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YEAR 2009 COUNCIL MINUTES

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Meeting Date : January 12, 2009 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 Intergovernmental Agreement between Altamont Comm Unit #10 and City of Altamont for Purposes of Construction of a new Track and Field Facility.*

B. *Approve Ordinance VA-1176; Front Yard Intrusion; 203 South Bond.*

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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, January 12, 2009 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 –Kendal Balding, Altamont Police Chief; Clyde Barr, Altamont News; Marcus Huels; 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. Chief Balding presented the December 2008 police activity reports.
3. The City Council approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with Altamont Unit 10 School 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. The agreement allows Unit 10 to construct a new track and field facility that will encroach into Gilbert Park.
4. Council approved Ordinance VA-1176, allowing a front yard intrusion at 203 South Bond. Motion was made by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Approval allows the construction of a front deck with restrictions outlined in the ordinance.
5. Commissioner White reported individuals were found dumping Christmas trees in the reservoir. Their intentions were respectable, however the tree decay hinders attempts to keep chemical levels under control. Commissioner White also reported hunters from outside the area are utilizing the reservoir area. He asked Council to think about regulating the hunting and possibly charging for hunting rights. Commissioner Frailey suggested contacting the game warden. A Boy Scout troop has approached Commissioner White asking permission to hold organized camping events on reservoir property. Council members did not object, but recommended obtaining proof of insurance. The Scouts may also do community service projects for the camping privilege.
6. Commissioner Wilson reported the batters building had been vandalized and two windows were broken. A free woman's self defense class is being planned for some time in February.
7. Council did not enter into Executive Session.
8. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commission White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : January 26, 2009 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. *Mandi Eckhardt – Schmidt Park Walking Path Update.*

B.

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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	N	Commissioner Wilson

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, January 26, 2009 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 Gerald White Jr. Also present –Mandi & Ryan Eckhart; Altamont Scout Troop; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Heidi Wilson was absent.

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Mandi & Ryan Eckhardt addressed the Council concerning plans for the walking path in Schmidt Park. Funds have been raised to begin construction of the first steps of the path. It will consist of a 6' wide concrete path, beginning near the north park entrance and meandering through the park to the west park road. The length of the first section will be determined by the cost and funds available. In order to cut costs, volunteers are planned to pour and finish the concrete. Mayor Taylor stated the City would do the excavation and install the sidewalk portion directly behind the Dairy Bar. The first shipment of memorial bricks should arrive within the next month. Long-term future plans include a limestone path through the west wooded area. Commissioner Jones suggested a "buy a yard" campaign whereby donors would pay for one yard of concrete.
3. Commissioner White reported the water plant is in need of replacing three valves, with an estimated cost of $5,000.
4. Mayor Taylor reported he attended a meeting concerning the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. The retirement fund investment earnings, managed by IMRF, have decreased considerably. This loss will be passed onto participating employers. Options will be offered to defer the increase over several years.
5. Council did not enter into Executive Session.
6. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commission White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : February 16, 2009 5:00 P.M.

Rescheduled Meeting of February 9, 2009.

On The Agenda

OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:Agenda

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2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Approve Purchase of 3 Water Valves $5074.11.*
   B. *Approve Southern Illinois Labor's Roadblock, May 1 & 2, 2009.*
   C.
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   G.
   H. ADJOURN

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

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, February 16, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. This was a rescheduled meeting from the original date of February 9, 2009 where a full quorum was not present. The following members were present; Mayor Larry Taylor; Commissioner Bill Jones; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Heidi Wilson and Commissioner Gerald White Jr. Also present –Chip Northrop, Public Works Supervisor; Clyde Barr, Altamont News; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Frailey, the purchase of three water valves, amount of $5074.11 was approved. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The valves will be purchased from Cregger Company as a replacement for exhausted valves.
3. A request from the Southern Illinois Laborers to conduct a roadblock fundraiser on May 1st and 2nd, 2009 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Wilson. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner

Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

4. Council did not enter into Executive Session.
5. 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 : February 23, 2009 7:00 P.M.

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OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:Agenda

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

A. *Approve Ordinance VA 1178; Sign Variance, 4 Do It Drive*

B. *Approve Ordinance 446-09; Protect Against Potential Adverse Economics Impact of FERC Order 719 By Precluding Customers of the City's Electric Utility from Bidding Demand Resources into the MISO Markets.*

C. *Approve Ordinance 447-09; Approve Admission of the Village of Riverton as a Member of the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency.*

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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	N	Commissioner White	Y	Commissioner Frailey	Y	Commissioner Wilson

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, February 23, 2009 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 –Kendal Balding, Altamont Police Chief; Bill Grimes, Effingham Daily News; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Gerald White Jr. was absent.

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner 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 January 2009 Police & K-9 activity reports.
3. Ordinance VA-1178; allowing a sign variance 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. Approval allows larger signage than described by the Municipal Code to be placed at 4 Do It Drive.
4. Ordinance 477-09; Approving Admission of the Village of Riverton as a Member of the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency 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. Riverton will be a non-voting member of IMEA.
5. Mayor Taylor explained IMEA has recommended member cities to pass a stopgap ordinance, which will protect IMEA, and control pricing until FERC and the Federal Government resolves certain issues. Ordinance 446-09; Protect Against Potential Adverse Economics Impact of FERC Order 719 By Precluding Customers of the City's Electric Utility from Bidding Demand Resources into the MISO Markets, 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.
6. Commissioner Frailey reported the new pole truck is scheduled for delivery next week.
7. Commissioner Wilson reported a Park Board meeting was held. Plans are being made for the second annual 5K race and the possibility for adding a 10K run and fun run. The event will be planned in conjunction with another event in order to save money by combining advertising. Advertising for summer park help will begin in mid March.
8. Mayor Taylor reported he was elected to the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency Executive Board for another year. He is also serving on a Conservation Committee. The committee will initiate and recommend programs to assist customers in saving power. Mayor Taylor provided reports indicating the cost of electric produced by IMEA has increased as a result of a 26% increase in the cost of coal.
9. On a motion by Commissioner Jones, Council entered into Executive Session at 7:35 pm 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). Commissioner Wilson seconded motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
10. Executive session ended at 7:45 pm. No action was taken as a result of executive session.
11. 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 : March 9, 2009 7:00 P.M.

On The Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:Agenda
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2. POLICE REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS

A. *Ordinance 445-09; Adopting Identity Theft Prevention Program.*

B. *Approve Resolution 2009-03-01; Authorizing Approval of Loan with Peoples Bank & Trust for Financing Electric Department Pole Truck.*

C. *Discuss passage of Smoke Free Law Enforcement Ordinance.*

D. *Discuss Sink Hole Sixth Street between Monroe and Madison.*

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, March 09, 2009 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 –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 February 2009 Police activity report.
3. Ordinance 445-09; Adopting the Identity Theft Prevention Program was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.
4. Resolution 2009-03-01; Authorizing Approval of Loan with Peoples Bank & Trust for Financing Electric Department Pole Truck 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. The loan is not to exceed $165,000.00 for a 2009 International pole truck.
5. Mayor Taylor reported the city attorney has requested permission to proceed with

designing a smoke free law enforcement ordinance. The attorney explained the Illinois State Statute has been re-written. The city ordinance would reinforce state statute. Chief Balding commented, if the city ordinance was approved that would create a municipal violation indicating the City would receive any fine monies. Commissioner Jones suggested the item be tabled until a completed ordinance from another municipality can be reviewed. Commissioner White stated this should be looked at long and hard.

6. The Council discussed repair of a sinkhole under the Union Pacific Railroad. Various types of repairs have been researched. Mayor Taylor stated the Railroad is satisfied with the temporary mending. However, if does need to be properly refurbished in the near future. Mayor Taylor reported an attempt is being made to acquire State emergency funding to assist in the costs.
7. Mayor Taylor reported Curry & Associates have made pre application on behalf of the City for needed water and sewer projects for funding from the American Recovery Act.
8. Commissioner Wilson reported the City would be receiving $3,000.00 from Mound Township and $1,000.00 from Altamont Lions Club to be used towards the disc golf course being constructed at Gilbert Park.
9. Mayor Taylor received a request from the Methodist Men to hold a fish fry on the triangle at various times during the summer. With proper insurance documentation, there were no objections from the Council.
10. Commissioner Jones reported the City crews have made progress in opening the storm drain on South Third Street and have also uncovered long forgotten manholes. They look forward to a better drainage system during the next rain.
11. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: 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 : March 23, 2009 7:00 P.M.

