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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 9, 2006 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 Don Zeigler Also present Sarah Stephen, City Clerk and Chief Kendal Balding. 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 December 2005 police activity report.
3. Council discussed a request by Altamont Lumber to have a fire hydrant at Third & Washington relocated to allow for an entrance to a new structure. The estimated cost will be $800.00.
4. Commissioner Zeigler left the meeting at this time to attend another commitment.
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 : 23 JANUARY 2006 7:00 P.M.

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   - A. *Ordinance VA-1032 Reduce Rear Lot Setback, 4 Do It Drive*
   - B. *Discuss Hours of Operation for Package Liquor License Holders*
   - C. *Review Department Accomplishment Lists*
   - D. *Resolution 2006-01-01Approving Plat of Survey of Greenbrier Estates*
   - E. *Discuss Christmas Lights and Banners*
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Present:	Y	Mayor Taylor	Y	Commissioner Jones	Y	Commissioner White	Y	Commissioner Williams	N	Commissioner Zeigler

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, January 23, 2006 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 Glen Mathias, Mathias Electric; 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 Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Ordinance VA-1032 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; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Variance reduces the rear lot setback at 4 Do It Drive from 12 feet to one foot for the purpose of constructing a building.
3. Glen Mathias was present to explain the requested Variance #1032. Mr. Mathias also explained a change to the sewer line installation in Mathias Business Park. The new design will be less expensive and less intrusive to the Christian Church property. There were no objections by the Council to the new design.
4. Mayor Taylor read a letter from, Clay Stevenson, owner of Lyon's Package Liquor requesting a revision to the liquor ordinance allowing package liquor stores to open at 10:00 am on Sunday's rather than noon. Mr. Stevenson feels business is lost to neighboring towns during these hours. The Council will be taking the matter under advisement and present for vote at a future meeting.
5. Resolution 2006-01-01 Approving the final plat of Greenbrier Estates was approved on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. (Attachment 2) Greenbrier Estates is developed by Jerry & Cheryl Hoffmeister and located on Sadie Lane.
6. Mayor Taylor mentioned the Christmas banners are becoming dated and some have been eliminated due to businesses closing. He will be speaking at the Chamber meeting on Thursday, January 26th seeking the opinion of the Chamber members for replacement options.
7. It was reported the reservoir is down 75 ½ inches. The lowest since 1992. No water restrictions are imposed at this time.
8. Mayor Taylor read the 2005 list of accomplishments as presented by each department. A press release will be prepared for the media.
9. Commissioner Jones reported he received information concerning skateboard park development grant. The application deadlines are March and October. Commissioner Jones will be seeking public participation for such a project.

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

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Meeting Date : 13 FEBRUARY 2006 7:00 P.M.

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6. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Review Prelimary Replat of Lots 1 & 8, Andelin Lane.*
   B. *Hours of Operation for Package Liquor License Holders.*
   C. *Approve Laborer's Roadblock May 5th & 6th, 2006.*
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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 13, 2006 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 Mike Mercier, Bill Overton; Clyde Barr, Altamont News; 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 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 2006 police activity report.
3. Mike Mercier presented a proposed re plat of lots 1 and 8, Moundview Estates,

located on Andelin Lane. The re plat will create three lots from the original two lots. Re plat meets minimum lot requirements. Commissioner Zeigler inquired about the chance of the fire hydrant being an obstruction. Mr. Mercier stated than Richard Kelly, subdivision owner, will place protective posts around the hydrant.

4. On a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner White, the Laborer's Local will be allowed to conduct a Roadblock for Disabled Children on May 5th and 6th. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
5. Bill Overton expressed his concerns to the Council regarding abandoned vehicles and poorly kept yards. Mayor Taylor explained some landlords have been approached about such matters and he feels it is a shame there can't be more community pride. The Council discussed taking more stringent actions against violators. Those property owners can expect to receive a letter, indicating a deadline date. Those not cooperating by the deadline can expect legal correspondence from the City attorney.
6. Mayor Taylor provided letters of protest he had received concerning the increase of hours on Sunday for package liquor holders. Commissioner White stated citizens had expressed criticism to the change. Mayor Taylor asked for a motion to change the hours of operation on Sunday for package liquor sales from noon to 10:00 am. Request was denied for lack of a motion.
7. Mayor Taylor provided a letter from Ron Earl, President & CEO of Illinois Municipal Electric Agency concerning the proposed utility power auctions of investor-owned utility company's. Mr. Earl assured the City that IMEA would not be using the auction process in any way.
8. The meeting was adjourned 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.

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Meeting Date : 27 FEBRUARY 2006 7:00 P.M.

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   A. *Employee uniform contract.*
   B. *Review of Property Cleanup Correspondence.*
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6. ADJOURN

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

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, February 27, 2006 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 Greg Watson and Jim Tally, Aramark Uniform; 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. Greg Watson & Jim Tally of Aramark spoke to Council concerning the employee uniform contract. They displayed samples of available uniform shirts. Commissioner Williams questioned the representatives extensively about additional charges customary to uniform contracts. The Council would like Clean Uniform, the current contracted company, to meet with employees to discuss changes and problems.
3. The Council reviewed a list of residents who had received letters addressing the condition of their properties. Responses have been favorable, with some being compliant in a very short time.
4. Commissioner White reported on the drudging of silt from the north end of the reservoir. Some of the removed soil is being used by Mound Township. The Township will be paying a portion of the cost. The dredging will allow the area to serve as a run off detention pond.
5. 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 : 13 MARCH 2006 7:00 P.M.

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6. AGENDA ITEMS
    A. *Approve Resolution 2006-03-02;Replat of Lots 1 & 8, Moundview Estates.*
    B. *Employee Uniform Contract.*
    C. *Set Date for City Wide Cleanup.*
    D. *Approve Bid for Purchase of 69KV Breaker Station as Recommended by Barnes, Henry, Meisenheimer & Gende.*
    E. *Ordinance #407; Authorizing Easement Purchase; North Main Street Water Main Extension.*
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7. ADJOURN

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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, March 13, 2006 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 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 Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Chief Kendal Balding presented the February 2006 police activity report.
3. Resolution 2006-03-02 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The resolution supports the replat of Lots 1 and 8, Moundview Estates, commonly known as Andelin Lane, owners Richard & Tammy Kelly.
4. Commissioner Williams motioned to give Mayor Taylor authority to sign a three year contract with Aramark Services to provide employee uniforms. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
5. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the bid for purchase of 69KV breaker station as recommended by Barnes, Henry, Meishenheimer & Gende. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Bids were opened February 20th and submitted to BHMG for review.

