CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
January 14, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
   Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
   Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills

2. POLICE REPORT

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

5. COMMUNICATIONS

6. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Approve Ordinance 527-13; Establishing Electric Service Regulations and New Service Fees.*

   B. *Approve Ordinance 528-13; Establishing A Fee for Video Gaming Terminals.*

   C *Approve Advertising of Bids for 2013 Mowing Contract.*

   D. *Approve Furnace Installation at 6 North Fourth Street Building.*

   E. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Business Matters5 ILCS 120, Section 2, (c) (5).*

   F. *Action as Result of Executive Session.*

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   J. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: January 11, 2013- 4:00 p.m.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
January 14, 2013

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on January 14, 2013, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Bill Jones; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Gerald White Jr; Commissioner Jason Williams; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present –Terry Hahn, Wastewater Dept Supr; Alan Heiens, Atamont Police Chief; Clyde Barr, Altamont News and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

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

Chief Alan Heiens presented the December 2012 police activity report and 2012 year end report.

Gale Warner asked what the procedure is to have sticks picked up by City crews. He also inquired about the rules of trash placement.

Ordinance 527-13; Establishing Electric Service Regulations and New Service Fees was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The ordinance establishes fees for new or upgraded non customary services and regulations of the same.

Ordinance 528-13; Establishing a Fee for Video Gaming Terminals 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 Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The ordinance establishes an annual fee of $25.00 per video gaming machine and permit requirements.

Council approved bid advertising of the 2013 mowing contract. Commissioner Williams motioned for approval. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Bids are due into the City office by noon February 11, 2013. Bids will be opened at the February 11, 2013 regular Council meeting.

Council approved installation by R & H Plumbing & Heating of a furnace at 6 North Fourth building at a cost of $11,900.00 and installation of insulation at a cost of $6,940.00. Commissioner White motioned to approve. Commissioner Frailey seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. An IMEA energy assistance grant application will be submitted for financing assistance of the upgrades.

Commissioner White asked Terry Hahn, Supr of wastewater treatment plants, to report the 2012 annual measurements for the south plant. Supr. Hahn reported the south treatment plant registered influents of 109,247,000 gallons and effluents of 71,537,000 gallons. These amounts are double what the water plant pumps to town, indicating there is much infiltration occurring. Commissioner White also reported a meeting was held with Mike Curry of Curry & Associates Engineers. Facility plans have been sent to IEPA and they have 90 days to review. Another meeting will be scheduled for a detailed review to establish the final plans for the south plant. During conversations between Mike Curry and IEPA it has been conveyed that IEPA no longer offers a 25% debt forgiveness. However, the loan rate is 1.93% for 20 years. USDA would loan for a longer period of time, but would require a 20 year expectancy replacement account. A 5 million dollar loan with IEPA funding would save the community over 1.3 million dollars over the life of the loan. An engineering agreement has been forwarded to the City attorney for review.

Commissioner White offered congratulations to the PARKs group for the wonderful Christmas lighting display. Funds raised will help in making a better display next year. He added this is a dedicated group.

Commissioner Frailey reported Jake Logue and Derrick Kline will be accelerating their lineman's training. New employee, Derek Abendroth, has started and is doing well.

Commissioner Williams reported the recent MAPPING town meeting recruited 20 volunteers to help with parks. Plans are to re-roof pavilions at Schmidt Park. These volunteers will enhance the PARKs group. There will be a public hearings at 6:00 pm the first and third Mondays in February, in the Council chambers, to discuss new regulations for Union Cemetery decorations.

Commissioner Jones reported new energy efficient lights have been installed in the Street & Alley shop along with other remodeling.

Mayor Taylor reported the CWM Company has contacted him regarding North Edwards Street ground contamination testing. They have requested permission to install a monitoring well on City right-of-way. Discretion will be used in reaching an agreement, as the last company did not complete the street repairs, which ultimately became a cost to the City.

Correspondence has been received to confirm the location of a kiosk along the National Road.

Mayor Taylor attended a meeting in Effingham referred to as the "incubator group". The possibility of organizing a consortium to promote all incubators in the county was discussed. Funding assistance was encouraged, but Mayor Taylor made no commitment of funds.

At the recent Enterprise Zone Meeting, it was reported total projects since July 1991 included 259 residential $13,780,747; 99 commercial $18,784,907 and 2 industrial $33,799,714.

On January 18th, Kim Watson of DCEO will conduct a site visit to review the proposed Carriage Lane improvement project.

Effingham County is working to establish a revolving loan fund, with a $99,000 opportunity.

He praised the organizers of the MAPPING Town Meeting for the successful evening. 300 people were in attendance.

Council entered into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a business matter 5ILCS 120, Section 2, (c) (5). Motion made by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Upon returning to open session Commissioner Jones motioned to approve the Mayor pursuing an agreement to purchase land from the Baptist Church. Commissioner Frailey seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
January 28, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
   Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
   Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

4. COMMUNICATIONS

5. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Jill Wright, SAFE; Fundraising Event.*

   B. *Approve Roadside Fundraiser Request; Laborer's Local 1197; May 4, 2013, Benefiting Disabled Children.*

   C *Announce Public Hearing for Purposes of South Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements, February 11, 2013 6:00 pm Community Room.*

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POSTED: January 25, 2013- 4:00 p.m.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
January 28, 2013

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on January 28, 2013, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Gerald White Jr; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present –Terry Hahn, Wastewater Dept Supr; Clyde Barr, Altamont News and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioners Bill Jones and Jason Williams were absent.

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 Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. (Attachment 1)

Jill Wright, Prevention Education Coordinator for SAFE, described “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes”, an activist and fundraiser event to be held at 5:00pm March 22nd at the Altamont High School. A promotional photo of the Mayor and Commissioners wearing red high heel shoes was taken.

On a motion by Commissioner Frailey Council approved a roadside fundraiser request by the Laborer’s Local 1197 on May 4, 2013 benefiting disabled children. Commissioner White seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Mayor Taylor announced the February 11th Council meeting will be moved to 5:00 pm. To be followed by a public hearing at 6:00 pm in the Community Room for the purposes of South Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements. Commissioner White motioned to approve the public hearing. Commissioner Frailey seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Commissioner White reported word has been received that covers for the wastewater treatment plant lagoons are a requirement in the IEPA mandated upgrades. However, the chemical feed equipment for alkalinity has been removed, saving $368,000. It was suggested to leave the footprint area in the event the chemical feed equipment is needed at a later date.

Terry Hahn reported EPA sampling reports indicate ammonia levels at 3.5. The winter limit standard is 4.0. He will continue to take samples to Effingham for testing, since Altamont does not have a spectrometer.

Commissioner White also reported the Water Department received $49,871.19 as part of a class action settlement with Syngenta concerning atrazine. The City partnered with the City of Greenville in the suit.

Mayor Taylor reported Josh Shamhart is exploring options for a second electric feed line to reach south of I70. There is currently only one line. In the case of line trouble, repairs could take a substantial amount of time.

Mayor Taylor also reminded the Council of the Public Hearing February 4th at 6:00 pm regarding proposed Union Cemetery decoration regulations. IMEA Scholarship applications are due March 8, 2013. All Altamont students are encouraged to make application. He stated City employees responded well to the "Mayor's Challenge" benefiting the Altamont Ministerial Alliance food pantry. Donations resulted in $400.00 being presented to the Altamont Lions Club during their food pantry drive.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
February 11, 2013 - 5:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
   Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
   Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

4. COMMUNICATIONS

5. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Opening of 2013 Mowing Bids.*

   B. *Approve Access License Agreement with CW3M Company Inc, Regarding Hydrocarbon Contamination Testing at 107 Cumberland Ave.*

   C *Approve Resolution 2013-02-01; Authorizing Execution of Agreement Between Owner & Engineer for Professional Service with Curry & Associates (Wastewater Facilities Improvements Project).*

   D. *Approve Payment to Spray Insulation & Contracting in the Amount of $6,940.00 for Installation of Cellulose Insulation at 6 North Fourth Street.*

   E. *Approve Payment to R&H Plumbing & Heating in the Amount of $12,177.28 for Installation of Furnace, A/C & Air Duct at 6 North Fourth Street.*

   F. *Approve Ordinance 529-13; Amending Liquor Control Ordinance; Regulating Residency of Managers of Corporation Owned Establishments.*

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   I. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: February 08, 2013- 4:00 p.m.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
February 11, 2013

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 5:00 pm on February 11, 2013, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Gerald White Jr; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present –Terry Hahn, Wastewater Dept Supr; Clyde Barr, Altamont News; Jason Rippetoe; Josh Plum, JP Mowing; Jackson Adams, Effingham Daily News; Mike Curry, Curry & Associated Engineers; Dave Miller & son and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Bill Jones was absent.

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

2013 Mowing bids were opened and presented as follows:

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Total
Precision Law Care Matt Holste & Justin Osteen Altamont	495	600	135	100	1330
JP Mowing Vandalia	450	495	130	80	1155
Wabash Valley Lawns Effingham	600	930	180	130	1840
Stop-N-Stare Lawn Care Vandalia	495	660	150	100	1405

Group 1 - Union Cemetery
Group 2 - Gilbert, Klitzing & Schmidt Park
Group 3 - Frog Pond, Municipal Building, Triangle
Group 4 - Electric Department properties

The matter was tabled for further consideration and will be presented at the next Council meeting, February 25th, for approval.

Council approved an Access License Agreement with CW3M Company on a motion by Commissioner Williams. Motion seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The agreement will provide the company to conduct hydrocarbon contamination testing at 107 Cumberland Ave.

Resolution 2013-02-01; Authorizing Execution of Agreement Between Owner & Engineer for Professional Service with Curry & Associates was approved on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. The project considered is the wastewater treatment plant improvement. (Attachment 2)

Payment to Spray Insulation & Contracting in the amount of $6,940.00 for installation of cellulose insulation at 6 North Fourth Street was approved on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Payment to R&H Plumbing & Heating in the amount of $12,177.28 for installation of furnace, A/C and air ducts at 6 North Fourth Street was approved on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Ordinance 529-13; Amending Liquor Control Ordinance was approved on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The ordinance provides for corporate liquor license holders to employ a manger with residency inside Effingham County replacing the ruling of managers residency within the Altamont City limits.