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2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
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5. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Approve Request by St Clare Church to hold a Walk/Run; April 25, 2009.*
   B. *Approve Roadblock Fundraiser, Altamont Lions Club Tootsie Pop Day, June 20, 2009.*
   C. *Approve Appointments to Altamont Library Board.*
   D. *Approve Ordinance SP-1180; Special Use, 511 North Edwards*
   E. *Approve Resolution 2009-03-02; Authorizing Refinance of Loan with Peoples*

Bank & Trust.

F. *Approve Special Liquor License – Altamont Softball Inc*

G. *Set Citywide Cleanup Days.*

H. *Discuss Preliminary Expenditures Relating to Stimulus Funds Projects.*

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

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, March 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present; Commissioner Bill Jones; Commissioner Richard Frailey; and Commissioner Gerald White Jr. Also present – Bill Grimes, Effingham Daily News; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Mayor Larry Taylor and Commissioner Heidi Wilson were absent. Commissioner Jones presided over the meeting in the Mayors absence.

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes.
2. Council approved a request by St. Clare Catholic Church to hold a walk/run on April 25, 2009. Commissioner White motioned to approve. Commissioner Frailey seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes.
3. The Altamont Lions Club Tootsie Pop Day roadblock fundraiser to be held June 20, 2009 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes.
4. Ordinance SP-1180; Special Use, 511 North Edwards was approved on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. Passage allows an in home daycare to be operated at the location.
5. Resolution 2009-03-02; Authorizing Refinance of Loan with Peoples Bank & Trust was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The loan originated to purchase a fourth generator by the Electric Department. Refinancing will considerably lower the interest rate.
6. A special liquor license for Altamont Softball Inc was approved on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. The license covers the Fourth of July Softball Tournament to be held on June 26, 27, 28 and July 3, 4, 5, 2009.
7. On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Frailey, Florence Good and Jana Deadmond were appointed to the Altamont Library Board. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes;

Commissioner Jones, yes. New appointees will be replacing Sam Gnuse and Dona Strullmeyer, whose terms expired.

8. Commissioner White commended Sam Gnuse and Dona Strullmeyer for their diligent efforts to progress the library.
9. 2009 Citywide cleanup days were scheduled for the week of May 11th – 15th. Motion was made by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes.
10. Commissioner Wilson entered the meeting at this time.
11. Council discussed preliminary expenditures relating to the stimulus funds projects. The City has filed pre application for stimulus funds to establish a parallel water transmission main. To date $9,000 in engineering fees have been incurred. Grant completion costs are estimated to be $7,000-$10,000 more. Council members agreed the preliminary work is necessary to accomplish the transmission main, regardless of the outcome of receiving grant funds. If plans were not complete, the grant definitely would not be denied. Engineers will be instructed to proceed.
12. Commissioner White reported the water plant is in need of filter meters. The City of Effingham donated the current meters, which are obsolete and working ineffectively. To continue accurate turbidity measurements, which is EPA required, the meters will need to be replaced at a cost of $8230.00. The matter will be presented at a future meeting for Council approval.
13. Commissioner Wilson reported Gilbert Park buildings had been broken into resulting in damages. Any information concerning the person responsible for this damage will be appreciated. She also informed the Council all organizations holding fundraisers at the parks, triangle, or on City streets will need to produce a certificate of insurance. A letter and sample certificate will be provided to scheduled fundraisers. Commissioner Wilson was informed Altamont Softball Inc would no longer be able to fund the telephone service at Gilbert Park. Commissioner Wilson asked the Council to think of ways to furnish the phone line. The phone is the only contact for rain cancellation notices and allows immediate faxing of tournament scores to the radio stations. Commissioner Jones suggested the teams each pay towards the phone cost. Council members agreed Commissioner Wilson should contact the various leagues.
14. Commissioner Jones reported the South Third Street storm drain has been opened to improve drainage. Two drop box inlets will soon be installed.
15. Commissioner White congratulated the Altamont 7th grade volleyball team for finishing the season 4th in state competition. He also congratulated the scholar bowl team for advancing to state competition.
16. Clerk Stephen requested input from the Council concerning WTW Salvage of Humbolt to conduct appliance and heavy metal pickup during citywide cleanup week. The Council gave instruction to provide the phone number of WTW Salvage to residents allowing them to coordinate the pickup of such items. The City will not have additional involvement with regard to cleanup of these items.
17. On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Wilson, Council entered into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes. No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

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

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Meeting Date : April 13, 2009 6:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING

CDAP Set-Aside Public Infrastructure Grant fromIllinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity.

Meeting Date : April 13, 2009 7:00 P.M. COUNCIL MEETING

On The Agenda

OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:Agenda

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6. AGENDA ITEMS

A. *Approve Resolution 2009-04-04; Authorizing Submission and Acceptance of CDAP Set-Aside Public Infrastructure Grant from Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity & Documenting Matching Funds for Aforesaid CDAP Grant Request.*

B. *Approval Resolution 2009-04-03; Authorizing Refinance of Loan with Peoples Bank & Trust.*

C. *Approve Authorizing Mayor Taylor to Enter into an Agreement with Curry & Assoc for Professional Services Relating to ARRA Financial Assistance.*

D. *Approve Resolution 2009-04-05; Authorizing Representative to Sign Loan Documents (ARRA Financial Assistance)*

E. *Approve Resolution 2009-04-06; Resolution of Intent Regarding National Floor Insurance (ARRA Financial Assistance)*

F. *Approve Purchase of Filter Turbidimeters in the amount of $8,230.13.*

G. *Approve Resolution for 2009 Maintenance of Streets.*

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	Y	Commissioner White	Y	Commissioner Frailey	Y	Commissioner Wilson

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, April 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present; Commissioner Bill Jones; Commissioner Heidi Wilson; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Gerald White Jr.; and Mayor Larry

Taylor. Also present – Altamont Police Chief Kendal Balding; Clyde Barr, Altamont News; Alvin Oliver; Steven Snodgrass 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; Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Chief Balding presented the March 2009 police activity and February 2009 K-9 reports.
3. Alvin Oliver addressed the Council with concerns relating to illegal parking within the City limits, implementing the nuisance ordinance, the damaged fence at Schmidt Park, repairing South Edwards Street near Highway 40, the Veterans Memorial not being lighted and cleanup of the City in anticipation of the PBS documentary filming to be held in the near future.
4. Steven Snodgrass spoke to the Council regarding garbage pickup at apartment locations.
5. Resolution 2009-04-04 Authorizing Submission and Acceptance of CDAP Set-Aside Public Infrastructure Grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity & Documenting Matching Funds for Aforesaid CDAP Grant Request 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; Mayor Taylor, yes. A public hearing was held prior to the regular meeting concerning the grant funding to be used in repair of a collapsed storm sewer line in the 600 block of Monroe under the Union Pacific Railroad.
6. Resolution 2009-04-03 Authorizing Refinance of Loan with Peoples Bank & Trust was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes. The resolution repeals previous resolution 2009-03-02, as municipalities are not allowed to enter into a loan commitment in excess of ten years.
7. On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Frailey Mayor Taylor was Authorized to enter into an agreement with Curry & Assoc for Professional Services Relating to ARRA Financial Assistance. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
8. Resolution 2009-04-05; Authorizing Representative to Sign Loan Documents. (ARRA Financial Assistance) 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; Mayor Taylor, yes. The loan request regards funding for a water transmission main under Interstate 70 and water main extension to Campground Road.
9. Resolution 2009-04-06; Resolution of Intent Regarding National Flood Insurance (ARRA Financial Assistance) 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; Mayor Taylor, yes.
10. Purchase of Filter Turbidimeters in the Amount of $8,230.13 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; Mayor Taylor, yes. The new meters will replace obsolete meters.

