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YEAR 2008 COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting Date : 14 January 2008 7:00 P.M.

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4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Approve Participation in Employee Assistance Program.*
   B. *Approve Ordinance 432-08; Amending Animal Control Chapter of Municipal Code*
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Meeting Minutes Will Be Posted In Past Meetings After Approval

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, January 14, 2008 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 Clyde Barr, Altamont News. 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. Commissioner Wilson motioned to approve participation in the Employee Assistance Program provided by Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The agreement is for the annual term of 2008.
3. Ordinance 423-08; Amending Animal Control Ordinance regarding removal of excrement 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. This violation is considered a nuisance and fined as such.
4. Commissioner Wilson reported a Park Committee meeting will be held January 17, 2008 at 7:00 in the Council Chambers with additional meetings planned for the first Thursday of each month
5. Commissioner Jones reported the Street and Alley Department purchased a commercial pressure washer to clean salt from the City equipment.
6. Mayor Taylor stated he attended the Committee of Government meeting in Salem this past week. The group consists of Mayors within a radius of Salem. They meet to network community concerns, available properties, potential businesses, etc. The current project is a search for a Judge who can visit interested communities and rule on local code violations.
7. 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 : 28 January 2008 7:00 P.M.

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

A. *Approve Ordinance 433-08; Amending Sewer Rates*

B. *Approve Ordinance 434-08; Amending Water Rates*

C. *Approve Ordinance 435-08; Amending Water Tap-On Fees*

D. *Approve Ordinance 436-08; Amending Electric Rates*

E. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Business Matters, 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, 2 (c) (6).*

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7. 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, January 28, 2008 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 Gerald White Jr; Commissioner Bill Jones; and Commissioner Richard Frailey. Also present was Police Chief Kendal Balding, Alvin Oliver, Jim Littleford 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 Wilson. 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 December 2007 police activity report. Special mention was made of K-9, Bullet who conducted a vehicle search resulting in the seizure of 70 kilos of cocaine with a street value of $7,000,000.
3. Jim Littleford, Superintendent of Altamont Schools, complimented the police department on a good relationship with the school system.
4. Alvin Oliver addressed the Council concerning the recycling program now being held the second weekend of each month at the Home Center location. He requested help with signage in the downtown area to inform the public of the location and times. A sign will be placed on the Triangle during collection days. Mayor Taylor mentioned the Vision 20/20 has been looking for new programs to promote and thought recycling is a great benefit to the community.
5. Ordinance 433-08; Amending Sewer Rates was presented to the Council for approval. Commissioner Jones expressed concern of wording in the "adequacy of wastewater service charge" section of the ordinance. He felt better direction should be given stating annual increases would be determined by the Council, rather than passed directly to all bills upon acceptance of the annual audit. Commissioner White motioned to accept the ordinance with the above stated changes. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
6. Ordinance 434-08; Amending Water Rates was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones to change the same wording as Ordinance 433-08. Motion was

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

7. Ordinance 435-08; Amending Water Tap-On Fees 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.
8. Ordinance 436-08; Amending Electric Rates was presented to the Council. Commissioner White questioned the numbers provided in a Comparison of Electric Rates report provided by B,H,M,G Engineers. The proposed rates did not match the individual rates provided in a recent rate analysis, which were utilized in the ordinance to increase rates. The matter was tabled until clarification could be obtained from B,H,M,G.
9. On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Wilson, Council entered into Executive Session for the Purpose of Business Matters, 5ILCS 120, Section 2, 2 (c) (6). Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
10. Council returned to open session at 8:10 pm
11. Commissioner White reported the Sewer Department is investigating a solar powered destratifier for the lagoon.
12. Commissioner Wilson reported a women's self defense class will be held February 24 at the Municipal Building 2:00 – 4:00. The Park Board is planning a fix up the ballpark workday on April 5th & 12th. The Park Board is expressing a need for security lighting at the Gilbert Park concession stand. February 7th will be the next Park Board meeting. Commissioner Wilson stated she is a member of Trek Committee and some future meetings of the Committee will be held in Altamont.
13. Commissioner Jones reported the selection of streets for the 2008 oiling schedule has started.
14. 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 : 11 February 2008 7:00 P.M.

On The Agenda

OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

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4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Approve Park Board Members*
   B. *Approve Southern Illinois Labor's Roadblock, May 2 & 3, 2008*
   C. *Approve Ordinance 436-08; Amending Electric Rates*
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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, February 11, 2008 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 Gerald White Jr; and Commissioner Richard Frailey. Also present was Police Chief Kendal Balding, Charlie Voelker, Ruth Shepard, Frank Brummer, Clyde Barr, 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 Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Chief Balding presented the January 2008 police activity reports.
3. Charlie Voelker and Frank Brummer, representing TREC (Trails Recreation of Effingham County) spoke to the Council concerning a proposed walking path leading from Schmidt Park to Ballard Nature Center. The representatives are searching for a government body to work cooperatively requesting and managing grant applications and funds. Mayor Taylor questioned TREC being a County project. Frank Brummer explained the County presently has two grant requests submitted and could not submit additional requests. A one mile at a time project plan was suggested. If cooperation is approved, the City would be responsible for obtaining participating funds which could be 50/50 or 80/20 depending on the grant. A grant proposal may be presented at a future meeting for Council to review.
4. Commissioner Wilson presented a list of those who have agreed to participate on a Park Board. Each member represents a division utilizing Gilbert Park. Those members are:

   Doug Winters – Girls Softball Lance Freezeland – Boys Ball
   Chris Guse – State Tourney Organizer
   Helen Klitzing – Altamont Softball Inc
   Gene Logue – Lions Club
   Mandy Eckhardt – PARKs Committee
   Gary Goldstein – Altamont Comm School

Tom Lester – Men's Softball
Bill Klitzing – Ball Field Maintenance & Scheduling

5. Commissioner Wilson will serve as Chair of the Board. Members were 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.
6. A request from the Southern Illinois Labor's to hold a roadblock fundraiser May 2nd & 3rd 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.
7. Approval of Ordinance 436-08; Amending Electric Rate was tabled for full Council attendance. Mayor Taylor provided a historical chart of revenue and expenses, which was prepared by BHM&G. Commissioner Frailey reported the proposed rate increase is competitive with Norris Electric with the exception Norris has a tiered rate. Mayor Taylor commented the rate increase would allow the Electric Department to recoup costs of building the 69KV line in 2007 and the purchase of a fourth generator, which were both paid from electric operating funds. Commissioner Frailey added the increase would allow funds to be set aside in the event of an emergency and excessive storm damage and that a new digger truck will be needed in the future.
8. Mayor Taylor stated he received a letter from the City of Centralia asking for a resolution of support relating to railway transportation in downstate Illinois. A resolution will be presented at a future meeting.
9. Commissioner White reported the recent heavy rains have caused a great amount of infiltration in the sewer lines. This is a result of needed repairs to the aged main sewer lines.
10. Commissioner Frailey reported the Electric Department has been installing radio read meter devices.
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 February 2008 7:00 P.M.

