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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, January 8, 2007 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 Police Chief Kendal Balding; Clyde Barr, Altamont News; Bill Grimes, Effingham Daily News; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Gerald White and Commissioner Jason Williams were absent.

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Chief Balding presented the December 2006 police activity report and the 2006 annual report.
3. Mayor Taylor reviewed the 2006 department accomplishments. Much progress was accomplished during the year by every department.
4. Ordinance 422-06; Amending Health and Abating Nuisances, 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. Discussion of criteria for budget billing participation was tabled until clarification of staff training date is determined.
6. City Clerk Sarah Stephen mentioned the personalized holiday banners are being retired. Anyone wanting their banner may contact the office.
7. Commissioner Jones stated the south end of the new park equipment area, near the slide, is retaining water. Drainage solutions were discussed.
8. The meeting was adjourned 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.

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Meeting Date : 22 January 2007 7:00 P.M.

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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, January 22, 2007 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 Dan Blue; Steve Bushue, Heartland Landscaping; Jon Becker; Todd Slingerland; 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 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. On a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner White the purchase of culverts in the amount of $6,792.75 to replenish the depleted supply was approved. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
3. Council reviewed a preliminary plat of property located in the 400 block of East Cumberland Road currently owned by Carl Becker. Steve Bushue was present to explain the plat of the property. Final plat will be presented at a later meeting.
4. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 12 February 2007 7:00 P.M.

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   A. *Approve Laborer's Disabled Children Roadblock Fundraiser May 4th & 5th, 2007.*

   B. *Resolution 2007-02-02 Approval of Final Plat for HLI Subdivision .*

   C. *Discuss Criteria for Budget Billing Participation.*

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Present:	N	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 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present Commissioner Bill Jones; Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Gerald White and Commissioner Don Zeigler. Also present was Todd Slingerland, Police Chief Kendal Balding and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Mayor Larry Taylor was absent. Commissioner Jones conducted the meeting in the Mayor's absence.

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 White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Commissioner Jones, yes.
2. Chief Kendal Balding presented the January 2006 police activity report. Commissioner White asked Chief Balding to explain the breakdown how paid fines are distributed to the City departments. Commissioner Zeigler inquired about the number of backups to other police departments. Chief Balding explained the backup procedures.
3. On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler a roadblock fundraiser to be held May 4th & 5th by the Southern Illinois Laborer's to benefit disabled children was approved. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Commissioner Jones, yes.
4. Resolution 2007-02-02 regarding the final plat of HLI Subdivision was approved, pending signatures being obtained by the property owner and Illinois Department of Transportation. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Commissioner Jones, yes. HLI subdivision is located in the 400 block of East Cumberland Road. It takes in the current Heartland Landscaping and Becker's Car Wash businesses.
5. Council discussed guidelines allowing customers to enroll in a new budget billing program. A draft will be provided for approval at the next meeting.

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

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Meeting Date : 26 February 2007 7:00 P.M.

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   B. *Consider Charges for Reading Estimated Meters*
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Present:	P	Mayor Taylor	A	Commissioner Jones	P	Commissioner White	A	Commissioner Williams	P	Commissioner Zeigler

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, February 26, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present Mayor Larry Taylor; Commissioner Gerald White and Commissioner Don Zeigler. Also present was Todd Slingerland, Heidi Wilson, Clyde Barr of Altamont News and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Jason Williams and Commissioner Bill Jones were absent.

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. The conditions of a new utility budget billing program were presented to the Council. The addition of a 10% late fee was recommended. The program is ready immediately for Altamont utility customers participation.
3. The Council discussed the deficient amount of meter readings submitted by utility customers who are required to read their own electric meters. Customers living outside the City limits or those in the City limits who impede accesses to the electric

meter are required to submit monthly meter readings to the office. It is unfortunate that some customers, not submitting their readings, have caused the City to estimate usage for many months. A motion was made by Commissioner White, that after four months of estimated usage, a City employee will read the customers electric meter and a fee of $25.00 will be assessed to the customer. Commissioner Zeigler seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

4. Commissioner White reported the reservoir is down 3 ½". He recommended cleaning of the water tower this summer. He also reported the water line on North Edwards Street, being one of the oldest lines in the town, is needing a possible replacement. There have been complaints of brown water from the users of that line.
5. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 12 March 2007 7:00 P.M.

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   A. *Approve Bid Advertising of Sale of Excess Equipment and Vehicles.*
   B. *Approve Ordinance VA-1091; Modify Side Yard Setback, 200 E Wurl Lane .*
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Present:	P	Mayor Taylor	P	Commissioner Jones	P	Commissioner White	P	Commissioner Williams	P	Commissioner Zeigler

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, March 12, 2007 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 Todd Slingerland, Clyde Barr of 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 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.
2. On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Council approved bid advertising of sale of excess equipment and vehicles. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Bids must be submitted by 4:00 pm Friday April 6th for opening at the April 9th regular meeting. Those items to be advertised include a 1990 Ford 1 ton dump truck, 1996 Chevrolet squad car, and 1988 Plymouth Voyager mini van.
3. Resolution VA-1091 was approved on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The resolution provides a side yard setback reduction from 25 to 18 feet at 200 E Wurl Lane.
4. Commissioner White reported the reservoir is down 4 ½".
5. Commissioner Williams reported an estimate was received from Drake & Scruggs for repairs to the pole truck. He stated it might be feasible to budget for a new truck within the next couple years, as some of the parts are obsolete.
6. He also reported the Electric Department is having some problems with the uniform supplier. He requested Sarah call the company for an explanation.
7. Commissioner Williams stated three Electric Department employees successfully completed a metering class in Carlyle. They will now be able to independently perform metering duties.
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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   A. *Set date for City Wide Cleanup.*
   B. *Approve Participation in Mosquito Laviciding Program with Effingham*

County Health Department.