11. A Resolution for 2009 Maintenance of Streets 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; Mayor Taylor, yes. Commissioner Jones reported a minimal amount of streets were chosen to be oiled, as the material costs have taken a significant increase. 2009 cost estimate is $87,900.
12. On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Jones, Council entered into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes. No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.
13. Commissioner White reported a resident inquired as to a date of the water hookups to the new St. Clair water main. The work schedule will be determined by the weather.
14. Commissioner Jones reported the possibility of acquiring surplus equipment in being investigated. The drop boxes have been installed on South Third Street to assist in drainage. Commissioner Jones shared information of a matted sidewalk product offered by an Illinois company. The material would replace concrete sidewalks around trees. The cost is unknown at this time.
15. The Mayor requested a time change to the May 11, 2009 meeting, allowing him to attend the IMUA Annual Conference. Council members stated they would be able to meet at 4:00 pm.
16. 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; Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : April 27, 2009 7:00 P.M.

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2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
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4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Steven Snodgrass.*

   B. *Open bids for Sale of Property 601 West John Adams, Altamont, IL.*

   C. *Approve Ordinance 448-09; Authorizing Sale of Real Estate, 601 West John Adams.*

   D. *Approve Participation in Effingham County Health Dept Mosquito Larviciding Program for the Fee of $650.00.*

E. *Approve Raffle License for VFW Post 7676*

F. *Approve Roadblock Fundraiser; VFW Poppy Days May 8th*

G. *Approve Agreement with DBH & Associates to Perform Annual Audit FYE 2010 thru 2012.*

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

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J. ADJOURN

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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, April 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present; Commissioner Bill Jones; Commissioner Heidi Wilson; Commissioner Gerald White Jr.; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present – Bill Grimes, Effingham Daily News; Steven Snodgrass 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 Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Steven Snodgrass addressed the Council requesting reimbursement for a bond payment and the cost of a drug test, which ensued after an October 2008 arrest, because the Judge dropped all charges. Mayor Taylor explained to Mr. Snodgrass he will look into the matter.
3. Bids were opened for the sale of property located at 601 West John Adams, Altamont. 1 bid was received from Habitat for Humanity in the amount of $1.00. In conjunction with the bid opening the Council unanimously approved Ordinance 448-09 Authorizing the Sale of Real Estate property to Habitat for Humanity. Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
4. On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Wilson the Council approved participation in the Effingham County Health Department Mosquito Larviciding Program for the fee of $650.00. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
5. The annual raffle license for the VFW Post 7676 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
6. A request from the VFW Post 7676 to conduct the Poppy Days roadblock fundraiser on May 8, 2009 was approved on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes. The fundraiser will be attended at the intersection of Rt 40 and Main between the hours of 6:00 am- 9:00 am and 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm.

7. The agreement with DBH & Associates to perform the annual audit for fiscal years ending 2010 thru 2012 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; Mayor Taylor, yes. The base fees are $6,800; $7,000; and $7,150 respectively.
8. Commissioner White reported work has started to connect the water hookups on North St. Clair; however, weather interruptions have caused a delay in the progress. He also reported violations in a mobile home park located within the City limits. There are currently uncapped sewer lines, open doors and broken windows in a structure that previously received fire damage, and an unsecured outbuilding.
9. Mayor Taylor reported the Electric Department would be replacing two electric poles west of town, as a result of a weekend vehicle accident.
10. Commissioner Wilson reported the mowing season has started. The many rains have made it difficult for the new mowing service to accomplish their task. She also reported the Altamont Softball Association donated $1,000 toward the scoreboard purchased earlier in the fiscal year.
11. Commissioner Jones reported that a new stimulus package benefit was available. The program is administered by CEFS providing labor from individuals 16-24 years of age, during the months of May thru September. The Altamont Garden Club has already expressed interest in labor from the program. Also, information has been obtained concerning a Federal Surplus Program whereby the City could obtain surplus property to use for an indefinite period of time. A request has been made for the use of a grader.
12. Mayor Taylor reported the EPA portion of the stimulus program, designated for wastewater and drinking water projects has 520 million dollars available. However, various communities have requested 4.7 billion in project costs. Mayor Taylor provided the Council with a sample golf cart ordinance. He stated the possibility of an ordinance regulating golf carts would be discussed at the next meeting.
13. The Council was reminded the next meeting, May 11th will be held at the rescheduled time of 4:00.
14. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : May 11, 2009 7:00 P.M.

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3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
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5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS

A. *Donna Whitten – Organization of Union Cemetery Cleanup Project.*

B. *Kendal Balding – Approval of Memorial Day Parade.*

C. *Approve Payment of $164,525.00 to Altec Industries for Purchase of Electric Department Pole Truck.*

D. *Approve Work Experience Site Agency Agreement; CEFS Economic Opportunity.*

E. *Approve Ordinance 449-09; Authorizing the City of Altamont to Execute a Loan Agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Revolving Loan Program to Borrow Funds from the Public Water Supply Loan Program.*

F. *Approve Ordinance 450-09; Authorizing Purchase of Real Property of Utility Purposes; regarding water main extension on Kelly property.*

G. *Approve Ordinance 451-09; Authorizing Purchase of Real Property of Utility Purposes; regarding water main extension on Schultz property.*

H. *Approve Ordinance 452-09; Legal Counsel Appointment Ordinance*

I. *Approve Ordinance 453-09; Appointment Ordinance*

J. *Approve Resolution 2009-05-07; A.B.A.T.E. Parade, June 27, 2009.*

K. *Discuss Golf Cart Ordinance.*

L. *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)*

M. 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, May 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present; Commissioner Bill Jones; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Heidi Wilson; Commissioner Gerald White Jr.; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present – Kevin & Donna Whitten; Jon Becker, Clyde Barr, Altamont News; Altamont Police Chief, Kendal Balding and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, abstained as he was not present at the last meeting; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Chief Balding presented the April 2009 police activity reports. He also reported Officer John Cotton has been accepted as a member of the regional ILEAS swat team. The City will be reimbursed wages incurred during Officer Cotton's time with the team. Also, the City will be able to utilize the swat team services, if needed.
3. Donna Whitten addressed the Council concerning organizing a cleanup project at Union Cemetery. May 18th at 5:30 has been set for general cleanup work. A Boy Scout Troop and several interested individuals have committed to helping. The City will assist by providing a truck for discarded flowers, limbs, and debris; lawn care tools, mulch and any other needed items. Mayor Taylor commended Donna for undertaking the task. Next year the cleanup will be planned prior to Mother's Day.

4. Kevin Whitten stated a citizen had discussed with him the possibility of having a fundraiser to provide a paved road leading to the Veteran's Memorial to include a parking area off the roadway.
5. Jon Becker addressed the Council requesting permission to conduct a Memorial Day Parade on May 25, 2009 at 10:00 am stepping off from the High School and ending at Union Cemetery. He requested street closings for Division from Ewing to Main; Main St from Division to Union Cemetery. The local VFW will be organizing a ceremony at Union Cemetery. The request 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; Mayor Taylor, yes.
6. A payment to Altec Industries in the amount of $164,525.00 for the purchase of a 2009 pole truck 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; Mayor Taylor, yes.
7. Council approved a Work Experience Site Agency Agreement with CEFS Economic Opportunity. Motion was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes. The agreement will provide free labor of individuals between the age of 16 and 24 for various City related projects.
8. Ordinance 449-09; Authorizing the City of Altamont to Execute a Loan Agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Revolving Loan Program to Borrow Funds from the Public Water Supply Loan Program was approved by the Council. Motion to accept was made by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes. The ordinance is a portion of the required documents to be included with the request for stimulus funds.
9. Ordinance 450-09; Authorizing Purchase of Real Property of Utility Purposes 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, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes. Ordinance concerns a water main extension to cross property owned by Richard & Tammy Kelly.
10. Ordinance 451-09; Authorizing Purchase of Real Property of Utility Purposes was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes. Ordinance concerns a water main extension to cross property owned by the Lorna Schultz family.
11. Ordinance 452-09; Legal Counsel Appointment, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes. Taylor Law Offices will serve as legal counsel for the term of one year.
12. Ordinance 453-09; Appointment Ordinance, 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; Mayor Taylor, yes. Supervisors and administrative positions were established by said ordinance.