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OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

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5. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Approve TREC Grant Funding Participation*
   B. *Approve Resolution in Support of Railway Transportation*
   C. *Discuss National Road Assn Funding Request.*
   D. *Approve Ordinance 436-08; Amending Electric Rates*

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6. 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, February 25, 2008 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 Clyde Barr, Bill Grimes, 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 Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes and Commissioner Jones, yes;
2. Vote to approve participation in TREC grant funding was not brought for a vote, as no TREC representative was present to provide a resolution or explanation.
3. Resolution 2008-02-01 concerning Amtrak railways service, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members votes as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.
4. Mayor Taylor reported to National Road Association has requested a donation of $1,000.00 towards the 2008 marketing campaign. The request listed advertising media they intend to utilize. $53,000 is needed for local matching funds to apply for a federal grant. Gilbert Park has been chosen as a kiosk site. Approval of the donation will be requested at the next City Council meeting.
5. Mayor Taylor received a request for handicap signage near Field Street. A resident there has a handicapped person who spends a great deal of their time picking up cans. The signage would warn motorists. No objections were expressed by the Council.
6. A vote to amend electric rates was tabled once gain, due to lack of a full Council.
7. An estimate for roof repair to the South Wastewater treatment plant was received from Handy Man Homeworx. A metal roof is estimated to cost $4488 while a shingle roof may cost $3223. These will be submitted to the insurance company.
8. Mayor Taylor reported he has been re elected to the IMUA Board.
9. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 10 March 2008 7:00 P.M.

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6. AGENDA ITEMS

A. *Approve Ordinance 436-08; Amending Electric Rates*

B. *Discuss IMRF "Service Credit"*

C. *Approve $1,000 Donation to National Road Association*

D.

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G. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Business Matters, 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, 2 (c) (6).*

H. ADJOURN

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, March 10, 2008 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 Gerald White Jr.; Commissioner Bill Jones; and Commissioner Richard Frailey. Also present was Chief Kendal Balding, Alvin Schultz, Clyde Barr, 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 Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes
2. Altamont Police Chief, Kendal Balding, presented the February 2008 Police activity report
3. Alvin Schultz owner of Schultz Dairy Bar and Deb's Catering informed the Council the Dairy Bar restaurant portion of his business would be closing the end of March 2008, after 20 years in business. They will continue to operate the catering business from the present location in Schmidt Park. The Council did not feel it necessary to adjust the current lease agreement.
4. Commissioner Jones explained he has spoken with the engineer that prepared the electric rate analysis. He had obtained adequate explanation of the figures that had been used in her recommendation of a 13.99% increase for electric rates. He felt if a smaller increase was approved at this time another increase would be needed in the near future. Mayor Taylor stated the increase should take care of inevitable approaching increases, needed supplies, and the replacement of the pole truck Commissioner. White and Wilson expressed they were concerned about such a large increase for the customers. Mayor Taylor requested a motion to approved ordinance 436-08, Amending Electric Rates. Commissioner Frailey made the motion and

Commissioner Jones seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, no; Commissioner Wilson, no; Mayor Taylor, yes. The amendment increases all electric rates by 13.99% and provides for a three month averaging of the energy cost adjustment calculation.

5. Commissioner Jones inquired about the availability of an Electric Department inventory listing. Mayor Taylor stated there is no list on record.
6. Mayor Taylor informed the Council that employees who have served in the military, prior to employment with the City, are eligible to purchase up to four years of service in IMRF benefits. These years would apply towards an earlier retirement and higher benefits at retirement. The IMRF representative will calculate the amounts and meet with the employees.
7. The City Council approved a $1,000 donation to the National Road Association. Donation will be made with tourism funds. Motion was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, no; Commissioner Frailey, no; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
8. Commissioner White announced the Water Department received a 20 year award from the Illinois EPA for lake monitoring.
9. Mayor Taylor reported the City received $7590.00 from the Safe Routes to Schools Grant. The majority of the dollars were awarded to municipalities in northern Illinois. The monies received are specified for speed trailers and signage. The City will apply again in the future.
10. Sarah Stephen conveyed a request for a conservation based Eagle Scout Project consisting of a minimum 100 hours. The Council will suggest some projects to fit the conditions of the project.
11. Council did not enter into Executive Session as listed on the agenda.
12. 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 : 24 March 2008 7:00 P.M.

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5. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Approve Bid Advertising for 2009 Mowing Season*

   B. *Approve Library Board Member Replacement*

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H. ADJOURN

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, March 24, 2008 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 - 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 Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes
2. Council approved bid advertising for mowing of City properties for the 2009 mowing season. Motion was made 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. Bid advertising and deadlines will be set by Commissioner Wilson.
3. Jim Stuckemeyer was approved as Library Board member replacing Martha Teasley. Motion to approve was made 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
4. Commissioner Frailey reported quotes are being obtained for Gilbert Park ball diamond lights.
5. Commissioner Wilson reported plans are going very well for the April 12th cleanup day at Gilbert Park. She also stated she would like to have new rules and regulations for Union Cemetery before the summer months and a draft would be prepared in the near future.
6. Commissioner Jones reported the street oiling locations are on hold at this time. The extreme winter weather has caused roads to deteriorate. Special attention is needed in scheduling maintenance.
7. 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 : 14 April 2008 7:00 P.M.