Commissioner White congratulated the Altamont 8th Grade boy's basketball team on reaching the state championship game and representing Altamont in such a fine manner.

Commissioner Frailey reported Derek Abendroth and Derrick Kline have achieved their spray license. Derrick Kline and Jake Logue have completed level two of the lineman's training program. LED street lighting will be purchased and installed on Division Street as a test for future street lighting upgrade. Street lighting replacements of LED lighting will result in a large electric usage cost savings to the community.

Commissioner Williams reported a second public hearing will be held February 18th to present revised Union Cemetery decoration regulations. The ordinance will be presented for presentation of February 25th.

Mayor Taylor reported a sinkhole has developed in the 100 block of North Second Street. The City currently has no shoring equipment. Therefore, the repair will be contracted out.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
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February 25, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.

<u>Agenda</u>

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2. POLICE REPORT

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5. COMMUNICATIONS

6. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Chamber of Commerce; Security.*

   B. *Award of 2013 Mowing Bid.*

   C *Approve Resolution 2013-02-02; Authorizing Approval of Loan with National Bank for Financing Engineering Costs. Term one year, 2.5% interest, amount up to $120,000.*

   D. *Approve Resolution 2013-02-03; Authorization of a Representative to Sign Loan Documents. Required by IEPA for WWTP Improvements Loan.*

   E. *Approve Resolution 2013-02-04; Intent Regarding National Flood Insurance. Required by IEPA for WWTP Improvements Loan.*

   F. *Approve Ordinance 530-13; Amending Chapter 9, Cemetery, Revised Code of Ordinances. (Decoration & Planting Regulations)*

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   I. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: February 22, 2013- 4:00 p.m.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
February 25, 2013

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on February 25, 2013, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Gerald White Jr; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present –Terry Hahn, Wastewater Dept Supr; Clyde Barr, Altamont News; Josh Plum, JP Mowing; Debby Frailey; Rick & Karen Buckels; Jeff Fritchtnitch; Val Behl; Steve Bailey; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Bill Jones was absent.

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

Altamont Police Chief Alan Heiens presented the January 2013 Police Activity Report.

Jeff Fritchtnitch spoke on behalf of the Altamont Chamber of Commerce regarding lack of business notification by the Altamont Police Department of criminal activity. The Chamber offered their assistance in security training of business owners and emergency notification procedures.

Council reviewed mowing bids which were opened at the previous meeting. JP Mowing, of Vandalia, submitted the lowest bid. Commissioner Williams stated he would prefer to stay local as the business comes back to the community. Commissioner Williams motioned to award the 2013 mowing bid to Precision Lawn Care (Matt Holste & Justin Osteen). Commissioner Frailey seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Precision Lawn Care submitted the bid of Union Cemetery $495, Parks $600, Municipal Building and small locations $135 and locations to be mowed periodically $100, for a total of $1330.

Resolution 2013-02-02; Authorizing Approval for Loan with National Bank for Financing Engineering Costs was approved on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The loan is for one year, $120,000 at the rate of 2.5%. Proceeds will be used to pay Curry and Associates Engineers for design costs incurred relating to the south wastewater treatment plant upgrade. (Attachment 2)

Resolution 2013-02-03; Authorization of a Representative to Sign Loan Documents, was approved on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The documents relate to a loan from Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for improvements to the south wastewater treatment plant. (Attachment 3)

Resolution 2013-02-04; Intent Regarding National Flood Insurance was approved on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. This resolution is required for the IEPA loan process of the south wastewater treatment plant improvements. (Attachment 4)

Ordinance 530-13; Amending Chapter 9, Cemetery of the Revised Code of Ordinances was approved on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The ordinance establishes regulations of decorations at Union Cemetery.

Commissioner White congratulated Better Newspapers and Clyde Barr for their new business venture. He stated, “It is a nice addition to town. Welcome.” He also reported the north wastewater treatment plant is not under violation notice. Therefore no refurbishing is planned at this time. Microbes will be moved from the south lagoons to the north in an attempt to eliminate lagoon sludge. He reported results of the estimated economic impact of rate increases on businesses and residents due to the mandated wastewater plant improvements. If the estimated rates hold true, businesses and schools will experience a 132% increase in sewer expense. Residential users of 5000 gallons will experience an annual increase of $460 or 170%. Customers who use the 1000 gallon minimum or less will suffer the most with an annual increase of $283 or 223%.

Senator McCarter met with Mayor Taylor and Commissioner White. They explained the hardship of the 5 million dollar wastewater treatment expense on Altamont businesses and residents. They requested Senator McCarter to assist in finding grant funding or loan forgiveness.

Commissioner Frailey reported some street lights have been changed to LED as a test for future energy saving improvements.

Commissioner Williams reported a sign regarding the new decorating regulations will be designed for Union Cemetery. Work days are being scheduled for the parks.

Mayor Taylor reported the Street Department replaced a collapsed culvert under West Division Street.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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March 11, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.

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5. COMMUNICATIONS

6. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Approve Roadside Fundraiser Request, Grobengieser-Fischer Post 512 American Legion, April 19, 2013 2pm-5pm and rain date of April 26th.*

   B. *Approve Irwin Telescopic Mission Possible Walk/Run, May 4, 2013.*

   C *Discuss Energy Efficiency Street Lighting Project and Use of IMEA Grant Funds.*

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   I. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: March 08, 2013- 4:00 p.m.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
March 11, 2013

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on March 11, 2013, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Bill Jones; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Gerald White Jr; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present –Terry Hahn, Wastewater Dept Supr; Clyde Barr, Altamont News; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief; Cody Collins; Jackson Adams, Effingham Daily News; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

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

Altamont Police Chief Alan Heiens presented the February 2013 Police Activity Report and introduced new officer Cody Collins to the Council. Clyde Barr complimented the Altamont Police Department on their actions during a recent security matter at the new Better Newspapers location.

Council approved a roadside fundraiser request made by Grobengieser-Fischer Post 512 American Legion for April 19, 2013 2:00 – 5:00 pm and a rain date of April 26th. Commissioner Jones motioned to approve. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Council approved a request by Irwin Telescopic Seating to conduct a Mission Possible Walk/Run on May 4, 2013. Commissioner White motioned to approve. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Council discussed a street lighting upgrade project. Current lighting would be replaced with energy efficient LED lights. The Illinois Municipal Electric Agency will have a grant in the amount of approximately $5800 for the next three years. Options are to upgrade all city street lights in the first year, receiving grant funds over three years, or complete the project in a three year program. The completed upgrade will result in an annual estimated energy savings of $52,139. Material pricing will be determined at a later time.

Mayor Taylor reported prices are being obtained to upgrade Main Street lighting to decorative fixtures, which would include decorative light poles.

Commissioner White reported the south wastewater treatment project is still under the IEPA 90 day review period. However, soil borings are planned for this week. He suggested that after the fiscal year, all department utility rates be reviewed for consideration of lowering water and electric rates to offset the sewer rate increase. Commissioner Williams suggested reviewing the energy cost adjustment.

Commissioner Frailey reported Derrick Kline and Jake Adams have completed an additional step of lineman's training, with two sessions remaining.

Commissioner Williams reminded those present of the Union Cemetery cleanup on Saturday. He is addressing permanent decorations of an individual basis.

Commissioner Jones reported the storm sewer on North Second Street is repaired. The street surface of East Wurl Lane is in need of repair. Jim & Sheryl Marble have requested a culvert be installed at their driveway. The City will pay the customary first 20 feet. He has received questions regarding rocking of alleys. The policy is to rock only those alleys whereby there is no street access to the residence.

Clerk Stephen reported correspondence has been received from Bernardi Securities, bonding company, notifying the City that potential sequestration may result in the City paying back more of the Build America bonds than originally budgeted. Bernardi recommended communities be conservative until the final results are known. Elsie Voelker and the 4-H club have received a $250 community beautification grant from Farm Credit Services. They have chosen to improve the planter in front of the municipal building. A vinyl sign naming Farm Credit Services as the grantor will be provided.

Mayor Taylor reported the possible demolition of City owned property, 207 North Seventh Street. The property could be used for a new City storage building. Estimates will be obtained.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

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5. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Approve Ordinance 531-13; Authorizing Execution of Loan Agreement with Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.*

   B. *Establish Dates for Annual Clean Up Days.*

   C. *Omnibus Vote Concerning Safe Routes to Schools Project:*
   Item No. 1 – Approve Construction Engineering Services Agreement for Federal Participation Between Milano & Grunloh Engineers and City of Altamont.
   Item No. 2 – Approve Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation Between IDOT and City of Altamont.

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   G. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matters 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, (c) (1) and Legal Matters 120, Section 2, (c)(11).*

   H. *Action As a Result of Executive Session.*

   I. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: March 22, 2013- 4:00 p.m.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
March 25, 2013

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on March 25, 2013, 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 –Terry Hahn, Wastewater Dept Supr; Clyde Barr, Altamont News; Kevin Whitten, Water Dept Supr; Gale Warner; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Jason Williams was absent.

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

Ordinance 531-13; Authorizing Execution of Loan Agreement with Illinois Environmental Protection Agency was approved on a motion by Commissioner White. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The ordinance authorizes the borrowing of $5,504,146 for a term of 20 years. The funds are for improvements to the south wastewater treatment plant.

Council established the annual City wide cleanup beginning April 29 through May 3, 2013.

The Omnibus Vote Concerning Safe Routes to Schools Project 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; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The Omnibus Vote included 1) Approve construction engineering services agreement for federal participation between Milano & Grunloh Engineers and City of Altamont; 2) Approve local agency agreement for federal participation between IDOT and City of Altamont.