13. Resolution 2009-05-07 was approved in support of a parade to be conducted by A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois on June 27, 2009. Motion to accept was made by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes. The Resolution will be presented to IDOT for a State approval.
14. Council discussed the possibility of allowing golf carts passage within the city limits. Mayor Taylor provided a copy of an ordinance from a nearby town as a sample. Ideas for the restrictions included driver must be 18 years of age, annual $50 permit required, children under the age of 4 years not allowed to travel by golf cart, and 20 mph limited speed with certain streets restricted. The Council will take under consideration and discuss at a later meeting. Commissioner White stated this would not help travel to the south end of town, as the State will not allow golf carts on state highways.
15. Commissioner Frailey reported Seth Hoffman has been hired in the Electric Department. He holds an ample amount of training necessary to perform the lineman's duties.
16. Commissioner Wilson reported Gilbert Park has been broken into again. Suspects were arrested.
17. Commissioner Jones reported work on Third Street has improved the drainage during the recent rains.
18. Mayor Taylor reported IMEA would conduct a traveling seminar in Effingham on June 2, 2009 at 6:30 pm for any Commissioner wishing to attend.
19. Council did not enter into Executive Session.
20. 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; Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : May 26, 2009 7:00 P.M.

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5. AGENDA ITEMS

A. *Gary Joliff – Alley Use.*

B. *Approve Ordinance SP-1188; concerning home day care at 7 Sherman Drive.*

C. *Approve Amendment No. 1 to Owner-Engineer Agreement regarding Water Transmission Main.*

D. *Approve Purchase of Dirt for Two Diamonds at Gilbert Park.*

E. *May 30th Work Day at Gilbert Park.*

F. *Discuss Golf Cart Ordinance.*

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

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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, May 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present; Commissioner Bill Jones; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Heidi Wilson; Commissioner Gerald White Jr.; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present – Doug Winters, Lance Freezeland 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; Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Gary Joliff was not present to discuss alley use, as was listed on the agenda.
3. Ordinance SP-1188 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, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes. The ordinance provides for a special use permit at the location of 7 Sherman Drive allowing the homeowner to operate a home day care.
4. An amendment to the owner-engineer agreement between the City and Curry & Assoc Engineers concerning the water transmission main (stimulus funds request) 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; Mayor Taylor, yes.
5. Approval to purchase dirt for two Gilbert Park diamonds was tabled until a definite price could be established. Doug Winters addressed the Council quoting some estimated pricing and options of using sand and dirt. City employees will survey elevations and produce a diagram recommending the amount of dirt needed. When a more specific quantity of dirt needed is known, the Council will consider the purchase.
6. A workday at Gilbert Park is scheduled for May 30th. All volunteers will be appreciated in preparing the park for the many summer visitors.
7. Council discussed the possibility of an ordinance allowing golf cart use on City streets. Commissioner Frailey stated he liked the options Mayor Taylor mentioned in a previous meeting. Mayor Taylor received a comment from a concerned citizen regarding the driving age allowed. The current proposal restricts the driving age to 18

years of age. The area FFA and youth groups are being utilized to water hanging baskets and many of them are under 18. Commissioner White stated if the ordinance is written with the stipulation, an exception couldn't be made for one group. He also stated he liked the minimum age restriction of individuals riding to be 5 years of age. Mayor Taylor stated, the Council should recommend streets to be considered unsafe and restricted for golf cart usage. An addendum to the ordinance could detail the streets. An ordinance draft will be prepared in the future. An announcement will be made when the ordinance is available for public review. Community comment and interest is encouraged.

8. Commissioner White reported a mobile home park owner has received an inspection from the Illinois Department of Public Health. Among the items listed needing attention was the fact of sewer lines needing proper capping at empty locations. The Department will return in the future to inspect the infractions.
9. Commissioner Wilson reported an attempt has been made to repair the north fence at Schmidt Park.
10. Commissioner Jones reported the volunteers did a great job at Union Cemetery during their work evening. They should all be commended for their efforts. He also reported patching of streets will begin after the motor fuel bid opening on May 28th.
11. Council did not enter into Executive Session.
12. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : June 8, 2009 7:00 P.M.

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OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:Agenda

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

A. *Approve 2009 Street Maintenance Bids.*

B. *Approve Resolution 2009-06-08; Millroad Thresherman's Parade, July 25, 2009 at 3:00 pm.*

C. *Discuss Golf Cart Ordinance.*

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I. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matters, 5 ILCS*

120, Section 2, 2(c) (2.

J. ADJOURN

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Present:	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, June 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present; Commissioner Bill Jones; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Heidi Wilson; Commissioner Gerald White Jr.; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present – Clyde Bar, 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 Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. The 2009 street maintenance bids were 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. Low bidders as a result of the June 28, 2009 bid opening were: Larry Heuerman $35,647.35; Heuerman Bros Trucking 9,680.00; Effingham Asphalt 39,000.00
3. Resolution 2009-06-08 providing for Millroad Thresherman's Parade July 25, 2009 at 3:00 pm was approved on a motion by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
4. Council discussed the possibility of an ordinance allowing golf carts within City limits. Commissioner Jones recommended including neighborhood vehicles, which are larger vehicles and street legal. Commissioner White asked if an ordinance were passed, would the laws be enforced. Mayor Taylor responded it would be a law like any other. Mayor Taylor stated he would obtain examples of neighborhood vehicles from someone in the business. Commissioner Jones stated he felt it is important to have designated crossings of the busy streets, such as Main Street. Commissioner Wilson felt allowing golf carts would be a nuisance. Mayor Taylor stated other towns were being awarded a highway crossing and that application for such would need to be made with Illinois Department of Transportation.
5. Commissioner White reported more residents have been connected to the new St. Clair water main. He suggested, the near future, starting the process of obtaining permission from CSX Railroad to repair a water line under the railroad. Due to the frequent rains, residents and bulk water purchasers have not found it necessary to utilize the water system as much this spring. The lack of use can cause sediment buildup, resulting in brown water to residents in the outstretches of town. Upcoming hydrant flushing will help the situation.
6. Commissioner Wilson reported the Gilbert Park workday was well attended this year. Everyone's help was greatly appreciated.
7. Commissioner Jones reported patching of streets has begun. With the 30% increase of patch mix, St. Clair Street will be packed with rock and oiled.
8. Mayor Taylor reported he attended an IMEA meeting concerning explanation of

electric charges. He has also attended meetings of the Efficiency & Conservation Committee where presentations concerning software for customers to utilize in calculating appliance energy efficiency. Customers access the home energy calculator, enter the type of appliance and receive data reflecting the efficiency/inefficiency of the item. The Committee is also working on a light bulb exchange program. They are looking to share a program with DCEO offering cities and businesses a grant to update to more energy efficient buildings. This will reduce peak loads to the system.

9. Mayor Taylor asked the Council to consider a manner of refurbishing and redistributing abandoned bicycles to the citizens of Altamont. Commissioner Frailey said he would inquire with the Lions Club.
10. Clerk Stephen reported a CEFS employee called and stated all summer youth has been placed for this year. Curry & Associates Engineers reported the IEPA application for stimulus funds has been completed and will be sent for approval.
11. Council did not enter into Executive Session.
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; Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : June 22, 2009 7:00 P.M.

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6. AGENDA ITEMS

A. *Approve Ordinance 454-09; Ascertaining Prevailing Wage Rate.*

B. *Approve Intergovernmental Agreement Between IDOT and City for Sharing NAVTEQ Proprietary Data.*

C. *Discuss Future Plans for Tennis Court Area at Heritage Park.*

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

J. ADJOURN

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

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, June 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Heidi Wilson and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present – Altamont Police Chief Kendal Balding and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Bill Jones and Commissioner Gerald White Jr. were absent.

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Wilson, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Chief Balding presented the May 2009 Police and K-9 activity reports.
3. Ordinance 454-09; Ascertaining Prevailing Wage Rate was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Wilson, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
4. Commissioner Wilson motioned to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between Illinois Department of Transportation and City for sharing NAVTEQ proprietary data. Commissioner Frailey seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Wilson, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes. There is currently no cost for the data and will provide statistics needed in several areas.
5. Council discussed possible future uses for the tennis court area at Heritage Park. Mayor Taylor stated no one is using the area since there is grass growing in the surface cracks. Commissioner Wilson suggested resurfacing, installing basketball goals and striping for a basketball court. The cost will be investigated. One negative to creating a play area is the distractions during funeral services. It was noted the court at Altamont Lutheran Interparish School is used frequently. Dimensions and cost will be determined for further consideration.
6. Commissioner Wilson reported a walk/run is being planned for August 1st to benefit Gilbert Park improvements. Wednesday a park meeting and work night is scheduled at Gilbert Park.
7. Mayor Taylor reported he would be attending IMEA meetings during the week pertaining to possible EPA restrictions.
8. Council did not enter into Executive Session.
9. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Wilson, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : July 13, 2009 7:00 P.M.

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6. AGENDA ITEMS

A. *Kurt Becker, Altamont Library Board.*

B. *Approve Ordinance VA-1203; 502 East Lincoln, Side Yard Setback.*

C. *Approve Ordinance VA-1205; 107 East Cumberland Road, Front Yard Setback.*

D. *Approve Amendment #2 to Owner-Engineer Agreement regarding Water Transmission Main*

E. *Approve Grant Management Services Agreement between City of Altamont and South Central Illinois Regional Planning and Development Commission Concerning DCEO Setaside Grant $3,850.00.*

F. *Approve Gilbert Park Run to be Held August 1, 2009.*

G. *Approve Roadside Fundraiser, Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive, Sept 18th & 19th.*

H. *Approve Special Liquor License – Altamont Softball Players Assn.*

I. *Approve Resolution 2009-07-09; Effingham County Fair Parade.*

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

K. ADJOURN

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

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, July 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Bill Jones and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present – Altamont Police Chief Kendal Balding; Clyde Barr, Altamont News; Kurt Becker and Cheryl Painter, Altamont Library Board and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Heidi Wilson and Commissioner Gerald White Jr. were absent.

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Chief Balding presented the June 2009 Police activity report. Commissioner Frailey asked Chief Balding what percentage of traffic stops were on the interstate. Chief Balding stated half or less are interstate traffic.
3. Kurt Becker addressed the Council with the library budget for fiscal year 2010 in the amount of $55,150. He also reported there would be a position change on the Library Board. Karen Oliver will now serve as Treasurer and Michelle Freezeland as Vice President.
4. Ordinance VA-1203, concerning a side yard setback at 502 East Lincoln, was

presented to the Council. Mayor Taylor stated a concern has arisen relating to the overhead hi-voltage power lines at this location. The owner would like to build an addition of a two-car garage. The addition would extend past and under the power line. The NESC safety regulations require a clearance of approximately 13 ½'. Considering the Electric Supervisor is on vacation at this time, Mayor Taylor asked for a motion to table the ordinance until a safer situation can be developed. Commissioner Jones made the motion to table. Commissioner Frailey seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.

5. Ordinance VA-1205, concerning a front yard setback at 107 East Cumberland Road was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes. Passage allows Exhaust Works to building an addition on the south side of the existing structure.
6. On a motion by Commissioner Frailey a Grant Management Services Agreement between the City of Altamont and South Central Illinois Regional Planning & Development Commission in the amount of $3850.00 was approved. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes. The DCEO set-aside grant will provide funds to repair a sinkhole under the railroad near Monroe and Sixth Streets.
7. The Gilbert Park Run to be held August 1, 2009 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
8. A request from the Knights of Columbus to conduct a Tootsie Roll drive roadside fundraiser on September 18 and 19, 2009 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes. Mayor Taylor commented that in 2010 these fundraisers may be limited to one day.
9. A special liquor license request from the Altamont Softball Players Association was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes. The tournament dates are July 30 thru August 2 and August 7 thru August 9, 2009.
10. Resolution 2009-07-09, authorizing the Effingham County Fair Parade was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
11. Commissioner Jones reported there are several drainage issues as a result of the large rains this year. He received a request for a stop sign to be placed on Grant Street crossing Third St. Chief Balding was instructed to look into the need for the stop sign, along with evaluating signs needing replaced.
12. Commissioner Jones also reported the summer help has done a good job in painting the fire hydrants.
13. Mayor Taylor reported owners of inoperable vehicles have been contacted, 25 of which have been brought into compliance. The Illinois Municipal Electric Agency Conservation Committee has determined energy cost reduction funding will be available for each member City. The City has plans to apply for funding to update A/C units in the Municipal Building.

14. On a motion by Commissioner Jones, Council entered into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matters (5ILCS 120, Section 2, 2(c) (2). No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.
15. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : July 27, 2009 7:00 P.M.

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   A. *Kevin Whitten; Water Delivery System.*
   B. *Approve Ordinance 455-09; Appropriation FYE 2010.*
   C. *Approve Ordinance VA-1203; 502 East Lincoln, Side Yard Setback.*
   D. *Approve Closing Certificate; IMEA Power Supply System Revenue Bonds 2009A.*
   E. *Approve Special Liquor License for Wright Mansion Wine Tasting Event; Sept 26, 2009.*
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Present:	Mayor Taylor	Y	Commissioner Jones	Y	Commissioner White	Y	Commissioner Frailey	A	Commissioner Wilson

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, July 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Gerald White Jr.; Commissioner Bill Jones and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present – Kevin Whitten, Terry Hahn and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Heidi Wilson was absent.

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, abstained; Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Kevin Whitten, Water Department Supervisor, addressed the Council regarding the

importance of replacing older water main lines. He provided a section of recently removed pipe as example of the type of iron and manganese buildup was being dealt with. A map was reviewed indicating the lines that have been replaced in the older parts of the water system. Currently reports of discolored water are being received from residents on West Jefferson, North Main and North Edwards. In the fall a reverse flow water line flushing will be conducted in an attempt to clean water main lines. Research will also be done relating to the procedure of using a P.I.G. device to clean lines.

3. Terry Hahn expressed his concern of dogs running at large in the City. He mentioned a dog, which recently bit the postman, was the same that bit him last year. On several occasions he has witnessed dogs chasing kids and he himself has been chased. He questioned if the ordinance could include stronger restrictions and penalties and what Effingham County Animal Control could do. Mayor Taylor stated Effingham County Board is discussing making Animal Control under the direction of the Effingham County Sheriff. The City Ordinance will be reviewed for updates.
4. Ordinance 455-09; Appropriation for fiscal year ending 2010 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; Mayor Taylor, yes
5. Ordinance VA-1203, regarding a side yard setback at 502 East Lincoln Drive was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes. In order to satisfy the electric safety code, the City will move lines to the other side of the electric pole cross arm and the property owner will shorten the garage overhang.
6. On a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Frailey approval was given for a closing certificate relating to IMEA power supply system revenue bonds 2009A. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes. This will assist IMEA in early payment of a bond issue.
7. A special liquor license was issued to Wright Mansion Wine Tasting Event, September 26, 2009 on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
8. Mayor Taylor reported he met with the IMEA Energy Efficiency Committee. An IMEA will provide $600,000 to be distributed to member communities to promote energy efficiency upgrades. The City of Altamont could receive $5810.61, which will be requested to upgrade the aged air conditioner units of the Municipal Building. The program may be offered again in 2010.
9. Mayor Taylor has also learned of funding soon to be available from Ameren and managed by South Central Regional Planning & Development for additional energy efficiency efforts such as light bulb and fixture changing, appliance exchanges, etc.
10. Improvements beginning in the City include the Schmidt Park walking path and the first Habitat for Humanity house.
11. 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; Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : August 10, 2009 7:00 P.M.

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2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
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4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. AGENDA ITEMS
   - A. *Approve IMRF Contribution Rate Option.*
   - B. *Discuss Future Plans of Former Tennis Court in Klitzing Park.*
   - C. *Final Review of Golf Cart Ordinance For Public Release.*
   - D.
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Present:	Y	Mayor Taylor	Y	Commissioner Jones	N	Commissioner White	Y	Commissioner Frailey	Y	Commissioner Wilson

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, August 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Heidi Wilson; Commissioner Bill Jones and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present –Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Gerald White Jr. was absent.