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6. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Air Evac Representative*

   B. *Approve Resolution 2008-04-01; Mid American Van Assn Parade*

   C. *Approve Roadblock Fundraiser; VFW Poppy Days May 16th*

   D. *Approve Masonic Lodge Street Closing Request*

   E. *Approve Special Liquor License – Altamont Softball, Inc.*

   F. *Discuss downtown bus parking area for April 16th tour group*

   G. *Set Dates for Citywide Cleanup*

   H. *Approve Participation in Effingham County Health Dept Mosquito Larviciding Program*

   I. *Approve Obtaining Financing for St Clair & Jackson St Water Main Replacement Project*

   J. ADJOURN

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, April 14, 2008 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 – Altamont Police Chief, Kendal Balding; Clyde Barr, Altamont News; Carlos Hill, Air Evac Lifeteam 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 Kendal Balding presented the March 2008 Police Activity and K-9 Reports.
3. Carlos Hill, a flight paramedic for Air Evac Lifeteam spoke to the Council concerning the service provided to Air Evac members. He encouraged the Council to contact them with questions and concerns. He also invited everyone to EMS day May 22nd at the Air Evac Base.
4. Approved Resolution 2008-04-01 concerning Mid American Van Association Parade. Motion to approve was made 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. The van parade is scheduled for 11:00 am July 19th.
5. On a motion by Commissioner Wilson a roadblock fundraiser for VFW Poppy Days was approved. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Poppy Days will be held Friday, May 16th.

6. The Masonic Lodge requested the closing of Washington Street from Main to Second on June 21st 6:00 am – 2:00 pm for a ham and bean lunch. Commissioner Jones moved to approve the street closing, Commissioner Wilson seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes
7. A special liquor license was approved for Altamont Softball, Inc. Motion to approve was 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. Altamont Softball Inc, hosts the Fourth of July tournament at Gilbert Park.
8. Council discussed bus parking for a tour group visiting Altamont this week. The group will be visiting the Wright House, Alwerdt Gardens, the Schmidt Farm House and shopping downtown. The Council recommended parking along Main St near Washington Street corner.
9. Citywide cleanup was set for the week of May 12th. The same route as previous years will be followed with the City being divided by Main Street and the Railroad. Monday northwest, Tuesday northeast, Wednesday southeast and Thursday southwest. Items should be placed curbside prior to 7 am. Pick up will only be done on the scheduled day and workers will not return for late customers.
10. Participation in the mosquito larviciding program with the Effingham County Health Department was approved on a motion 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. A 6" water main is in need of replacement in the North St. Clair and East Jackson Street area. State grant monies have been requested. However, there is uncertainty when or if the funding will be available. Mayor Taylor suggested the City obtain financing for the water main replacement at an estimated cost of $60,000. Commissioner Frailey motioned to approve obtaining financing and Commissioner Jones seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes
12. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 28 April 2008 7:00 P.M.

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5. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Approve Resolution for 2008 Maintenance of Streets & Highways*

B. *Approve Raffle License for VFW Post 7676*

C. ADJOURN

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, April 28, 2008 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 Gerald White Jr.; Commissioner Bill Jones; and Commissioner Richard Frailey. Also present – Steve Emerick 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 Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes
2. Steve Emerick addressed the Council with a request for new signage on North Main Street entering the City limits. He stated the current signage is small and faded and suggested a sign indicating the approaching speed limit and the speed. He mentioned there is a short distance to slow from 55 to 30. The Council will consider his request
3. Approved Resolution for 2008 maintenance of streets. Motion to approve was made 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.
4. On a motion by Commissioner White a raffle license was approved for the VFW Post 7676. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
5. Commissioner White reported the Water Department will be conducting hydrant flushing May 18-22 during the hours of 10 pm – 6 am. Runge Construction will be starting work on the storage building at the reservoir this spring.
6. Commissioner Frailey reported the Electric Department has been working to improve lighting at Gilbert Park.
7. Commissioner Wilson reported workday at Gilbert Park went well, despite the weather. The volunteers cleaned the grounds, repaired fencing, painted the concession stand, assembled a new playground set, prepared two stands for painting, mulched, put up signs on fences, painted playground equipment, and put new lock on the storage buildings. All monies were raised for a new scoreboard on Diamond A.
8. Commissioner Jones reported Street and Alley Department completed the guardrail replacement at Tenth and Division at a small cost. Bids have been sent in for truck replacements.
9. Commissioner Jones also mentioned a concerned situation of residents planning to cut trees located on City right of way. These trees are City property and are protected by the Tree City Ordinance. The Council agreed the ordinance should be enforced and that any resident cutting a "city tree" without prior approval will be fined according to the Municipal Code.
10. 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; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 12 May 2008 7:00 P.M.

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5. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Approve Roadside Fundraiser - Altamont Lion's Club Tootsie Pop Days, June 14, 2008*
   B. *Approve Street Closing for Annual Memorial Day Parade.*
   C. *Approve Ordinance 437-08; Appointment Ordinance*
   D. *Approve Ordinance 438-08; Legal Counsel Appointment Ordinance*
   E. *Approve Ordinance VA-1146; Side & Rear Yard Setback, 711 W. Jefferson*
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   H. ADJOURN

Present:	N	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, May 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present Commissioner Heidi Wilson; Commissioner Gerald White Jr.; Commissioner Bill Jones; and Commissioner Richard Frailey. Also present – Clyde Barr, Altamont News 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 Wilson and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Commissioner Jones, yes
2. On a motion by Commissioner White a request from the Altamont Lion's Club to conduct a Tootsie Pop Days roadside fundraiser on June 14th was approved. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Commissioner Jones, yes
3. Commissioner Wilson motioned to approve a street closing to allow for the Annual Memorial Day Parade. Commissioner Frailey seconded to motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Commissioner Jones, yes. The parade is to be held Monday, May 26th at 10:00 am.
4. Ordinance 438-08; Appointing Legal Counsel 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 Commissioner Jones, yes. Legal Counsel for the year will be Taylor Law Offices.

5. Ordinance 437-08; Appointment Ordinance 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 Commissioner Jones, yes. This ordinance re-appoints all department supervisors.
6. Ordinance VA-1146 allowing a side a rear yard setback at 711 West Jefferson 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 Commissioner Jones, yes.
7. Commissioner White stated he would like to go on record as congratulating Mike Bowman on his retirement as Chief of the Altamont Fire Department. He stated Mr. Bowman has done a fine job for the residents of the Altamont Fire Protection District.
8. Commissioner Frailey reported the Electric Department generation plant is in need of a heating and cooling system. Estimates received totaled $5,960 for a basic unit and $1,150 additional for a heat pump. Council encouraged obtaining a bid for a geo thermal system.
9. Commissioner Wilson expressed concerns of the rising fuel costs and recommended City vehicles be shut off rather than set idling. She also stated May 24th is the next scheduled Gilbert Park clean up day. Micah Speers and Tom Gardner have been hired as summer park employees.
10. Commissioner Jones reported the Street and Alley Department was the winning bidder of a the following from Illinois Department of Transportation:

1993 International Dump Truck	$15,138.00
1997 Ford F150 Pickup Truck	$ 1,233.00
1986 John Deere Riding Mower	$ 553.00

11. City Clerk Sarah Stephen explained to the Council that properties in foreclosure were not being mowed in keeping with City ordinance. The mortgage companies have all been contacted, with little or no cooperation. The Council recommended mowing the properties and placing a lien for the mowing costs.
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 Commissioner Jones, yes

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Meeting Date : 27 May 2008 7:00 P.M.