6. Ordinance 407; Authorizing Easement Purchase; North Main Street Water Main Extension, was passed 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 allows an easement via the Stan & Nancy Huels property.
7. City wide cleanup was set for the week of June 5-9, 2006. Residents should plan on the usual quadrant schedule.
8. Chief Balding reported 12 compliances concerning inoperable vehicles. He asked the Council for guidance in proceeding with those who do not comply. Commissioner Williams stated he felt the ordinance should be followed. Council agreed to provide names, of those resistant to cooperate, to the City Attorney for further action.
9. Over half of the property cleanup letters have been responded to. Some of the non compliant are searching for solutions or waiting for more favorable weather.
10. Mayor Taylor reported the reservoir was down March 6th by 81 ½ inches and 47 ½ inches today.
11. Commissioner Williams reported Josh Shamhart, John Slifer and Corey Harris have completed advanced construction line and climbing training.
12. Sarah Stephen, as a member of the Wright Home Board, explained the Board is discussing the possibility of a wine tasting event on the mansion property. The Council suggested more detailed information be provided. However, the members present felt it could be a good attraction for the City of Altamont.
13. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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   A. *Rescind Vote Approving Employee Uniform Contract with Aramark.*
   B. *Approve Purchase of John Deere 4320 Tractor $27,372.75.*
   C. *Discuss Participation in the AED Grant Program and Purchase of Automated External Defibrillators for Squad Cars and the Municipal Building.*
   D. *Discuss Purchase of Additional Cat Electric Generator.*
   E. *Discuss House Numbering Regulations.*
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Meeting Minutes

Present:	N	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, March 27, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present; Commissioner Bill Jones: Commissioner Jason Williams; and Commissioner Don Zeigler. Also present was Chief Kendal Balding; Eric Morris, Electric Department Supervisor; Joan, Loy and Zach Simcox; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Mayor Larry Taylor and Commissioner White were absent. Commissioner Jones conducted the meeting in the Mayors absence.

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 Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Commissioner Jones, yes.
2. Zach Simcox explained to the Council that in conjunction with the City, he would like to plan and conduct a project at Klitzing Park. The project would assist him in obtaining an Eagle Scout honor. Ideas presented included repairing the existing basketball court and repainting the train. Commissioner Jones will review the parks for additional project ideas.
3. The vote, made March 13, 2006, to give Mayor Taylor authority to sign a three year contract with Aramark Services to provide employee uniforms was rescinded. Motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Commissioner Jones, yes. The rescind was necessary due to an undisclosed automatic renewal clause in the contract with Clean Uniform Company.
4. The purchase of a John Deere 4320 tractor was tabled until all council members could be present.
5. Chief Kendal Balding spoke to the Council concerning a partial grant received to assist in the purchase of automated external defibrillators. Chief Balding requested two units for the police department and one unit for the Municipal Building. The City's cost of each unit would be $1,466.00. Pledges will be requested from the Golden Circle Nutrition Center and Mound Township to assist in the purchase of the unit for the Municipal Building. Chief Balding will inquire about the cost of three units, as the original quote reflected six units. Training could be provided by certified trainer, Officer Sean Aaron.
6. Eric Morris was present to discuss a purchase and 100%, 10 year, financing option for an additional Cat electric generation unit, costing $441,672.00. The unit would be identical to the three units purchased in 2000. The unit could serve as a backup to the present units. There is a concern that during an outage and considering the community growth, it may become necessary to select the users to receive service. Newer units would require a modification to the generation plant building and control panels. The City engineers will be consulted for a recommendation.
7. Chief Balding reported he met with attorney Tracy Berberich concerning inoperable vehicles. Those who have not been compliant by their deadline, can be expecting a

letter from the City attorney's office.

8. The Council discussed requiring residents to display their house numbers in order to be visible for emergency vehicles. The 911 coordinator has been contacted and they also would like to see such an ordinance in place. The City attorney will be contacted to construct such.
9. Gina Bell, a volunteer for the Effingham Relay for Life requested permission to display purple ribbons and signs along Main Street prior to the July 14, 2006 rally to be held in Effingham. The Council asked that street light poles and street signs not be used and cleanup be provided.
10. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Commissioner Jones, yes..

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Meeting Date : 10 APRIL 2006 7:00 P.M.

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   A. *Ordinance VA-1049 1 Andelin Lane; Side & Front lot Setbacks*
   B. *Tony Weber – Memorial Day Parade Route*
   C. *Altamont Lions Club "Tootsie Pop Day" Roadblock, June 17, 2006*
   D. *Approve Purchase of John Deere 4320 Tractor $27,372.75.*
   E. *Effingham County Mosquito Larviciding Agreement April – October 2006*
   F. *Approve Participation in the AED Grant Program and Purchase of 2 Automated External Defibrillators for Squad Cars and 1 for the Municipal Building.*
   G. *Purchase of Additional Cat Electric Generator.*
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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, April 10, 2006 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 Don Zeigler. Also present was Chief Kendal

Balding; Kevin Whitten, Water Department Supervisor; Mike Mercier; Tony Weber; Bill Overton; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner White was absent.