Kevin Whitten presented the City Council with two plaques recognizing the City of Altamont with a 100 year award from the American Water Works Association. The City also received a fluoride award for the 18th consecutive year. Of the 1700 water suppliers, only 50 have been in the fluoride program for such a length of time.

Commissioner Frailey commended the City crews for the recent snow removal. Derek Abendroth will be attending pole climbing and pole top rescue training. Information was presented concerning the purchase of a new wire pulling trailer. The current trailer requires 2-3 employees, whereby the newer model can be operated by one person. The newer model also includes needed safety features to be utilized during power line installation. It is requested the purchase of $11,995.00 be included on the next fiscal budget. Purchase will be presented for approval at future meeting.

Commissioner Jones reported City crews have been cutting some dead trees and filling potholes. A sinkhole on North St. Clair Street was exposed and discovered an old connection was not properly capped. An ordinance revision requiring a proper disconnect of abandoned sewer connections was discussed.

Mayor Taylor reported Curry & Associates recently met with City employees. Revisions to the South wastewater treatment plant project were made, reducing the cost by $80,000.

Kevin Whitten inquired about a grant to install energy saving VFD pumps at the water plant. Grants will be researched.

Council entered into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matters 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, (c) (1) and Legal Matters 120, Section 2, (c)(11). Motion was made by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Commissioner White motioned to pay Aramark $840 and immediately terminate the rug service contract. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The current contract expires December 2014.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
April 08, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
   Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
   Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills

2. POLICE REPORT

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

5. COMMUNICATIONS

6. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Approve Lions Club Tootsie Pop Roadside Fundraiser, June 15, 2013.*

   B. *Approve Purchase of Reelstrong Wire Trailer for Electric Department in the amount of $11,995.00.*

   C. *Approve 5 Year Copy Machine Lease with RK Dixon, in the Annual Amount of $3,234.24.*

   D. *Approve Purchase of Variable Frequency Drives for Water Department Transfer Pumps in the Amount of $6,320.00.*

   E. *Approve Installation of Restroom at Klitzing (Heritage) Park, Not to Exceed $15,000.*

   F. *Approve Resolution 2013-04-05; Approving Plat of Survey NE/4, SE/4, Section 16. (Tower Lane)*

   G. *Approve Purchase of 2 Pumps for South Wastewater Treatment Plant for a Total Cost not to Exceed $17,000.*

   H. *Discuss Electronic Recycling Drive*

   I. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: April 05, 2013- 4:00 p.m.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
April 08, 2013

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on April 08, 2013, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Bill Jones; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Gerald White Jr; and Commissioner Jason Williams. Also present –Terry Hahn, Wastewater Dept Supr; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief; Clyde Barr, Altamont News; Gale Warner; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Mayor Larry Taylor was absent. In the Mayor's absence Commissioner Jones presided over the meeting.

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

Chief Heiens presented the March 2013 Police Activity Report.

Council approved a request from the Lions Club to conduct the annual Tootsie Pop Roadside Fundraiser on June 15, 2013. Commissioner Frailey motioned for approval. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Commissioner Jones, yes.

The purchase of a Reelstrong Wire Trailer for the Electric Department in the amount of $11995.00 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Commissioner Jones, yes.

A 5 year Copy Machine Lease with RK Dixon, in the annual amount of $3,234.24 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Commissioner Jones, yes. Two of the current printers are no longer supported and parts are obsolete.

The purchase of a variable frequency drive transfer pumps in the amount of $6320 for the Water Department were approved on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Commissioner Jones, yes. Repair costs of the existing pumps would be 80% of the cost of a new unit. The variable speed will save energy costs.

Commissioner Williams explained to the Council the need for a restroom facility at Klitzing (Heritage) Park. Construction has been in the current year budget. However, local contractors have stepped forward to donate their labor. The 10x16, ADA compliant structure is estimated to cost $9,000. Allowing for unforeseen costs, Commissioner Williams motioned to approve installation of the restroom, not to exceed $15,000. Commissioner White seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Commissioner Jones, yes. All costs will be expended in the new fiscal year.

Resolution 2013-04-05; Approving Plat of Survey NE/4, SE/4, Section 16 (Tower Lane) was approved on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Commissioner Jones, yes. Plat of Survey, separates the two east residences on Tower Lane from the remaining property. This will allow property owner, Kenneth Oldham to sell the properties to a potential buyer.

Wastewater Supervisor, Terry Hahn, explained to the Council that two pumps at the south treatment plant are not fully functional. Repair costs have been estimated at $8,600 or replacement of both pumps in the amount of $16,286. Commissioner White motioned to purchase two new pumps not to exceed $17,000. Commissioner Frailey seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Commissioner Jones, yes.

Clerk Stephen reported a call has been received from a company wanting to conduct an electronics recycling drive. The City will assist in getting the details to the public. This will not be conducted during the City wide cleanup. Council instructed to arrange for the electronics drive.

Commissioner White reported no word has been received from Senator McCarty's office regarding IEPA and the south wastewater treatment project.

Commissioner Frailey reported the Electric Department accomplishments. He stated, for public safety concerns, plans are being made to move the utility pole inventory to the generation plant location.

Commissioner Williams reported the fence columns at Union Cemetery should be reconstructed in the next couple weeks. New aluminum fencing, resembling the existing fence, is being explored, as the current fencing is bent beyond repair.

Commissioner Jones reported street oiling plans have begun. Commissioner White asked if the cracks on Main Street could be patched. Repairs will be considered.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
April 22, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
   Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
   Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

4. COMMUNICATIONS

5. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Alvin Schultz, Addition to Schultz's Dairy Bar.*

   B. *Approve VFW Poppy Days Roadside Fundraiser, May 10, 2013 rain date of May 17, 2013.*

   C. *Approve Masonic Lodge Request to Conduct Memorial Day Parade 10:00 am May 27, 2013.*

   D. *Approve Encroachment Request; Tom & Cathy Rector, 24 Fairlane Circle, Fence Placement on City Easement.*

   E. *Approve Canopy Repair of Electric Department Building by M&J Remodeling in the Amount of $4,800.*

   F. *Approve Three Year Contract with Clean Uniform to Furnish Employee Uniforms and Municipal Building Rugs.*

   G. *Approve Resolution 2013-04-06; Adopting a Capitalization Policy.*

   H. *Determine Sewer Rate Increase for Ordinance Preparation.*

   I. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: April 18, 2013- 4:00 p.m.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
April 22, 2013

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on April 22, 2013, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Bill Jones; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Gerald White Jr; Commissioner Jason Williams and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present –Tom Rector; Alvin Schultz; Kevin Schultz; Clyde Barr, Altamont News; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

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

Alvin Schultz addressed the Council with a request for approval of a 5'x18' addition to the front of the Schultz Dairy Bar, eliminating the window to the grill area. Kevin Schultz stated the addition will provide employees with a better working environment. Schultz's were directed the proper procedure is to present the addition request to the Zoning Board, who will then provide recommendation to the City Council. Alvin Schultz also presented a quote from Effingham Asphalt to place an asphalt surface on the 8800 square foot parking area in front of the Dairy Bar. He requested the City pay half of the $23,600 cost. Alvin Schultz stated they would also pay one half of the striping and that Kabbe's have spoken with IDOT and received approval to remove the existing curbing. Mayor Taylor stated the parking lot resurfacing would be considered.

Commissioner Williams motioned to approve the VFW Poppy Days Roadside Fundraiser Request for May 10, 2013 with a rain date of May 17, 2013. Commissioner White seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

A Request by the Masonic Lodge to Conduct a Memorial Day Parade at 10:00 am on May 27, 2013 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 Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Tom Rector addressed the City Council requesting approval of a three foot encroachment into the City easement. Mr. Rector plans to construct a privacy fence. Commissioner Jones motioned to approve the encroachment permit. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Council members approved repair of the canopy at the Electric Department building by MJ Remodeling in the amount of $4,800.00. Commissioner Frailey motioned for approval. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner

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

A Three Year Contract with Clean Uniform to Furnish Employee Uniforms and Municipal Building Rugs was approved on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Resolution 2013-04-06; Adopting a Capitalization Policy 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 Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The resolution provides guidelines for capitalization thresholds of expenditures and disposition of assets. (Attachment 2)

Council discussed a sewer rate increase prior to the expected large increase as a result of the IEPA mandated south wastewater treatment plant upgrade. Documents proposing a 3% and 5% increase and cash flow report of the sewer department finances were provided. Commissioner White explained the January 2013 increase will not generate enough revenue to cover operating expenses of the sewer department. A 3% or 36 cents increase to the minimum rate would generate approximately $5100 annual revenue increase and 5% or 59 cents would generate approximately $8300.00 annual revenue increase. Commissioner Williams stated the amount actually needed would represent a large percentage rate. He motioned to have an ordinance prepared to increase the minimum sewer rate by $1.00 per month for every sewer customer. Commissioner Frailey seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The rate will be effective on the June 2013 billing.

Commissioner Frailey reported Derek Abendroth has completed pole climbing school. A transformer serving the water plant was replaced when a storm damaged lines. Mayor Taylor stated all departments worked together in the rain to restore service.

Commissioner Williams reported the brick mason will have Union Cemetery entrance pillars completed in the next couple days. He recommended replacing the Mitsubishi mower used at Gilbert Park. Several repair dollars have been spent on it. A more practical piece of equipment is needed.

Commissioner Jones reported citizens should be made aware that blowing grass clippings and gumballs into the street fills culverts and storm drains thereby hampering water drainage and should be prevented. Door hangers will be placed at residences as a reminder. He also reported the roof at the Street and Alley shop is cracked and leaking. It will need repaired or replaced in the new fiscal year.

Clerk Stephen reported estimates were being gathered to replace gutters, windows and council room flooring. She reminded the Council of the Arbor Day ceremony on Friday, April 26, 2013 at 10:00 in Union Cemetery.