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2. POLICE REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS

A. *Shirley Muchow – Habitat for Humanity*

B. *Approve Final Payment to Runge Construction $24,683.00, for Water Department Building.*

C. *Approve Special Liquor License for Altamont Softball Players Assn Illinois ASA Fast Pitch State Tournament*

D. *Approve Intergovernmental Agreement Three YearRenewal with Effingham County Concerning Geographic Information Systems, Cost $5,000.00*

E. *Discuss Water Leaks*

F. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matters, 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, 2(c) (1).*

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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 Tuesday, May 27, 2008 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 – Shirley Muchow; Clyde Barr, Altamont News; Altamont Police Chief Kendal Balding; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Heidi Wilson was absent.

1. Shirley Muchow addressed the Council as Habitat for Humanity Board Representative. She provided a brief description of the basic structure of Habitat for Humanity. She requested assistance from the Council in obtaining an Altamont location for a building site. Several homes have been completed in area towns, but none in Altamont at this time. The Council praised the organizations accomplishments and their desire for such a home in Altamont.
2. 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 White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
3. Chief Balding presented the April 2008 police and K-9 activity reports.
4. On a motion by Commissioner White final payment to Runge Construction, in the amount of $24,683.00 for construction of the Water Department storage building was approved. Commissioner Frailey seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes Commissioner White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
5. Commissioner Jones motioned to approve a special liquor license to the Altamont Softball Players Assn. Commissioner White seconded the motion. This will provide for the Illinois ASA Fast Pitch State Tournament at Gilbert Park July 24-27 and August 1-3, 2008. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes Commissioner White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
6. A three year Intergovernmental Agreement with Effingham County for Geographic Information System services 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; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The cost of the agreement was $5,000.00 for the three year term.

7. The Council discussed the numerous water leaks that have developed on the main service line into the City. Commissioner White speculated the large amount of spring rains and the recent earthquake may have contributed to the line breaks. He also praised the City employees for their conscience effort in making repairs.
8. Commissioner White commended the Garden Club for the beautiful downtown flower baskets.
9. Commissioner Frailey reported an estimate had been received for installation of a geo thermal heat and air system for the generation facility in the amount of $15,987.00. The matter was tabled for vote at a later meeting.
10. Commissioner Jones reported several City trees have been planted at various locations around town, in keeping with the Tree City USA compliance.
11. On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Frailey Council entered into executive session to discuss personnel matters, (5ILCS120, Section 2, 2(c) (1). Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes Commissioner White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
12. No action was taken as a result of Executive Session
13. 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 Commissioner White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 9 June 2008 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. *Open and Approve 2009 Mowing Season Bids.*

B. *Approve Purchase of Heat & Air System for Generator Facility.*

C. *Approve 2008 Street Maintenance Bids.*

D. *Discuss Amending Municipal Code Referring to Adult Oriented Businesses.*

E. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matters, 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, 2(c) (1) and Discuss Legal Matters, 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, 2(c) (12).*

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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, June 9, 2008 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 – Ervin Ballinger; Clyde Barr, Altamont News; Altamont Police Chief Kendal Balding; 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 Balding presented the May 2008 police and K-9 activity reports.
3. 2009 mowing bids were opened. Bids were received from Jim's Mowing Service in the amount of $653.00 per mowing, not including Gilbert Park and Only To Go Mowing Service in the amount of $962.00 excluding Gilbert Park or $1,307.00 to include Gilbert Park. Acceptance of a bid was tabled for a future meeting.
4. Commissioner Wilson motioned to approve the installation of a heat pump unit at the generation plant in the amount of $7110.00. Commissioner Frailey seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. R& H Plumbing and Heating will be providing the service.
5. The 2008 street maintenance bids were 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. Low bidders as a result of the June 3, 2008 bid opening were:

Larry Heuerman	$39,431.12
Heuerman Bros Trucking	9,400.00
Effingham Asphalt	19,900.00

6. Mayor Taylor read a letter received from Tracy Berberich of Taylor Law Offices concerning updating the ordinance regulations for sexually oriented businesses. Council members expressed the need to keep this ordinance current to restrict such business in the community.
7. Commissioner White commended the City employees for their efforts during the Friday night storm. He also stated that it appeared during the heavy rain that some ditches may need cleaned to allow better water flow.
8. Commissioner Frailey reported the storm did cause some transformer and line damage.
9. The Council discussed the number of people driving in the high water and near emergency vehicles during and after the storm. It was stated the onlookers cause disruption of efforts and danger to City employees. Citizens are discouraged from making unnecessary travels through the City.
10. Commissioner Wilson reported the radio station is providing hour by hour scores of the championship State tournament games. She asked the Council for suggestions of safety measures protecting the picnic table seating area in front of the Dairy Bar from motorists. Nothing permanent is allowed because of the State highway right of way.

Roping attached to portable posts was one suggestion provided.

11. On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Wilson Council entered into executive session to discuss personnel matters, (5ILCS120, Section 2, 2(c) (1) and legal matters (5ILCS120, Section 2, 2(c) (12). Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

    No action was taken as a result of Executive Session

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 : 23 June 2008 7:00 P.M.

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OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:Agenda

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. *Discuss 2009 Mowing Season Bids.*
   B. *Approve Ordinance 439-08; Ascertaining Prevailing Wage Rate.*
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Present:	Y	Mayor Taylor	Y	Commissioner Jones	Y	Commissioner White	N	Commissioner Frailey	Y	Commissioner Wilson

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, June 23, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present; Mayor Larry Taylor; Commissioner Bill Jones; Commissioner Gerald White Jr.; and Commissioner Heidi Wilson. Also present – Carl Shamhart, Rich & Eve Fulk; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Richard Frailey was absent.