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. The Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund has suffered a loss as a result of the national investment down turn. As a result of the loss, the City contribution has been increased with two options available. The first being 8.44% of payroll costs over a period of time or a one-year increase of 10.14%. Commissioner Wilson motioned to pay 10.14% of gross payroll. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
3. Council discussed future use of the former tennis court in Klitzing Park. Commissioner Wilson stated she liked the idea of two full court basketball courts. She commented the courts at Altamont Luther Interparish School have teams waiting to play. Skateboard area was discussed. However, a use with less expense and with less liability is

preferred. The cost of an asphalt coating for use as a basketball court will be researched

4. Mayor Taylor read a letter from an Altamont Police Officer objecting to passage of a golf cart ordinance.
5. Council discussed streets to be restricted by golf cart use and designated crossings of those streets. After much discussion, it was recommended restricted streets to be Main Street from Jackson to Rt 40 and Division Street from City limits to Tenth Street. Designated crossings of Main Street to be Jackson, Monroe, Adams, Lincoln and Grant; Division Street crossing to be Ewing and Third are to be included in the proposed ordinance.
6. Commissioner Frailey reported the 1988 digger truck was ready to offer for sale.
7. Commissioner Wilson reported the tournaments at Gilbert Park went well. The walk/run had low attendance, but another is scheduled for the fall. The Schmidt Park walking path is underway and looks sharp.
8. Commissioner Jones reported the salt bid of 44 tons at a cost of $76.48 was received.
9. The concern of discolored water was discussed. Commissioner Frailey asked if an engineering firm had been contacted assist in determining a remedy. Mayor Taylor stated Curry & Associates Engineers have been involved. It is believed repair to the water main under the Conrail Railroad would be one solution. An EPA permit needs to be obtained as well as an agreement with the railroad. Neither is an easy task.
10. 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; Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : August 24, 2009 7:00 P.M.

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2. POLICE REPORT
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6. AGENDA ITEMS
   - A. *Approve Ordinance VA-1219; 1000 So Main St, Side Yard Setback .*
   - B. *Approve Resolution 2009-08-10; 911 Memorial Parade.*
   - C. *Presentation of Golf Cart Ordinance For Public Release.*
   - D. *Approve Participation of IMEA Conservation Initiatives*
   - E. *Discuss Future Plans of Former Tennis Court in Klitzing Park.*
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Present:	Y	Mayor Taylor	Y	Commissioner Jones	N	Commissioner White	Y	Commissioner Frailey	Y	Commissioner Wilson

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, August 24, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Heidi Wilson; Commissioner Bill Jones and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present –Clyde Barr, Altamont News; Lisa Schmidt; Bob Zacha; 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 Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Altamont Police Chief, Kendal Balding presented the July 2009 police activity report and K-9 reports. Clyde Barr complimented the Altamont Police Department for going the extra step to deliver a message from a long lost sibling to resident, Rudy Janz. This resulted in the reuniting of brothers.
3. Ordinance VA-1219 regarding a side yard setback at 1000 South Main Street 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; Mayor Taylor, yes. The setback provides area for construction of a storage unit facility to the west of Fairlane Carwash.
4. Resolution 2009-08-10 regarding a 911 Memorial Parade 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; Mayor Taylor, yes. The parade is being organized by Altamont Schuetzenfest Inc and will be held September 11, 2009 at 6:30 pm.
5. A final review of an ordinance permitting golf carts on City streets was presented to the Council. A map detailing the restricted streets and approved crossings was also available. The ordinance is now available for public review and will be presented for vote at the regular meeting of September 14, 2009.
6. Mayor Taylor explained the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency has an energy home audit software that could be available via the City's website for a one time fee of $875.00. The total cost of the software is $13,000. There would be no charge for future program updates. The matter was tabled until additional information is received.
7. Mayor Taylor also explained IMEA is designing a program whereby Altamont electric customers could receive coupons for compact fluorescent bulbs. IMEA has $600,000 for energy efficiency project funding, which will be disbursed according to member's purchase of electric. Altamont is eligible for $5800. This will be requested for heating and A/C upgrades in the Municipal Building.
8. Council discussed future use of the tennis court area at Klitzing Park. An estimate to clean and resurface the asphalt was received from Effingham Asphalt in the amount of $25,284. The project was tabled until funding could be established.
9. Mayor Taylor reported the walking path at Schmidt Park is coming along nicely. The City employees will be pouring the portion behind the Dairy Bar connecting the two

sidewalks on Main Street. He stated the volunteers have done a tremendous job.

10. Commissioner Frailey reported the new instrument for reading meters is extremely helpful in collecting readings. Some are received from as much as a ½ mile distance.
11. Commissioner Wilson reported there are four community service workers assisting with park cleanup and improvements. In September the ball diamond at Gilbert Park will be surveyed for the amount of leveling dirt needed. In October the dirt will be delivered and worked down on Diamond A.
12. Mayor Taylor reported he received a call from a person writing a book concerning the Kaboom projects and what effect they had on the community.
13. Commissioner Frailey stated the Altamont Lion's Club is interested in receiving the abandoned bicycles for refurbishing and redistributing to the youth of the area.
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 Wilson, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : September 14, 2009 7:00 P.M.

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5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS

A. *Bid Opening for Sale of Excess Equipment.*

B. *Approve Roadside Fundraiser, Altamont Lions Club October 16 2009, 6:00-9:00 am and 3:00-6:00 pm .*

C. *Approve Ordinance 456-09; Authorizing the Operation of Golf Carts & Neighborhood Vehicles.*

D. *Approve Ordinance 457-09; Declaring Property Dangerous & Unsafe; 305 South Edwards.*

E. *Approve WTW Salvage to Conduct a Fall Trash Removal Program.*

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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 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Heidi Wilson; Commissioner Bill Jones and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present –Clyde Barr, Altamont News; Sean Landers; Kendal Balding, Altamont Police Chief; Kevin Whitten, Water Department Supervisor 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; Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Altamont Police Chief, Kendal Balding presented the August 2009 police activity report and K-9 reports. Chief Balding reported the driver involved in the attempted shooting of an Altamont police officer on July 7, 2008 was sentenced to 19 years in prison and deported from the United States. Sentencing is expected later this month for the gunman.
3. Sean Landers of Landers Lawn & Landscaping asked the Council when the new contract would be open for bids. A time has not been established. He suggested the outfields of Gilbert Park be listed individually on the bid, as they do not always require the same care as the rest of the park. Council will take this into consideration for the next bid mowing details.
4. Kevin Whitten addressed the Council regarding the destratifier as the reservoir. The original was installed in 1991 and has been removed due to deterioration of the unit. EC Baker of Effingham is the only builders / supplier of this device. A replacement will cost approximately $39,000. Other water providers in the area have the same type of unit. This is not an emergency situation, therefore no action was taken at this time.
5. Commissioner Frailey motioned to approve a roadside fundraiser request of the Altamont Lions Club to be held on October 16, 2009 during the hours of 6:00 – 9:00 am and 3:00 – 6:00 pm. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
6. Ordinance 456-09; Authorizing the Operation of Golf Carts and Neighborhood Vehicles 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; Mayor Taylor, yes.
7. Ordinance 457-09; Declaring Property Dangerous and Unsafe Property at 305 South Edwards Street 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; Mayor Taylor, yes.
8. Approval of WTW Salvage conducting a fall trash removal program was approved on the conditions that private property would be utilized for the cleanup location, insurance is provided and an agreement is signed. Commissioner Frailey made the motion and Commissioner Jones seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
9. Sealed bids for the sale of excess vehicles were opened. The high bidders were as follows:

2000 Ford Crown Vic police car	$625.00	Effingham Taxi
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2001 Ford Crown Vic police car $407.00 Chicago Motors

10. A sufficient bid was not received for the Electric Department digger truck. Bids were 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; Mayor Taylor, yes.
11. Commissioner Wilson reported Randy Alwardt would be surveying ball diamonds at Gilbert Park to determine the degree of surface to be replaced. A work day is scheduled on October 17th to repair the diamonds. October 3rd a walk/run was is scheduled to benefit Gilbert Park. Commissioner Wilson complimented the volunteers for the walking path at Schmidt Park. It is a great asset for the public to use. She asked the Council to consider charging rent for park pavilions next year. Rental cost could possibly make people more accountable for the park equipment.
12. Mayor Taylor stated the Effingham County States Attorney has contacted the individuals responsible for damages to the walking path. Charges and restitution are pending.
13. Commissioner Wilson left the meeting at this time.
14. Commissioner Jones reported he has been requesting the use of an army surplus grader. There are many generators available if needed.
15. Mayor Taylor reported repairs to the sinkhole near Union Pacific Railroad have begun.
16. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : September 28, 2009 7:00 P.M.

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5. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *DBH & Associates to Present 2009 Audit.*
   B. *John Wessel, Local Business Improvements.*
   C. *Approve LIHEAP Vendor Agreement for FYE 2010*
   D. *Discuss Surface Material for Gilbert Park Diamonds.*
   E. *Approve Purchase of Squad Car.*
   F. *Approve Halloween Parade, October 30, 6:00 pm.*
   G. *Approve ICOPS Contract Agreement.*
   H.
   I. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matters, 5 ILCS*

120, Section 2, 2(c) (2.

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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 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Heidi Wilson; Commissioner Bill Jones and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present –Clyde Barr, Altamont News; Larry Feng, DBH & Associates; John Wessel, Barns Realty 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; Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Larry Feng of DBH & Associates presented the fiscal year ending April 2009 audit.
3. John Wessel of Barns Realty addressed the Council concerning a potential buyer for the Knights Inn Motel. Mr. Wessel asked if there are incentives or grants available for business improvements, for an explanation of the enterprise zone, and help with abatements from the Effingham County Board. Mayor Taylor explained there are currently no incentives available from the City in addition to the abatement of real estate taxes offered by the enterprise zone.
4. On a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Wilson, the City approved a Vendor Agreement with CEFS for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program for FYE 2010. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
5. Commissioner Wilson reported the estimated cost of surface material for diamonds A & B at Gilbert Park will be approximately $1,000 each. The ground level will be surveyed again to verify the quantity of material needed. An exact cost will be presented at a future meeting for approval.
6. Mayor Taylor stated the Missouri Highway Patrol has several squad cars for sale. A 2006 Ford Crown Vic, in the amount of $11,500 seems to be the most reasonable purchase. Cage protectors and radio mounts removed from previous cars can be utilized in the 2006 model. Commissioner Wilson motioned to approve the purchase of one 2006 Ford Crown Vic in the amount of $11,500. Commissioner Frailey seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
7. On a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Wilson, Council approved a Halloween Parade for October 30, 2009 at 6:00 pm. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes. A new route is planned with the parade organizing at Klitzing Park proceeding south on Main Street, east on Division Street and ending at the High School.
8. Four officers of the Altamont Police Department have organized the first Union membership by City employees with Illinois Council of Police. The contract, previously ratified by the members, was presented to the Council for approval. Commissioner Frailey motioned to approve the contract. Commissioner Wilson

seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes. The contract term is June 1, 2009 – May 31, 2011.

9. Commissioner Frailey recommended the International digger truck, which did not sell by previous sealed bid, be auctioned or listed on the internet on Craig's list.
10. Commissioner Wilson reported updates are being made to the restrooms at Schmidt Park. Also, Scout Troops are being contact to build a bridge joining the new walking path.
11. Commissioner Jones reported a new sidewalk is being installed in front of businesses in the 100 block of North Second Street.
12. Council did not enter into Executive Session.
13. 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; Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : October 12, 2009 7:00 P.M.

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5. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Approve Purchase of Cameras for Police Cars.*
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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 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Heidi Wilson; Commissioner Bill Jones and Mayor Larry Taylor. 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 Jones and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. The Council unanimously approved the purchase of four cameras for police cars. Commissioner Frailey motioned to approve the purchase at a cost of $16,815.00. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes. Funding was established from drug seizure monies.
3. Commissioner Frailey reported the Electric Department has rented a boring machine from Vermeer for a number of projects.
4. Commissioner Wilson reported weather delayed determining elevation of the Gilbert Park ball diamonds. It has been discovered Effingham Asphalt will be a good source for advice on the project. At Schmidt Park the restroom improvements are progressing. New doors to the restrooms are planned for next spring.
5. Mayor Taylor reported the IMEA Conservation Committee would be distributing 500 coupons for $1.00 off General Electric CFL light bulbs. At a future meeting the Council will have a chance to preview software tool, which evaluates home and appliance electric usage.
6. 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; Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : October 26, 2009 7:00 P.M.

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6. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Carol Tillman – Garden Club Project at Schmidt Park.*
   B. *Discuss Leaf Pickup Schedule.*
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I. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matters, 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, 2(c) (2.*

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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 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present; Commissioner Bill Jones; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Heidi Wilson and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present –Carol Tillman, Altamont Police Chief, Kendal Balding, Sarah Stephen, and 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; Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Altamont Police Chief Kendal Balding presented the September 2009 police activity and K-9 report.
3. Carol Tillman addressed the Council on behalf of the Altamont Garden Club. The Garden Club has the opportunity to obtain a beam, which was used in the original building of the National Road (now Highway 40). They would like to design a flowerbed on the west side of Schmidt Park along the fence bordering A& H property. The flowerbed would include the 13-½ foot beam as a focal point, along with a plaque describing the signifigance of the beam. The Garden Club would like assistance in mounting the beam on posts in order to keep it out of the dirt thus helping preserve the beam.
4. Another Garden Club project Carol Tillman presented to the Council was lighting along the new walking path. They have chosen five locations for the possibility of lampposts. The Garden Club would undertake the purchase of lampposts over a period of time and requested the City provide electric and installation.
5. Memorial trees have been randomly planted in Schmidt Park in past years. Carol Tillman explained to the Council it is important to the families that trees be identified. She asked the Council for suggestions of types of markers to be used. The Council suggested something that would not impede mowing. The possibility of a map signifying the tree type and memorial was discussed. More information will be obtained on types of signage.
6. Council discussed a leaf pickup schedule. Since leaves are falling at a random pace, it was suggested picking up leaves on Monday and Tuesday only for two weeks and then setting a routine schedule.
7. On a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Wilson, Council entered into Executive Session to discuss employment matters (5 ILCS 120, Section 2, (c) (2). Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes. No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.
8. Mayor Taylor explained to the Council that a past policy has been to not send disconnect notices to commercial utility customers. He stated the practice would soon be discontinued, as some businesses are repeatedly delinquent.

9. Commissioner White entered the meeting and reported the Altamont High School band should be commended for the proud representation of Altamont during their march in the Disney World parade.
10. Commissioner Frailey reported the pole truck was still available for sale. He suggested selling it at auction. Mayor Taylor reported it has been listed on Craig's list.
11. Commissioner Wilson reported surface material from Effingham Asphalt for Gilbert Park diamonds would be more expensive than the first quote received.
12. Commissioner Jones reported the Street and Alley Department did a good job completing the Second Street sidewalk. Commissioner Jones has spoken with the State equipment supplier in Springfield. There may be a scoop loader available some time next week. He congratulated Mayor Taylor on receiving board member of the year award from the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency.
13. Mayor Taylor reported the first allotment of coupons for GE Energy Star light bulbs has been received. Methods of distribution were discussed, such as an ad in the local paper listing availability at local stores. Also, the energy efficiency testing program is available on the IMEA website, which is linked to the city's website.
14. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : November 9, 2009 7:00 P.M.

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5. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Approve Advertising of Mowing Bids.*
   B. *Set Leaf Pickup Schedule.*
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   I. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matters, 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, 2(c) (2.*
   J. ADJOURN

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

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, November 09, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present; Commissioner Bill Jones; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Gerald White Jr and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present – Kris Lipe, Clyde Barr, Altamont News, and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Heidi Wilson was absent.

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, abstained; Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. On a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Frailey, advertising of 2010 mowing bids was approved. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes. Bid deadline is noon December 14, 2009. Bid opening will be conducted during the regular meeting on December 14, 2009.
3. The leaf pickup schedule was set to begin on November 16, 2009 as follows: Monday, November 16, northwest side of the city; Tuesday November 17, northeast side; Wednesday, November 18, southeast side; Thursday, November 19, southwest side and Friday, November 20, completion.
4. Commissioner White reported there was a water main break on Saturday November 7th southeast of the City. The City employees efficiently replaced 182" of pipe in 5 ½ hours. This break reinforced the need for Federal stimulus funds to build an additional water main under the interstate. He also reported Curry & Associates Engineers completed the sludge evaluation of the sewer lagoons. They reported the bacteria, which has been placed in the lagoon the past years, has reduced the amount of sludge, thereby a proven money saver. The bacteria are reducing the amount of sludge. Also, approval has been received from the Illinois EPA to repair the water line at Edwards and Adams located under the railroad.
5. Commissioner Taylor commented the scout troop did an excellent job in building the new bridge in Schmidt Park. He also reported there are press releases forthcoming in the Altamont News concerning the home energy evaluation software available on the City's website and coupons for the CFL light bulbs.
6. On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Frailey, Council entered into Executive Session to discuss employment matters (5 ILCS 120, Section 2,(c) (2). Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes. No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.
7. 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; Mayor Taylor, yes.

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2. POLICE REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Approve Employee Health Insurance Plan.*
   B. *Approve Roof Replacement for Schmidt Park Restrooms.*
   C. *Present Estimated 2009 Tax Levy.*
   D. *Announce Date of Truth in Taxation Public Hearing.*
   E. *Discuss American Disabilities Act Coordinator Requirements.*
   F. *Approve Resolution 2009-11-11; Bid Award of Parallel Water Transmission Main, IEPA Project No. L173439.*
   G. *Approve Resolution 2009-11-12; Establishing 2010 Schedule of Meetings.*
   H.
   I.
   J. ADJOURN

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

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, November 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present; Commissioner Bill Jones; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Gerald White Jr and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present – Darrel & Vicki Pridemore, Clyde Barr, Altamont News, Chief Kendal Balding; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Heidi Wilson was absent.

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Chief Kendal Balding presented the October 2009 Police Activity Report.
3. Darrel & Vicky Pridemore addressed the Council about a drainage issue at the corner of their residence at Tenth Street & Hayes Avenue. The Pridemores stated subsequent to City provided ditch repairs; water is causing erosion of their yard. They suggested installation of a drainage box to direct the water at the end of the culvert or flatten out the ditch. Mayor Taylor stated the City would attempt to correct the erosion problem during dry weather.
4. On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Council agreed to renew employee health insurance for another year with Personal Care via Diamond Brothers of Effingham. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes. The coverage was reduced to an 80/60 with the same $500.00 deductible.

5. Commissioner Frailey motioned to approve an estimate received from Mikel's Construction in the amount of $1,118.00 to install a steel roof on the restrooms at Schmidt Park. Commissioner White seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
6. Mayor Taylor presented the estimated 2010 tax levy in the amount of $224,765, which includes an abatement amount of $77,965. The final levy amount is estimated at $146,800, a $1,000.00 increase over the previous year.
7. Mayor Taylor announced a truth in taxation hearing would be held December 14, 2009 at 6:45 pm, prior to the regular Council meeting.
8. Mayor Taylor reported the Sate of Illinois has revised the new American Disabilities Act. The Act requires government bodies to appoint a coordinator. As a result of having an employee maintaining the website, the name of the appointed coordinator shall be listed on the City website along with grievance procedures. Council tables the matter allowing time to gather more information.
9. Resolution 2009-11-11; Bid Award of Parallel Water Transmission Main, IEPA Project No. L173439; 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, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes. The low bidder was J.K. Trotter & Sons, Mt Vernon, Illinois in the amount of $222,105.00.
10. Resolution 2009-11-12; Establishing 2010 Schedule of Meetings 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; Mayor Taylor, yes. Meetings will be held on the second and fourth Monday of each month. A new time of 6:00 pm has been established.
11. Commissioner White reported he had received a request for the Council to consider establishing no parking along Division Street between Third and Fourth Streets during the harvest season. The Council agreed to investigate the vehicle code for such options.
12. Commissioner Frailey reported the Electric Department is considering a request to purchase a boring machine. A rental unit has been utilized the past month, making less intrusive and less labor-intensive repairs and service installations. Pricing will be obtained.
13. City Clerk Sarah Stephen presented a report reflecting the final costs of repairs to a sinkhole along Union Pacific Railroad between Madison and Monroe Avenues. The estimated cost was $25,120.00. The actual cost, including labor, was $35,510.67. Grant funds were received in the amount of $18,840.00, making the cost paid from City funds to be $16,670.67, which includes labor of City employees.
14. 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; Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : December 14, 2009 7:00 P.M.

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6. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Open Bids for 2010 Mowing.*
   B. *Approve Bids for 2010 Mowing.*
   C. *Approve Ordinance 458-09; Levying Taxes FYE 2010.*
   D. *Approve Ordinance 459-09; Abating 2009 Tax Levy.*
   E. *Approve 2010 Holiday Schedule.*
   F. *Approve Purchase of Surface Material for Gilbert Park Ball Diamonds.*
   G.
   H.
   I.
   J. ADJOURN

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

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, December 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present; Commissioner Bill Jones; Commissioner Richard Frailey; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present – Chief Kendal Balding; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Heidi Wilson and Commissioner Gerald White Jr. were absent.

1. The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Chief Kendal Balding presented the November 2009 Police Activity Report and October 2009 K-9 activity report.
3. Mowing bids for the 2010 season were opened. Only one bid was received from Landers Lawn and Landscaping in the amount of $1010.00 per mowing.
4. On a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Jones, the 2010 mowing bid was awarded to Landers Lawn and Landscaping. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
5. Ordinance 458-09; Levying taxes FYE 2010 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes. The total levy amount was $224,765.00.
6. Ordinance 459-09; Abating 2009 Tax Levy was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.

The amount abated $77,965.00, the amount of the Electric Department bond issue.

7. The 2010 holiday schedule was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
8. A quote, in the amount of $11,042.71 has been received from Greenville Lumber & Landscape to provide bluff dirt to be used in maintenance of the Gilbert Park ball diamonds. Commissioner Wilson has secured donations for a majority of the purchase price. On a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Jones, the purchase was approved. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.
9. Commissioner Frailey reported the Electric Department emergency phone system has been inoperable. A new system is being installed that will troubleshoot the outage, thereby alerting the linemen of the general problem area. He also reported Vermeer has quoted a purchase price for a boring machine and trailer in the amount of $51,925.00. They will credit the City $8,000 of rental expense previously paid on the machine. The machine could be utilized for water leaks and electric service installation.
10. Mayor Taylor stated Curry & Associate Engineers have reported final loan documents are to be completed by mid January for the I70 Transmission Line grant application.
11. Clerk Stephen reported that Kurt Becker has obtained audio tapes of the 1971 "Altamont Facts and Fancy" Altamont Centennial Pageant from Ron Parkinson in Mt. Sterling, Illinois. Kurt has transferred the audio tapes to compact discs which will be available at the Altamont Library.
12. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Meeting Date : December 28, 2009 7:00 P.M.

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OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:Agenda

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3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. AGENDA ITEMS

A. *Approve Resolution2009-12-13; Approving & Authorizing Revised Rules & Regulations Under the Freedom of Information Act.*

B. *Approve Participation in Employee Assistance Program.*

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J. ADJOURN

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

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session on Monday, December 28, 2009 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 Richard Frailey; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present – 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; Mayor Taylor, yes.
2. Resolution 2009-12-13; Approving & Authorizing Revised Rules and Regulation Under the Freedom of Information Act 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; Mayor Taylor, yes. (Attachment 2) The resolution appointed the City Clerk as the Freedom of Information Officer.
3. Participation in the Employee Assistance Program was approved for another year on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes. The program is administered by Sarah Busch Hospital of Mattoon.
4. Mayor Taylor stated Christmas lighting in town, especially the business district was great this year.
5. Mayor Taylor stated Sean Landers, Landers Lawn & Landscaping has inquired about an extension to the mowing contract. Cost changes will be determined and presented for a vote at a later time.
6. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Wilson, yes; Mayor Taylor, yes.