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 Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
May 13, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
   Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
   Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills

2. POLICE REPORT

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

5. COMMUNICATIONS

6. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Approve Realignment of Monuments at Union Cemetery by Pyramid Marble in the Amount of $2,000 per Day.*

   B. *Approve Ordinance 532-13; Legal Counsel Appointment Ordinance*

   C. *Approve Ordinance 533-13; Appointment Ordinance.*

   D. *Approve Illinois Water and Wastewater Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement.*

   E. *Approve German Heritage Day at Heritage Park, June 1, 2013, 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Requested by Developing Altamont's Future Family Friendly Committee. Alternative Rain Location as Municipal Building Community Room.*

   F. *Approve Ordinance SP-1360; Special Use 909 West Cumberland Road, Auto Detailing Home Occupation.*

   G. *Approve Ordinance VA-1360; Variance for Sign Placement, 909 West Cumberland Road.*

   H. *Approve Ordinance VA-1362; Variance of Side Yard Setback and Parking Space Dimensions, 1008 South Main Street – Future Site of Joe's Pizza.*

I. *Presentation of Ordinance 534-13; Amending Sewer Rates.*

J. *Discuss Condemnation of Buildings.*

K. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: May 10, 2013- 4:00 p.m.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
May 13, 2013

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on May 13, 2013, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Bill Jones; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Gerald White Jr; Commissioner Jason Williams and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present –Alvin Oliver; Terry Hahn, Wastewater Supt.; Kevin Whitten, Water Supt.; Alan Heiens, Chief of Police; Matthew Hovis; Clyde Barr, Altamont News; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

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

Alan Heiens, Chief of Police presented the April 2013 Police Activity Report.

Commissioner Williams requested approval to have Union Cemetery monuments realigned. He has met with Pyramid Marble, who quoted $2,000 per day for two employees and four yards of concrete. It was suggested to try a couple days and re-evaluate the process. Pyramid will provide a list of those monuments adjusted. Commissioner Williams motioned for approval. Commissioner Jones seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Ordinance 533-13; Appointment Ordinance was approved on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. All department supervisors were re-appointed.

An Illinois Water and Wastewater Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement 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 Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Council approved a request from Developing Altamont's Future Friendly Committee to conduct a German Heritage Day at Heritage Park on June 1, 2013 from 10:00 – 2:00. Commissioner Williams motioned to approve the request. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Ordinance VA-1362; Variance of Sideyard Setback and Parking Space Dimensions for 1008 South Main Street was presented to the Council. Alvin Oliver spoke to the Council on behalf of the Altamont Zoning Board about the request. He stated the parking area would be moved farther north and smaller parking spaces would be outlined. The Zoning Board felt the value to the community would be worthwhile. Commissioner Jones motioned to approve Ordinance VA-1362. Commissioner Frailey seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The property is being developed by Joe's Pizza.

Ordinance 534-13; Amending Sewer Rates was presented to the Council for review. A vote of passage will be taken at the next regular Council meeting.

Ordinance SP-1360; Special Use for 909 West Cumberland Road to operate an Auto Detailing Home Occupation was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Ordinance VA-1360; Variance for Sign Placement, 909 West Cumberland Road was presented. Alvin Oliver spoke explaining the Zoning Board members were not clear, when voting, of the size of sign being recommended. Matthew Hovis provided an example of the 24x36 sign being requested. Commissioner Williams motioned to strike Option 1 and accept Ordinance VA-1360. Commissioner Jones seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, no.

Commissioner Williams left the meeting at this time.

Ordinance 532-13; Legal Counsel Appointment Ordinance was presented. Commissioner White stated Dale Wolf will be moving from Taylor Law Offices to another firm. He felt it would be good to support legal counsel from the community. Mayor Taylor stated current counselor, Tracy Berberich, is already familiar with the City business and has done a good job. Commissioner Frailey motioned to approve Ordinance 532-13. No second followed. Commissioner Frailey rescinded his motion. Commissioner White motioned to table until a full council is present. Commissioner Jones seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Kevin Whitten, Water Department Supt. explained to the Council that EPA is requiring a bi-weekly testing of the nitrate level. The current water test equipment is 14 years old, need calibrated and was phased out 8 years ago. A new spectrophotometer will cost $4,000. Since the item was not listed on the agenda, a vote to purchase will be taken at the next meeting.

Terry Hahn, Sewer Department Supt. addressed the Council concerning landlords requesting water being turned off and turned back on within a short period of time. He requested the City enforce the $25.00 reconnect fee. Commissioner White stated the landlord's stand is the increased utility deposit is already a burden on rental properties. Mayor Taylor said the charge would be taken under advisement.

Commissioner White stated that due to many complaints he received about weeds at an empty commercial building, he cut the weeds and requested a letter be sent to the owner. A resident recently had sewer problems and requested the City pay a portion of the repair costs. Council did not agree to pay.

Commissioner Frailey reported the new wire trailer has arrived.

Commissioner Jones reported trees were planted in Union Cemetery and on North Main Street. Summer help is being sought with the extra efforts to be used on the sidewalk project.

Council discussed condemnation of three commercial buildings. Mayor Taylor asked the Council their thoughts on pursuing the matter. It was suggested to obtain demolition cost estimates and bring before the Council again.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
May 28, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
   Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
   Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

4. COMMUNICATIONS

5. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Approve Ordinance 534-13; Amending Sewer Rates.*

   B. *Approve Ordinance SP-1369; Special Use 112 North Seventh Street, Day Care Home Occupation.*

   C. *Approve Ordinance VA-1365; Variance18x5 Addition in Front Setback, 600 South Main Street.*

   D. *Approve Ordinance 532-13; Legal Counsel Appointment Ordinance*

   E. *Approve Purchase of Spectra Photometer for Water Department in the Amount of $4,000.*

   F. *Approve Installation of Chain Link Fencing at Generation Facility in the Amount of $20,375.00.*

   G. *Approve Request of American Legion Post 512 for Controlled Burn to Conduct Flag Retirement Ceremony June 14th, 7:00 pm, Schmidt Park.*

   H. *Discuss Condemnation of Buildings.*

I. *Discuss Cost of Grave Openings at Union Cemetery.*

J. *Discuss New Ball Diamond at Altamont Grade School.*

K. *Discuss Payment of Engineering Fees to Curry & Associates.*

L. *Approve Additional CDAP Grant Income Survey's to Be Sent and Sewer Fund Rebate to Customers for Completion.*

M. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: May 24, 2013- 4:00 p.m.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
May 28, 2013

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on May 28, 2013, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Bill Jones; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Gerald White Jr; Commissioner Jason Williams and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present –Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

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

Ordinance 534-13; Amending Sewer Rates 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 Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Effective July 1, 2013 the minimum cost will increase by $1.00 for all users.

Ordinance SP-1369; Special Use 112 North Seventh Street, Day Care Home Occupation was approved on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Approval provides for Sherena Koester to operate a home day care at the location indicated.

Ordinance VA-1365; Addition in front setback, 600 South Main Street 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 Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Approval provides for an 18x5 foot addition to the front of Schultz's Dairy Bar.

Ordinance 532-13; Appointment of Legal Counsel was approved on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Taylor Law Offices are retained as legal counsel.

The purchase of a spectra photometer in the amount of $4,000 was approved on a motion by Commissioner White. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Commissioner Frailey motioned to approve installation of a chain link fence at the electric generation facility in the amount of $20,375.00. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Installation will be completed by C&D Fence Company of Effingham. Upon completion, the utility pole inventory will be moved to the secured area.

Counsel approved a request from the American Legion Post 512 for a controlled burn to conduct a flag retirement ceremony on June 14th at 7:00 pm in Schmidt Park. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Williams seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Counsel discussed condemnation proceedings of three vacant locations at 407 Lincoln Avenue, 102 North Third and 109 North Main. Costs of legal fees and demolition costs were discussed. Counsel determined it would be in the best interest of all to concentrate on the buildings posing the most serious danger to the community.

Clerk Stephen informed the Council Ty Moore, will be increasing the cost of Union Cemetery grave openings from $350.00 to $400.00. It has been customary for the City to charge an additional $25.00 for subsequent grave dressing. Commissioner Williams stated he would like to continue the practice.

Commissioner Williams explained to the Council the need for an additional ball diamond. At the east side of Altamont Grade School is a diamond which could be refurbished. He has discussed an intergovernmental agreement with school officials to share the cost in rebuilding the diamond. Improvements would include extending the fence, build dugouts, install bleachers and rebuild diamond surfaces. No lighting has been discussed at this time. Estimated cost is $10,000 with anticipation to share the cost with the Altamont School District. Grant information is being researched. An intergovernmental agreement will be explored.

Council was again presented with outstanding engineering invoices relating to the South Wastewater Treatment plant project in the amount of $125,322.95. Plans have been submitted and approved by IEPA. Mayor Taylor suggested an additional bank loan be obtained to cover the engineering invoices. The Council was informed application has been made for a Clean Energy grant, with maximum funding of $500,000. Mayor Taylor stated the IEPA loan funding is still the best option. Per Mike Curry, Rural Development documentation is not compatible with IEPA and would only create more engineering expenses. Commissioner White suggested contacting John Crawford & Associates, an engineering firm, for ideas and grant resources.

Commissioner Frailey left the meeting.

Clerk Stephen reported the initial income survey completed did not produce the required 300 completed, unspoiled surveys for CDAP grant application. It has been recommended another group of surveys be sent. Commissioner White motioned to continue a $5.00 sewer rebate for each completed survey. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Commissioner White congratulated the Altamont High School girls on their outstanding softball season, finishing second in the super sectional. “They represented the City well”

Mayor Taylor reported repairs to the façade of the electric shop have started.   He noted Union Cemetery was in exceptional condition for the Memorial Day service.

Commissioner Williams reported the new flag bases at Union Cemetery made the Memorial Day flag installation much easier. He suggested the City place the same bases in St Clare Cemetery. The PARKs group has disbanded. However, they have plans for improvements with the remaining funds, including a scoreboard, swings, landscaping, as well as other park improvements. Gilbert Park cleanup was well attended by 25-30 volunteers.