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

2. ABATE Members Carl Shamhart, Richard & Eve Fulk were present to discuss the ABATE rally recently held at the Effingham County Fairgrounds. They requested letters of support from the Council concerning their membership and activities.
3. Council reviewed the 2009 mowing bids received at the June 9, 2008 meeting. Due to an omission on the bids sheets, the bid process will be repeated. Commissioner White offered to mow the grass area of the parking lot between S&W and Dollar General. Commissioner Wilson motioned to reject all bids received and re bid the 2009 mowing season. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
4. Ordinance 439-08; Ascertaining the Prevailing Wage Rate, as approved on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
5. Commissioner White read a thank you letter from Water Department employee Lloyd Wendling. The letter acknowledged the cooperation received from the Street & Alley Department and the patience of the community during recent water main breaks.
6. Mayor Taylor presented a thank you from the Altamont Lions Club for improvements to the concession stand at Gilbert Park.
7. Clerk Stephen stated an inquiry has been received of the legality of golf carts on City streets. In research the subject, the City of Altamont has not approved such use. The Council instructed Clerk Stephen to inquire with other communities who had addressed the golf cart issue.
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 : 14 July 2008 7:00 P.M.

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2. POLICE REPORT
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5. COMMUNICATIONS
5. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Approve Change in Personnel Policy*
   B. *Discuss Golf Cart Usage*
   C. *Approve Resolution for Effingham County Fair Parade*
   D.
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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 14, 2008 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 Richard Frailey; and Commissioner Heidi Wilson. Also present – Clyde Barr, Altamont News; Police 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 Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Chief Balding presented the June 2008 Police Activity Report. He also reported the Altamont Police Department has been awarded grant funding for an in car camera.
3. The Council discussed the current residential requirement for City employees, which is eight miles from the center of town. In an effort to retain current employees and open future employment choices, the Council voted to remove all residential boundaries. Commissioner Frailey motioned to approve removal of all residential boundaries. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
4. Council discussed the possibility of approving golf cart use within the city limits. Mayor Taylor asked the opinion of Commissioners on the subject. Mayor Taylor noted the Illinois Department of Transportation may not allow a crossing of Highway 40. Chief Balding encouraged daylight to dusk restriction along with age requirements. The Mayor requested citizen feedback.
5. Commissioner Wilson motioned and Commissioner Jones seconded to approve a resolution concerning the Effingham County Fair Parade. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
6. Commissioner Frailey reported the heat and air system was completed in the generation plant.
7. Gary Hewing, 712 W Jefferson, spoke to the Council regarding the noise from the ADM facility. He also inquired of the removal of pine trees from under the utility lines on the rear of his property.
8. 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 : 28 July 2008 7:00 P.M.

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2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
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4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Approve Ordinance 440-08; Appropriation FYE 2009*
   B. *Discuss Use of Golf Carts*
   C. *Approve Fundraising Roadblock for Knights of Columbus; September 19 & 20*
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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 28, 2008 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 Richard Frailey; and Commissioner Heidi Wilson. Also present – Clyde Barr, Altamont News; Alvin Oliver; Stan, Nancy & Marcus Huels; Bruce & Mary Jo Kessler; Bill & Connie Durbin; Lynn Kull; Dave Coslet; Rick Seagle; Terry Beal; Tom & Bonnie Lester; Joe Luchtefeld; Bill Grimes, Effingham Daily News; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, Abstain (he did not attend the last meeting); Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Mayor Taylor opened the meeting for discussion regarding use of golf carts on City streets.Terry Beal spoke on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce stating she had received only positive remarks to the use. Joe Luchtefeld suggested having designated cart areas for driving and parking. He wondered if licensing would bring in some revenue for the City and if they would be inspected. Nancy Huels asked why they had been turned down in other communities. She also explained that insurance is available for such a vehicle. Lynn Kull suggested disallowing use on Main Street during harvest season. Alvin Oliver suggested requiring a flashing light on the top of the cart. Bruce Kessler stated the community owes a big thank you to the Huels family for their dedication of watering the flowers on Main Street. Mayor Taylor explained there are many factors to consider such as insurance, child restraint, and county and state roadways. Overall safety of the community would be of utmost importance. He went on to say this is not something the Council will rush into. He thanked all for their comments and interest.

3. Ordinance 440-08; FYE 2008 Appropriation 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. The total Appropriation is in the amount of $4,503,903.
4. Commissioner White motioned to approve a fundraising roadblock for the Knights of Columbus on September 19 and 20, 2008. Commissioner Frailey seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.
5. Commissioner Wilson reported the 5K Run received a $400 profit. She requested the scoreboard from Diamond B be returned so it can be moved to Diamond D or sold to a local community. Tom Lester reminded the Council Altamont Softball Inc purchased the scoreboards that were removed. He also stressed the need for more help to maintain and care for the equipment at Gilbert Park. Lynn Kull suggested the school purchase their own remotes for the scoreboards.
6. Rick Seagle inquired about the replacement date of the water line servicing the northeast portion of the City. Residents are continually experiencing brown water. Mayor Taylor explained funding is being sought after, which takes some time. The State of Illinois had promised funding that funding offer has since been rescinded due to the State's poor budget conditions. Therefore, the funding search has to start again.
7. 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 : 11 August 2008 7:00 P.M.

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5. AGENDA ITEMS

A. *Daughhette & Parks Presents FYE 2008 Audit*

B. *Approve Special Liquor License for Wright House Wine Tasting Event.*

C. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matters, 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, 2(c) (2); Discussing Business Matters, 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, 2(c) (23).*

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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, August 11, 2008 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 Richard Frailey; and Commissioner Heidi Wilson. Also present – Tom Lester; Auditor Larry Feng 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 Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Tom Lester asked for revenue ideas for Gilbert Park. He reported the one recommendation from the State Softball Assn was to enlarge the restroom facility. Tom thought possible the storage area could be eliminated to allow for restroom expansion. For future planning some equipment needs include a mower/tractor.
3. Larry Feng or DBH & Associates presented the FYE 2008 audit.
4. On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Frailey a special liquor license was approved for the Wright House Wine Tasting Event. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The event is to be held September 20, 2008.
5. Commissioner White reported the water treatment facility was recently inspected by the Illinois EPA. The inspection reported all areas cleared inspection and indicated no infractions could be found.
6. Commissioner Wilson requested value of the scraped scoreboard be determined and the amount be deducted from the balance of monies to be raised. The Council believed this would be a good resolution.
7. Commissioner Jones motioned to enter into executive session. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Executive session was for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, 5 ILCS, 120, Section 2, 2(c) (2); Discussing Business Matters, 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, 2(c) (23).
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 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 : 25 August 2008 7:00 P.M.

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5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Opening of 2009 Mowing Bids*

   B. *Approve LIHEAP Vendor Agreement for FY 2009.*

   C.

   D.

