Center.
3. George King stated there would be an increase in foot traffic along Highway 40 and would be dangerous since there are no sidewalks.
4. Tina Verdeyen spoke concerning foot traffic across private property since there are no sidewalks.
5. Ordinance AM-999 Denying a Zoning Amendment was approved on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
6. The City entered into an employee health insurance agreement with American Community Insurance, represented by Althoff Insurance on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
7. Ordinance #401-05 Amending Sewer Tap on Fees was approved on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Tap on fees were increased from \$100 to \$200 per tap for new construction sites.
8. Bids were opened June 24th for construction of a water main extension to the Rouleau Property. A letter from Curry & Associates Engineers recommending the lowest bid of \$156,922.24 by Central States Environmental was presented to the Council. On a

motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler the bid recommendation was approved. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

9. Commissioner White reported the reservoir in down 23 ½", which is not alarming at this time. Sewer lines will be tested for faulty lines beginning July 11th.
10. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 11 July 2005 8:00 P.M.

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5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Daughhetee & Parks to Present FYE 2005 Audit*
   B. *Acceptance of Materials and Approval of Bid Award for 2005 Street Maintenance*
   C. *Curry & Associates Estimate for North Main Street Water Main Extension*
   D. *Ordinance #402-05 FYE 2006 Annual Appropriation*
   E.
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   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, July 11, 2005 at 8:00 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; Commissioner Don Zeigler. Also present was Altamont Police Chief, Kendal Balding; Water Department Supr, Kevin Whitten; Bill Grimes, Effingham Daily News; 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 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.

2. Chief Kendal Balding presented the June 2005 Police Activity Report
3. Joe Daughhetee of Daughhetee & Parks presented the 2005 audit. Extensive explanation was given, as this was the first year for the GASB 34 compliance. Mr Daughhetee reported there were no major concerns resulting from the audit.
4. Kevin Whitten reported the Altamont reservoir was the third lowest in 18 years. The measurement of this date reflected the level to be down 31". Residents are asked to be aware of their usage and to repair any known water leaks.
5. Motor Fuel bids for 2005 street maintenance were 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
6. Curry & Associates Engineers submitted an estimate $9,600 for engineering costs of a water main extension from the north city limits to County Road 1100N, west approx ¼ mile. On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Williams, Curry's estimate was approved. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
7. Ordinance #402-05 An Ordinance Making Appropriation for Fiscal Year May 1, 2005 - April 30, 2006, totaling $4,428,270 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.
8. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Willimas. 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 July 2005 7:00 P.M.

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5. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Representative Ron Stephens – Legislative Update*
   B. *Discuss Skateboarding at Klitzing Park*
   C. *September 16 & 17th Knight's of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive*

D. *September 11th Partial Street Closing for Emergency Service Personnel Recognition Service*

E. *Daughhetee & Parks Audit Proposal for Fiscal Year 2006 Audit*

F. *July 27, 2005 Utility Shutoff Action to be Taken*

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I. *Executive Session*

6. ADJOURN

Meeting Minutes

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, July 25, 2005 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 Don Zeigler. Also present was Illinois State Representative, Ron Stephens; Bill Grimes, Effingham Daily News; Clyde Barr, Altamont News; Jon Becker; Joseph Wilson; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Gerald 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 Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Illinois State Representative, Ron Stephens addressed the Council with a legislative update and offered his assistance to the City officials and residents of Altamont.
3. The Council was provided a copy of a letter from City's insurance carrier, Illinois Municipal League Risk Management regarding homemade skate ramps at Klitzing Park. The insurance company recommended the ramps be removed for safety reasons. The Police Department will be asked to work with the youth in determining the needs of skateboard enthusiasts.
4. The Knight's of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive to be held September 16th & 17th was approved. Motion was made 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.
5. Jon Becker addressed the council with plans for a September 11th memorial sponsored by the Altamont Fire Department. Initial plans include an apparatus procession from the High School to Klitzing Park where services will be held. Jon Becker requested the streets of Monroe, Second and Madison surrounding Klitzing Park be closed to allow for parking. On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jones, such street closing was approved. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
6. On a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler, Daughhetee & Parks were retained for the 2006 audit at a cost of $5800. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

7. Delinquent customers of Altamont utilities were sent disconnection notices reflecting the date of July 27th. Due to the extreme temperatures, the Council agreed to disconnect water services rather than electric service. Motion was made 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.
8. The meeting was adjourned 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.