Commissioner Jones reported Marcus Moomaw has been hired as summer help for the Street & Alley Department. He suggested purchasing a new or slightly used small tractor for use by the Street Department or for the parks, as the Mitsubishi tractor, currently used at Gilbert Park, is aged and not in good condition. State surplus inventory will be reviewed and price comparisons collected for future presentation to the Council.

Clerk Stephen recommended to the Council a monthly transfer of funds from Sales Tax Savings to Street & Alley Savings setting monies aside for future equipment purchase needs. Council did not object and recommended $1500.00 per month.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
June 10, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
   Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
   Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills

2. POLICE REPORT

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

5. COMMUNICATIONS

6. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Approve Resolution 2013-06-07 Authorizing Approval of Loan with National Bank for Financing Engineering Costs. Term one year, 2.5% interest, amount up to $130,000.*

   B. *Discuss Zoning of Mobile Home Parks.*

   C. *Kevin Whitten; Filter Costs.*

   D. *Approve Replacement of Municipal Building Windows by Lighthouse Windows & Doors in the Amount of $7437.50.*

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   H. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: June 07, 2013- 4:00 p.m.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
June 10, 2013

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on June 10, 2013, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Gerald White Jr; Commissioner Jason Williams and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present –Kevin Whitten, Water Department Supervisor; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief; Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Richard Frailey was absent.

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

Police Chief, Alan Heiens, presented the May 2013 Police Activity Report.

Commissioner Jones entered the meeting at this time.

Resolution 2013-06-07; Authorizing Approval of Loan with National Bank for Financing Engineering Costs for the term of one year at 2.5% interest in the amount of $130,000 was approved on a motion by Commissioner White. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. (Attachment 2)

Kevin Whitten, Water Department Supervisor, addressed the Council concerning costs related to upgrade of the water filters. The cost to sand blast and paint a steel trough was $15,000. A vendor from Vandalia has quoted removal of the existing trough and installation of a stainless steel unit to be $20,000. No future maintenance would be needed on a stainless steel unit. A quote has been received from Tonka Equipment Company for a new under drain system at the cost of $7,160. Installation would be subcontracted for an additional cost. Both items will be presented for approval at the next regular Council meeting.

Council was provided with a written opinion from Attorney Willenborg regarding mobile home parks. Council discussed amending the zoning regulations affecting mobile home parks and the age of units installed. Current regulations do not require annual licensing by the City and City restriction is limited for those mobile home park owners not obligated to retain a state license. The matter will be pursued and provided to the Zoning Board for recommendation.

Council approved the replacement of windows in the Municipal Building by Lighthouse Windows and Doors in the amount of $7437.50. Commissioner Williams motioned for approval. Commissioner White seconded. Members votes as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Commissioner White reported the wastewater treatment plant will soon be required to test for fecal coli. The City does not currently own testing equipment. However, the City of

Effingham will process the test for $15.00. Testing is required twice a month from April to October.

Kevin Whitten addressed the Council about vehicles at the reservoir. Motorists have been driving at a high rate of speed, driving off the roads and tearing up parking and grassy areas. He requested a notice be placed in the paper and 15 mph speed limit signs be posted. Commissioner White commented the reservoir is the public water supply to be protected and not a recreational area. Mayor Taylor stated a notice can be placed in the paper and if problems persist if may become necessary to shut down recreation to the reservoir.

Commissioner Williams reported Pyramid Marble is working in Union Cemetery to straighten monuments. Plans are being made to rebuild the low water crossing at Gilbert Park by installing tin culverts and walking bridges. A low cost improvement is being sought. On June 14th the Frisbee golf course will be dedicated to the City.

Mayor Taylor reported Camp E3 will have openings again for students from the Altamont area. The Council will be sponsoring a student. This is continued from a sponsorship not used in 2012.

Clerk Stephen updated the Council concerning enforcement of dangerous building violations. The property owner of 102 North Third will provide documentation of improvements to be completed to bring the building into compliance.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
June 24, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
   Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
   Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

4. COMMUNICATIONS

5. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Approve Resolution 2013-06-08 Ascertaining Prevailing Wage Rate.*

   B. *Approve Purchase of Stainless Steel Troughs at Water Treatment Plant in the Amount of $20,000 from Roger Clark Welding.*

   C. *Approve Purchase of Underdrain System for Water Treatment plant in the Amount of $7160.00 from Tonka Equipment Company.*

   D. *Approve Resolution for 2013 Maintenance of Streets.*

   E. *Approve Replacement of Council Room Flooring by Kull Furniture not to Exceed $8500.00.*

   F.

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

   H. *Action as a Result of Executive Session.*

   I. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: June 21, 2013- 4:00 p.m.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
June 24, 2013

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on June 24, 2013, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Gerald White Jr; Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Charles W. Jones; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present – Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

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

Resolution 2013-06-08; Ascertaining Prevailing Wage Rate 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 Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Commissioner White motioned to approve the purchase of stainless steel troughs at the water treatment plant in the amount of $20,000 from Roger Clark Welding. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Council approved the purchase of an underdrain system for water treatment plant in the amount of $7160.00 from Tonka Equipment Company. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Frailey seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Commissioner Jones motioned to approve a resolution for 2013 Maintenance of Streets. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Street maintenance scheduled is estimated to cost $70,000.

Council approved replacement of council room flooring by Kull Furniture, not to exceed $8500.00. Commissioner Williams motioned for approval. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Commissioner White reported Dustin Lightfoot has achieved his Class C water operator license. He mentioned the last water rate increase was 2008 and a rate increase may need to be considered. Commissioner Williams suggested increasing the minimum rate. More consideration will be given after receipt of the audit report. He commended the Electric Department employees for their work during the recent outage. Commissioner White also reported during a recent demonstration of jetter nozzles it was decided to purchase additional units. One nozzle will be suitable for culvert cleaning. Superintendent Terry

Hahn would like the Council to create a ruling that in areas of building demolition, the sewer line be capped at the sewer main rather than on the service line. This would eliminate the possibility of a sink hole developing.

Commissioner Frailey commended Derrick Kline and Jake Logue for their efforts during the power outage and working in rain soaked conditions.

Commissioner Williams reported 85 stones were straightened by Pyramid Marble in the southeast quadrant of Union Cemetery. If additional repair days are planned, he suggested marking the more serious stone and have smaller stones straightened by volunteers. He stated there is a drainage problem in the southwest quadrant. Straightening stones in that area would not be beneficial until the standing water issue is resolved. The Altamont school board will be discussing a mutual agreement to refurbish the old grade school diamond.

Commissioner Jones thanked the Electric Department for their work at the fairgrounds.

Mayor Taylor reported a meeting was held with John Crawford & Associates concerning possible grant writing. Alvin Schultz had requested permission to continue the sidewalk south of the Dairy Bar to run in front of the building to the north end of the building at his cost. There were no objections to the proposal. He also reported signage on the Municipal Building needs to be updated for visibility. A sign is being considered for the south yard to indicate the location of the Altamont Police Department.

Clerk Stephen reported the first video gaming proceeds were received in the amount of $897.52 for one month of gaming.

On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jones Council entered into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matters (5ILCS 120, Section 2, (c), (1)) Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
July 08, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
   Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
   Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

4. COMMUNICATIONS

5. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Present Appropriation Fiscal Year Ending 2014.*

   B. *Approve Ordinance VA-1375; Side Yard Setback, New Construction at 209 North Edwards Street.*

   C.

   D.

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

   H. *Action as a Result of Executive Session.*

   I. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: July 05, 2013- 4:00 p.m.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
July 08, 2013

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on July 08, 2013, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Gerald White Jr; Commissioner Charles W. Jones; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present – Chris Horste, Clyde Barr, Altamont News and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Jason Williams was absent.

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

Mayor Taylor announced the Appropriation for fiscal year ending 2014 is estimated at $11,219,391. The large increase is due to the $6 million wastewater treatment plant project. Taking the 6 million into consideration, the appropriation decreased $183,303 over the previous year. A public hearing will be held July 22, 2013 at 5:45 pm. to present appropriation ordinance.

Ordinance VA-1375 regarding a side yard setback for new construction at 209 North Edwards was approved on a motion by Commissioner White. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The side yard setback was reduced from 20' to 10' on the north property line.

Commissioner White complimented the City crews for their work on Rt 128 to repair a sinkhole.

Commissioner Frailey reported Derrick Kline and Jake Logue completed another level of lineman's training.

Mayor Taylor reported a request was made by the Duckwitz family to have a sign of recognition placed for the State track accomplishments. A request will be submitted to the State.

On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Jones Council entered into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matters (5ILCS 120, Section 2, (c), (1)) Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Upon returning to open session, Council members approved a 3% wage increase to City employees. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Jones seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY OF ALTAMONT
PUBLIC HEARING
July 22, 2013 – 5:45 p.m.
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS

Present 2014 Appropriation Ordinance

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
July 22, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
   Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
   Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills

2. POLICE REPORT

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

5. COMMUNICATIONS

6. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Jennifer Moore, Effingham County Public Transportation.*

   B. *Approve Ordinance 536-13; Appropriation Fiscal Year Ending 2014.*

   C. *Resolution 2013-07-09; Effingham County Fair Parade.*

   D. *Approve Appointment of Gary White as Enterprise Zone Administrator.*

   E. *Approve Payment to Dennis Siebert for Municipal Building Window Installation in the Amount of $7,437.50.*

   F. *Approve 2013 Street Maintenance Bids.*

G. *Review Intergovernmental Agreement with Altamont Community School District Regarding Reconstruction/Maintenance of Ball Diamond.*

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J. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: July 19, 2013- 4:00 p.m.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
July 22, 2013

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on July 22, 2013, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Gerald White Jr; Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Charles W. Jones; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present – Alvin Oliver; Jennifer Moore, Effingham County Public Transit; Police Chief Alan Heiens; Clyde Barr, Altamont News and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

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

Altamont Police Chief, Alan Heiens, presented the June 2013 Police Activity Report. He requested Council's support to change dispatch of all Altamont Police Department calls to be dispatched by Effingham County Sheriff rather than the City of Altamont. Clerk Stephen stated support of the change. Council members did not oppose.