   E. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matters, 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, 2(c) (2); Discussing Business Matters, 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, 2(c) (23).*

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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, August 25, 2008 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 Richard Frailey; and Commissioner Heidi Wilson. Also present – Police Chief Kendal Balding; Jean Flora 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 Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Bids were opened for the 2009 mowing season. Bids received were as follows:

DLX Mowing	$ 750.00 per mowing
Jim's Mowing Service	$1,035.00 per mowing
Only To Go Mowing	$1,305.00 per mowing

3. Approval of the 2009 mowing contract was tabled for a future meeting. Clarification will be obtained regarding entering into a contract with a current City employee.
4. A LIHEAP Vendor Agreement was approved on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
5. Commissioner White reported the water plant carbon is scheduled to be replaced at a cost of $16,900, which is lower than first expected.

6. Commissioner Wilson thanked Bill & Janice Jones and Ron & Ruth Ann Hoffmeister for helping weed the Veteran's Memorial at Union Cemetery.
7. Jean Flora addressed the Council concerning addressing at her residence. A recent descrepany has developed with her street address. Mayor Taylor explained the City did not change her address and that changing one address as apposed to everyone on the street seemed to be the least laborious.
8. Council did not enter into Executive Session.
9. 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 : 9 September 2008 7:00 P.M.

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5. AGENDA ITEMS

A. *Approve Resolution 2008-09-04; Authorizing Submission of Community Development Initiative Funding*

B. *Discuss Golf Cart Usage on City Streets.*

C. *Approve Awarding of 2009 Mowing Bids.*

D.

E. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matters, 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, 2(c) (2); Discussing Business Matters, 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, 2(c) (23).*

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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, September 8, 2008 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 Richard Frailey; and Commissioner Heidi Wilson. Also present – Penny White 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

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

2. Penny White addressed the Council concerning the cleanup of junk vehicles and weeds. Mayor Taylor explained the court process is considerably slow and sometimes non-effective.
3. Resolution 2008-09-04; Authorizing Submission of Community Development Initiative Funding 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. (Attachment 2) The resolution allows for application of a loan, in the amount of $187,500, from South Central Regional Development & Planning. Monies are to aid in a water main replacement in the northeast section of the City and upgrades to the water treatment plant.
4. Mayor Taylor reported a letter has been received from the Illinois Department of Transportation concerning a Route 40 golf cart crossing. The Department only allows crossing Route 40 to a City street at a controlled crossing. Currently there are no qualified crossings. Mayor Taylor will meet with an IDOT representative to search for options.
5. Approval of the 2009 mowing contract was tabled for a future meeting. The City Attorney was contacted and found that entering into a contract with a City employee was considered a conflict of interest and classified as a class four felony.
6. Commissioner White motioned to enter into executive session. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Executive session was for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, 5 ILCS, 120, Section 2, 2(c) (2); Discussing Business Matters, 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, 2(c) (23). No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.
7. Commissioner White reported all is going well with the new Water Department building and everything should be completed in a time frame satisfactory to the IEPA.
8. Commissioner Jones reported sidewalk replacements were being completed on North Main St. He suggested in order to improve motorists view and allow trucks to more easily enter the Second Street alley between Washington and Division, eliminate two parking spaces on Second Street at the south end of the Triangle.
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; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 22 September 2008 7:00 P.M.

On The Agenda

OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

1. Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting
   Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills

2. POLICE REPORT

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. AGENDA ITEMS

A. *Altamont Library Board*

B. *Jon Becker – Smoke Alarm Ordinance*

C. *Approve Awarding of 2009 Mowing Bids.*

D. *Approve Street Closing for St. Clare Church Picnic.*

E. *Approve Ordinance 441-08; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation (Limited Tax) Debt Certificates, Series 2008, to Finance Waterworks Facilities for the City of Altamont, Effingham County, Illinois, and Providing the Details of Such Certificates, and Related Matters.*

F. *Approve Resolution 2008-09-05; Supporting the Submission of Illinois Safe Routes to School Program Plan As Administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.*

G. *Discuss 806 Aker Drive, Concerning Outbuilding in Utility Easement.*

H. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matters, 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, 2(c) (2); Discussing Business Matters, 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, 2(c) (23).*

I. 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 22, 2008 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 Richard Frailey; and Commissioner Heidi Wilson. Also present – Sam Gnuse, Connie Kommer, Clyde Barr, Jon Becker and Kendal Balding; Altamont Police Chief; 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 Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Chief Kendal Balding presented the August 2008 Police and K-9 activity reports.
3. Sam Gnuse, Altamont Library Board President, provided library budget figures to the Council. The library is requesting a $34,300 levy be placed this year. Mr. Gnuse explained that in the past year the library transferred $9,700 from an estate donation to cover the years shortfall.
4. The Council once again reviewed the bids for the 2009 mowing season. Mayor Taylor explained the bid from DLX Mowing (Alan Heiens) is disallowed. Two attorneys were contacted concerning entering into a contract with an employee. Each attorney gave the opinion that contracts with employees constitute a conflict of interest, which is a Class 4 felony. Commissioner Wilson motioned to accept the bid from Jim's Mowing Service of St. Elmo, in the amount of $1,035.00 per mowing. Commissioner Frailey seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes;

and Mayor Taylor, yes.

5. St. Clare Catholic Church requested a street closing of Ninth Street from Monroe to Madison, October 12, 2:00 – 8:00 pm for a parish family picnic. Commissioner Frailey motioned to approve the street closing. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
6. Ordinance 411-08; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation (Limited Tax) Debt Certificates, Series 2008, to Finance Waterworks Facilities for the City of Altamont, Effingham County, Illinois, and Providing the Details of Such Certificates, and Related Matters 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. This ordinance allows funding in the amount of $187,500 for a water main replacement on North St. Clair Street and improvements at the water treatment facility.
7. Resolution 2008-09-05; Supporting the Submission of Illinois Safe Routes to School Program Plan As Administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation was approved on a motion by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. The resolution serves part of the package requesting grant funding to install sidewalks with emphasis on installation along Division Street from the High School and East Meadows.
8. Council discussed the possibility of an outbuilding being placed in a 60' utility easement located on the west edge of properties of Aker Drive. Mayor Taylor read the covenants, which disallow building within the easement. Concerns expressed included the ability for utility workers to have access to lines during emergencies. The matter was tabled to allow more time to gather information.
9. Jon Becker addressed the Council concerning the likelihood of the City adopting an ordinance mandating smoke/carbon monoxide detectors. There is currently a state statute in place addressing the issue. However, Jon has spoken with the State Fire Marshall investigator who explained the local governing body must emulate the state statute in order for enforcement. The fire department does not intend to inspect each home. The ordinance would allow local law officials to fine the owners of properties who did not have alarms, as would be discovered during a fire call response. The Mayor stated the City would search for such an ordinance from other communities.
10. Commissioner Jones reported the recent storm has once again created the timely task of picking up limbs. Mayor Taylor explained the City is going to try waiting until the week after the storm to begin pickup of limbs. This will allow citizens the weekend to get all debris to the curbs.
11. Mayor Taylor reported he and Clerk Stephen attended a seminar with reference to identity theft. New laws now require customers applying for utility service to provide two forms of identification. A policy is forthcoming bringing the City into compliance with the Identity Theft Rules of the Federal Trade Commission.
12. Council did not enter into executive session.
13. 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 October 2008 7:00 P.M.

On The Agenda

OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

1. Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting
   Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. POLICE REPORT
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Proclamation – Red Ribbon Week October 18 – 26, 2008.*
   B. *Approve Ordinance VA 1146; Setback Variance, East Washington Ave.*
   C. *Announce Revised Trick-or-Treat Time.*
   D. *Approve Utility Easement Encroachment, 806 Aker Drive.*
   E.
   F.
   G.
   H. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matters, 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, 2(c) (2); Discussing Business Matters, 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, 2(c) (23).*
   I. 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 13, 2008 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 Richard Frailey; Commissioner Gerald White Jr.; and Commissioner Heidi Wilson. Also present – Jeff Lauritzen; Jeff Fritchtnitch of Unit 10 Schools; Justin Stock, 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 Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, present; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Chief Kendal Balding presented the September 2008 Police and K-9 activity reports.
3. Mayor Taylor read and signed a proclamation designating October 18 – 26, 2008 as Red Ribbon Week in support of a drug free community.
4. Ordinance VA 1146; Variance Permit; 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. The ordinance provides for a reduction of the side yard and rear yard setbacks from 5 feet to 3 feet, with conditions, for property located at the corner of Washington Avenue & St. Clair Street. Members

voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

5. Mayor Taylor announced to coordinate with the Halloween parade, trick-or-treat time as been changed to 6:30 – 8:30 on October 31, 2008.
6. Council approved a utility easement encroachment requested by Jeff Lauritzen, 806 Aker Drive. Motion was made 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. Encroachment will allow for a 12x20 outbuilding to be placed within the setbacks allowed. Building will be removed at the owners expense if requested by the City.
7. Jeff Fritchtnitch, Superintendent of Unit 10 Schools, addressed the City Council concerning the planning of the new all weather track to be constructed east of the grade school. The school board is requesting Council approval to encroach 1 ½ feet over the west boundary line of Gilbert Park. This would allow the new track to be moved from its original position, thence allowing existing manholes to remain exposed. An intergovernmental agreement or easement will be prepared for approval at a future Council meeting.
8. Commissioner White reported replacement of the North St. Clair water main is progressing. Replacements to the water system included a motor on the destratifier, new filter media and control panel parts at the water treatment plant after lightening damage.
9. Commissioner Wilson reported diamond A at Gilbert Park is not draining well causing erosion of the surface base.
10. Commissioner Jones reported the restrooms at Schmidt Park are in need of renovation. He commented Schmidt Park is used extensively during the summer.
11. Council entered into executive session 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.
12. No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.
13. 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 : 27 October 2008 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. *Approve Roadblock Fundraiser, Marine Corps League, November 7, 2008.*
   B. *Approve Application to Maintain Trailer Court; Altamont Mobile Home Court.*
   C. *Approve Ordinance 442-08; Establishing Authority of Sale of Personal Property.*
   D. *Approve Resolution 2008-10-06; Approving Receipt of Real Estate, 605 West John Adams.*
   E. *Schedule Leaf Pickup*
   F.
   G. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matters, 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, 2(c) (2); Discussing Business Matters, 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, 2(c) (23).*
   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 27, 2008 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 Richard Frailey; Commissioner Gerald White Jr.; and Commissioner Heidi Wilson. Also present – Shirley Muchow; Bill Grimes, Effingham Daily News; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, present; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. A roadblock fundraiser sponsored by the Marine Corps League to be held on November 7, 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 White, present; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
3. An application, made by Mel Neeley, to maintain the Altamont Mobile Home Court was presented to the Council. Application 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, present; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
4. Ordinance 422-08; Establishing Authority of Sale of Personal Property was approved on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, present; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The ordinance establishes a written request made by the department supervisor for the sale or disposal of personal property, with an estimated value of less than $1,500, requires prior approval by the Mayor and Council Member of such department.
5. Resolution 2008-10-06; Approving Receipt of Real Estate, 605 West John Adams 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, present; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The property is planned to be the future sight of the first Habitat for Humanity home.

6. Leaf Pickup scheduling was not set due to the late fall weather.
7. Commissioner White reported the Water Department met the EPA deadline for installation of the new chemical feed unit. The replacement water line on North St. Clair has been purged and all has went well.
8. Commissioner Wilson reported plans are beginning for a nine hole disc golf course at one of the Altamont parks. They are currently looking for hole sponsors, in the amount of $450.00, proceeds will help with the installation cost.
9. Commissioner Jones commended the City employees for their work on the North St. Clair water main replacement project. Commissioner Jones attended the informational meeting of Representative Roger Eddy, where it was suggested a list of construction projects and the funding needed be submitted to Representative Eddy.
10. Mayor Taylor reported the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency will soon have a software program available to Altamont utility customers that will allow customers to analyze their electric use and obtain suggestions for energy conservation.
11. Clerk Stephen reported the company, On Line Utility Exchange, is a new tool available for assistance in verifying the identity of new utility customers. Nationwide as well as local utilities are members reporting payment history for other members to view. The tool can also be used to obtain potential risk factors. This could be used to restructure the utility deposit policy and charge the deposit according to the risk percentage for that individual. No decision was made to become a member at this time.
12. Council entered into executive session on a motion by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
13. No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.
14. 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 White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : 10 November 2008 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. *Approve 2009 Holiday Schedule.*
   B. *Approve Class A Liquor License for Kori Sparling.*
   C.
   D.
   E.
   F.
   G. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matters, 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, 2(c) (2); Discussing Business Matters, 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, 2(c) (23).*
   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, November 10, 2008 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 Richard Frailey; Commissioner Gerald White Jr.; and Commissioner Heidi Wilson. Also present – Kori Sparling; Erv Ballinger; Kendal Balding, Altamont Police Chief; 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 Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, present; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Chief Kendal Balding presented the October 2008 police activity reports.
3. Ervin Ballinger introduced Kori Sparling, the new manager of Longhorn Restaurant.
4. The 2009 holiday schedule 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, present; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
5. Kori Sparling submitted a liquor license application to operate the Longhorn Restaurant. On a motion by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Jones, the application was approved. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, present; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
6. Commissioner Frailey reported the Electric Department would like to purchase the boring machine that had been rented during the North St. Clair Water Main replacement project. He stated the cost would be substantial for an item used sparingly. Commissioner White suggested the rental cost, purchase price and outside sourcing be compared. The matter will be voted on at a future meeting when the final purchase price is received. Mayor Taylor commented the machine would eliminate cutting of the streets during service line installations.
7. Commissioner Wilson reported it is necessary to advertise for mowing bids again.

Bids will be opened at the November 24th meeting. A grant application is being finalized to request funding for ball diamond refurbishing.

8. Mayor Taylor reported BK Enterprises have purchased the former Rouleau Industries site. They are expected have the business moved from Effingham and to be in operation December 1, 2008 with 11-13 employees.
9. Council did not enter into Executive Session.
10. 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 : 24 November 2008 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. *Opening of 2009 Mowing Bids.*

B. *Approve Awarding of 2009 Mowing Bid.*

C. *Approve Purchase of 97 Dodge Truck for Water Department in the Amount of $1,800 with Trade of 94 Ford Truck.*

D. *Approve Ordinance SP-1172; Special Use Modular Home Replacement at 408 North Second Street.*

E. *Approve Ordinance VA-1172; Front Yard Setback Variance 408 North Second Street.*

F. *Approve Ordinance 443-08; Levying Taxes FYE 2009.*

G. *Approve Ordinance 444-08; Abating 2008 Tax Levy.*

H. *Approve Resolution 2008-11-07; Providing Approval for Assignment of the Cable Television Franchise to Mediacom Illinois LLC.*

I. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matters, 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, 2(c) (2); Discussing Business Matters, 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, 2(c) (23).*

J. 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, November 24, 2008 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

Richard Frailey; Commissioner Gerald White Jr.; and Commissioner Heidi Wilson. Also present – Sean Landers; Bill Grimes, Effingham Daily News; 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 Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Mayor Taylor opened the 2009 mowing bids for all City properties. They were as follows:

Landers Lawn & Landscaping	$ 995.00
Only To Go Mowing Service	$1,297.00

3. The 2009 mowing contract was unanimously awarded to Landers Lawn & Landscaping in the amount of $995.00 per mowing. Motion was made by Commissioner Wilson 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.
4. The purchase of a 1997 Dodge pickup truck for the Water Department, in the amount of $1,800, was approved on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The truck will be purchased from A&H Implement with a trade in of a 1994 Ford Truck.
5. Council approved Ordinance SP-1172; Special Use Modular Home Replacement at 408 North Second Street. Motion was made 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. The modular will be an updated replacement of an existing mobile home.
6. Council approved Ordinance VA-1172; Front Yard Setback Variance at 408 North Second Street. Motion was made 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.
7. Council approved Ordinance 443-08; Levying Taxes FYE 2009. Motion was made 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. The levy amount is $225,525.
8. Council approved Ordinance 444-08; Abating 2008 Tax Levy. Motion was made 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. The abated amount represents Electric Department bond payment amount.
9. Council approved Resolution 2008-11-07; Providing Approval for Assignment of the Cable Television Franchise to Mediacom Illinois LLC. Motion was made 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.

10. Council did not enter into Executive Session.
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 : 8 December 2008 7:00 P.M.

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OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:Agenda

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

A. *Approve Resolution 2008-12-08; Establishing 2009 Schedule of Meetings.*

B. *Approve Purchase of 2009 International Pole Truck for Electric Department not to Exceed $165,000.*

C. *Approve Purchase of 2009 Dodge Charger Squad Car in the Amount of $21,710.*

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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, December 08, 2008 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 Richard Frailey; and Commissioner Heidi Wilson. Also present –Bill Grimes, Effingham Daily News; Kendal Balding, Altamont Police Chief; 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 Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Chief Balding presented the November 2008 Police Activity Reports.
3. Resolution 2008-12-08; Establishing 2009 Meeting Schedule 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. Meetings will continue to be held on the second and fourth Mondays each month at 7:00 pm, unless there is holiday interference.

4. Commissioner Frailey explained to the Council the poor conditions of the present pole truck being used by the Electric Department. Drake & Scruggs estimated needed repairs to the current truck at approximately $42,589. A lease option to purchase was received from Altec for a 2009 truck in the amount of $162,000, 20% down at time of delivery and a monthly lease payment of $3,999 for a 3 year term. Commissioner Jones expressed concern of the adjustable rate lease. He had contacted a local bank and found the loan rate to be 3 ½% for three years. This would result in a savings of approximately $7,000 over the course of the loan. Commissioner Frailey made the motion to purchase the 2009 International pole truck not to exceed $165,000 with local bank financing. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Altec will be contacted to determine a final purchase price.
5. The purchase of a 2009 Dodge Charger squad car, in the amount of $21,710 was approved on a motion 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. The car is being purchased from Bob Ridings, Pana, IL.
6. Clerk Stephen asked the Council if bids should be searched for the employee uniform contract. Council members stated they had not received any service complaints. A new contract with Clean Uniform company will be presented at a later meeting.
7. Council did not enter into Executive Session.
8. 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 : 22 December 2008 7:00 P.M.

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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. *Approve Participation in Employee Assistance Program.*
   B. *Approve 3 year Clean Uniform Contract.*
   C.
   D.

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G. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matters, 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, 2(c) (2); Discussing Business Matters, 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, 2(c) (23).*

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, December 22, 2008 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 Richard Frailey; Commissioner Gerald White Jr.; and Commissioner Heidi Wilson. Also present –Bill Grimes, Effingham Daily News; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, present; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. The City Council approved renewing participation in an Employee Assistance Program for another year. Motion was made 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.
3. Council approved a three year contract with Clean Uniform to provide employee uniforms. Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commission White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. No price increase occurred over the last contract.
4. Mayor Taylor informed the Council of an IMUA scholarship. As members of IMUA, applications are available to Altamont students.
5. Council did not enter into Executive Session.
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; Commission White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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