C. *Approve Participation in Community Partnership Agreement with CEFS.*

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Present:	A	Mayor Taylor	P	Commissioner Jones	P	Commissioner White	P	Commissioner Williams	P	Commissioner Zeigler

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, March 26, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present Commissioner Bill Jones; Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Gerald White and Commissioner Don Zeigler. Also present was Todd Slingerland; Clyde Barr of Altamont News; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Mayor Larry Taylor 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 Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Commissioner Jones, yes.
2. On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler, city wide cleanup was set for the week of June 25, 2007. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Commissioner Jones, yes.
3. Participation in Mosquito Larviciding Program with Effingham County Health Department was approved on a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Commissioner Jones, yes. The cost again this year is $600.00.
4. On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Williams the participation in the Community Partnership Agreement with CEFS was approved. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Commissioner Jones, yes.
5. Todd Slingerland mentioned the drainage along Tenth Street is obstructed by field debris.
6. Commissioner White congratulated Vaughn Voelker for receiving a Class A Water Operators License. Commissioner White reported water is flowing over the spillway for the first time in three years. He expressed concern with the water line serving residents in the northeast corner of the City. They are experiencing discolored water. Improvements need to be made in that area.
7. Commissioner Zeigler reported he has noticed several aged, deteriorated flowers and ground containers in the cemetery. He feels they need to be removed in preparation for spring mowing.

8. Commissioner Jones reported the area of the new playground equipment in Schmidt Park needs drainage work, as it is holding water. He also stated the need for a sidewalk east of the high school along Division. Commissioner Jones has received complaints of people burning yard waste. He asked for residents to be considerate of neighbors who may have respiratory problems.
9. It was reported the City has received the Tree City USA recognition for the 21st year.
10. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Commissioner Jones, yes.

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A. *Open Sealed Bids - Sale of Excess Equipment and Vehicles.*
B. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Business Matters, Section 2 2(c) (5).*
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Present:	P	Mayor Taylor	P	Commissioner Jones	P	Commissioner White	P	Commissioner Williams	P	Commissioner Zeigler

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, April 9, 2007 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 Todd Slingerland; Kendal Balding, Altamont Police Chief; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Chief Kendal Balding presented the February and March 2007 Police Department Activity Report
3. Sealed bids were opened for the sale of excess vehicles and equipment. The highest bid for each vehicle was accepted on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
4. Commissioner White reported the Water Department is in need of a storage building at the reservoir property. Commissioner White recommended the amount of $35,000 included in the upcoming budget. In the future, the City will advertise for bids of such a building.
5. Commissioner Jones reported chips have been ordered for the area around the new playground equipment in Schmidt Park. Commissioner Jones has learned the Greenville Ladies Correctional Center is willing to work in communities.
6. On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner White, the Council entered into Executive Session at 7:25 to discuss business matters as described in Section 2, 2(c) (5) of the Open Meetings Act. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
7. The Council returned to open session at 7:48.
8. No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.
9. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 23 April 2007 7:00 P.M.

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5. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Approve Appointment of Kurt Becker to Altamont Library Board.*
   B. *Announce Appointment of Jon Becker to Zoning Board*

C. *Approve May 11, 2007 – VFW Poppy Days*

D. *Approve Purchase of 2007 Dodge Charger Squad Car*

E. *Approve Ordinance VA 1094; Front Setback 205 East Meadows Lane*

F. *Approve Ordinance VA 1095; Sideyard Setback 118 North Edwards St*

G. *Grant Mayor Taylor Authorization for Greenville Prison Agreement*

H. *Executive Session as Classified Under, Section 2(c) (21) of the Open Meetings Act.*

I. Approve Resolution Releasing Executive Session Minutes

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

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, April 23, 2007 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 Heidi Wilson; 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 Williams and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. On a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Zeigler, Kurt Becker was appointed to the Altamont Library Board. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
3. Mayor Taylor announced the appointment of Jon Becker to the Zoning Board. He is filling the vacancy of Jason Weiss, who moved from the City Limits.
4. A request made by the Altamont VFW to hold a roadblock fundraiser for Poppy Days on May 11, 2007 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
5. The purchase of a 2007 Dodge Charger squad car 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. The squad car will be purchased from Bob Ridings in the amount of $19,070.
6. Ordinance VA-1094 granting a front yard setback at 205 East Meadows Lane, 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. Request was made for the purpose and is limited to the construction of an open carport.
7. Ordinance VA-1095 granting a side yard setback 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. Approval allows for construction of a residential addition.

8. Mayor Taylor was given authorization to enter into an agreement with the Greenville Ladies Prison on behalf of the City. Motion was made 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. Inmates will perform cleanup and repairs at Gilbert Park.
9. Mayor Taylor presented resigning Commissioners Don Zeigler and Jason Williams with mantle clocks in appreciation for their years of service to the City of Altamont.
10. On a motion by Commissioner Zeigler and seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Council entered into Executive Session at 7:18 to discuss business matters as described in Section 2(c) (21) of the Open Meetings Act. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Zeigler, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
11. The Council returned to open session at 7:23.
12. As a result of Executive Session, Resolution 2007-04-03, releasing minutes of past executive session minutes was approved on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jones.
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; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 14 May 2007 5:30 P.M.