Jennifer Moore, Effingham County Public Transportation explained services and fee schedules provided by the ECPT. The low cost transportation is supported by grant funding, is free to those 60 years of age, and a minimal cost is charged for all others riders.

Alvin Oliver questioned why the speed limit entering Altamont from the north is 30 mph while it remains 45 mph entering from the south where all the businesses are. Mayor Taylor explained the speed limit entering from the south had been lowered and moved farther to the south as a result of a speed study conducted by the State. He further explained the State sets those speed limits by observing traffic patterns. He will ask the State to reconsider the south entrance of the City.

Commissioner Frailey was called away from the meeting at this time.

Ordinance 536-13; Appropriation for Fiscal Year Ending 2014 was approved on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Resolution 2013-07-09; Effingham County Fair Parade was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Mayor Taylor reported Carl Brauer has retired as Enterprise Zone Administrator and Gary White has been appointed to the position.

Payment to Dennis Siebert in the amount of $7,437.50 for window installation at the Municipal Building was approved on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

The 2013 Street Maintenance Bids were approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Bids were awarded to Larry Heuerman $35,621.25 and Charles Heuerman $8300.00.

Council reviewed an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Altamont Parks and Recreation and Altamont Community Unit School District #10. The agreement provides for shared construction and maintenance of a softball/baseball diamond near the Altamont Grade School. The diamond is needed for junior girls, little league and a practice field. Cost details will be determined and a completed agreement will be presented for Council approval.

Commissioner White reported the availability of an Illinois Clean Water Initiative in the amount of $1 billion. He suggested the initiative be investigated. The Water Department will be advertising for an employment opening.

Commissioner Williams reported the City has the opportunity to purchase two sets of used aluminum bleachers from a school for $200, a $4500 value. The City will be responsible for pickup and delivery. A source is being sought to haul the 21 foot units. He also reported a John Deere mower has been purchased for Gilbert Park. The low water crossing at the south end of Gilbert Park is complete.

Commissioner Jones reported street oiling is scheduled for the week of August 12th. The City has been awarded a $50,000 grant to resurface Second Street in front of the Municipal Building. Engineering plans are required and will be prepared by Milano & Grunloh.

Mayor Taylor reported an additional $100,000 Illinois Department of Transportation grant will be sought for street maintenance in the business district. Improvement to the intersection of Third and Division, including ADA ramps will be the project presented.

The walking trails in the wooded portion of Schmidt Park are being cleaned as part of a scout project.

LED downtown lighting is being explored. The purchase of lighting with two banks will be less expensive to purchase and operate.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
August 12, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
   Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
   Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills

2. POLICE REPORT

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

5. COMMUNICATIONS

6. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Approve Roadside Fundraiser Request, Altamont Lions Club Candy Day September 21, 2013.*

   B. *Approve Special Liquor License for Wright Mansion Wine Tasting Event; September 14, 2013.*

   C. *Approve Payment to Roger Clark Welding & Fabrication in the Amount of $20,000 for Stainless Water Trough System at Water Plant.*

   D. *Set Date for Special Meeting to Discuss Options for Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements.*

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   G. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: August 09, 2013- 4:00 p.m.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
August 12, 2013

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on August 12, 2013, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Gerald White Jr; Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Charles W. Jones; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present – Terry Hahn, Supr Wastewater Department; Police Chief Alan Heiens; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

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

Altamont Police Chief, Alan Heiens, presented the July 2013 Police Activity Report. He also reported the speed signs would be removed from the south entrance of the City. Traffic data would be evaluated.

A roadside fundraiser request by Altamont Lions Club for Candy Day on September 21, 2013 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 Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

A special liquor license for the Wright Mansion Wine Tasting Event, September 14, 2013 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Payment to Roger Clark Welding and Fabrication in the amount of $20,000 for installation of stainless water trough system at the water plant was approved on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Council discussed a date for a special meeting to review options for wastewater treatment plant improvements. No date could be established at this time.

Commissioner White reported during a conference call with Illinois EPA it was discovered the Illinois Clean Water Initiative Program provides the same financing options as the IEPA loan program. There is no additional benefit to the City.

Terry Hahn reported sewer line smoke testing indicated leaks in individual service lines, caps that need replaced and some sewer line main repairs needed. Commissioner White asked the Council how to proceed regarding illegal connections and service line repairs. Mayor Taylor stated letters should be sent to those residents.

Commissioner Frailey reported the Electric Department worked diligently to restore power during the recent outage. However, the computer system would not allow the generators to provide service to the community. Engineers will be investigating the problem to find a repair.

Commissioner Williams reported the batters building has been vandalized. The individual will be doing community service as retribution and compensation of damages.

Commissioner Jones reported the streets are being prepared for oiling. The Safe Routes to Schools grant program has received full approval. Sidewalk installation and repair can begin as soon as schedules permit.

Commissioner White expressed congratulations to the Altamont Post #512 Jr. American Legion baseball team for their third place in state competition.

Clerk Stephen reported the Municipal Building Community Room was opened as a shelter during the recent electric outage. She asked that Council Members inform individuals with breathing problems to contact the City office, Police Department or Fire Department during an outage. The Municipal Building and Fire Station have generators during outages.

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 Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
August 26, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
   Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
   Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

4. COMMUNICATIONS

5. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Approve Ordinance 537-13 Authorizing the Lease of Real Estate (Altamont Diary Bar).*

   B. *Approve Advertisement of Bids for Improvements to the South Wastewater Treatment Plant.*

   C. *Approve Garden Club Fall Festival, September 7, 2013, noon – 4:00 pm in Schmidt Park.*

   D.

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   G. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: August 23, 2013- 4:00 p.m.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
August 26, 2013

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on August 26, 2013, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Gerald White Jr; Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Charles W. Jones; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present – Gale Warner; Clyde Barr, Altamont News; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

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

Gale Warner addressed the Council concerning residency of Altamont City employees. He stated they should live close enough to use City utilities. No Council commitment was made to change residency requirements.

Ordinance 537-13; Authorizing the Lease of Real Estate (Altamont Dairy Bar) was presented to the Council. Commissioner Jones requested that "dram shop insurance" be stricken from the lease agreement, since sale of alcohol is not permitted at this location. Commissioner Jones motioned to approve the ordinance with the lease agreement change. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Mayor Taylor explained to those present that a special meeting was held to discuss improvements to the south wastewater treatment facility. Considering the possibility of an interest rate increase and anxious contractors, it has been suggested to proceed with bid advertisement. The Mayor will request IEPA's permission to place the solar covers as an option, thus saving $1 million of the project cost. Commissioner White motioned to proceed with the bid advertising. Commissioner Frailey seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Council approved the Garden Club Fall Festival to be held September 7, 2013, noon – 4:00 pm in Schmidt Park. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Williams seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Commissioner Frailey reported that on September 9, 2013 generator testing will be conducted with Cat, BHMG and City employees present.

Commissioner Williams reported new park signs are being ordered. The Schmidt Park clean up day was successful. Plans are being made to place metal roofing on the deteriorating pavilions #2 & 4.

Commissioner Jones reported streets are ready for oiling. The sewer has been connected for the new restrooms at Klitzing Park. Wurl Lane has been patched, making a smoother surface.

Mayor Taylor reported a pre construction meeting regarding the Safe Route to Schools project was held with Milano and Grunloh.

Clerk Stephen reported income surveys would be sent out in the next week. Businesses along North Second Street have been cooperative in offering letters to satisfy the RBEG grant process. Some progress has been made towards compliance at the Antrim building on North Third Street.

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 Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
September 09, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
   Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
   Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills

2. POLICE REPORT

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

5. COMMUNICATIONS

6. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Kyle Stuemke – Neighborhood Concerns*

   B. *Proclamation Declaring September 19, 2013 as Drive 4 Pledges Day.*

   C. *Approve Knights of Columbus Roadside Fundraiser Request, April 13, 2013.*

   D. *Discuss Recycling Drive*

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

   G. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: September 06, 2013- 4:00 p.m.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
September 09, 2013

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on September 09, 2013, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Gerald White Jr;; Commissioner Charles W. Jones; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present – Altamont Chief of Police, Alan Heiens; Don Williamson; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Jason Williams entered the meeting later.

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; and Mayor Taylor, yes. (Attachment 1)

Chief Alan Heiens presented the August 2013 Police Activity Report.

Kyle Stuemke was not present at the meeting as listed on the agenda.

Mayor Taylor read a proclamation declaring September 19, 2013 as Drive 4 Pledges Day.

Don Williamson spoke on behalf of the Effingham Knights of Columbus thanking the City Council for their past and future support. He indicated a portion of the donations are returned to the Altamont community. Commissioner White motioned to approve a request by the Knights of Columbus to conduct a roadside fundraiser on September 13, 2013. Commissioner Frailey seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Council discussed a recycling drive for a Saturday in October. A drive will be coordinated with the high school and conducted by WTW Salvage.

Commissioner White reported a telephone conference had been held with the Illinois EPA Director, her staff and the Mayor. A plea was made to bid solar covers separately as an “if needed” option. The Director will consult with the IEPA compliance staff after supporting information, proving ammonia levels will be within limits without the use of solar covers, is produced by Curry & Associates. Andy Curry visited the south plant with a contractor investigating money saving ideas. Mayor Taylor explained two generators are being added to the bid specifications. They will replace existing, out dated generators at the sub stations and bring consistency to the operations. Commissioner White stated he had been approached about semi’s driving down Third Street. Could signage be added, denying semi access? He was also questioned about brush removal along the railroad tracks. Those present explained the City does not own mowing equipment for such inclines. Other options will be investigated.

Commissioner Frailey reminded those present that generator testing would be conducted tonight beginning at 11:30 pm. The Electric Department has been working on outages and poles damaged by the recent storm. Derek Abendroth has accepted employment with another electric company and will be leaving City employment.