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Meeting Date : 8 August 2005 7:00 P.M.

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5. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Contract for Installation of Rouleau Water Line*
   B.
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   I. *Executive Session*
6. ADJOURN

Meeting Minutes

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

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, August 8, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present; Mayor Larry Taylor; Commissioner Gerald White; and Commissioner Don Zeigler. Also present was Bill Grimes, Effingham Daily News; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Jason Williams and Commissioner Bill Jones were 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 White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler,

yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

2. The contract from Central States Environmental was received and reviewed by the Council. No concerns were expressed. Therefore; the contract will be signed by the Mayor and returned for execution. The contracted amount is $156,922.24 for installation of the water main extension (Rouleau site).
3. Mayor Taylor reported, due to the extreme temperatures and demands, the electric generators have been running frequently. IMEA is considering selling generated power to Ameren during this time of high usage.
4. Commissioner White inquired if other communities had service area protection from other water service providers entering the City of Altamont service area. An inquiry will be made to organizations of which the City has membership.
5. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 22 August 2005 7:00 P.M.

On The Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
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3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Ordinance VA-1012 Setback 805 Aker Drive*
   B. *Ordinance SP-1007 Special Use to Lutheran Care Center for Construction of Child Day Care Facility.*
   C. *Discuss Sanitation Service Contract*
   D. *Electric Utility Easement*
   E.
   F.
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   H.
   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, August 22, 2005 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; and Commissioner Don Zeigler. Also present was Bill Grimes, Effingham Daily News; Kendal Balding, Altamont Police Chief; Emily Miller, Lutheran Care Center; Jim Ray; 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 Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Chief Balding presented to July 2005 Police Activity Report (Attachment 2) Chief Balding announced a new part time officer, Aleta Robinson, has been hired to replace Ted Heath, who recently resigned.
3. Ordinance VA-1012 was approved on a motion by Commissioner White 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. The ordinance allows a setback reduction from 25 feet to 5 feet at 805 Aker Drive.
4. Ordinance SP-1007, Special use to Lutheran Care Center for Construction of Child Day Care Facility. Emily Miller, of Lutheran Care Center was present to answer questions of the Council. Mrs. Miller explained the Day Care will be for children ages 0-12, with emphasis on a Christian curriculum. The facility will employ 1 director, 6 teachers, and 3-4 aids. The building will be located northeast of the present Lutheran Care Center structure. Plans are being made to transport children from the Day Care to Frog Pond Preschool. Hours of operation will be 5:30am-6:00pm. Scheduled opening date is May 2006. Motion to approve ordinance SP-1007 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.
5. On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler, the Council approved the purchase of a utility easement from Kull Family Farms for the amount of $2,000.00. The easement is located on the north side of the SE/4 Section 15 T7N R4E (commonly south of Effingham County Fairgrounds) consisting of 1.818 acres. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
6. Commissioner White reported it has been a year since the process began of placing microbes in the WWTP lagoons to eliminate sludge buildup. In recent testing, it has been determined the method is successful. Treatment will continue.
7. Commissioner Williams reported the electric department has begun installing utility poles in preparation for the future Rouleau building site.
8. Commissioner Jones reported he is searching for skateboard ramps that could be installed at Klitzing Park. Also, citizens have expressed an interest in having playground equipment, suitable for smaller children, installed at a park. These individuals are willing to organize a fundraiser to cover the cost of the equipment.
9. On a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner White, Council entered into executive session at 7:21 pm to discuss renewal of the sanitation contract between the City and Ray's Sanitation. Members voted as follows:

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

10. Council returned to open session at 7:30 pm
11. On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler, the sanitation contract between the City and Ray's Sanitation was extended to January 1, 2010 for the annual amount of $156,000.00. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. This extension will allow Jim Ray to be in business 25 years.
12. The 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; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 12 September 2005 7:00 P.M.

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5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Street Closing for Altamont High School Band Recognition Parade*
   B. *Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Vendor Agreement FY 2006*
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   I. *Executive Session*
7. ADJOURN

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 12, 2005 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; and Commissioner Don Zeigler. Also present was Clyde Barr, Altamont News; Kendal Balding, Altamont

Police Chief; 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. Chief Balding presented the August 2005 Police Activity Report
3. Mayor Taylor commended Jon Becker of Altamont Fire Department and Chief Balding for coordinating the 911 observance conducted at Klitzing Park on Sunday September 11th. Mayor Taylor entered into record a Proclamation presented during the ceremony.
4. Altamont High School Band representatives, Amanda Moloney and April Stuemke, by written request, asked for a street closing or police escort on Sunday, September 25, 2005 between the times of 4:30 – 5:15 pm, as a send-off celebration for the Altamont High School band trip to Florida. The route to be closed/escorted begins at the High School, west on Division, south on Main, and east on Lincoln concluding at the High School. On a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler, approval was given. 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 White, the Council entered into an annual agreement with the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. 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 reservoir is down 50", the lowest in many years. Customers are asked to conserve water usage when they can to avoid future watering restrictions.
7. Commissioner White also reported a written report has been received from Curry & Associates regarding the progress of sludge elimination at the south wastewater treatment lagoon. The report reflects a decrease in sludge of 545 cubic yards. Curry & Associates recommend continuing the microbe treatment at an annual cost of $5600. This is a sizeable savings compared to $325,000 to dredge the lagoon.
8. Commissioner Jones reported he met with Diana Robbins about a possible fund raising campaign for playground equipment, suitable for children, ages 5-12 to be installed at Schmidt park.
9. Commissioner Jones expressed concern about the properties in violation of junk, garbage and unlicensed vehicles. He would like to see them cleaned up before winter.
10. Commissioner Jones complimented area citizens for working together on a common cause of economic development with regard to the purchase of the former Carriage Inn property. He felt common support is a reflection of a productive community.
11. The meeting was adjourned 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.

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Meeting Date : 26 September 2005 7:00 P.M.

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5. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Roadblock Fundraiser, Lion's Club Candy Day October 14th & 15th*
   B. *Ordinance VA-1013 – 602 West Elm, Front Yard Intrusion Modification*
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   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, September 26, 2005 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; and Commissioner Don Zeigler. Also present was Reyne Ashley; Clyde Barr, Altamont News; 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 Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes
2. On a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner White, the Council approved a request from the Altamont Lions Club to hold the Lion's Club Candy Day roadblock fundraiser on October 14th & 15th at the intersection of Main Street and Highway 40. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
3. Ordinance VA-1013 concerning a front yard intrusion modification at 602 West Elm St was approved 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. The ordinance allows a metal structure carport to remain on the property with conditions of 1) structure will be removed when property is sold or rented, 2) support posts will be vinyl covered, and 3) structure will be maintained.

4. Commissioner White reported the reservoir gained 1 ½" during the recent rainfall. Ground clearing has begun for installation of the Rouleau water main extension.
5. Commissioner Williams reported Rich Siddens had approached him concerning installation of tile in the ditch along the west side of his residence.
6. Mayor Taylor reported IMEA has delayed the prospect of selling power on the open market, but may instead consider compensating those cities generating power for the association.
7. 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 October 2005 7:00 P.M.

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3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Approval of Halloween Parade Route, October 28, 6:00 pm*
   B. *Red Ribbon Week Proclamation, October 22 – 30, 2005*
   C. *Consideration of Special Use Request – Andeline Lane*
   D. *Nuisance Violations*
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   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, October 10, 2005 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; and Commissioner Don Zeigler. Also present was Clyde Barr, Altamont News; Mike Coleman; Brenda Beck; Monte Beck; Alvin Oliver; Q. Anthony Siemer; Kurt Wolff; Todd Verdeyen; Tammy Kelly; Mike Mercier; 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. The Council approved the Halloween Parade route for 6:00 pm October 28, 2005. The parade will begin at the High School, continue west on Division, north on Main Street and around the triangle. Motion for approval 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.
3. On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler, a proclamation was signed declaring October 22 – 30, 2005 at Red Ribbon Week promoting a drug fee community. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
4. The Council was presented with special use requests for property located at 1 & 3 Andelin Lane. The request would allow construction of a duplex on each location. The Zoning Board held a public hearing on September 22nd, where board members handed over a tie vote, with one absent member. Commissioner White questioned what a tie vote by the Zoning Board signifies, a yes, a no, or a tie. Mayor Taylor commented he believed it was considered no decision was reached as a result of the hearing. Commissioner Williams stated he believed that because the zoning board hears comments from all parties at the public hearing they should send a recommendation to the Council rather than a tie vote. Commissioner Jones stated he agreed with some items on the advisory report, but felt it would be better if, a directive was given to the Council by the Zoning Board. Commissioner Zeigler and White both stated they were ready to vote if that was the pleasure of the Council. Commissioner Williams made a motion to return both special use requests to the Zoning Board for another public hearing when the full board would be in attendance, thus eliminating a tie vote. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, no; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
5. The Council discussed nuisance violations, in particular junk/rubbish and abandoned vehicles. Mayor Taylor has met with the Effingham County Health Department who advised him they would assist the City to a certain degree, then would refer the situation to the City attorney. Alvin Oliver presented the City with pictures of various locations with City ordinance violations, including the blocking of streets and sidewalks. The Council is in favor of taking legal action with property owners who are in violation of Chapter 25 of the Revised Code of Ordinances. Those property owners who do not comply to written City requests can expect notification from the City attorney and could result in court appearance.
6. The 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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   I. *Executive Session*
7. ADJOURN

Meeting Minutes

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 24, 2005 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; and Commissioner Gerald White. Also present was Altamont Police Chief, Kendal Balding; Gary Hewing; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Don Zeigler was absent.

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 Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Chief Balding presented the September 2005 police activity report. 251 Calls for Service, 12 Criminal Arrests, 14 Traffic Arrests and 4450 Miles Patrolled.
3. Gary Hewing was present to provide documentation concerning abandonment and ownership of an alley bordering the south boundary of lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, Block 30 in Conlogue's First Addition. Documentation reflects Gary and Becky Hewing as owners of said abandoned lot. Said alley was abandoned by Ordinance No. 67, adopted January 9, 1922.

4. Commissioner White reported all pipe has been installed for the Rouleau water main extension. Line testing should be completed this week. Commissioner White commended several City employees for their efforts in repairing a water main leak on Saturday, October 22nd.
5. The 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 White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 14 November 2005 7:00 P.M.

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3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Ordinance SP 1020 - Special Use Request 1 Andeline Lane*
   B. *Ordinance SP 1022 - Special Use Request 3 Andeline Lane*
   C. *Resolution 2005-11-06 Approving Amended Plat of Mathias Business Park*
   D. *Minimum Water Service Provided*
   E. *Set Date for Truth in Taxation Public Hearing*
   F. *Christmas Lighting Contest Participation*
   G.
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   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 14, 2005 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; and Commissioner Don Zeigler. Also present was Altamont Police Chief, Kendal Balding; Zoning Administrator, Gary White; Mike Mercier; Brenda Beck; Monte Beck; Mike Coleman; Alvin Oliver; Tammy Kelly; Clyde Barr, Altamont News; Attorney Tony Siemer; Roger Beccue; Tina Verdeyen; Kevin Whitten, Water Department Supervisor; one unidentified gentleman (did not register, unable to obtain a name); 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. Attorney Tony Siemer, representing Mike Coleman, opposing the development of duplexes on Lots 1 and 8, Moundview Estate spoke to the council. Mr Siemer questioned the procedure of holding a second public hearing and second presentation to the City Council.
3. Mike Coleman presented a petition, containing 97 signatures opposing duplexes in Moundview Estates. Mr Coleman also provided an Altamont Independent article concerning the Council denying a zoning request to construct an apartment building on Route 40 frontage property owned by Kieffer Milam.
4. Mike Mercier, contractor for the petitioners Richard and Tammy Kelly explained to the Council the planned duplexes would be the same square footage as some single family homes. He asked the Council to not send a message to contractors discouraging development.
5. In response to Mr Siemer's comments Mayor Taylor replied the Council was acting in good faith. The first public hearing had not produced a recommendation from the Zoning Board to the Council, as the Zoning Board vote resulted in a tie due to one absent Zoning Board member.
6. At this time Ordinance SP1020 – was presented to the Council for vote. Commissioner White made the motion to disapprove the construction of a duplex on Lot 8, Moundview Estates. Commissioner Zeigler seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, no; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, no.
7. Ordinance SP-1022, Special Use Request for 3 Andeline Lane was presented to the Council for vote. Commissioner Zeigler made the motion to disallow the construction of a duplex on Lot 1, Moundview Estates. Commissioner White seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, no; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, no.
8. Resolution 2005-11-06 Approving Amended Plat of Mathias Business Park 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. The amendment revises the dimensions of Lot 1, Mayfair Village Subdivision to create uniformity in all Business Park lots.
9. Kevin Whitten, Water Department Supervisor, was present to discuss the minimum size water tap available to new customers. Currently a ¾" and 1" are offered to new water customers. In conversations Kevin Whitten has had with engineers, they are dismayed the City is offering ¾" service. The Illinois Plumbing Code requires a 1" service from the house to the meter. Installation of a ¾" meter causes a reduction in the service, which contradicts the plumbing code. Therefore, the City ordinance will be amended to eliminate the ¾" service and presented at a later meeting.
10. Kevin also reported the reservoir level was down 68 ½", the lowest since 1992.
11. The Truth in Taxation public hearing was set for December 14, 2005, 6:45 pm.
12. On a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Jones, the City of Altamont will again award the Christmas lighting contest winners free electric to

first place and 50% electric discount to the second place winner. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

13. Chief Balding presented the October 2005 police activity report. 255 Calls for Service, 6 Criminal Arrests, 10 Traffic Arrests and 4,968 Miles Patrolled.
14. On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Council entered into executive session at 7:30 to discuss a contract renewal. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes
15. Council returned to regular session at 7:43 pm. As a result of executive session, the Council approved a change in the drug testing service provider from Utility Consultants to Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center of Mattoon, Illinois. Motion to approve was made 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.
16. Mayor Taylor informed the Council the City has been instructed to repay $8,485.91 as part of a multi municipality litigation with regard to telecommunications tax. Funds may be regained through an upcoming grant option.
17. The meeting was adjourned 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

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Meeting Date : 28 November 2005 7:00 P.M.

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5. AGENDA ITEMS
   - A. *Resolution 2005-11-07 Estimating 2006 Tax Levy*
   - B. *Cancellation of Truth in Taxation Hearing*
   - C. *Discuss Parking of Semi Trailer on Commercial Property*
   - D.
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   - I. *Executive Session*

6. ADJOURN

Meeting Minutes

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 28, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present; Mayor Larry Taylor; Commissioner Bill Jones; and Commissioner Jason Williams;. Also present was Monte Beck; Mike Coleman; Clyde Barr, Altamont News; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Gerald White and Commissioner Don Zeigler were absent

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 Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes
2. An agenda item listed as "Discuss Parking of Semi Trailer on Commercial Property" was tabled for lack of time to consult with legal council.
3. Resolution 2005-11-07 Estimating the 2006 Tax Levy was passed on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
4. The previously scheduled Truth in Taxation hearing was cancelled on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The Effingham County office advised no hearing would be necessary since no increase in bond payment or levy occurred.
5. Commissioner Zeigler entered the meeting at 7:11 pm.
6. Resolution 2005-11-08 Establishing 2006 Meeting Schedule was passed 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.
7. The 2006 Holiday Schedule was approved on a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
8. A Change order concerning the contract with Central States Environmental for installation of the water main extension to Rouleau Industries, in the amount of $6,730.85 was approved. Motion made 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. The change order reflects charges for installation of an extra fire service line and a larger water main tap.
9. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the second payment to Central States Environmental in the amount of $64,615.64, for installation of the water main extension to the Rouleau Industries site. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
10. Mayor Taylor stated there has become a problem with aggressive dogs while City

employees attempt to read meters. Mayor asked the council for recommendations to the situation. The Mayor will be sending letters to owners of the troubled locations. A second recommendation was to estimate the utility to the City's advantage.

11. Mayor Taylor also reported there may be some trees at the reservoir needing to be harvested. A State program is available that may assist in tree selection and finding a reputable arborist. Mayor stated protecting the reservoir watershed should be a concern.
12. The 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 Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 12 December 2005 7:00 P.M.

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6. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Roger Osthoff, Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center*
   B. *Discussion of Semi Trailer Parking on Commercial Property*
   C. *Ordinance 403-05 Levying Taxes for FYE April 30, 2006*
   D. *Ordinance 404-05 Abating 2005 Tax Levy*
   E. *Ordinance 405-05 Amending Water Tap On Fees*
   F. *Ordinance VA-1027; Front Yard Setback, 712 West Jackson Ave*
   G. *Ordinance VA-1028; Setbacks and Intrusion, 12 South Main*
   H. Ordinance VA-1029; Signage, 6 thru 10 South Main
   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 12, 2005 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; and Commissioner Don Zeigler Also present was Roger Osthoff, Sarah Busch Lincoln Health Center; Clyde Barr, Altamont News; Kendal Balding; Altamont Police Chief; 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 Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

2. Chief Kendal Balding presented the November 2005 police activity report. Chief Balding read a letter from Altamont Ambulance recognizing a job well done by Officer Alan Heiens at a recent accident site.
3. Roger Osthoff of Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center presented an employee assistance program to the Council. The program is an employee benefit, which provides confidential counseling, in various areas, to employees and their families. Action is expected at a future meeting.
4. Ordinance 403-05 Levying Taxes for fiscal year ending April 30, 2006 was approved on a motion by Commissioner White 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. Total tax levy is $110,500.
5. Ordinance 404-05 Abating 2005 Tax Levy 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.
6. Ordinance 405-05 Amending Water Tap on Fees 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. Action eliminates a ¾" service.
7. Ordinance VA-1027 was approved 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. Ordinance provides for a front yard setback variance at 712 West Jackson Avenue, modified from 8 feet to 4 feet.
8. Ordinance VA-1028 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. Action provides for variances at 12 South Main Street of rear yard setback reduced from 25 to 19 feet; north side yard setback reduced to zero feet and allows for a roof line intrusion; and front setback reduced from 17 to 11 feet.
9. Ordinance VA-1029 was approved 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. Ordinance allows for additional sign placement on the northeast and southeast sides of the structure.
10. Concerning the matter of a semi-trailer parked on commercial property, Mayor Taylor reported the States Attorney investigator had visited the location and found no violation of any State statute or City ordinance, nor did he find it hazardous. The City attorney advised the Mayor that removal of the semi-trailer would be viewed as spot regulating, which is not allowed. At this time, Mayor Taylor asked for a motion of action on the proclamation provided by the complainant. Matter died for lack of a motion.

11. The 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 : 27 December 2005 7:00 P.M.

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5. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Service Agreement with Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center to Provide an Employee Assistance Program*
   B. *Ordinance 406-05 Amending Liquor Control Ordinance*
   C. *Ordinance VA-1027-1 Amending Zoning Variance Ordinance 712 West Jackson Avenue*
   D. *Ordinance VA-1028-1 Amending Zoning Variance Ordinance 12 South Main St*
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6. ADJOURN

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

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Tuesday, December 27, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present; Mayor Larry Taylor; Commissioner Gerald White; and Commissioner Don Zeigler Also present was Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Bill Jones and Commissioner Jason Williams were 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 White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes
2. The City entered into a one year contract with Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center to provide an employee assistance program for City employees and their families.

Motion to accept the contract was made by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

3. Ordinance 406-05 Amending Liquor Control Ordinance was approved on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The amendment creates a class "D" liquor license authorizing the sale of liquor by the drink for on premises consumption of a restaurant. Class "D" is limited to two licenses.
4. Ordinance VA-1027-1 Amending Zoning Variance Ordinance was approved on a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Ordinance corrects wording to reflect a front yard intrusion at 712 West Jackson Avenue.
5. Ordinance VA-1028-1 Amending Zoning Variance Ordinance was approved on a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Ordinance corrects wording to reflect a front yard intrusion at 712 West Jackson Avenue.
6. Mayor Taylor commended the Altamont residents, surrounding community, Altamont Chamber and Butch Roedl for their festive decorating during the Christmas season.
7. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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