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Chief Kendal Balding presented the March 2006 police department activity report.
3. Tony Weber was present to request additional street closings during the Memorial Day Parade, March 29th 10:00 am. New marching bands are planned for the 2006 parade, which will lengthen the processesion. He would also like to see Main Street cleared beginning at 9:00 am. State Representative Ron Stephens is the scheduled speaker for services at Union Cemetery.
4. Altamont Lions Club "Tootsie Pop Day" roadblock fundraiser to be held June 17, 2006 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
5. A contract agreement was entered into with the Effingham County Health Department to provide mosquito larvidicing thru October 2006 at a cost of $650.00. Motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
6. Ordinance VA-1049 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes. The ordinance allows for a reduction in side and front yard setbacks at 1 Andelin Lane. Property owned by Richard & Tammy Kelly.
7. Bill Overton was present to comment on the progress being made to clean up locations within the City. Mayor Taylor explained those non-compliant were being sent to the attorney this week.
8. The purchase of a John Deere 4320 tractor from GreenLine Equipment at a cost of $27,372.75 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
9. The purchase of three automated external defibrillators for the total cost of $4,320.00 was approved. The motion to purchase was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes. Two units will be available by the police department and one will be located at the Municipal Building.
10. After reviewing a letter of recommendation from Barnes, Henry, Meisenheimer & Gende, Commissioner Williams made a motion to purchase an additional Cat electric generation unit at a cost not to exceed $450,000. The engineers recommended the purchase, as the current three generators would not serve all City customers during peak demand times. This new unit would also serve as a backup in the event of a malfunction in another unit. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
11. Mayor Taylor reported, Russ Thomas, Effingham County EMA Director, notified him

that Effingham County had been declared a disaster county and all cleanup costs incurred beyond normal working hours, due to the storm of April 2nd, could be recouped.

12. Mayor Taylor stated Chuck and Shelby Levitt have expressed concern about a tree in front of their property. They are requesting the tree be removed. Council determined the tree was a City tree and located on City property. Someone with tree care knowledge will be contacted to determine if the tree is diseased or dieing.
13. The Council was informed the Illinois EPA has warned the City that restrictions may be placed on the south wastewater treatment plant. It has tested high for elevations of suspended solids. Engineers, Curry & Associates have been contacted and they provided some procedures that can be utilized to correct the infraction. Food preparation locations will be contacted to monitor their grease trap cleaning procedures.
14. Commissioner Jones reported park pavilion rentals have increased. Plans are in place to paint the welcome sign in Schmidt Park.
15. Mayor Taylor reported Heartland Landscaping and Savannah's Antiques are new businesses in the City.
16. 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; and Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 24 APRIL 2006 7:00 P.M.

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   A. *Re-appoint Library Board Members, Sam Gnuse; Sheryl Painter; and Martha Teasley for Three Year Term.*

   B. *Sam Gnuse – Altamont Library.*

   C. *Discuss Vacation of Alley 500 Block of East Cumberland Road.*

   D. *Discuss Citizen of the Year Monument.*

   E. *Approve Letter of Support for Construction of Future Effingham County Generation Plant*

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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 24, 2006 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; and Commissioner Don Zeigler. Also present was Clyde Barr, Altamont News; 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 Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Altamont Library Board members Sam Gnuse, Sheryl Painter, and Martha Teasley were re-appointed to an additional three year term. Motion was made by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
3. The Council reviewed a request made by Carl Becker to vacate an alley in the 500 block of East Cumberland Road. Mr. Becker owns the properties divided by the alley. A public hearing will be held prior to the May 8th council meeting.
4. The Council discussed placement of a proposed "Citizen of the Year Monument" being constructed by the Altamont Chamber of Commerce. The tribute will list names of past recipients of the award. The locations mentioned included the Triangle, south lawn of the Municipal Building and Heritage Park. The Council will seek the most appropriate location.
5. On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Council approved a letter of support for the construction of a future Effingham County generation plant. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
6. Commissioner Gerald White expressed concern about parking in the 100 and 200 blocks along the south side of East Division Street. During school and church activities the street passageway is narrowed by vehicles parked on the south of Division Street, creating an unsafe condition for pedestrians and motorists. An amended street sign ordinance will be presented at the next meeting, creating the no parking zone.
7. 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; Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 8 MAY 2006 7:00 P.M.

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6. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Ordinance 408-06 An Ordinance Vacating An Alley 500 Block of East Cumberland Road.*
   B. *Special Liquor License #SP-28 for Altamont Softball, Inc*
   C. *Ordinance 409-06 Legal Counsel Appointment Ordinance*
   D. *Discuss Citizen of the Year Monument.*
   E. *Kevin Whitten – Grease Trap Compliance*
   F. *Discuss Changes to Parking on East Division Street*
   G. *Present 2004 & 2005 Motor Fuel Audit Reports*
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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, May 8, 2006 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 Don Zeigler. Also present was Clyde Barr, Altamont News; Kevin Whitten, Water Department Supervisor; Kendal Balding, Police Chief; Bill Grimes, Effingham Daily 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 Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Police Chief Kendal Balding presented the March 2006 Police report
3. Ordinance 408-06 Vacating an Alley in the 500 Block of East Cumberland Road 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; Mayor Taylor, yes. A public hearing concerning this ordinance was held prior to the regular meeting. The vacation was requested by Carl Becker.
4. On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jones a special liquor license was granted to Altamont Softball, Inc. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.

5. Ordinance 409-06 Legal Counsel Appointment Ordinance 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; Mayor Taylor, yes. Action appointed Taylor Law Offices as legal counsel for the City.
6. The matter of citizen of the year monument and parking changes on East Division Street were tabled until all council members were present.
7. Kevin Whitten spoke to the Council concerning compliance of the grease trap ordinance. At the present time nine businesses are compliant, five are not. Three have made arrangements for modifications to their system. The Council appreciates those businesses that have been receptive to the necessary modifications.
8. The motor fuel audit reports were presented to the Council for review. No discussion followed.
9. Commissioner Williams reported the purchase of the new generator was progressing with funding being received from a local bank.
10. Commissioner Jones reported the east ball diamond has received a new surface with the Baseball Association paying a portion of the cost and the City provided the dirt.
11. Commissioner Jones also reported that some residents have approached him concerning a fund raising project to purchase new playground equipment for Schmidt Park with the emphasis on equipment for smaller children to enjoy. Anyone wishing to help with this project or donate towards the equipment may contact Commissioner Jones. Zach Degenhardt will be painting park equipment and bridges to earn his 100 hours towards an Eagle Scout badge.
12. Commissioner Williams made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
13. Council returned to regular session at 7: 45 p.m.
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 Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 22 MAY 2006 7:00 P.M.

On The Agenda

OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:Agenda

1. Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting
   Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *First United Methodist Church Street Closing Request June 4th 5:00-8:00, Second St from Monroe to Madison.*

B. *Ordinance 410-06; Amending Chapter 40 "Zoning Code"*

C. *Ordinance VA –1051; Setback Lucky's Trailer Park*

D. *Consideration of LEAM Participation*

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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 22, 2006 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 & Bev Brown; 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; Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. A street closing request received from the First United Methodist Church 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; Mayor Taylor, yes. The closing time is scheduled for June 4th 5:00 – 8:00 pm closing Second St from Monroe to Madison for vacation Bible school kick-off picnic.
3. Ordinance VA 1051 approving a zero setback for Lucky's Trailer Park as requested by Mike & Bev Brown 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; Mayor Taylor, yes.
4. Ordinance 410-06 amending Chapter 40 Zoning Code was tabled until clarification can be obtained for sections 40-3-12 (D) and 40-3-14 (A).
5. Mayor Taylor explained the new LEAM program Effingham County is attempting to provide as an economic development projection software tool. Neighboring counties are also being approached to participate. Commissioner White made a motion to contribute $2000 towards the program. Commissioner Zeigler seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
6. Mayor Taylor informed the Council he has contacted the Illinois Dept of Transportation about mowing the I70 interchange area. An IDOT representative told Mayor Taylor, there would be no mowing done until a notice is received from the Springfield office.

7. Commissioner White commended the citizens of Altamont for their tremendous show of respect during the procession of fallen soldier, Chris Donaldson. He also reported all businesses are in compliance with the grease trap regulations.
8. Commissioner Jones reported the committee involved in seeking funding for new playground equipment has applied for two grants and summer fundraisers are being planned.
9. On a motion by Commissioner Williams Council enter into executive session to discuss personnel. Commissioner White seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
10. Council returned to regular session at 8:00 p.m.
11. No action was taken as a result of executive session.
12. 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; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 12 June 2006 7:00 P.M.

On The Agenda

OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:Agenda

1. Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting
   Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. POLICE REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
   - A. Ordinance 410-06; Amending Chapter 40 "Zoning Code"
   - B. *Approve Resolution for 2006 Street Maintenance*
   - C. *Ordinance 411-06; Changing of a Street Name.*
   - D. *Ordinance VA 1058; Denial of Variance Permit for ADM Grain*
   - E. *CEFS – Community Partnership Agreement*
   - F. *Placement of Citizen of the Year Monument.*
   - G. *Approve Employee Wage Increases*
   - H.
   - I.
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 12, 2006 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, 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 Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes
2. Ordinance 410-06 amending Chapter 40 Zoning Code 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; Mayor Taylor, yes.
3. A Resolution concerning 2006 Street Maintenance Schedule in the amount of $67,100 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
4. Police Chief Kendal Balding presented the May 2006 Police report
5. Ordinance 411-06 Changing a Street Name 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; Mayor Taylor, yes. The ordinance provides for the name change from Mathias Court to Do-It Drive located in Mathias Business Court. The change was requested by developer, Glen Mathias.
6. Ordinance VA 1058 was approved, denying a Variance Permit to ADM Grain. Motion to approve the ordinance to deny was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes. ADM was in favor of the denial as they had previously reached a resolution with the Zoning Board.
7. On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Jones, a Community Partnership Agreement between the City of Altamont and CEFS was renewed. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
8. On a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner White the City offered the location for placement of a citizen of the year monument on the east side of Heritage Park, adjacent to the small parking area. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes. The monument in being organized by the Altamont Chamber of Commerce.
9. Wage increases of 4% for all full time employees; 50 cents per hour increase for part time police officers; and no increase for Council members 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; Mayor Taylor, yes.

10. Commissioner Jones reported the mowing contract between the City and Only To Go mowing service is expiring this year. Commissioner Jones would like to begin the task of bidding a new contract.
11. The Council discussed the use of street signs and poles for posting of garage sale signs. Citizens are reminded this is a violation of the City ordinance and creates an unattractive appearance. All signs should be free standing.
12. Mayor Taylor announced notification has been received that the employee health insurance will increase 25%.
13. 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; Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 26 June 2006 7:00 P.M.

On The Agenda

OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:Agenda

1. Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting
   Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. Ed Deters; Effingham County Drug Free Program
   B. *Ordinance 412-06; Ascertaining the Prevailing Wage Rate*
   C. *Ordinance 413-06; Regulating Numbering of Building & Lots*
   D. *Set Date for Public Hearing to Present FY 2007 Appropriation*
   E. *Discuss Possible Ordinance Changes Concerning:*
      1) Skateboarding in Business District
      2) Park Hours
      3) Bicycle Riding in Business District
      4) Listing of Handicapped Parking Spaces
   F. *Approve Purchase of 2006 Chevrolet Dump Truck from A&H Implement in the amount of $26,252.06*
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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, June 26, 2006 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 Alta Mayhugh, Effingham Daily News; Todd Stapleton, WKRV Radio; 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; Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Ordinance 412-06 Ascertaining the Prevailing Wage Rate was approved on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
3. Ordinance 413-06 Regulating the Numbering of Buildings and Lots Within the Corporate Limits was approved on a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes. The ordinance regulates a property owner to display, in a location, reflective numbers 3" high ½" wide numbers on buildings. This will aid emergency personnel in determining locations.
4. The 2006 Appropriation, in the amount of $5,075,779 was presented to the Council. On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Williams, a public hearing was set for 6:45 pm, July 10th to present the appropriation to the public. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
5. The Council discussed amending the ordinance concerning skateboard riding in the business areas. Skateboard riding is currently prohibited upon posted property and in the business district. However, the business district is not defined in the Code. The change considered will prohibit riding within 100 feet of any business. An ordinance change will be presented at a future meeting.
6. The question of regulating bicycle riding in the downtown area was discussed. The matter became a concern after a business owner was struck by a bicyclist. Other communities will be surveyed and the City attorney will be consulted.
7. Council discussed the closing hours for City parks. Closing hours are posted at Schmidt and Gilbert Parks, but never set by ordinance. An ordinance will be presented at a future meeting establishing 11:00 pm closing time for all City parks with the exception of Gilbert Park, is posted to close 30 minutes after the final scheduled game of the evening. Parks would include Schmidt, Gilbert, Heritage, the Triangle and Frog Pond.
8. The Municipal Code holds a provision for Schedule H, a listing of handicapped parking spaces on City streets and City parking lots. At the time the Code book was established, no such parking spaces were listed. An amendment to the Code will be

presented for approval at a future meeting.

9. On a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner White a 2006 Chevrolet dump truck was purchased from A&H Implement in the amount of $25,352.06 for the Street and Alley Department. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes. Since A&H is the pro tem dealer, the disbursement was made payable to Davis Chevrolet of St. Elmo.
10. Commissioner Williams reported a memo was received from IMEA warning consumers against other utilities attempting to enter into the City's electric service area. Competitors state that do to deregulation prices will be increasing. We are assured by IMEA this is not the case with the City of Altamont.
11. Commissioner Jones reported grants had been applied for to obtain new park equipment. Those individuals leading the fundraising efforts will be present at a future meeting to introduce their plans. A meeting was held with a park equipment company sales representative, who provided a scaled drawing of the proposed plans.
12. Also, Jerry Hoffmeister, contacted Bill Jones to determine the location of a new sign in Schmidt Park. The sign will display the location of The Living Museum, Wright Mansion, and Union Cemetery.
13. 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; Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 10 July 2006 7:00 P.M.

On The Agenda

OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:Agenda

1. Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting
   Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. POLICE REPORT
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Daughhetee & Parks to Present FYE 2006 Audit*
   B. *Resolution - Effingham County Fair Parade*
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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, July 10, 2006 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; Todd Stapleton, WKRV Radio; Joe Daughhetee of Daughhetee & Parks; Kendal Balding, 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 Jones and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes
2. Police Chief Kendal Balding presented the June 2006 Police Activity Report
3. A resolution approving the closing of Highway 40 for the purpose of conducting the Effingham County Fair Parade 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; Mayor Taylor, yes. The closing will be August 6, 2006 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm.
4. Joe Daughhetee of Daughhetee & Parks presented the fiscal year ending 2006 audit report. Mr. Daughhetee reported there were no major concerns resulting from the audit. The City Council and employees were commended for their favorable fiscal responsibility.
5. Commissioner Zeigler left the meeting at 7:25 pm.
6. Commissioner White reported the north Main Street water extension is waiting a positive testing. New customers will be connected as soon as the testing is satisfactory. The Water Department is seeking to purchase a forklift. A new type of chemical is shipped in 55 gallon drums, which are currently being unloaded with the backhoe. Travel to the reservoir is costly and creates repair costs to the backhoe.
7. Commissioner Jones presented pictures of the proposed playground equipment for Schmidt Park.In addition, Mayor Taylor reported the KaBoom organization has been contacted to assemble the playground equipment. Outside funding may be established to purchase the equipment. The City would be obligated to $10,000 of the cost, tools and meals on construction day.
8. 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; Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 24 July 2006 7:00 P.M.

On The Agenda

OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:Agenda

1. Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting
   Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Ordinance 414-06; FYE 2007 Appropriation*
   B. *Approve Participation in KaBoom Park Playground Equipment Program*
   C. *Special Liquor License #SP-29 for Wright Mansion Wine Tasting Event*
   D. *Daughhetee & Parks Auditors 3 year Engagement Letter Agreement*
   E. *Ordinance 415-06; Establishing Schedule H (Handicapped Parking) in the Motor Vehicle Code*
   F. *Discuss Ordinance Changes Concerning Parking of Recreational Vehicles*
   G. *Ordinance 416-06; Amending Park Closing Hours*
   H.
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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 24, 2006 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 Don Zeigler. Also present was Bill Grimes, Effingham Daily News; Todd Stapleton, WKRV Radio; 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 Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Special Liquor License #SP-29 was issued to the Wright Mansion Board for September 24, 2006 during the hours of 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. to conduct a wine tasting event. Motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
3. Ordinance 414-06 FYE 2007 Appropriation 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; Mayor Taylor, yes.
4. The City Council approved a participation with the KaBoom organization regarding the park playground equipment program. Motion was made by Commissioner Jones

and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes. The agreement will allow for KaBoom to organize a design day on July 26, 2006 and a building day on September 23 to assemble new playground equipment in Schmidt Park.

5. On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jones, the City entered into a three year agreement with Daughhetee & Parks, Danville, Illinois to conduct the annual audit. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
6. Ordinance 415-06; Establishing Schedule "H" Handicapped Parking Areas 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; Mayor Taylor, yes. Schedule H was previously listed in the Municipal Code, but no detail was provided.
7. Ordinance 416-06; Amending the Park Closing Hours 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; Mayor Taylor, yes. The Ordinance establishes 11:00 pm as closing time for all City parks. Gilbert Park holds the exception of 11:00 pm or 30 minutes after the end of the last scheduled ballgame.
8. The Council discussed changes to the zoning code concerning parking of recreational vehicles. The matter was tabled until further information could be obtained.
9. Mayor Taylor discussed the empty lot located at 110 East Adams. A variance was granted in October 2005 to allow the parking of travel trailers during the time of Immuanuel Lutheran Church fellowship hall construction. A condition to that variance was the residential lot would be returned to the original condition. To date there are exposed utility hookups and rock to be removed. A letter will be sent to the Church Building Committee and the property owner, Phil Devore.
10. Mayor Taylor reported the Electric Department had removed a tower. The Council discussed pursuing a new siren location where the tower could be used.
11. Commissioner Jones reported painting will soon start on the Welcome Sign in Schmidt Park. A new sign has been installed north of the water tower in Schmidt Park. The sign will direct visitors to the Wright Mansion, Living Museum and Union Cemetery.
12. Commissioner Jones asked permission to remove the faded no parking signs along the road in Gilbert Park. With parking being a premium it becomes necessary to use the roadside for parking. He also asked about the possibility of marking a crosswalk across the road from the east and west. Council concurred the crosswalk would be a good idea.
13. A group named Global Exchange, biking across American, has requested permission to camp in the park on Wednesday, July 26th. The Council denied the request as the park closes at 11:00 pm and park camping is not a practice they would like to start.
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 Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 7 August 2006 10:30 A.M.

SPECIAL MEETING

On The Agenda

OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:Agenda

1. Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting
   Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Award Bids for Street Maintenance – Motor Fuel Funds*
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6. ADJOURN

Special 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 special session on Monday, August 7, 2006 at 10:30 a.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 Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Jason Williams was absent.

Notice of the special meeting was published in the August 3, 2006 edition of the Effingham Daily News.

The purpose of the special meeting was award bids for the 2006 street maintenance to be paid with motor fuel funds. On a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Jones, the resolution was approved. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Bids awarded were as follows:

Larry Heuerman	Oiling & CM-16	$34,808.24
Charles Heuerman Trucking	CA-6 Hauling	8,520.00
Effingham Asphalt	Patching Mix	12,750.00

The meeting was adjourned 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.

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Meeting Date : 14 August 2006 7:00 P.M.

On The Agenda

OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:Agenda

1. Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting
   Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. POLICE REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. Warren Anderson; Skateboard Riding
   B. *Jon Becker; Street Closing for 9-11 Service to be held September 10, 2006*
   C. *Approve Purchase of Fork Lift for Water Department $5050.00*
   D. *Approve Participation in FY 2007 LIHEAP Program*
   E. *Approve Knights of Columbus Fundraiser Roadblock September 15th & 16th*
   F.
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   I.
7. ADJOURN

Meeting Minutes Will Be Posted In Past Meetings After Approval

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, August 14, 2006 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; and Commissioner Don Zeigler. Also present was Bill Grimes, Effingham Daily News; Erica Foltz, WKRV Radio; 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 Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Police Chief, Kendal Balding presented the July 2006 police department activity report. (Attachment 2) Chief Balding provided a letter of commendation for Officer Allan Heiens from an individual from Dallas, Texas who had been traveling through Altamont.
3. Jon Becker spoke to the Council concerning plans to conduct a 9-11 memorial service

on Sunday September 10th at 1:00 in Klitzing Park. The service will begin with a processional which will step off at the Altamont High School, continue north on Main to the park. Mr. Becker requested the streets of Monroe, Madison and Second bordering Klitzing Park be closed during the service. The street closing and event 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; Mayor Taylor, yes

4. On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Council approved the purchase of a forklift from Bahrns Equipment, in the amount of $5050.00 for use by the Water Department. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes
5. On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler, the City entered into a participation agreement for the 2007 LIHEAP Program (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program). Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes
6. Commissioner Zeigler made a motion to approve a fundraiser roadblock requested by the Knights of Columbus for September 15th and 16th. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes
7. Commissioner White stated it was an honor to be the home of the 2006 Effingham County Fair queen. He congratulated her majesty, Danielle Phillips and family.
8. 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; Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 28 August 2006 7:00 P.M.

On The Agenda

OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:Agenda

1. Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting
   Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. Ed Deters to Present the "Effingham County No Place for Drugs" Program
   B. *Resolution 2006-08-04; Effingham County No Place for Drugs"*
   C. *Review Utility Easement on Lots of on West Side of Aker Drive*
   D. *Masonic Lodge Street Closing Request for October 21, 6:00 am – 2:30 pm*
   E.
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6. ADJOURN

Meeting Minutes Will Be Posted In Past Meetings After Approval

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, August 28, 2006 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 Don Zeigler. Also present was Bill Grimes, Effingham Daily News; Effingham County States Attorney Ed Deters 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 Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Effingham County States Attorney, Ed Deters spoke to the Council concerning the Effingham County No Place for Drugs program. In support of the County Program, Commissioner Zeigler motioned to approve Resolution 2006-08-04 Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
3. The Council reviewed a utility easement on residential lots located on the west side of Aker Drive. The easement limits usage of the homeowner's back yards. Council will address the matter at a later meeting.
4. The Masonic Lodge #533 submitted a request for the closing of Washington Street between Main & Second for the purpose of a ham and bean dinner. The section of street will be closed Saturday October 21st from 6:00 am – 2:30 pm. Motion to approve the closing was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
5. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.

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A. Review Ordinance 417-06; Regulating the Operation of Skateboards and Other Human-Powered Vehicles.

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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, September 11, 2006 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; and Commissioner Don Zeigler. Also present was Clyde Barr, Altamont News; Erika Foltz, WKRV Radio; 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; Mayor Taylor, yes
2. The Council reviewed a draft of an ordinance prepared by the attorney regarding the operation of skateboards. In a letter from the attorney, it was recommended the areas prohibited be fully described in the ordinance, as zoned districts could be changed. It was agreed the prohibited areas would be listed on a Schedule S to be included in an ordinance, which will be presented for vote at a later date
3. Commissioner White reported new water customers were being connected to the water line extension beyond North Main Street.
4. The Council discussed the recent damage done to the benches, broken glass and an unusually large amount of trash on the Triangle. Suggestions of an active Police Department interest in the individuals visiting the Triangle, repair of the gazebo lighting and removal of the benches for repair were made by Council members.
5. Commissioner Jones expressed a concern about the speed limit on Route 40. The posted speed returns to 55 mph near the Gilbert Park entrance. Because of the amount of traffic to Gilbert Park and the High School, Commissioner Jones would prefer to see the increased speed limit begin near the intersection of East Division St and Route 40. The Council will request the Illinois Department of Transportation to conduct a speed study of the area.
6. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 25 September 2006 7:00 P.M.

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6. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Appoint PARK's (Park Activities Reaching Kids) Committee Members*
   B. *Approve Purchase of Replacement Squad Car*
   C. *Present Ordinance 417-06; Regulating the Operation of Skateboards and Other Human-Powered Vehicles.*
   D. *Discuss Placement of Directional Signs for Altamont Lutheran Interparish School*
   E. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Business Matters, Section 2(c) (5); and Personnel, Section 2(c) (1)*
   F. *Approve Wage Increases for Employees Earning Certifications*
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7. ADJOURN

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

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, September 25, 2006 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; Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Chief Kendal Balding presented the August 2006 police activity report.
3. Mayor Taylor announced the P.A.R.K.S. (Park Activities Reaching KidS) Committee Members have been appointed. They are Ryan Eckhardt, Mandy Eckhardt, Susan Becker, Connie Schultz, Jon Schultz, Diana Robbins and Louie Robbins. The Mayor stated the community is to be commended for the KaBoom build day.
4. Chief Balding reported the need for a replacement squad car. The current car used by the part time officers has in excess of 100,000 miles, the dash lights do not work and

many costly repairs are making for expensive equipment maintenance. The part-time car would be sold or traded. A replacement car would be used by a full time officer. Commissioner Zeigler motioned for approval of the purchase of a new squad car with a spending cap of $19,500. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.

5. Ordinance # 417-06; Regulating the Operation of Skateboards and Other Human-Powered Vehicles, was presented for review. The Council found no necessary changes. The ordinance will be presented for passage at the next meeting.
6. Altamont Lutheran Interparish School has requested directional signs be placed along Rt 40 and Main Street. The matter was tabled to allow for further explanation of the need for signage.
7. The Council entered into executive session at 7:20 pm for the purpose of discussing business matters, section 2 (c) (5) and personnel, section 2 (c) (1). Motion 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; Mayor Taylor, yes.
8. Council returned to regular session at 8:14 pm.
9. As a result of executive session discussion, Commissioner White made the motion that police officers, Alan Heiens, Doug Holman, and Sean Aaron receive a 50 cent per hour wage increase for each training certification earned. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, no; Mayor Taylor, yes.
10. Each commissioner congratulated the community on a wonderful effort of constructing new playground equipment in Schmidt Park. One commissioner stated the community spirit of the day was beyond belief and could not be described in words.
11. Commissioner Jones commented it would be a benefit to possibly have better lighting in Schmidt Park. This will be reviewed in the future.
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; Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 9 October 2006 7:00 P.M.

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6. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Approve Ordinance 417-06; Regulating the Operation of Skateboards and Other Human-Powered Vehicles.

B. *Approve Street Closings for Halloween Parade, October 27th.*

C. *Red Ribbon Week Proclamation, October 21 – 29, 2006*

D. *Discuss Placement of Directional Signs for Altamont Lutheran Interparish School.*

E. *Discuss Vacating Easement on West Property Line of Lots on West Side of Aker Drive.*

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

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, October 9, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present; Mayor Larry Taylor; Commissioner Jason Williams; and Commissioner Don Zeigler. Also present was Clyde Barr, Altamont News; Bill Grimes, Effingham Daily News, Kendal Balding, Altamont Police Chief; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Bill Jones and Commissioner Gerald White were absent.

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes
2. Chief Kendal Balding presented the September 2006 police activity report.
3. Ordinance # 417-06; Regulating the Operation of Skateboards and Other Human-Powered Vehicles, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
4. Council approved street closings for the annual Halloween parade on October 27th at 6:30. The parade will begin at Frog Pond School, continue east on Lincoln to Main Street, north on Main, west on Washington, and south on Second St. Motion to approve the requested street closing was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes
5. On a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Mayor signed a proclamation recognizing red ribbon week, October 21 – 29, 2006. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes
6. Altamont Lutheran Interparish School has requested directional signs be placed along Rt 40 and Main Street. Commissioner Zeigler made the motion to deny the request,

motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes. This was in conjunction with the denial received by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

7. Council discussed vacating an easement on the west property lines of lots located on the west side of Aker Drive. Legal paperwork will be provided to complete with the vacation, as no opposition was expressed from those council members present.
8. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes..

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5. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. Carolyn Willenborg; Effingham County Vision 20/20 Presentation.
   B. *Sam Gnuse; Altamont Public Library Funding.*
   C. *Approve the Purchase of Salt Spreader for Street & Alley Dept $3500.00*
   D. *Approve Ordinance VA-1081; Variance Request 111 N. St. Clair St.*
   E. *Approve Ordinance VA-1082; Variance Request Oakview Mobile Home Court.*
   F. *Appoint Frederick Seagle to Zoning Board*
   G. *Discuss Purchase of Utility Billing, Financial & Payroll Software*
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6. ADJOURN

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

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, October 23, 2006 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 Carolyn Willenborg, Sam Gnuse, Beth Speers, Bill Wendling, Konnie Kommer, Cheryl Painter, Dona Strullmeyer, Karen Oliver 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; Mayor Taylor, yes.

2. Effingham County Board Chairperson, Carolyn Willenborg addressed the Council explaining the Vision 20/20 organization and the progress of programs. She thanked the Council for electing to be a member of Vision 20/20.

3. Sam Gnuse, President of the Altamont Library Board, expressed budgetary concerns to the Council. Mr. Gnuse gave detailed information of the State Library Board requirements that must be met by the Altamont Library. One of the requirements being a .13 tax rate. The 2005 rate has been certified by the County Clerk at .12858. Falling below the .13 could jeopardize future grant eligibility for the library. However, grants have been awarded for the current year. Mayor Taylor assured the library board members the City would do everything possible to levy the funds needed to keep the library active.

4. Commissioner Zeigler motioned to approve the purchase of a salt spreader for the street and alley department from Woody's Municipal Supply in the amount of $3500.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.

5. Ordinance VA-1081, variance request for 111 N. St. Clair St, 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; Mayor Taylor, yes. Ordinance allows for reduction of front yard setback from 25 feet to 15 feet.

6. Ordinance VA-1082, variance request for Oakview Mobile Home Court, 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; Mayor Taylor, yes. The ordinance allows for reduction of the front setback from 25 to 20 feet and zero feet front setback for open sided carports only.

7. Mayor Taylor appointed Frederick Seagle to fill the vacancy of Zoning Board Chairman, Roger Beccue. Mayor Taylor conveyed his appreciation for the excellent service Mr. Beccue has given to the zoning board as chairman and an originating member to the board.

8. City Clerk, Sarah Stephen explained the need for an upgrade to the financial, payroll and utility billing software. Demonstrations have been provided from several companies. The most favorable product being Caselle by Civic Systems. The cost for training, software and support will be approximately $43,000. The upgrade will accommodate budget billing, which is not a option with the outdated software now being used. A complete purchase agreement will be presented at a future meeting.

9. 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; Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 13 November 2006 7:00 P.M.

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6. AGENDA ITEMS
   - A. Ordinance 418-06; Vacating an Easement.
   - B. *Ordinance 419-06; Withdrawal of IMEA Members.*
   - C. *Approve Software Purchase from Civic Systems.*
   - D. *Southern Illinois Mayors Assn Resolution Medicaid Crisis*
   - E. *Ordinance VA-1086; 203 E Meadows Dr, Modify Side Yard Setback*
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Present:	Y	Mayor Taylor	Y	Commissioner Jones	N	Commissioner White	N	Commissioner Williams	Y	Commissioner Zeigler

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, November 13, 2006 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 Don Zeigler. Also present was Rich Frailey; Erica Foltz, WKRV Radio; Police Chief Kendal Balding; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioners Jason Williams and Gerald White 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 Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Chief Kendal Balding presented the October 2006 police activity report.
3. Ordinance 418-06; An Ordinance Vacating an Easement in South Tower Akers Subdivision, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
4. Ordinance 419-06; Approving the Withdrawal of Certain Municipalities from Membership in the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
5. On a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler the

purchase of new billing, financial, and payroll software from Civic Systems in the amount of $38,000 was approved. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

6. Commissioner Jones motioned to support Resolution 2006-11-05 concerning the Medicaid crisis. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
7. Ordinance VA-1086 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The variance allows reduction of a side yard setback from 25 ft to 10 feet at the location of 203 East Meadows Drive.
8. Commissioner Jones reported the P.A.R.K.s. Committee has brochures available promoting a program to fund the construction of a walking path in Schmidt Park.
9. Commissioner Jones expressed a concern for the safety of pedestrians, specifically school children, along Division Street east of the High School. Currently no sidewalk exists, which encourages pedestrians to walk on the roadway.
10. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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5. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. Approve Only To Go Mowing Contract Extension.
   B. *Present Ordinance 420-06; FYE 2007 Tax Levy*
   C. *Approve Participation in Christmas Lighting Contest*
   D. *Approve Purchase of Street Sweeper $3800.00*
   E. *Approve 2007 Holiday Schedule*
   F. *Resolution 2006-11-07Establishing 2007 Meeting Schedule*
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Present:	Y	Mayor Taylor	Y	Commissioner Jones	Y	Commissioner White	Y	Commissioner Williams	Y	Commissioner Zeigler

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, November 27, 2006 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 Alta Mayhew, 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 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 Jones and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler a two year contract extension was awarded to Only to Go Mowing Service. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. There is no rate increase in the extension.
3. The tax levy for FYE 2007 was presented to the council. Mayor Taylor explained the increase was less than 105%, therefore, no truth in taxation hearing is required. The levy amounts were however reallocated. The Garbage Fund will not longer receive levied tax dollars and the library will bear a $30,000 tax levy.
4. Resolution 2006-11-06; Estimating the 2007 Tax Levy 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.
5. Commissioner Williams motioned in favor of participation in the annual Christmas lighting contest. First place winners to receive free electric, and 2nd place to receive a 50% discount on electric service for the month of December. Commissioner White seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
6. The purchase of a street sweeper in the amount of $3800, for use by the Street and Alley Department was approved on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
7. The 2007 Holiday Schedule and Resolution 2006-11-07; Establishing the 2007 meeting schedule was approved on a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. An additional full day was given for Monday Christmas Eve. All meetings will be held on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. When Monday is a holiday the meeting will be held on the next scheduled workday.
8. 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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6. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. Ordinance 420-06; Levying Taxes FYE 2007.
   B. *Ordinance 421-06; Abating 2006 Tax Levy.*
   C. *Approve Roof Repair North WW Treatment Plant.*
   D. *Approve Service Agreement with Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center to Continue Employee Assistance Program*
   E. *Discuss City of Naperville Joining IMEA*
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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, December 11, 2006 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 Don Zeigler. Also present was 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 Zeigler 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 November 2006 Police Department activity report
3. Ordinance 420-06; Levying FYE 2007 taxes was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The total levy amount is $296,800.
4. Ordinance 421-06; Abating the 2006 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 Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. $180,800, reflecting the amount of an Electric

Department bond issue was abated.

5. Mayor Taylor reported an estimated roof repair cost for the North Waste Water treatment plant was received from Mike Wendling. The total for removal of old shingles and replaced with steel roofing, including cleanup is $2169.00. There were no objections. A vote was not necessary to approve the repair.
6. On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jones, approval was given to once again enter into an annual employee assistance program with Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
7. Mayor Taylor explained the City of Naperville is contemplating joining IMEA as an electric purchaser. The effects to IMEA were explained by Mayor Taylor. No action is required at this time. However, an informational meeting will be held at the IMEA office January 17, 2007.
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 : 26 December 2006 7:00 P.M.

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5. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Endorse Enterprise Zone Extension to Proposed Ethanol Plant Site.*
   B. *Appointment of Zoning Board Chairperson.*
   C. *Presentation of Ordinance 422-06 Amending Health and Abating Nuisances.*
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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, December 26, 2006 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 Don Zeigler. Also present was 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. On a recommendation from the Altamont Enterprise Zone Board, the Council approved an endorsement for an extension to the enterprise zone for a proposed ethanol plant. Commissioner Williams motioned for approval. Commissioner Jones seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The approximate 280 acre site is proposed to be located west of Altamont.
3. Mayor Taylor stated Roger Beccue has resigned from the position of Zoning Board Chairman and member after his relocation outside the City limits. Susan Hoffmeister has been appointed as the new chairperson.
4. Ordinance 422-06; Amending Health and Abating Nuisances, was presented to the Council for review. A vote will be taken at a later meeting.
5. Mayor Taylor announced a Vision 20/20 meeting is being planned in Altamont at the First Baptist Church.
6. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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