Commissioner Jones reported the Street Department has repaired a water leak and has been picking up trees and limbs from the storm damage.

Mayor Taylor reported a mapping group has requested permission to mow the I-70 interchanges. He will speak to IDOT officials about options for beautification of the area. He commended the Altamont Garden Club for the marvelous job of cleaning Schmidt Park. They raked and hauled six truckloads of brush from the park as a result of the storm. He also commended them for a successful fall festival.

Commissioner Williams entered the meeting at 6:30 pm. He reported the Klitzing Park restrooms should be complete in 2-3 weeks.

On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner White Council entered into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matters (5ILCS 120, Section 2, (c), (1)) Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
September 23, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

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

   A. *Approve Appointment of Scott Cutler to the Altamont Library Board, Replacing Nathan Scholes.*

   B. *Approve Halloween Parade October 26, 2013 at 2:00 pm.*

   C. *Approve Closing of South Edwards Street Between Division and Lincoln, October 26th During the Hours of 1:00 – 3:00 pm for Halloween Parade.*

   D. *Approved Masonic Lodge Request to Conduct Haunted Trail at Schmidt Park October 26th, 27th, & 30th 6:00 – 9:30 pm and October 31st 4:00 – 9:30 pm.*

   E. *Approve Ordinance 538-13; Authorizing Purchase of an Easement for Utility Purposes. (Schultz Property)*

   F. *Approve Home Town Mission Celebration, Sponsored by Altamont Christian Church, at Klitzing Park September 28th, 4:00-9:00 pm.*

   G. *Approve Closing of North Second Street Between Madison & Monroe, September 28th During the Hours of 4:00-9:00 for Home Town Mission Celebration.*

H. *Approve Ordinance 539-13; Amending Street Sign Ordinance.*

I. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: September 20, 2013- 4:00 p.m.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
October 3, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

Agenda

1. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Approve Contract for Water Department Underdrain and Media Installation for Filter #2.*

   B. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: October 01, 2013- 11:00 a.m.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
October 03, 2013

The Council of the City of Altamont met in special session at 11:00 am on October 03, 2013, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Gerald White Jr; Commissioner Charles W. Jones; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present – Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Richard Frailey and Jason Williams were absent.

Council approved a contract with Haier Plumbing and Heating under drain and media installation for filter #2 at the water plant in the amount of $29,400.00 Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
October 14, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
   Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
   Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills

2. POLICE REPORT

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

5. COMMUNICATIONS

6. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Approve Resolution 2013-10-10; Application for Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG).*

   B. *Discuss Addition of Liquor License Classification.*

   C. *Approve Roadside Fundraiser Request; Marine Corps League, November 1, 2013.*

   D. *Discuss Support of Business Advertisement.*

   E. *Discuss Grant Application for Booster Pump at Clear Well.*

   F.

   G. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matters 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, (c) (1) and Business Matters 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, (c) (23).*

   H. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: October 11, 2013- 4:00 p.m.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
October 14, 2013

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on October 14, 2013, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Charles W. Jones; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present – Alvin Oliver; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Gerald White Jr. was absent.

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

Chief Alan Heiens presented the September 2013 police activity report.

Alvin Oliver questioned the Council concerning payment of repaving of the parking area at Schmidt Park, used by the Dairy Bar. The Mayor explained that since it is City property, compensation is being provided for a portion of the repaving cost. Alvin Oliver reported some of the parking stops at Schmidt Park have been damaged. He asked if a new lease between the City and the Dairy Bar, reflecting the current building size, had been signed.

Resolution 2013-10-10; Application for Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The resolution provides commitment of $50,000 in Motor Fuel Funds for the project of resurfacing a portion of North Second Street and the intersection of West Division and Third Street. (Attachment 2)

Council discussed the possibility of creating a new liquor license classification for consumption on premise only. The current Class A license provides consumption on premise as well as package liquor sales. An ordinance amending the liquor code will be presented in the future.

Commissioner Frailey motioned to approve a roadside fundraiser request by the Marine Corps League for November 1, 2013. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Mayor Taylor explained to the Council a request has been received from a group of businesses for City support via tourism funds for one month rent of billboard advertising in the amount of $620.00. No objections were expressed by members present.

The Illinois Municipal Electric Association provides grant funding to the City of Altamont for improvements resulting in energy savings. Mayor Taylor explained the Water Department will be installing a new pump with the projected cost of $4060.00. The pump installation does qualify for the IMEA grant. Council members suggested using the $3395.00 grant to upgrade street lighting, which would yield savings to the overall public.

Commissioner Frailey reported the Street Department will be helping the Electric Department with line installation upgrades.

Commissioner Williams thanked the Masonic Lodge volunteers for their work in cleaning and mulching the trails at Schmidt Park. The PARKs group is handing over the Christmas lighting display to the Mapping Group. New lighting displays will be purchased for the upcoming season.

Commissioner Jones suggested that leaf pickup dates be established by the work crews rather than being delayed in wait for a council meeting. This year dates will be established by the week rather than by a quadrant on a specific day. Adequate public notice will be given.

Mayor Taylor reported the wastewater treatment plant improvement pre bid meeting was well attended by prospective bidders. Bids are due Thursday, October 17th, 1:00 pm.

Commissioner Frailey motioned to enter into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matters 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, (c) (1) and Business Matters 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, (c) (23). Commissioner seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
October 28, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
   Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
   Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

4. COMMUNICATIONS

5. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Approve Contracting SpectraTech to Line Sanitary Manhole at Edwards & Rt 40 in the Amount of $2,475.00.*

   B. *Award Bid for South Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements in the Amount of $3,846,950.00 to Haier Plumbing & Heating, Okawville, IL, Pending IEPA Loan Approval.*

   C. *Approve Ordinance 540-13; Amending Section 30-2-29 of the Altamont Municipal Code, Patrol Officers Age and Character.*

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

   G. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: October 25, 2013- 4:00 p.m.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
October 28, 2013

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on October 28, 2013, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Gerald White Jr.; Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Charles W. Jones; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present – Terry Hahn, Wastewater Department Supervisor; Clyde Barr, Altamont News; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

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

Commissioner White motioned to approve contracting SpectraTech to line a sanitary manhole at Edwards & Rt 40 for the amount of $2,475.00. Commissioner Frailey seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Commissioner White explained another leaking manhole has been discovered in East Meadows Subdivision, which it may be necessary to have it lined at the same time.

Council approved awarding the bid for the South Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements in the amount of $3,846,950.00 to Haier Plumbing and Heating of Okawville, IL, pending IEPA loan approval. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Williams seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Ordinance 540-13; Amending Section 30-2-29 of the Altamont Municipal Code regarding Patrol Officers Age and Character 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 Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The change brings the Municipal Code in line with the Personnel Manual regarding residency.

Commissioner White reported he was pleased with the bid prices received for the south wastewater treatment plant upgrade. He commented it would be nice to have enough funds to line all the manholes. Mayor Taylor suggested contacting South Central Regional Planning & Development to apply for a CDAP grant to line sewers, manholes and repairs to the north wastewater treatment plant. Commissioner White stressed the need for the grant application to be the next project to work with. The EPA evaluated the public water system on August 30th and found no deficiencies. The Water Department received an “A” rating.

Commissioner Frailey reported the electric line rebuild along So Rt 128 has been completed. Customers in the area should notice an improvement in their electric service.

Commissioner Jones reported the Safe Routes to Schools sidewalk project has been kicked off by setting forms along East Division Street. Leaf pickup will begin the week of November 4th and again the week of November 18th. No daily quadrants will be established in the schedule.

Mayor Taylor reported a stump grinder will be rented to eradicate 40 stumps within the City. Rental prices were received from Vermeer $3500 and JJET Leasing $1500 per month.

Commissioner Williams motioned to enter into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matters 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, (c) (1). Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
November 12, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
   Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
   Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills

2. POLICE REPORT

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

5. COMMUNICATIONS

6. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Christal Kneer, Illinois Agricultural Auditing Assn, Present FYE 2013 Audit.*

   B. *Approve Ordinance; 542-13; Authorizing Execution of IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement..*

   C. *Approve Ordinance 544-13; Amending Chapter 21 of Municipal Code Relating to Liquor Control (Adding Classification) and Determining # of Licenses Available.*

   D. *Announce Estimated Levy Amount FYE 2014.*

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   G. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: November 08, 2013- 4:00 p.m.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
November 12, 2013

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on November 12, 2013, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Charles W. Jones; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present – Alan Heiens, Altamont Chief of Police; Clyde Barr, Altamont News; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Gerald White Jr. and Commissioner Jason Williams were absent.

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; and Mayor Taylor, yes. (Attachment 1)

Police Chief Alan Heiens presented the October 2013 Police Activity Report. Mayor Taylor commented in follow up to citizen comments about traffic control on the north edge of the City stating people have been issued tickets when speeding 10 or more miles per hour over the speed limit.

Illinois Agricultural Auditing Association presented the audit for fiscal year ending 2013. They commented the report format was changed to comply with General Accounting Standards Practice. The new practice is better accepted by bonding companies. No deficiencies were discovered during the audit.

Ordinance 542-13; Authorizing Execution of IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The amount paid for 2014 insurance coverage under the Minimum/Maximum contribution option was $135,617.75 a 13% increase over last year.

Ordinance 544-13; Amending Chapter 21 of Municipal Code Relating to Liquor Control (Adding Classification) and Determining # of Licenses Available was tabled. Commissioner Jones felt the classification should be more specific to relate to video gaming locations.

Mayor Taylor announced the estimated levy for fiscal year ending 2014 is $175,200 after abatements of $406,430. This is a 4.57% increase over the prior year.

Commissioner Frailey reported the Electric Department has been grinding tree stumps, installing services and preparing for the new Joe’s Pizza location.

Commissioner Jones reported leaf pickup will be continuing.

Mayor Taylor provided the Illinois EPA loan details for the South Wastewater Treatment plant will total $4,634,005. The amount consists of construction costs $3,846,950; design engineering $314,265; construction engineering $347,381; legal fees $10,000 and a 3% contingency $115,409. The annual payment will be $282,433.