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   A. Official Oath of Mayor and Commissioners

   B. *Ordinance 423-07 Legal Counsel Appointment Ordinance.*

   C. *Ordinance 424-07 Appointment Ordinance.*

   D. *Approve June 16, 2007 – Lions Club "Tootsie Pop Day" Roadblock Fundraiser.*

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Present:	P	Mayor Taylor	P	Commissioner Jones	P	Commissioner White	P	Commissioner Frailey	P	Commissioner Wilson

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, May 14, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present Mayor Larry Taylor; Commissioner Gerald White; Commissioner Bill Jones and newly elected Commissioners Heidi Wilson and Richard Frailey. Also present was Bob Bray; Candy Smith, Deputy Clerk; Joan Minks; Debbie Frailey; Gary Hewing; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

1. Meeting was opened with City Clerk, Sarah Stephen administering the Official Oath to Council Members listed above for the term of May 2007 through April 2011 as a result of the April 17, 2007 election.
2. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
3. Ordinance 423-07; Appointing Legal Counsel was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Action appointed Taylor Law Offices as legal counsel for the City.
4. Ordinance 424-07; Appointment Ordinance was approved on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
5. A request made by the Altamont Lions Club to hold the Tootsie Pop roadblock fundraiser on June 16, 2007 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
6. Bob Bray President of the Altamont Lions Club was present to address the Council concerning vandalism to the Gilbert Park concession stand. He requested additional lighting, possibly motion sensitive would be the most effective. The Mayor stated the Electric Department would install the necessary security lighting.
7. Gary Hewing expressed a concern to the Council regarding excessive noise of a new grain dryer at the ADM location. Mayor Taylor stated suggestions to minimize the noise are being researched. Mr. Hewing requested some pine trees located on his property under a power line be removed.
8. Commissioner White stated Alan Whitt is interested in bidding a price for replacing the water line in the northeast section of town.
9. Commissioner Jones reported the new playground equipment now has new mulch.
10. Mayor Taylor assigned the Commissioners to their Departments as follows:

Charles W. "Bill" Jones – Streets & Public Improvements
Accounts & Finance

Richard Frailey – Public Health & Safety (Electric Department)

Gerald White Jr – Public Property (Water & Sewer Departments)

Heidi Wilson – Parks and Cemetery

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

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Meeting Date : 29 May 2007 7:00 P.M.

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6. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. Alex Simpson – Police Department Data Presentation
   B. *Lucille Schroeder – Drainage Issues*
   C. A. *Approve Liquor License for Altamont Softball Players Assn July 26-29 and August 2-5, 2007*
   D. *Approve Ordinance 425-07; Amending Health & Abating Nuisances*
   E. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matters, 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, 2(c) (1).*
   F. *Action Resulting From Executive Session*
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Present:	P	Mayor Taylor	A	Commissioner Jones	A	Commissioner White	P	Commissioner Frailey	P	Commissioner Wilson

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Tuesday, May 29, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present Mayor Larry Taylor; Commissioner Heidi Wilson and Commissioner Richard Frailey. Also present was Chief Kendal Balding; Altamont Police Officers, Sean Aaron, Doug Holman, Carl Rogers, Alan Heiens, Charles Robertson; JR Bates; Lucille Schroeder; Alex Simpson; Samantha, Altamont News; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioners Gerald White Jr. and Bill Jones were absent.

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Chief Kendal Balding presented the April 2007 Police Department Activity Report (Attachment 2). Chief Balding presented the officers with a letter of recognition for their excellent teamwork to solve the recent Bruce Kessler burglary. Mayor Taylor commented it was a job well done.
3. Lucille Schroeder was present to request the ditch near her residence be tiled for ease of mowing. She also stated the culvert had been smashed by motorists and needed repaired. Mrs. Schroeder also requested some dirt be provided to fill in where the semi's are cutting the corner and damaging the grass.
4. On a motion by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Frailey a special liquor license was approved for the Altamont Softball Players Assn who will be hosting the Illinois State Softball Tournament July 26-29 and August 2-5, 2007. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
5. Ordinance 425-07; Amending Ordinance 422-06 Regulating Health and Abating Nuisances was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The amendment corrects typographical errors in the original ordinance 422-06.
6. Alex Simpson, assisted by Chief Balding, made an impressive presentation to the Council of GIS Police Department Data. Information was compiled to reflect police activity within Altamont City limits by location, month, type, day of week, and school attendance.
7. Commissioner Frailey reported the Electric Department would soon be tree trimming.
8. Commissioner Wilson read a thank you from the Altamont Grade School PTL for the nice playground equipment at Schmidt Park.
9. Mayor Taylor reported he attended the Illinois Municipal Utility Assn. Annual conference in Peoria. The main topic was safety issues for utilities.
10. On a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Wilson, the Council entered into Executive Session at 7:30 to discuss personnel matters as described in 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, 2 (c) (1) of the Open Meetings Act. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
11. The Council returned to open session at 7:55.
12. No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.
13. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 11 June 2007 7:00 P.M.

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2. POLICE REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Approve July 13, 2007 – VFW " Poppy Day" Roadblock Fundraiser and July 20, 2006 rain date.

B. *Approve September 14 & 15, 2007 – Knights of Columbus " Tootsie Roll Drive" Roadblock Fundraiser*

C. *Resolution 2007-06-04 Supporting Safe Routes to School Program Plan*

D. *Discuss and Approve Purchase of Electric Meter Reading System from HD Supply $27,500*

E. *Ordinance 426-07; Authorizing the Lease of Real Estate (Altamont Dairy Bar)*

F. *Review 2007 Proposed Road Oiling*

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7. ADJOURN

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Present:	P	Mayor Taylor	A	Commissioner Jones	P	Commissioner White	P	Commissioner Frailey	P	Commissioner Wilson

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, June 11, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present Mayor Larry Taylor; Commissioner Gerald White Jr. Commissioner Heidi Wilson and Commissioner Richard Frailey. Also present was Chief Kendal Balding; Samantha, Altamont News; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Bill Jones was absent.

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Chief Kendal Balding presented the May 2007 Police Department Activity Report
3. On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Wilson, a July 13, 2007 VFW "Poppy Day" roadblock fundraiser with July 20, 2007 rain date was approved. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
4. A request made by the Knights of Columbus to hold a "Tootsie Roll Drive" roadblock fundraiser on September 14 & 15, 2007 was approved on a motion by

Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

5. Resolution 2007-06-4 Supporting the Safe Routes to School Program Plan was approved on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The plan requests grant funding to build and renovate sidewalks.
6. The purchase of an electronic meter reading system consisting of handhelds to be used by meter readers and software to transfer data to the utility billing system was discussed by the Council. A quote has been received from HD Supply for 8 handhelds and the software in the amount of $27,500. Commissioner Frailey made a motion to purchase the equipment at the quoted price. Commissioner Wilson seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
7. Ordinance 426-07; Authorizing the Lease of Real Estate (Altamont Dairy Bar) was approved on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
8. The Council reviewed the proposed 2007 street-oiling map. A resolution will be presented for approval at a future meeting.
9. Commissioner White reported the water tower would be drained for cleaning and maintenance beginning Monday June 18, 2007.
10. Commissioner Frailey reported the alarm system has been installed at the generator facility.
11. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 25 June 2007 7:00 P.M.

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   Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
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5. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. Joe Daughhette Presents FYE 2007 Audit

   B. *National Road Presentation by Executive Director John Goldsmith and Terry White*

   C. *Officer Doug Holman Presentation Concerning a Canine Unit*

   D. *Approve Payment to Altorfer for Purchase of 4th Generator $441,672.00.*

E. *Ordinance 427-07; Ascertaining Prevailing Wage Rate*

F. *Special Liquor License #SP-32 for Wright Mansion Wine Tasting Event, September 22, 2007.*

G. *Discuss Dairy Bar Expansion*

H. ADJOURN

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Present:	P	Mayor Taylor	A	Commissioner Jones	P	Commissioner White	P	Commissioner Frailey	P	Commissioner Wilson

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, June 25, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present Mayor Larry Taylor; Commissioner Gerald White Jr.; Commissioner Heidi Wilson and Commissioner Richard Frailey. Also present was Chief Kendal Balding; Officer Doug Holman; Bill Grimes, Effingham Daily News; Terry White; John Goldsmith, National Road Assn; Joe Daughhetee; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Bill Jones was absent.

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Joe Daughhetee of Daughhetee & Parks presented the 2007 audit. An overall clean opinion was given by the audit firm.
3. Terry White introduced John Goldsmith, Executive Director of the National Road Association of Illinois. Mr. Goldsmith explained the various future projects to promote the National Road. The Association has obtained a $470,000 federal grant to erect informational kiosks in communities along the route. In the near future welcome signs will be available. A new website and newsletter is currently being created to provide information about the communities involved.
4. Officer Doug Holman addressed the Council proposing the purchase of a canine unit for the Altamont Police Department. The cost of a canine for drug search only is $7,000 a search canine would cost an additional $1,000. Officer Holman has contacted the Altamont Veterinary Clinic. They have agreed to supply all the food and veterinary supplies, not including lab work. The Effingham Equity has offered a kennel. Other necessary expenses would include a squad car cage at the approximate cost of $1,460. After Council approval, Officer Holman will approach other organizations for donations. Officer Holman will also need to attend a two week training in Evansville, Indiana. The canine would possibly be available September 2007. Officer Holman stated the canine would be a useful tool during traffic stops, serve as a detourant to drug activity, as well as send a message to the community that Altamont is pro active in drug enforcement. On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Wilson, the purchase of a canine unit was approved. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
5. On a motion by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Frailey, payment to Altorfer in the amount of $441,662.00 for the generator installed May 2006 was approved. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
6. Ordinance 427-07; Ascertaining Prevailing Wage Rate was approved on a motion

by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

7. Special Liquor license was granted to the Wright Mansion Board for a wine tasting event to be held September 22, 2007. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
8. Council discussed a request from the Altamont Dairy Bar for approval of an addition to the current building. The proposal is for a storage area, approximately 10x30, on the west side of the dining area to be used for storage of dry goods. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the expansion. Commissioner Frailey seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
9. Commissioner White reported the reservoir is down 14". He complimented the guys for a job well done in repairing the water line breaks during the last week.
10. Commissioner Frailey reported ball field lights at Gilbert Park have been replaced. Security lights in Schmidt Park and Heritage Park have been repaired.
11. Commissioner Wilson reported the water fountains at Gilbert Park are original to the park and in poor condition. She would like to implement a plan to replace two or three a year, beginning this summer. Commissioner Wilson also requested "Children at Play" signs in Southmore Heights Subdivision.
12. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 9 July 2007 7:00 P.M.

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5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Resolution 2007-07-05; Approving Millroad Thresherman's Parade*
   B. *Resolution 2007-07-06; Approving County Fair Parade*
   C. *Approve Resolution for 2007 Street Maintenance*
   D. *Approve Bid Advertising for Water Department Storage Facility*
   E.
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H. ADJOURN

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Present:	Y	Mayor Taylor	Y	Commissioner Jones	Y	Commissioner White	Y	Commissioner Frailey	Y	Commissioner Wilson

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, July 09, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present Mayor Larry Taylor; Commissioner Gerald White Jr.; Commissioner Heidi Wilson; Commissioner Bill Jones; and Commissioner Richard Frailey. Also present was Chief Kendal Balding; Kevin & Donna Whitten 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 Frailey and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Chief Balding presented the June 2007 police activity report.
3. On a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Wilson, Resolution 2007-07-05 Approving the Millroad Thresherman's Parade was approved, with the provision no steel wheels would be allowed on the City streets. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The parade is to be held July 28, 2007.
4. On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Wilson, Resolution 2007-07-06 Approving the Effingham County Fair Parade was approved. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The parade is to be held August 5, 2007.
5. The 2007 Street Maintenance Resolution was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
6. The Council viewed a video, by request of Commissioner Wilson, concerning some concerns about Union Cemetery. The video illustrated some recent mowing damages to flowers, memorials and stones. The mowing company will be contacted about these issues.
7. Commissioner Jones commented on some areas of town that have excessive weed growth. They will be treated in the near future.
8. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 23 July 2007 7:00 P.M.

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

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2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. Approve Ordinance 428-07; Appropriation FYE 2008
   B. *Discuss Cemetery Mowing*
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   H. ADJOURN

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Present:	Y	Mayor Taylor	Y	Commissioner Jones	N	Commissioner White	Y	Commissioner Frailey	Y	Commissioner Wilson

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, July 23, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present Mayor Larry Taylor; Commissioner Heidi Wilson; Commissioner Bill Jones; and Commissioner Richard Frailey. Also present was Bill Grimes, Effingham Daily News and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Gerald White Jr. was absent

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Ordinance 428-07; Appropriation for FYE 2008, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
3. Mayor Taylor reported he held a meeting with Ervin Ballinger of Only To Go Mowing concerning the care of Union Cemetery. Mr. Ballinger agreed a greater effort would be made to improve the appearance of the cemetery. Mr. Ballinger requested a culvert be placed on the north side for easier mower unloading. He also suggested the City establish regulations against animal owners who do not clean up after their animals in the cemetery and parks. Such regulations will be researched.
4. Commissioner Wilson reported she was planning a meeting with Ron Diehl, City of Effingham, to get some ideas about park management.
5. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 13 August 2007 7:00 P.M.

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5. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. Approve Advertising Sale of 1993 Toyota
   B. *Open Bids for Construction of Storage Facility at Water Reservoir*
   C. *Approve LIHEAP Vendor Agreement*
   D.
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   H. ADJOURN

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Present:	Y	Mayor Taylor	N	Commissioner Jones	Y	Commissioner White	Y	Commissioner Frailey	Y	Commissioner Wilson

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, August 13, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present Mayor Larry Taylor; Commissioner Gerald White Jr.; Commissioner Heidi Wilson; and Commissioner Richard Frailey. Also present was Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Bill Jones was absent

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. The Council approved advertising the sale, by sealed bids, of a 1993 Toyota. Motion made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Bids will be opened during the September 10, 2007 regular Council meeting.
3. On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Wilson, the Council entered into an agreement with CEFS concerning the 2008 LIHEAP program. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
4. Bids were opened for the construction of a storage facility at the Water reservoir. Bids were as follows:

S& K Construction – concrete	$14,948.00
Beccue Construction – concrete	$21,800.80
Runge Construction – building only	$22,220.00

   Approval of the bids was tabled allowing time to review the details.
5. Mayor Taylor discussed a request made by Justin Osteen and Matt Holste to vacate a

12 foot alley off South Fourth Street. If the City would agree to vacate the unused alley, Osteen and Holste would pay for the cost of a survey and legal fees. There were no objections by Council members. Osteen and Holste will be instructed to make a formal request at a future meeting.

6. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 27 August 2007 7:00 P.M.

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5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS

A. *Approve Request of Alley Vacation on South Fourth Street as Made by Justin Osteen and Matt Robinson.*

B. *Approve Street Closing for 911 Observance.*

C. *Discuss Bidding of Banking Facilities*

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H. ADJOURN

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Present:	Y	Mayor Taylor	Y	Commissioner Jones	N	Commissioner White	Y	Commissioner Frailey	Y	Commissioner Wilson

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, August 27, 2007 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 Heidi Wilson; and Commissioner Richard Frailey. Also present was Elwin "Curly" Stuemke; Chief Kendal Balding and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Gerald White Jr. was absent

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Chief Balding presented the July 2007 police activity report.
3. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve vacating an alley on South Fourth

Street as requested by Justin Osteen and Matt Holste. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Documentation was provided stating the neighboring property owners do not wish to own a part of the alley.

4. Elwin "Curly" Stuemke addressed the Council about a 911 observance to be held September 11th with a silent processional beginning at the high school at 6:45 and arriving at the triangle at approximately 7:00 pm. The Altamont Fire Department requested a street closing of North Second Street and Washington Streets surrounding the triangle from 6:00 – 7:45 pm. On a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Frailey the street closing was approved. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
5. Mayor Taylor read a letter from Peoples Bank stating they would like the opportunity to bid banking services for the City's finances. During discussion of bidding the banking services, Commissioner Jones recommended the certificates of deposit be bid at each renewal. Formal action was tabled for a later meeting.
6. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 10 September 2007 7:00 P.M.

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6. AGENDA ITEMS
   - A. *Open Bids for Sale of 1993 Toyota.*
   - B. *Approve Bids for Construction of Storage Facility at Water Reservoir.*
   - C. *Approve, by Proclamation, of Save a Life Month*
   - D. *Approve $3750.00 Distribution to Altamont Public Library*
   - E.
   - F.
   - G.
   - H. ADJOURN

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Present:	Y	Mayor Taylor	Y	Commissioner Jones	N	Commissioner White	Y	Commissioner Frailey	Y	Commissioner Wilson

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, September 10, 2007 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 Heidi Wilson; and Commissioner Richard Frailey. Also present was Clyde Barr, Altamont News; Chief Kendal Balding and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Gerald White Jr. 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 Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Chief Balding presented the August 2007 police activity report. (Attachment 2) Chief Balding also announced the hiring of a new full time police officer John Cotton, who will be starting next week.
3. Bids were opened for the sale of a 1993 Toyota Corolla. The bidder and amounts were, Larry Schlanser $613.00; Terry Hahn $601.00; Carl Rogers $501.00; Bryan Seidel $464.36; Greg Beccue $305.01. On motion by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Jones, the highest bid of $613.00 from Larry Schlanser was accepted. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Since this was a police confiscated vehicle, the funds will be used for drug prevention.
4. The two lowest bids for construction of a storage facility at the reservoir were awarded to Runge Construction $22,220.00 and S&K Construction $14,948.43. Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. This matter had been tabled at the August 13, 2007 meeting.
5. Mayor Taylor signed a proclamation designated September 2007 as National Save A Life Month.
6. City Clerk Sarah Stephen explained to the Council the Effingham County Tax Computation had been received. The library managing a tight budget will receive less funds than levied for because the county EAV is lower than expected. It was suggested the City use sales tax revenue to assist the library in regaining the funds in the amount of $3750.00. Commissioner Frailey motioned to approve disbursement of sales tax funds to the Altamont Library. Commissioner Wilson seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
8. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 24 September 2007 7:00 P.M.

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5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS

A. *Approve Requested Street Closing October 7th, Ninth Street, Monroe to Madison noon – 7:00 pm.*

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Present:	Y	Mayor Taylor	Y	Commissioner Jones	N	Commissioner White	Y	Commissioner Frailey	Y	Commissioner Wilson

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, September 24, 2007 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 Heidi Wilson; and Commissioner Richard Frailey. Also present was Clyde Barr, Altamont News; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Gerald White Jr. 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 Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. The closing of Monroe Street, from Ninth to Madison on Sunday, October 7th from noon – 7:00 pm was approved on a motion from Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. St. Clare Catholic Church requested the closing for a family parish picnic. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
3. Mayor Taylor reported benches in the triangle gazebo had been broken. The City is offering a reward for the capture of the person responsible for the vandalism.
4. The Mayor also reported he received a request for the purchase of a map scanner, which would allow the many city maps to be digitized for storage and protection. The cost ranges from $9,000 - $14,000. The matter was not discussed further, as this purchase was not budgeted into this fiscal year.
5. Commissioner White entered the meeting and reported the reservoir is down 4', which is not considered an alarming amount at this time. He also reported a water rate analysis would be provided to coincide with the sewer rate analysis.
6. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 8 October 2007 7:00 P.M.

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5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS

A. *Approve Requested Street Closing October 20th, Washington Street, Main to Second 6:00 am – 1:30 pm.*

B. *Red Ribbon Week Proclamation, October 20 – 28, 2007*

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H. ADJOURN

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Present:	Y	Mayor Taylor	Y	Commissioner Jones	Y	Commissioner White	Y	Commissioner Frailey	Y	Commissioner Wilson

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, October 08, 2007 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 Heidi Wilson; Commissioner Gerald White Jr. and Commissioner Richard Frailey. Also present was Barb Barr, Altamont News; Chief Kendal Balding, Officer John Cotton, Officer Doug Holman 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 White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commission White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Chief Kendal Balding presented the September 2007 police activity report. Two new members of the Altamont City Police Department were introduced to the City Council. Chief Balding introduced Officer John Cotton who has joined the force as an additional full time officer. Bullet is another new addition to the Altamont Police Department. Bullet, is a black shepard, certified for drug search and tracking. During the Council meeting Officer and handler Doug Holman, demonstrated the skills by conducting a staged drug search. Bullet scored an impressive 199 out of 200 in the course of certification.
3. The closing of Washington Street, from Main to Second on Saturday, October 20th from 6:00 am – 1:30 pm was approved on a motion from Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The Masonic Lodge will be holding a ham and bean dinner. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner

Frailey, yes; Commission White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

4. Mayor Taylor signed a proclamation supporting October 20 – 28th as red ribbon week.
5. Commissioner White commended Chief Balding and Officer Sean Aaron for their tireless efforts in making an arrest concerning the break in at S&W Supermarket. They did an outstanding job. Commissioner White also reported the Altamont Water Department received the flouride award from the Illinois Department of Public Health. This award is given to communities who achieve the highest standard of compliance for at least ten years. Commissioner White met with Terry Hahn, Waster Water Treatment Plant Operator and Curry & Associates Engineers concerning sludge testing of the south treatment plant. The engineers recommended sludging of the south plant in approximately two years.
6. Mayor Taylor reported the City of Altamont received the generator facility of the year award at the recent Illinois Municipal Electric Agency banquet held in Springfield. This is a first for a Cat generator plant.
7. Commissioner Wilson reported a meeting is planned in November for members of organizations utilizing the ball diamonds at Gilbert Park.
8. Sarah Stephen reported correspondence had been received that due to its disbanding Altamont Junior Women's Club would not be organizing the Halloween parade nor the cookies with Santa. If anyone would like to step forward and organize these events, it would be greatly appreciated.
9. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commission White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 22 October 2007 7:00 P.M.

On The Agenda

OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:Agenda

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2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Sam Gnuse – Altamont Library Levy.*
   B. *Street Closing October 26, 2007, 6:00 pm-7:00pm for Halloween Parade*
   C. *Discuss Alley Vacation South Fourth Street.*
   D. *Ordinance 429-07 Vacating Public Alley Between South Fourth Street and South Fifth Street*
   E.
   F.
   G.

H. ADJOURN

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Present:	Y	Mayor Taylor	Y	Commissioner Jones	N	Commissioner White	Y	Commissioner Frailey	Y	Commissioner Wilson

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, October 22, 2007 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 Heidi Wilson and Commissioner Richard Frailey. Also present was Sam Gnuse, Karen Oliver and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Gerald White Jr. was absent

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Sam Gnuse, President of the Altamont Library Board, thanked the City Council for their contribution of $3,750.00. Mr. Gnuse stated he had received the Effingham County assessed evaluation figures and taking these into consideration he felt is necessary to make an official request to increase the upcoming library levy to $31,000. Mayor Taylor stated the library is a great asset to the City of Altamont and the request would be acknowledged in the upcoming levy.
3. A street closing for October 26th 6:00 – 7:00 pm was approved on a motion by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The street closing will allow for the annual Halloween parade to proceed from the high school, west on Division, and around the Triangle.
4. M&M candy day roadblock fundraiser November 2nd & 3rd, conducted by the Marine Corp Reserve, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
5. The Council discussed a request to vacate an alley on South Fourth Street between lots 23, 24 and 25, 26. The request was made by, adjoining property owner, Rebecca Devore. The alley is currently not being used for public travel. No objections were heard from the Council. The vacation will be presented for vote when the required paperwork is received from Ms Devore.
6. Ordinance # 429-07 Vacating a Public Alley Between South Fourth and South Fifth Streets was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The original request was made by Justin Osteen and Matt Holste.
7. Commissioner Frailey reported Josh Shamhart, John Slifer and Cory Harris have completed the third and final year of lineman's training.
8. Commissioner Jones reported the leaf pickup scheduled to begin October 29th, may need to be postponed. The leaves have not yet fallen to the degree expected.
9. Mayor Taylor reported he received correspondence concerning the safe routes to schools funding program. 298 applications totaling 1044 projects were received requesting 77 million dollars with only 8 million dollars currently in the program

budget.

10. Council entered into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters according to 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, 2(c) (1). Motion made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
11. No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.
12. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 13 November 2007 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. *Discuss Leaf Burning Restrictions*
   - B. *Ordinance VA-1094, 414 So Fourth St, Front Yard Setback*
   - C. *Approve Employee Health Insurance Coverage*
   - D. *2008 Holiday Schedule*
   - E. *Discuss Water and Sewer Rate Increases*
   - F.
   - G.
   - H. ADJOURN

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Present:	Y	Mayor Taylor	Y	Commissioner Jones	Y	Commissioner White	Y	Commissioner Frailey	Y	Commissioner Wilson

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present Mayor Larry Taylor; Commissioner Bill Jones; Commissioner Gerald White Jr.; Commissioner Heidi Wilson and Commissioner Richard Frailey. Also present was Altamont Police Chief Kendal Balding, Dave Blickem, Dave & Rebecca Devore, Kim Shryock 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 Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

2. Dave and Rebecca Devore expressed their concerns to the Council regarding a variance at 414 South Fourth Street. The Devore's were under the impression the north five feet of lots 27 and 28 would be transferred to them by owners Matt Holste and Justin Osteen. When the actual quitclaim deed arrived only lot 28 was indicated. No resolution was being realize by the two parties. Accordingly, approval of the variance ordinance was tabled.
3. Chief Balding presented the October 2007 police activity report and K-9 Report
4. Dave Blickem, resident of 704 West Jefferson, spoke to the Council requesting information and assistance in improving the approach to his driveway and also sidewalk replacement. Mayor Taylor explained the approach is the property owners responsibility, but the City could patch where the street had settled.
5. The Council discussed leaf burning restrictions. Mayor Taylor stated few communities in Illinois have a complete ban on burning. Commissioner Wilson suggested limiting the burning to two specific days a week. Due to the dry weather this year, unfavorable weather conditions are a concern. Citizens are encouraged to rake leaves to the curb and utilize the leaf vac service provided by the City. Consideration of neighbors with breathing and allergy problems would be appreciated.
6. On a motion by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Jones, Personal Care was approved as employee health insurance provider in addition to a life insurance policy from MetLife. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The additional life insurance was provided as Personal Care did not offer a life insurance clause as was included with the current American Community coverage.
7. The 2008 holiday schedule was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. In 2008 the Friday after Christmas was added to allow holiday travel time for the employees.
8. The Council reviewed a water and sewer rate analysis, which was conducted by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Development. Several options were offered in the study. Council members expressed preferences to rate increases that did not target the minimum users of the systems. The last increases were 1990 for sewer rates and 2003 for water rates. Commissioner White explained chemicals, delivery costs, and needed improvements have elevated, some even doubled, making it difficult, and sometimes impossible, to operate the departments in the black. Troy Markert, IDCEO, indicated during his previous presentation that out of town customers are often charged 1 ½ times the rate of customers within the City limits. This is also a consideration in future rate adjustments.
9. Commissioner Jones reported he had been approached concerning the downtown hanging flower baskets. The Garden Club would like for the City to participate in the cost of more brackets for next year. The City has absorbed some of the cost in the past, but a definite program would help the Garden Club with future planning.
10. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 19 November 2007 10:00 A.M. Special Meeting

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1. AGENDA ITEMS
   - A. *Discuss Water and Sewer Rate Increases*
   - B.
   - C.
   - D.
   - E.
   - F.
   - G.
   - H. ADJOURN

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Present:	Y	Mayor Taylor	Y	Commissioner Jones	Y	Commissioner White	N	Commissioner Frailey	N	Commissioner Wilson

The Council of the City of Altamont met in special session on Monday, November 19, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present; Mayor Larry Taylor; Commissioner Bill Jones; and Commissioner Gerald White. Also present was Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioners Heidi Wilson and Richard Frailey were absent.

1. Notice of the special meeting was published in the November 17, 2007 edition of the Effingham Daily News.
2. The purpose of the special meeting was to approve Ordinance VA-1094. On a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner White, the ordinance was approved. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The ordinance allowed for a front yard setback at 414 South Fourth Street. This matter had been tabled at the regular scheduled meeting, November 13, 2007.
3. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 26 November 2007 7:00 P.M.

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2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. AGENDA ITEMS
   - A. *Resolution 2007-11-07; 2008 Meeting Schedule.*

B. *Announce Truth in Taxation Public Hearing Date and Estimated Levy Amount.*

C. *CEFS Agreement Concerning Golden Circle Nutrition Center*

D.

E.

F.

G.

H. ADJOURN

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Present:	Y	Mayor Taylor	N	Commissioner Jones	Y	Commissioner White	Y	Commissioner Frailey	Y	Commissioner Wilson

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, November 26, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present Mayor Larry Taylor; Commissioner Gerald White Jr.; Commissioner Heidi Wilson and Commissioner Richard Frailey. Also present was Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Bill Jones was absent.

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Resolution 2007-11-07 Establishing 2008 Meeting Schedule was approved on a motion by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
3. Mayor Taylor announced the estimated levy amounts. The overall tax levy is increasing from $175,595 to $218,730, which reflects a 25% increase. Keeping in compliance, a truth in taxation hearing is scheduled for December 10th , 6:45 in the Council Chambers.
4. On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Wilson, the City renewed the lease agreement with CEFS for the Golden Circle Nutrition Program. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
5. Rental of the community room was discussed. In the future, rentals will not be scheduled until payment has been received. There have been cases when the room has been reserved, not used and others were turned away for the same date. This change is effective immediately.
6. Mayor Taylor stated five new snowflake lights were added to the street decorations.
7. Commissioner Wilson reported the meeting of interested leagues concerning Gilbert Park went well. Another meeting is scheduled for December.
8. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 10 December 2007 7:00 P.M.

On The Agenda

OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:Agenda

1. Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting
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2. POLICE REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Approve Ordinance 430-07; Levying Taxes FYE 2008*
   B. *Approve Ordinance 431-07; Abating 2007 Tax Levy*
   C. *Approve Participation in Christmas Lighting Contest*
   D.
   E.
   F.
   G.
   H. ADJOURN

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Present:	Y	Mayor Taylor	Y	Commissioner Jones	Y	Commissioner White	Y	Commissioner Frailey	N	Commissioner Wilson

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, December 10, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present Mayor Larry Taylor; Commissioner Gerald White Jr.; Commissioner Bill Jones and Commissioner Richard Frailey. Also present was Sarah Stephen, City Clerk and Altamont Police Chief Kendal Balding. Commissioner Heidi Wilson was absent.

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Ordinance 430-07; Levying Taxes for Fiscal Year May 2007 – April 2008, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The levy amount totaled $218,730 reflecting a 45% increase. A Truth in Taxation hearing was held on this date prior to the regular meeting.
3. Ordinance 431-07; Abating the 2007 Levy for Payment of General Obligation Bonds, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
4. A motion was made by Commissioner Frailey to participate in the Altamont lighting contest this year and future years providing the Altamont Chamber of Commerce sponsors the event. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Frailey,

yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The tradition will remain that 100% free electric will be given to the first place overall winner and 50% free electric to the second place overall winner.

5. Commissioner White reported a pump had been damaged at the north lagoon. An estimate was received from Vandevanter Engineering for a replacement pump in the amount of $5,473.00. This being considered an emergency, the council approved the purchase on a motion from Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
6. At this time Commissioner White excused himself from the meeting.
7. Chief Balding reported the Police Department activity for November 2007.
8. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 26 December 2007 7:00 P.M.

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2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Discuss Increase in Electric, Water and Sewer User Rates*
   B.
   C.
   D.
   E.
   F.
   G.
   H. ADJOURN

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Present:	Y	Mayor Taylor	Y	Commissioner Jones	N	Commissioner White	Y	Commissioner Frailey	Y	Commissioner Wilson

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Wednesday, December 26, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present Mayor Larry Taylor; Commissioner Heidi Wilson; Commissioner Bill Jones and Commissioner Richard Frailey. Also present was Sarah Stephen, City Clerk and Water Department Supervisor, Kevin Whitten. Commissioner Gerald White Jr. was absent.

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills

was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

2. The Council discussed rate increases to several utility rates. The proposed increases were as follows:

Water – residential service, increase to 1000 gallon minimum $14.00 and .008 per gallon.

Water – 2" service increase 1000 gallon minimum rate from $115.00 to $150.00 and .008 per gallon.

Water customers outside the City limits - $3.00 per month service charge.

All mobile home courts - $150.00 per month 1000 gallon minimum and .008 per gallon. Currently various minimums are being charged.

Bulk water rate – no change.

New water services – 1" increase to $1400.00. Services larger than a 1" will be charged the current price of material.

Sewer new service – no change.

Sewer rates, option #2 as proposed by in a current rate analysis

Electric rates – average of 12 ½% overall increase.

3. Mayor Taylor explained it is unfortunate that expenses such as fuel, insurance, chemicals, and normal supplies have increased to the point a rate increase is necessary for all utilities. To avoid such drastic increases in the future, it has been recommended an annual review of the rates be completed after every fiscal year audit. To eliminate large fluctuations in the monthly energy cost adjustment, a three-month average will be used when rate increases become effective. Ordinances will be prepared for passage at a future meeting.

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

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