Mayor Taylor indicated an application for a Class A liquor license has been received from Phillip Evans for the location of 303 West Cumberland Road.

Clerk Stephen provided details for the amended appropriation ordinance. The net increase will be $58,720. This will bring the appropriation closer in line with the actual expenses. During the recent audit, differences of budget to actual raised many questions.

Clyde Barr asked the Council who the responsible party is for maintenance of the Route 128 shoulders at the south end of the City. Mayor Taylor explained an agreement between the City of Altamont and the State of Illinois was approved many years ago. The State is now recognizing the agreement and turning the maintenance over to the City of Altamont.

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; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
November 25, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
   Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
   Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

4. COMMUNICATIONS

5. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Approve Ordinance 545-13; Amending FYE 2014 Appropriation.*

   B. *Approve Ordinance 546-13; FYE 2014 Tax Levy.*

   C *Approve Ordinance 547-13; Abating Water Bond 2013 Tax Levy.*

   D. *Approve Ordinance 548-13; Abating Electric Bond 2013 Tax Levy.*

   E. *Approve Resolution 2013-11-11; Supporting Submission of IL Safe Routes to Schools Program Plan (Application Cycle 2013-2014).*

   F. *Approve 2014 Holidays.*

   G. *Approve Resolution 2013-11-12; Establishing 2014 Meeting Schedule.*

   H. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: November 22, 2013- 4:00 p.m.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
November 25, 2013

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on November 25, 2013, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Gerald White Jr.; Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Charles W. Jones; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present – Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

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

Ordinance 545-13; Amending the Fiscal Year Ending 2014 Appropriation was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The net increase to the appropriation is $58,720.00

Ordinance 546-13; FYE 2014 Tax Levy was approved on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The Tax Levy was established in the amount of $406,430; $175,200 after abatements.

Ordinance 547-13; Abating Water Bond 2013 Tax Levy 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 Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Abated amount is $153,056.

Ordinance 548-13; Abating Electric Bond 2013 Tax Levy was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Abated amount is $78,174.

Resolution 2013-11-11; Supporting Submission of IL Safe Routes to Schools Program Plan (Application Cycle 2013-2014) 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 Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The application will request funding of sidewalk installation along Grant Street from Tenth to Main. This grant cycle provides an 80% grant with 20% matching City funds required. (Attachment 2)

The 2014 Holiday Schedule was approved on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Resolution 2013-11-12; Establishing 2014 Meeting Schedule was approved. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Jones seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner

Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.   Meetings will be held the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6:00 pm unless a holiday interferes. (Attachment 3)

Commissioner White reported a letter has been received from IL EPA giving conditional approval of the Sewer Rate Ordinance and User Charge System regarding the south wastewater treatment plant upgrade. Two manholes were lined. Commissioner White suggested more manhole lining should be planned to stop infiltration during heavy rains.

Commissioner Frailey reported the transformer has been set at the new Joe's Pizza location and Christmas lights have been displayed.

Commissioner Williams reported the Ho Ho Land Christmas display has been assembled in Schmidt Park. The current committee is looking for two or three dedicated people to undertake the responsibility. They are also looking for volunteers to greet visitors of the display during December.

Commissioner Jones reported leaf pickup is almost complete.

Clerk Stephen reported Mike Shaw of South Central Illinois Regional Planning and Development called He reported 52.72% of the income surveys were completed.   These surveys will be valuable for four years to use in grant application processes. The next CDAP grant application deadline is February 2014 with a $450,000 maximum requiring 25% matching City funds. He suggested the City set priorities of projects to be complete and start the application process and to apply in two year increments. Council discussed determining the amount of sewer funds available as the foundation for a grant to line more sewer manholes with brick manholes and those under the highway to be lined first.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
December 09, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
   Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
   Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills

2. POLICE REPORT

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

5. COMMUNICATIONS

6. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Approve Ordinance 538-13; Authorizing Purchase of an Easement for Utility Purposes. (Schultz Property)*

   B. *Approve Ordinance 549-13; Amending Sewer Rates.*

   C *Approve Pay Request to Haier Plumbing in the Amount of $29,400, Underdrain & Filter Media Replacement.*

   D. *Discuss Electric Rate Increase*

   E. *Discuss Water Service at Altamont Mobile Home Court, North Ninth St.*

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   H. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: December 06, 2013- 4:00 p.m.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
December 09, 2013

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on December 09, 2013, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Gerald White Jr.; Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Charles W. Jones; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present – Altamont Chief of Police, Alan Heiens; Wastewater Dept. Supervisor, Terry Hahn; Clyde Barr, Altamont News; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

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

Chief Alan Heiens presented the November 2013 Police Activity Report.

Ordinance 538-13; Authorizing Purchase of an Easement for Utility Purposes (Schultz Property) 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 Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The easement provides City access to existing utilities and electric poles along personal property.

Ordinance 549-13; Amending Sewer Rates was approved upon a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The ordinance provides for a substantial increase to sewer rates as a result of improvements to the south wastewater treatment plant. Effective on the June 1, 2014 billing, monthly sewer rates will be charged as follows:

	Metered Services	Non-metered Services
Debt Service Charge	22.71	22.71
Basic User Rate	29.31	39.60
Minimum Charge	$52.02	$62.31
In excess of 1000 gallons	0.66 per 100 gallons	

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

A pay request to Haier Plumbing in the amount of $29,400 for underdrain and filter media replacement 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 Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Council discussed the possibility of an electric rate increase. Mayor Taylor provided reports from Illinois Municipal Electric Agency (provider for City of Altamont) reflecting the average cost of participating members. Commissioner Frailey questioned the increase since IMEA had previously stated there would not be any increases to kilowatt rates. Mayor Taylor explained the projected IMEA increase is 4% due to monthly operating costs. Commissioner Williams suggested an IMEA representative meet with the Council to explain the rate structure.

Commissioner White reported there was a sewer backup in Schmidt Park over the weekend. The nearby manhole was full of grease. Plans will be made for the City to install a back flow preventer to protect Schmidt Park restrooms and sewer lines.

Commissioner Frailey reported electric service at the new Joe's Pizza was completed.

Commissioner Williams reported it would soon be time to bid the mowing contract of City properties. Christmas light display in Schmidt Park is going well. Improvements to the small building could be done to keep the volunteers more comfortable in the cold weather.

Commissioner Jones reported two sections of sidewalk have been completed east of the high school along Division Street in conjunction with the Safe Routes to Schools grant.

Council discussed proceeding with filing of a lien against property at North Ninth Street for outstanding water billings.

Mayor Taylor reported the new employee health insurance provider has been changed to Blue Cross Blue Shield. The change will slightly lower premiums, offer a broader provider service base and lessen some co-pay costs for employees.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
December 23, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
   Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
   Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

4. COMMUNICATIONS

5. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Approve Ordinance 550-13; Amending Chapter 13 Revised Code of Ordinances (Mobile Housing Code.) Regulating the age of newly placed mobile homes.*

   B. *Approve Ordinance 541-13; Amending Chapter 21 of the Municipal Code Relating to Liquor Control (Class A-1 Video Gaming Entertainment Facility)*

   C *Approve Resolution 2013-12-13; Authorizing Approval of Loan with Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements in the Amount of $4,634,005.*

   D. *Approve Resolution 2013-12-14; Authorizing Execution of Contract Documents Regarding Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements. (Haier Plumbing & Heating in the Amount of $3,846,950)*

   E. *Approve 2014 Employee Assistance Program.*

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   G. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: December 20, 2013- 4:00 p.m.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
December 23, 2013

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on December 23, 2013, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Gerald White Jr.; Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Charles W. Jones; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present –Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

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

Ordinance 550-13; Amending Chapter 13 Revised Code of Ordinances (Mobile House Code) Regulating the age of newly placed mobile homes 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 Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The ordinance restricts mobile homes moved into the City of Altamont to be 10 years of age or newer. This regulation applies to mobile homes both inside and outside mobile home courts.

Ordinance 541-13; Amending Chapter 21 of the Municipal Code Relating to Liquor Control (Class A-1 Video Gaming Entertainment Facility) 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 Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The ordinance creates a new liquor license classification for entertainment gaming facilities to serve on premise consumption liquor only. The maximum number of A-1 class licenses is limited to two.

Resolution 2013-12-13; Authorizing Approval of Loan with Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements in the Amount of $4,634,005 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 Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The resolution approves the revised loan amount and authorizes Mayor Taylor to execute required documents.

Resolution 2013-12-14; Authorizing Execution of Contract Documents Regarding Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements (Haier Plumbing & Heating in the Amount of $3,846,950) was approved on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Resolution allows Mayor Taylor to execute necessary documents relating to the wastewater treatment plant improvements.

Council approved entering into an agreement with Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center to administer the 2014 Employee Assistance Program. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Commissioner White reported repairs are planned for columns in the water clear well at a cost of $1500.00.

Commissioner Frailey reported there was a seven hour outage on Saturday. Electric Department employees are exploring ways to improve the aged electric lines with as little disturbance to customers as possible. Engineers will be contacted for guidance on the improvements. An immediate remedy being implemented is tree trimming. Any need of tree removal will be discussed with the Tree Committee and those effected residents.

Commissioner Williams reported pavilion roof replacements are needed at Schmidt Park. Plans for project bidding are forthcoming. He congratulated the volunteers for the Schmidt Park Christmas Lighting display.

Commissioner Jones reported a weekend water main repair was completed along Rt 40 and crews did a good job on snow removal. Employee/department cooperation aided in ease of the tasks.

Mayor Taylor reported an Incubator Committee was being formed at the County level. The committee will provide guidelines for all incubator proprietors to use. They will provide paperwork for a small fee and assist in procuring a business for the locations.

Christmas lighting winners were announced as 1st place Richard & Debbie Frailey, 2nd place James Veteto and 3rd place Robin White. They will receive electric discounts of 100%, 50% and 25% respectively.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk