

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
January 13, 2014 - 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.
 - B.
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 - D.
 - E.
 - F.
 - G. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: January 10, 2014- 4:00 p.m.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING

January 13, 2014

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on January 13, 2014, 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 – Alan Heiens, Altamont Chief of Police; 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 Heiens presented the December 2013 Police Activity Report and the 2013 year end activity report.

Commissioner White congratulated the City crews for their work during the blizzard. He stated there was much cooperation to accomplish their tasks in such difficult conditions. The large lagoon at the south wastewater treatment plant has been drained in preparation of sludge removal. Annual report of the Sewer treatment facilities indicated the south plant influent of 123,944,000 gallons with effluent of 100,031,000. The north facility recorded influent was 53,140,000 gallons with 50,721,000 effluent gallons. The water department has been working to detect line breaks resulting from the frigid temperatures.

Commissioner Frailey commended the crews on a great job during the electric outage of the recent storm. An electric pole is in need of replacement from the storm. It has been discovered that fuses on the system need to be synchronized to eliminate outages. Engineers will be consulted to assist in the planning. The Electric Department will soon be advertising an employment position.

Commissioner Williams stated it is time once again to advertise for mowing bids of parks and cemetery. He suggested more detail expected tasks be included in the contract. Plans will be directed to award the bid during the last February meeting.

Commissioner Jones reported he received compliments about the work of City crews during the storm.

Mayor Taylor expressed his appreciation to Phil Schultz, Tom Roepke and Allen Schultz. Their efforts of assistance during the storm were greatly appreciated. He also thanked Altamont Dairy Bar and S&W Supermarket for their donation of lunch items for the City crews on Monday. He stated the City employees went above and beyond the call of duty to ensure safety for the residents of Altamont.

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.

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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January 27, 2014 - 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
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5. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Approve Advertising of Bids for 2014 Mowing Contract.*
 - B. *Approve BHMG to Conduct Annual Audit of the Continuous Parameter Monitoring System (CPMS) for the Fee of \$3,000.*
 - C. *Approve VFW Poppy Day Roadside Fundraiser to be Held May 2, 2014 with Alternate Date of May 9, 2014.*
 - D. *Approve DBH & Associates to Conduct FYE 2014 Audit for a Fee Not to Exceed \$12,000 and Additional Cost of \$5,000 to Conduct Audit of IEPA Loan Proceeds for South Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements.*
 - E. *Approve Ordinance 551-14; Authorizing Purchase of Real Estate. (First Baptist Church Property)*
 - F. *Approve Purchase of Chevrolet Impala Squad Car from Green Chevrolet via Illinois Joint Purchasing Program in the Amount of \$20,700.00.*
 - G. *Approve Ordinance 552-14; Authorizing Purchase of Easements for Utility Purposes (So Coles-Pagel/Unit 10 School).*
 - H. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: January 24, 2014- 4:00 p.m.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING

January 27, 2014

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on January 27, 2014, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Gerald White Jr.; Commissioner Jason Williams; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present – Josh Berger, Candidate for State Representative; Clyde Barr, Altamont News; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Charles W. 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)

Council approved advertising of bids for 2014 mowing contract. Motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Commissioner Frailey motioned to approve BHMG Engineers to conduct an annual audit of the continuous parameter monitoring system (CPMS) for the fee of \$3000.00. Commissioner White seconded the motion. The annual audit is required by IEPA.

A request by the VFW to conduct the Poppy Day roadside fundraiser on May 2, 2014 with an alternate date of May 9, 2014 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.

Council approved DBH & Associates to conduct the FYE 2014 audit for a fee not to exceed \$12,000 and an additional cost of \$5,000 to conduct an audit of IEPA loan proceeds for south wastewater treatment plant improvements. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Williams seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The initial audit cost increased by \$2,000.

Ordinance 551-14; Authorizing Purchase of Real Estate (First Baptist Church) 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. 12 acres will be purchased at a cost of \$78,000.00.

Council approved the purchase of a Chevrolet Impala Squad car from Green Chevrolet via Illinois Joint Purchasing Program in the amount of \$20,700.00. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Williams seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The purchase of a replacement car was budgeted in the current fiscal year. A Dodge Charger with high miles and expensive repairs will be taken out of service.

Ordinance 522-14; Authorizing Purchase of Easements for Utility Purposes (So Coles/Pagel/Unit 10 School) 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. A \$35,000 grant has been received for a new water line to service residents of South Coles Street.

Commissioner White reported the south wastewater treatment plant project is waiting for better weather. The water department is doing well.

Commissioner Frailey reported tree contractor bids are being investigated to assist in clearing limbs of electric line, which is creating many emergency electric outages. In February some employees will be attending a free boring machine training.

Commissioner Williams reported baseball sign up has started. Grants are being researched for Gilbert Park improvements. The park has many revamping needs such as pavilion repairs and upgrading bleachers to bring them into compliance with new regulations.

Mayor Taylor reviewed the economic development activity during 2013. He reported a County Grant Committee has been established. Their objective is to search for and write grants. Altamont has been invited to use the resources when they are operable. Consideration is being given to apply for another cycle of the Safe Routes to Schools grant.

The meeting was adjourned 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.

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
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February 10, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.**

Agenda

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2. POLICE REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
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6. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Approve Resolution 2014-02-1-01; Authorizing Approval of Loan Payoffs with National Bank for Refinancing of Engineering Services Relating to South Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project.*
 - B. *Approve Run for Linzi 5k Walk/Run April 26, 2014 9:30 am. Sponsored by ACHS Student Council benefiting Melanoma Research Foundation and Honoring Linzi Rector.*
 - C. *Discuss Establishing a 4-Way Stop at the Intersection of North Third and West Washington Streets.*
 - D.
 - E.
 - F.
 - G.
 - H. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: February 07, 2014- 4:00 p.m.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING

February 10, 2014

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on February 10, 2014, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Gerald White Jr.; Commissioner Jason Williams; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present –Alan Heiens, Altamont Chief of Police; Clyde Barr, Altamont News; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Charles W. 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 2014 Police Activity Report.

Resolution 2014-02-01; Authorizing Approval of Loan Payoffs with National Bank for Refinancing of Engineering Services Relating to South Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project 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 National Bank loans totaling \$250,000 will be refinanced with IEPA. (Attachment 2)

Council approved a request for the “Linzi 5k Walk/Run” to be held April 26, 2014 at 9:30 am. Commissioner Williams motioned for approval. Commissioner Frailey seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The run is sponsored by ACHS student council. Proceeds will benefit the Melanoma Research Foundation honoring Linzi Rector.

Council discussed establishing a 4-way stop at the intersection of North Third and West Washington Streets. Mayor Taylor explained a business owner mentioned to him many near misses have been witnessed at the intersection. A second area business owner agreed. The matter is being taken into consideration.

Commissioner White congratulated the ACHS boys basketball team for their National Trail Tournament championship. He reported a meeting was held with Mike Shaw, South Central Regional Planning & Development, to discuss submission of a CDAP grant application to line sewer manholes. Depending on the cost, lining of twenty of the most seriously decaying manholes will be requested. The City would need to provide 25% of the funding. Income survey and manhole location information will be compiled to assist with grant application.

Commissioner Frailey reported the generation plant has experienced a frozen fuel line. Temporary lines were built and new permanent lines should be completed this week. Also, it has been recommended the diesel tank be insulated. Employment applications are being reviewed for hiring an electric lineman. Commissioner Frailey asked the Council to consider hiring of summer help.

Commissioner Williams reported mowing bids have been advertised and will be opened on Monday February 17th. He is considering making the contract a two year term. No objections were voiced by those present.

Mayor Taylor provided a report of the Effingham County Vision 20/20 Community Survey Results. The Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Insurance has provided a quote for optional equipment breakdown coverage at a cost of \$1260.00. This would be an approximate cost savings of \$10,000.00. The policies will be compared.

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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5. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Award 2014 Mowing Bid.*
 - B. *Approve Legion Poppy Days Roadside Fundraiser Request for American Legion Post #512.*
 - C.
 - D.
 - E.
 - F.
 - G.
 - H. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: February 21, 2014- 4:00 p.m.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING

February 24, 2014

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on February 24, 2014, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Gerald White Jr.; Commissioner Jason Williams; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present –Clyde Barr, Altamont News; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Charles W. 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 Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. (Attachment 1)

A comparison of the 2013 mowing contract and 2014 mowing bids was presented to the Council. Commissioner Williams motioned to accept PLC Inc mowing bid of \$1,390.00 in addition to \$25.00 per hour per man for cleanup of stones at Union Cemetery and mowing of ditches at the parks and Union Cemetery. Commissioner White seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

A roadside fundraiser request from American Legion Post #512 was reviewed. Commissioner White motioned to approve the fundraiser for only one day, as the rules state, for April 11, 2014. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Commissioner White reported notice has been received from DCEO awarding a \$50,000 grant for sewer manhole lining. This is in addition to the \$35,000 DCEO grant for a water line at South Coles Street. A grant application is being sought for a further funding to line sewer manholes. A grant planning meeting was held with Mike Shaw of South Central Regional Planning and Development. Basis for the grant must be a low to moderate income of more than 52%, based on an income survey conducted by the City in 2013. The manholes on Rt 128 are preferred for the project. However, a target area will be selected to reflect the greatest need for grant funding of the project. 25% of the project cost provided by the City may be payment in kind to included administrative costs, man hours and equipment used. Commissioner White also reported the recent rains and thawing of ice and snow raised the reservoir level 15 inches.

Commissioner Frailey reported the diesel fuel lines at the generation plant have been rebuilt. Neil Barns has been hired to the Electric Department.

Commissioner Williams reported signup for all age group ball teams will be March 8, 9, & 15. Annual cleanup of Union Cemetery will be held March 29th at 9:00 am. Those wishing to keep any ground decorations currently on display, should remove them prior to March 29th. Any volunteer groups wishing to help with the cleanup may contact the City office.

Mayor Taylor reported the Street Department is removing three gumball trees at the request of a resident who will be planting replacement trees of another variety. He stated Do It Drive is deteriorating due to the harsh winter. He commented, "It will be an expensive year for motor fuel funds." He has been gathering letters of support from businesses for the grant application to improve the intersection of Division and Third Streets. A meeting was held with Susie Jaynes of IML Risk Management regarding the equipment insurance coverage. A quote has been received

by them for equipment breakdown coverage and is being compared to a current policy provided by RW Troxell.

Clerk Stephen asked the Council their opinion of employees retaining CDL licenses, given the change in State licensing law. Council members expressed their belief in employees keeping a Class A license since departments often assist each other. Emergency situations may put them in a position to necessitate driving a restricted vehicle. The Municipal Clerk's of Illinois were praised for stamping out a house bill which would have required municipalities to submit all ordinances and resolutions to the Illinois State Comptroller.

A recent Standard & Poor's rating was provided to the Council. The City's general obligation debt was upgraded two points, from A- to A+. This is a positive reflection of the Council's management efforts of the General Funds only and does not include the utility funds.

The meeting was adjourned 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.

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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March 10, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.**

Agenda

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2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
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5. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Approve 1Year Extension of Mowing Contract with PLC Inc, to End December 31, 2015.*
 - B. *Approve Three Year Community Partnership Agreement with CEFS Economic Opportunity. (Energy Assistance Programs)*
 - C *Approve Ordinance 553-14; Fair Housing Ordinance*
 - D. *Approve Pay Request #1 to Haier Plumbing & Heating in the Amount of \$89,069.98 Regarding South WWTP Improvements.*
 - E.
 - F.
 - G.
 - H. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: March 07, 2014- 4:00 p.m.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING

March 10, 2014

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on March 10, 2014, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Charles W. Jones; Commissioner Jason Williams; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present –Clyde Barr, Altamont News; 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 Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Jones, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. (Attachment 1)

Council approved extending the mowing contract with PLC Inc (Justin Osteen & Matt Holste) an additional year, making the ending date December 31, 2015. Commissioner Williams motioned for approval. Commissioner Jones seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Commissioner Williams asked the Council for consideration of a 3-4% built in increase in the mowing contract for excessive fuel price increases. It was determined such provisions could not be made at this time, but if prices did greatly increase, the contract may be revisited.

Council approved a Three Year Community Partnership Agreement with CEFS. Commissioner Frailey motioned for approval. Commissioner Jones seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Ordinance 553-14; Fair Housing Ordinance 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 ordinance improves on the current Municipal Code to address CDAP funding.

Council approved Pay Request #1 to Haier Plumbing & Heating in the Amount of \$89,069.98 for South WWTP Improvements. Commissioner Williams motioned for approval. Commissioner Jones seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Commissioner Frailey reported prices are being researched for a 16" auger and stump grinder attachments. The Electric Department has changed lights on East Division to cost saving LED's. Josh Shamhart, Neil Barns and Cory Harris have achieved their Class A CDL permits.

Commissioner Williams reported PLC Mowing Service will be picking up limbs in the parks and Union Cemetery.

Commissioner Jones reported the salt bin has been enlarged to accommodate for storage of road salt. He mentioned much road maintenance will be needed this year as a result of the severe winter.

Mayor Taylor reported a request for loan funds has been submitted to IEPA for expenses incurred for the South WWTP improvement project. A loan at National Bank was extended in anticipation of receiving the loan funds.

Council determined the City Wide Clean up days will be held April 28th thru May 1st. The same schedule will be followed. Customers should watch for notices in the local newspaper.

Commissioner Frailey stated he was approached with a request to remove the stop sign on Main Street at the intersection of Monroe. Mayor Taylor replied the sign would not be removed because of Klitzing Park.

Clerk Stephen stated late notice was received of plans for the “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes” fundraiser sponsored by SAFE. The event will be held March 21, 2014 at the Altamont High School. Participants will walk from the High School, west on Division Street, north on Main, around the Triangle and return to the High School along the same route. It was determined prior Council approval was not necessary since participants will be walking the sidewalks.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

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 - A. *Gary Pfenninger; Drainage Between 711 & 713 Meadows Street.*
 - B. *Approve Irwin Telescopic Mission Possible Walk/Run, May 17, 2014.*
 - C. *Approve Ordinance 554-14; Amending Chapter 35 Tree Code.*
 - D. *Approve Advertising Sewer Rodder, Tar Kettle and Hydraulic Jack Hammer for Sale via Craig's List.*
 - E. *Discuss Salary Increases for Future Council.*
 - F.
 - G.
 - H. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: March 21, 2014- 4:00 p.m.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING

March 24, 2014

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on March 24, 2014, 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 –Gary & Loretta Pfenninger; Alan Heiens, Altamont Chief of Police; Terry Hahn, Sewer Department Supervisor; 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 White and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. (Attachment 1)

Chief Heiens presented the February 2014 Police Activity Report. Commissioners asked for more detail of the reported scam. Chief Heiens stated a caller claimed to be from the Internal Revenue Service and the person owed money. The caller instructed the person to purchase gift cards at Dollar General and send them for payment.

Commissioner Jones entered the meeting at this time.

Gary & Loretta Pfenninger, 713 Meadows St, addressed the Council regarding the ditch on the west side of their house. They stated the ditch does not drain and is eroding. The water is accumulating within two feet of their basement windows. They offered to purchase any materials needed if the City would repair the problem. Commissioner Jones suggested cleaning the length of the waterway. Mayor Taylor stated the situation would be considered for a solution.

Council approved Irwin Telescopic Seating to Sponsor a “Mission Possible” Walk/Run on May 17, 2014. Commissioner Jones motioned for approval. Commissioner Frailey seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Ordinance 554-14, Amending Chapter 35 Tree Code was amended 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. The amendment provides prohibiting the planting of Ash trees and regulates the standards for topping trees.

Commissioner Jones motioned to advertise the sewer rodding machine and hydraulic jack hammer for sale via Craig’s List, but to not sell the tar kettle. Commissioner Frailey seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Mayor Taylor asked the Council to consider salary increases for future council member. Commissioner White stated in this economy he did not think it was wise to raise the salary. Commissioner Frailey agreed.

Commissioner White reported the Water Department received the annual CCR report. All standards were met. A resident has requested some assistance with erosion in the creek area near his property. Since rip rap is being removed from the wastewater treatment plant, Commissioner White asked the opinion of the Council about providing rip rap to the resident. Commissioner Jones suggested stockpiling additional rip rap.

Terry Hahn, Sewer Department Supervisor, gave a progress report of the south wastewater treatment plant project. The sludge has been removed and knifed into area fields. Rip rap is being removed from the banks.

Commissioner Frailey reported changing of street lights on Division Street was complete. Trees were being removed along South Fourth Street. The Electric Department has expressed interest in purchasing of a stump grinder attachment for the Bobcat. The attachment may prove to be a safer stump grinding tool. Neil Barns will be attending lineman's boot camp beginning on April 4th. Commissioner Frailey questioned if supervisors should attend a thirty hour OSHA safety training. He asked if it would be in the best interest of the City to contract a safety person?

Commissioner Jones stated the Street & Alley Department has been patching streets, repairing water leaks, and cutting trees. A master water shut off valve has been installed at Gilbert Park. He stated additional help will be needed when the Safe Routes to Schools sidewalk project starts.

Mayor Taylor reported the IMEA Energy Conservation Committee will again sponsor a refrigerator recycling campaign. \$50.00 for each recycled refrigerator will be paid to the customer. A homemade trailer, built some time ago, by the Electric Department was traded to R&H Plumbing & Heating for use of a new boring machine locator attachment. One committee of the Mapping program is organizing a punch ticket event to be held in conjunction with German Heritage Weekend. The punch tickets will encourage visiting downtown businesses.

Commissioner Williams, who was absent from the meeting, requested the Council's direction to have the Gilbert and Schmidt Parks pavilions roofed. Council requested Commissioner Williams obtain a project estimate.

Clerk Stephen explained a request has been received from an area church to conduct a service in the Community Room. Council members stated they were not in favor of opening the room to Church's. The community room is intended for residents use.

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.

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
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April 11, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.**

Agenda

1. AGENDA ITEMS

A. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Operation of Municipal Utility 5
ILCS 120, Section 2, (c) (23).*

B. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: April 08, 2014- 11:00 a.m.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
April 11, 2014

The Council of the City of Altamont met in special session at 11:00 am on May 11, 2014, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present at the start of the meeting: Commissioner Charles W. Jones; Commissioner Frailey; Commissioner Williams and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present – Bob Childers and Kevin Gaden, President & CEO of Illinois Municipal Electric Agency; Josh Shamhart, Electric Department Supervisor and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Gerald White Jr. entered the meeting later.

On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Frailey, Council entered into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Operation of Municipal Utility 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, (c) (23). 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 Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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April 14, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.**

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5. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Approve Roadside Fundraiser Request, United Way of Effingham County, September 6, 2014.*
 - B. *Approve Memorandum of Understanding Agreement Between City of Altamont and C.E.F.S./Golden Circle Nutrition Center.*
 - C. *Approve BHMG Generator Emission Testing Proposal in the Amount of \$12,500.*
 - D. *Discuss 2014 Project List.*
 - E. *Approve Advertising of Bids for Replacement of Municipal Building Roof.*
 - F.
 - G.
 - H. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: April 11, 2014- 4:00 p.m.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING

April 14, 2014

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on April 14, 2014, 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 – 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)

A Roadside Fundraiser Request from United Way of Effingham County for September 6, 2014 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.

Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding Agreement between the City of Altamont and C.E.F.S./ Golden Circle Nutrition Center. 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. The term of the agreement is October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2016.

Council approved BHMFG Generator Emission Testing Proposal in the Amount of \$12,500. Proposals were received by IMEA from BHMFG and Altorfer. IMEA recommended BHMFG due to the cost. Testing of catalytic converter emissions and required IEPA reporting will be submitted. Commissioner Frailey 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.

Advertising for Bids for Replacement of Municipal Building Roof 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. It was discovered during a recent rain that the metal roof is leaking and needs replaced.

Council reviewed a 2014 Anticipated Achievements project list. The list includes grant applications and projects such as installation of sidewalks and water main, street maintenance and sewer maintenance. Mayor Taylor stated an additional project will be a sink hole that was discovered on West John Adams. There are many projects to complete. Council discussed hiring of seasonal help via temporary service companies.

Commissioner White reported the Reservoir is a normal pool. The water quality report will soon be in the Altamont News and available on the website.

Commissioner Frailey reported there is a need to rent a pot hole machine for a month in the amount of \$3200. He provided a list of projects that can be accomplished faster, safer and less obtrusive. Curbing has been removed on West Madison allowing easier movement of

equipment to/from the City PCB building. Neil Barns has completed boot camp training and will be attending Lab 1 of lineman's training. Commissioner Frailey asked opinions of the Council regarding summer hours for those employees working outside. Hours requested were 6:30 – 3:00 beginning May 1st. Mayor Taylor stated last summer a considerable amount of overtime was paid out due to the same hours and he could appreciate employees wanting the hours during hot weather. Commissioner Jones recommended the hours not change until hot weather. Commissioner White also recommended a delay in the change until hot weather.

Commissioner Williams reported Schmidt Park pavilions and garage are in need of new roofs. He estimated a material cost of \$6300. The Lions Club Concession stand at Gilbert Park is also in need of replacement, but the cost will be substantially greater and may need to be done in another fiscal year. 220 youth have signed up for league play this year. New signs are being made for Gilbert and Klitzing parks. He is planning a picture and presentation to the volunteers who assisted with the restrooms at Klitzing Park.

Commissioner Jones reported street patching is being conducted. City wide cleanup begins April 28th. The hydraulic jack hammer has been sold for \$4200. Extension for trenching equipment is needed at a cost of \$1000. Commissioner Jones arranged a meeting with Greg Koester, Effingham County Engineer regarding repairs to Do It Drive and Ewing Street. At locations with yard and landscape debris left curbside for pickup, the Street Department will leave a door hanger explaining the debris must be bagged for pickup.

Mayor Taylor reported he attended an Interagency Funding Workshop where he received grant opportunity information.

Clerk Stephen reported loan funds were received from IEPA allowing the Sewer Department loans at National Bank to be paid off and Curry Engineering to be paid to date.

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 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
April 28, 2014 - 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, Lions Club Tootsie Pop Day, June 14, 2014.*
 - B. *Approve Grant Writing Services Agreement with South Central Regional Planning and Development Commission to Submit \$55,000 Grant Application to DCEO for Sewer Manhole Lining at the Cost of \$2,500.*
 - C. *Announce Public Hearing May 12, 2014 5:30 pm, Community Development Block Grant for Sewer Manhole Lining.*
 - D. *Approve Mosquito Larviciding Program with Effingham County Health Department, Ending October 31, 2014.*
 - E. *Approve Pay Request #2 to Haier Plumbing & Heating in the Amount of \$171,022.10 Regarding South WWTP Improvements.*
 - F.
 - G.
 - H. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: April 25, 2014- 4:00 p.m.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING

April 28, 2014

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on April 28, 2014, 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 – Alan Heiens, Altamont 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 March 2014 Police Activity Report.

A Roadside Fundraiser Request for Lions Club Tootsie Pop Day, June 14, 2014 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.

Council approved a Grant Writing Services Agreement with South Central Regional Planning & Development Commission. 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. SCRPDC will submit a grant application for lining sewer manholes for a cost of \$2500. The grant requests \$55,000 of DCEO funding.

Council approved a public hearing to be held May 12, 2014 at 5:30 pm concerning the Community Development Block Grant for sewer manhole lining. 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.

Council approved an agreement with the Effingham County Health Department for Mosquito Larviciding Program on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The annual cost of the program is \$650.00.

Council approved a pay request to Haier Plumbing & Heating in the amount of \$171,022.10 for the south wastewater treatment plant improvements project. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Commissioner Williams seconded. The amount represents materials purchased for the project.

Commissioner White reported the Reservoir was 3" below, but due to recent rains is 3" over the spillway. During a recent mock OSHA inspection conducted by the City's insurance carrier, it was discovered the Water and Sewer Departments need to purchase cabinets for storage of flammable liquids. The Water Department will be installing safety features to the catwalks. The

water quality report will be published in the Altamont News. Commissioner White explained the South Coles Street water line project has been delayed due to difficulties in obtaining an easement. The plans may need to be changed if an agreement cannot be reached.

Commissioner Frailey reported Neil Barns will be attending training for lineman's lab 1. The leased vacuum excavator is being fully utilized by all departments.

Commissioner Williams reported Klitzing Park restrooms are almost complete. He requested Schmidt Park pavilions and the Lion's Club concession stand be included in the advertisement for roofing bids. The weekend tournament hosted twelve teams. The Families of Inferno organization worked to cleanup Gilbert Park in preparation for the tournament. A new scoreboard is being installed at diamond D. He expressed his appreciation to the P.A.R.K.s group for their fundraising efforts to purchase the scoreboard.

Commissioner Jones reported a sinkhole was repaired on West John Adams where a sewer and storm drain damages were discovered. Effingham County has been contacted to assist in repair of the Do It Drive entrance and Ewing Street. The cost will be approximately \$1000 per day, which may be paid with Motor Fuel Funds.

Mayor Taylor reported the communities who joined electric aggregation programs are experiencing large increases in future rates. IMEA will once again be offering the refrigerator reclamation program. The City of Altamont currently has \$11,000 grant funds with IMEA for electric conservation projects.

Commissioner White commented the vacuum excavator is an impressive machine. He questioned if City funds were available to purchase or should the equipment be leased. Mayor Taylor remarked the machine would not be available on short notice if leasing. A purchase quote of \$56,000 has been received from Vermeer. Commissioner Frailey stated this machine was far better than previously demonstrated models.

Clerk Stephen reported all employees have completed the ten hour OSHA safety training. During the training, it was mentioned that all employees in a work zone should be wearing steel toe or composite footwear. Council was asked about furnishing or sharing the cost of such footwear. An amendment to the Employee Policy will be prepared for approval at a future meeting. A notice of the approaching sewer rate increase is being finalized and will be sent to all sewer customers prior to the May billing.

Mayor Taylor stated the safety code has been re-written to 1600 pages of instructions. IMUA will be providing a condensed version for member communities.

The meeting was adjourned 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.

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY OF ALTAMONT
PUBLIC HEARING
May 12, 2014 - 5:30 p.m.
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS**

*Community Development Block Grant Project
Sewer Manhole Lining*

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
May 12, 2014 - 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. *Recognize Sergeant Cotton for Award of Valor Received from ILEAS for Service on the SWAT Team.*
 - B. *Approve Resolution 2014-05-02; CDAP Grant Application for Sewer Manhole Lining.*
 - C. *Approve Advertising of Bids for Garbage Collection.*
 - D. *Approve Employee Policy Amendment; City Providing Safety Boots.*
 - E. *Approve Memorial Day Parade May 26, 2014, 10:00 am Requested by Masonic Lodge.*
 - F. *Approve German Heritage Day, June 7, 2014 10:00 – 2:00 at Klitzing/Heritage Park.*

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING

May 12, 2014

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on May 12, 2014, 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 – Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief; Altamont Sergeant Jonathon Cotton; Shelli & Wittni Cotton; Terry Hahn, Wastewater Department Supr; Chris & Tracy Sutter; Rep of Doty Sanitation; 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 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)

Chief, Alan Heiens, presented the April 2014 Police Activity Report.

Chief Heiens recognized Sergeant John Cotton who received an Award of Valor from ILEAS.

Resolution 2014-05-02; CDAP Grant Application for Sewer Manhole Lining 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. (Attachment 2)

Council approved advertising of bids for garbage collection. 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. The current contractor, Jim Ray of Ray's Sanitation will be retiring June 30, 2014.

An employee policy amendment 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. The amendment provides \$100 per year employee reimbursement for required steel toe/composite footwear.

A request by the Masonic Lodge to conduct a Memorial Day Parade on May 26, 2014 at 10:00 am was approved on a motion by Commissioner White. 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.

Council approved German Heritage Day, June 7, 2014 10:00 – 2:00 at Klitzing/Heritage Park with any necessary street closings. Motion for approval was made 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.

Ordinance 555-14; Legal Counsel Appointment Ordinance 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. Taylor Law will provide legal services.

Ordinance 556-14; Appointment Ordinance 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. All Department Supervisors were re-appointed to their positions.

Due to meeting conflicts the March 27th meeting was rescheduled to May 30th at 11:30 am. 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 White had nothing to report.

Commissioner Frailey reported the new pole yard location was being prepared. Old poles have been discarded. The vacuum extractor has been used to move a water service.

Commissioner Williams reported an awesome opening day was held at Gilbert Park. 200 plus kids were present. A new sign will be erected at Gilbert Park entrance.

Commissioner Jones reported Gilbert Park water leaks have been repaired. Maintenance to North Main Street surface is being done, with the help of Mound Township, in an attempt to create a smoother surface.

Mayor Taylor had nothing to report.

Council entered into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Collective Bargaining 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, 2 (c) (2). 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.

Following Executive Session, Council approved a three year labor contract with the Illinois Council of Police. Commissioner White motioned for contract approval. Commissioner Williams seconded. 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

G. *Approve Ordinance 555-14; Legal Counsel Appointment Ordinance.*

H. *Approve Ordinance 556-14; Appointment Ordinance.*

I. *Reschedule May 27, 2014 Council Meeting.*

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

K. *Action as a Result of Executive Session*

L. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: May 09, 2014- 4:00 p.m.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
May 30, 2014 - 11:30 a.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 Request of American Legion Post 512 for Controlled Burn to Conduct Flag Retirement Ceremony June 14th, 7:00 pm, Schmidt Park.*
 - B. *Approve Resolution 2014-05-03; Authorizing the Execution of a Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement and the Existence and Formation of the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System by Intergovernmental Cooperation.*
 - C. *Approve Intergovernmental Agreement Between City and Effingham County for Geographic Information System maps in the Amount of \$5,000 which has been abated by the County of Effingham Board.*
 - D.
 - E.
 - F.
 - G.
 - H. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: May 28, 2014- 11:30 a.m.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING

May 30, 2014

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a rescheduled session at 11:30 am on May 30, 2014, in the Community Room 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 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)

Council approved a request of the American Legion Post 512 for Controlled Burn to Conduct a Flag Retirement Ceremony on June 14, 2014, 7:00 pm in Schmidt Park. 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. The public is invited to attend.

Resolution 2014-05-03; Authorizing the Execution of a Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement and the Existence and Formation of the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System by Intergovernmental Cooperation 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.

Council approved an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and Effingham County for Geographic Information System maps in the Amount of \$5,000 which has been abated by the County of Effingham Board. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The annual fee was increased from \$4,000 to \$5,000. However, the total fee was waived by the Effingham County Board.

Commissioner White reported rip rap was being removed and dirt is being moved at the South Wastewater Treatment plant. He reported the cost of bacteria packets for the sewer lagoons has increased to \$300 a month. The bacteria will be needed for the remainder of the summer. Commissioner Jones suggested bidding the purchase.

Commissioner Frailey reported the Electric Department is working on the Jackson Street line replacement.

Commissioner Williams reported the parks are busy. He congratulated the Altamont Girls Softball team for advancing to the super sectional.

Commissioner Jones reported summer employees have started. Street repairs at the entrance of Do It Drive have begun. Ewing Street surface work is planned as well as the loose shoulders will be cleaned.

Mayor Taylor reported the new squad car is ready to be picked up.

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
June 09, 2014 - 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. *Award Garbage Contract for Services Beginning July 1, 2014.*
 - B. *Approve Ordinance 557-14 Amending Garbage Rates.*
 - C. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matters 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, (c) (1).*
 - D. *Action as a Result of Executive Session.*
 - E.
 - F.
 - G.
 - H. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: June 06, 2014- 11:30 a.m.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING

June 09, 2014

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on June 09, 2014, 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 – Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk as well as those on the attached Meeting Attendance Roster.

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 May 2014 Police Activity Report. Commissioner Williams asked Chief Heiens if it would be possible to re-instate the neighborhood watch program.

Mayor Taylor read the results of garbage contract bids received and opened on May 30th. DBS Disposal was the lowest bidder at \$1713.46 per week. Commissioner White spoke in favor of Doty Sanitation and the totes provided in the service. He expressed he liked the appearance of the totes on trash day in other communities and would like the Council to consider Doty Sanitation. Commissioner Frailey commented the large totes look uniform, but could be difficult for the aged to handle. Commissioner Jones agreed. Commissioner Williams stated the cost issue needs to be realized at this time. Commissioner Jones approved awarding the contract to DBS Disposal. Commissioner Frailey seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, no; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The contract will be for one year beginning July 1, 2014 with the option of a three year renewal.

Bill Reed asked the Council to explain the new sewer rate increase and if any government assistance was available. Mayor Taylor provided the development of the south wastewater treatment plant improvements and the IEPA mandates handed to the City. Joe Luchtefeld asked if the rate would decrease after the 20 year IEPA loan was satisfied and questioned the cost of the loan payment. He listed expenses of a single income person and asked how they were expected to pay such an increase. Charles Scholes asked why the public was not notified. Commissioner White explained a letter detailing the situation was sent to all sewer users and the Altamont News had reported the project many times in their coverage of Council meetings. Susan Martin expressed concern about the cost. Commissioner Williams stated Commissioner White and the Mayor needed everyone's support and that IEPA gave no choice in the matter. He also commented that when referring to "the City" reference is not to a fictitious body, but rather neighbors in the community. He assured the Council would continue to work for solutions to reduce the cost. Mayor Taylor urged residents to contact the elected officials, to which Joe Luchtefeld agreed and stated it was extremely easy via the internet. He suggested the City place an ad in the paper asking for help in requesting government assistance and that all residents participate. Chris Horste entered the meeting later. The information was recapped for him.

Susan Martin requested the City to spray for mosquitoes on their street.

Council discussed a reduction in the garbage rates. Mayor Taylor recommended a reduction from \$14.25 to \$10.00 per month. Commissioner White motioned to approve Ordinance 557-14 at a rate of \$10.00 per month beginning with July 2014 usage. Commissioner Frailey seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Commissioner White reported at the north wastewater treatment plant the fan motors are not operating properly. A water leak under the MoPac Railroad has caused the section of water main to be shut down.

Commissioner Frailey reported trees have been removed on South Fourth Street in preparation for repairs to primary and secondary electric lines.

Commissioner Williams reported restrooms are completed and open at Klitzing Park. He congratulated the Altamont Lady Indians Softball Team for the Class 1A Championship. He asked the Council if it would be possible to challenge the IEPA regarding some of the south wastewater treatment plant improvements, in an attempt to reduce costs.

Commissioner Jones reported street patching is progressing. Do It Drive has been repaired with the assistance of the County Highway Department. Repairs to North Main are being explored.

Council entered into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, (c) (1) on a motion by Commissioner Williams. 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.

Upon returning to open session Commissioner Williams motioned to award a 3% increase to all employees, increase weekend park cleaning from \$20 to \$30 per day, and increase part time police officers to \$10.00 per hour. 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
June 23, 2014 - 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 558-14 Ascertaining Prevailing Wage Rate.*
 - B. *Approve Roadside Fundraiser Request; Lighthouse Baptist Church, July 19th, 7am-11am to Support Youth Group Activities.*
 - C. *Approve Lion's Club Food Drive, July 15, 2014, on Triangle, 8:00 am – noon.*
 - D. *Recognize Jim Ray of Ray's Sanitation for 30 Years of Service.*
 - E. *Approve Special Liquor License for Wright Mansion Wine Tasting Event; September 13, 2014.*
 - F. *Approve Establishment of an Acreage Rental Price for Cutting of Grass/Hay Property.*
 - G.
 - H. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: June 20, 2014- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING

June 23, 2014

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on June 23, 2014, 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 – LeRoy Tucker; Kenneth Ginn; Bill Reed; Clyde Barr, Altamont News and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk as well as those on the attached Meeting Attendance Roster. Commissioner Richard Frailey 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 White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. (Attachment 1)

Resident Bill Reed addressed the Council with concerns of employee safety of the sanitation company. Mayor Taylor explained a new sanitation company would be starting July 1st.

Ordinance 558-14; Ascertaining Prevailing Wage Rate, was approved 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.

Council approved a roadside fundraiser request made by the Lighthouse Baptist Church, July 19th, 7am- 11am to support youth group activities. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Jones seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

A request by the Altamont Lion's Club to conduct a food drive on July 15, 2014 on the Triangle from 8:00 – noon was approved by the Council. Commissioner Jones motioned to approve. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Mayor Taylor recognized Jim Ray, Ray's Sanitation for 30 years of service to the City of Altamont. Mayor Taylor stated – He has served the community well, has been an asset to the community and is an all-around good guy. Congratulations were expressed to Jim for his recent retirement. Mr. Ray was not present at the meeting.

A special liquor license was approved for the Wright Mansion Wine Tasting Event to be held September 13, 2014. Commissioner Jones motioned for approval. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Council discussed establishing an acreage rental price for cutting of grass/hay on City owned property near the reservoir and wastewater treatment plant. Mayor Taylor stated an agreement and proof of insurance should be obtained from each tenant. Commissioner Jones stated the rental price could not be a great amount since the reservoir land cannot be improved with chemicals. However, property at the wastewater treatment plant and the generation plant will allow for improvements. A rent of \$50.00 was mentioned. The matter was tabled for a future meeting.

Commissioner White congratulated Deidra Ledbetter and Lauren White for being selected All State 1st team by the IHSA; Lauren & Madison Ohnesorge for 2nd team and Josie Phillips for 3rd team.

Commissioner White reported progress of south wastewater treatment plant improvements as the first lagoon cell is being filled and the second lagoon cell is being built.

Commissioner Jones reported Street & Alley Department is installing 269 new traffic signs as part of a grant project. The vacuum excavator has been a tremendous help in placing new posts.

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.

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
July 14, 2014 - 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. *Present Appropriation FYE 2015.*
 - B. *Approve Resolution for 2014 Maintenance of Streets.*
 - C. *Approve Resolution 2014-07-04; Effingham County Fair Parade.*
 - D.
 - E.
 - F.
 - G.
 - H. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: July 11, 2014- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING

July 14, 2014

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on July 14, 2014, 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 – Alan Heiens, Altamont 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 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)

Altamont Police Chief Alan Heiens presented the June 2014 Police Activity Report.

Mayor Taylor presented the FYE 2015 appropriation in the amount of \$9,537,327. The amount includes \$3.4 million cost of the south wastewater treatment plant project. A public hearing regarding the appropriation will be held prior to the July 28th Council meeting.

Council approved a Resolution for 2014 Maintenance of Streets on a motion by Commissioner Jones. Motion was 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 estimated cost is \$73,000.

Resolution 2014-07-04 regarding Effingham County Fair Parade 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.

Commissioner White reported the clear well has been repaired by Beccue Construction for the amount of \$1,790 a substantial savings over the first repair estimate by another company in the amount of \$39,000. A flow chart of the south wastewater treatment plant project was provided to the Council. Engineers have been requested to produce progress a report before each Council meeting.

Commissioner Frailey reported the Electric Department has two proposals for electric service upgrade to the south wastewater treatment project. The first proposal for underground service costing \$39,875.00 to include a pad mount transformer, the second proposal for overhead power at the cost of \$26,807. Council determined underground would be a long-term savings of maintenance costs. All work is to be completed by the City Electric Department employees.

Neil Barns has completed lineman's training. Fourth Street project is complete.

Commissioner Williams reported cameras have been installed at Klitzing Park. A new sign has been installed at the entrance of Gilbert Park. The Altamont Youth Sports Commission will landscape the area.

Commissioner Jones reported most street patching is complete. New traffic sign installation is complete. A request from the Garden Club for truck for watering flower baskets

was discussed. At this time, the City does not have an extra truck for their use.

Mayor Taylor reported he met with Consultant Mark Sedlacek regarding the south wastewater treatment plant project. He will be reviewing the plans to assist in finding project savings.

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 OF ALTAMONT
PUBLIC HEARING
July 28, 2014 – 5:45 p.m.
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS**

Present 2015 Appropriation Ordinance

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
July 28, 2014 - 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 559-14; Appropriation Fiscal Year Ending 2015.*
 - B. *Approve Pay Estimate #3; Haier Plumbing & Heating \$241,633.51 for South Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project.*
 - C.
 - D.
 - E. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matters 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, (c) (1).*
 - F. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: July 25, 2014- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING

July 28, 2014

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on July 28, 2014, 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 – 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)

Ordinance 559-14; Appropriation Fiscal Year Ending 2015 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The appropriation totals \$9,537,327.

Council approved pay estimate #3 to Haier Plumbing & Heating in the amount of \$241,633.51 for improvements to the south wastewater treatment plant. Commissioner Jones motioned for approval. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Mayor Taylor provided a progress report from Curry & Associates regarding the south wastewater treatment plant. Maps describing the current and future south wastewater treatment plant along with a progress listing have been displayed for public viewing. Mark Sedlacek is currently reviewing the plans for money saving modifications.

Commissioner Frailey reported the Electric Department has been preparing for installation of the south wastewater treatment facility electrical upgrades. Josh Shamhart, Electric Department Supervisor, has submitted his resignation. He has accepted a position with the City of Carbondale.

Commissioner Williams reported the new sign is installed at the Gilbert Park entrance. The sign was built by Inspiration Vinyl, painted by Jeannie Wolf and landscaping was designed by Alwardt's Gardens and sponsored by Altamont Youth Sports Commission.

Commissioner Jones reported street patching is completed. Motor Fuel bid opening will be held August 5th at 10:00 am. The Safe Routes to Schools sidewalk project has resumed near the High School along West Division Street.

Council entered into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, (c) (1) on a motion by Commissioner Jones. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Frailey. 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 Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, 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
August 11, 2014 - 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. *Dr. Opilka & Greg Baker; Community Wellness Programs.*
 - B. *Approve Roadside Fundraiser Request; Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive, September 19, 2014.*
 - C.
 - D.
 - E. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matters 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, (c) (1).*
 - F. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: August 08, 2014- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING

August 11, 2014

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on August 11, 2014, 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 – Bill Reed; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief; 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, abstained (he was not present at 7/28/14 meeting) Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. (Attachment 1)

Altamont Police Chief, Alan Heiens, presented the July 2014 Police Activity Report. Commissioner White questioned Chief Heiens about patrons of a liquor license site being detained by the Altamont Police Department. Chief Heiens indicated he would discuss the concerns with the Officers.

Bill Reed asked the Council if anything could be done to get repossessed locations mowed and cleaned up. Mayor Taylor ensured Mr. Reed the City tries to contact owners and financial institutions, but ownership is difficult to determine during the foreclosure process.

Council approved a Roadside Fundraiser Request from Knights of Columbus for Tootsie Roll Drive, September 19, 2014. 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.

Commissioner White reported Water Department employee, Dustin Lightfoot, would be attending classes to obtain his Class A & B Water Operators License.

Commissioner Frailey reported Neil Barns completed Lab 3 of lineman's training on August 25, 2014. The Electric Department is seeking to hire a lineman.

Commissioner Williams acknowledged the P.A.R.K.s group for their recent efforts. New rock was placed in the walkways at Gilbert Park and near Diamond D. The group is discussing conducting more raffles.

Commissioner Jones reported the Safe Routes to Schools sidewalk project is progressing near the High School. Handicap beaded pads will be placed at each crosswalk. The culverts for the project have been delivered. Marcus Moomaw will be completing his last week as a summer helper on August 15th.

Mayor Taylor reported the Effingham County Alliance Board is re-forming. It is a group of business owners pursuing Effingham County economic development. Communities are invited to join. No dues amount mentioned at this time.

A request has been received to move a 1998 mobile home into Iva Belle Mobile Home Court. However, the Ordinance states all mobile home must be ten years of age or less. Council was not in favor of offering any concessions regarding the age limitation.

Council entered into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, (c) (1) on a motion by Commissioner Williams. Motion was seconded by Commissioner White. 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 Frailey. 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
August 25, 2014 - 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 Halloween Parade October 25, 2014.*
 - B. *Approve Masonic Lodge Request to Conduct Haunted Trail at Schmidt Park.*
 - C. *Approve Bid Advertising – Roof Replacement of Municipal Building, Schmidt Park Pavilions, Gilbert Park Concession Stand.*
 - D. *Approve Bid Advertising – Sanitary Manhole Rehabilitation.*
 - E. *Approve Street Closing Request; Hometown Mission, September 20, 2014, Second Street, Madison to Monroe.*
 - F. *Discuss Subscription to eCivis Grant Research Software Tool. 3 year agreement \$621.00 per year.*
 - G. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: August 22, 2014- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING

August 25, 2014

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on August 25, 2014, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Jason Williams; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present – LeRoy Tucker; Clyde Barr, Altamont News; James Brockett; Patti Logan; Jennifer Miller; Michelle Lee; Beverly Lee; Mimi Mays; JD Veteto; Jeff Simpson; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Gerald White Jr and Commissioner Charles W. Jones were 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 Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. (Attachment 1)

Residents of Sherman Drive addressed the Council regarding harassment complaints. Mayor Taylor reassured the residents the Altamont Police Department would respond to any and all calls.

LeRoy Tucker addressed the Council regarding discontinuance of alley access garbage pickup. Mayor Taylor explained that due to budget issues the City does not maintain alleys and garbage trucks are extremely heavy causing damage to the alleys.

Jeff Simpson explained plans for the Halloween Parade and Haunted Trail, both sponsored by the Masonic Lodge. He stated the parade will step off at the Altamont High School on October 25th at 3:00 pm, continue west on Division, south on Main, west on Washington, north on Third and return to the High School going east on Lincoln. The judges stand will be at the Triangle. This year will include a band competition. He requested no parking be established along the south side of East Lincoln from Bond to St. Clair during the parade.

Commissioner Williams motioned to approve the Halloween Parade with parking restrictions along East Lincoln. Commissioner Frailey seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Council approved the Masonic Lodge Request to Conduct a Haunted Trail in Schmidt Park on October 24th, 25th, 30th and 31st. Commissioner Frailey motioned for approval. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Council approved Bid Advertising of Roof Replacement of the Municipal Building, Schmidt Park Pavilions, and Gilbert Park Concession Stand. Commissioner Williams motioned for approval. Commissioner Frailey seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Bids will be opened September 18, 2014 at 10:00 am.

Council approved Bid Advertising for Sanitary Manhole Rehabilitation. Commissioner Williams motioned for approval. Commissioner Frailey seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Bids will be opened September 8, 2014 at 5:45 pm. The project is being funded by a \$50,000 grant.

Council approved a Request for closing of Second Street from Madison to Monroe for Hometown Mission on September 20, 2014. Commissioner Williams motioned for approval. Commissioner Frailey seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Jeff Simpson as a member of the Effingham County Board Grant Committee explained the eCivis grant research tool. Effingham County currently has a subscription to the tool and gave details of how the service functions. Clerk Stephen explained the company has quoted \$621.00 per year with a three year commitment. South Central Regional Planning and Development will be approached with regard to writing the grants proposals.

Commissioner Frailey reported Neil Barns is now attending Lab 3 of lineman's training. The recent outage was handled well by the Electric Department employees.

Commissioner Williams reported season end cleanup will be conducted at the parks. He expressed appreciation to Dave Coslet for his donation to the Altamont Your Sports Commission.

Clerk Stephen reported a lien in excess of \$9,000 placed on a property has been collected. The large amount was contributed to an severe water leak.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, 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
September 08, 2014 - 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. *Award Bid for Sanitary Manhole Rehabilitation.*
 - B. *Approve Pay Request #4 to Haier Plumbing & Heating in the Amount of \$373,414.59; South Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements.*
 - C. *Approve Third Pledge Payment to Effingham County Community Foundation for Support of Effingham County Entrepreneurship Fund.*
 - D.
 - E.
 - F. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: September 05, 2014- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING

September 08, 2014

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on September 08, 2014, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Charles W. Jones ; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Gerald White Jr; Commissioner Jason Williams; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present – Torrey Denton; Clyde Barr, Altamont News; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief; 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 August 2014 Police Activity Report. Commissioner White requested an explanation of the scams reported. Commissioner Williams expressed concern regarding reports of broken beer bottles at the corner of Monroe and Second Streets.

Council awarded a bid to Spectra Tech for lining of sewer manholes in the amount of \$49,820.00. 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. The project funds are provided through a grant in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Commissioner White motioned for approval of pay request #4 to Haier Plumbing & Heating in the amount of \$373,414.59 for progress at the South Wastewater Treatment Plant. 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 Frailey motioned to approve the third and final payment to Effingham county Community Foundation for support of the Effingham County Entrepreneurship Fund in the amount of \$1,000.00. 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.

Commissioner White reported records dating back to the 1930's were researched and found a railroad agreement which negated a \$2545.00 fee assessed by the Union Pacific Railroad. The fee had been assessed to abandon an unessential water line that had broken under the railroad. The nitrification reactor has been installed as part of the improvements at the south wastewater treatment plant. He complimented the Street & Alley Department and Garden Club for the activities and the appearance of Schmidt Park during the Fall Festival.

Commissioner Frailey reported a fallen street light has been replaced on East Jackson.

Commissioner Williams reported Klitzing Park signs have been removed and will soon be replaced with new signage.

Commissioner Jones suggested the Council consider a demolition permit. The permit would provide protection of City utilities. Regulation of locations for terminating sewer lines was discussed.

Mayor Taylor reported he met with State's Attorney Kibler, as assured at the previous meeting, to residents of Sherman Drive. Mr. Kibler stated as of the date of their meeting no crimes had been committed to compel legal action.

The Lighthouse Baptist Church requested free use of the Municipal Building Community Room to conduct a biblically based addiction counseling program. The program would be held every Friday evening. Due to the issue of separation of Church and State, the topic was tabled to obtain more information.

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; Commissionr 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
September 22, 2014 - 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. *Auditors Presentation of FYE 2014 Audit.*
 - B. *Award Roof Replacement Bids for Municipal Building, Schmidt Park & Gilbert Park Concession Stand.*
 - C. *Approve Ordinance 560-14; Authorizing the Imposition of a Cable & Video Service Provider Fee and Adopting the Cable & Video Customer Protection Law.*
 - D. *Approve 3 year Subscription to eCivis Grant Search Program; Cost of \$621.00 per year.*
 - E. *Approve Concrete Extension to Salt Storage Area, Estimated Cost \$3000*
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 - F. *Approve Use of Community Room for Addiction Program.*
 - G.
 - F. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: September 19, 2014- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING

September 22, 2014

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on September 22, 2014, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Charles W. Jones; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Gerald White Jr; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present – Chris Kneer of Clifton Larson Allen; Kenneth & Marlene Ginn; 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 Jones and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. (Attachment 1) Commissioner White was not present at this time.

Chris Kneer of Clifton Larson Allen presented the FYE 2014 audit. The audit included a clean opinion and no management difficulties were found.

Mayor Taylor stated only one roofing bid was received for roof replacements at Schmidt Park and Gilbert Park. No bids were received for roof replacement at the Municipal Building. Bid approval was tabled.

Ordinance 560-14, Authorizing the Imposition of a Cable & Video Service Provider Fee and Adopting the Cable & Video Customer Protection Law 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.

Council approved a three year subscription to eCivis Grant Search Program at a cost of \$621.00 per year. Motion for approval 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.

A concrete extension to the salt storage area at an estimated cost of \$3,000 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones. Motion was seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Approval of Use of Community Room for Addiction Program failed for lack of a motion.

A roadside fundraiser request to conduct the Lion's Club Candy Day on October 17, 2014 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Commissioner White congratulated the Altamont Christian Church for a successful in town mission held the past weekend. Improvements to the South wastewater treatment plant are progressing well. Transformers have arrived and piping is installed.

Commissioner Frailey expressed appreciation to Cory Harris for his assistance to the Electric Department.

Commissioner Jones reported hanging baskets will be removed for the season. A Main Street business owner has requested handicap access area onto the sidewalk. Specifications will be researched.

Mayor Taylor reported the manhole lining project was completed. SpectraTech performed the task efficiently. Each lined manhole was date stamped and pictured.

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.

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
October 13, 2014 - 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 Payment to SpectraTech for Lining of Sewer Manholes in the Amount of \$49,886.25.*
 - B. *Approve Roadside Fundraiser Request; Marine Corps League M & M Day, November 7, 2014.*
 - C. *Approve Ordinance 561-14; Amending Article IV, Chapter 33 of the Revised Code of Ordinances and Establishing Standards for the Construction of Utility Facilities within the Public Ways of the City of Altamont.*
 - D. *Approve Resubmission of the Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) Application Concerning Improvements to Intersection of West Division and Third Streets.*
 - E. *Approve Advertising of Bids for Resurfacing of Two Blocks of North Second Street.*
 - F. *Award Roof Replacement Bids for Schmidt Park Pavilions & Gilbert Park Concession Stand.*

G. *Approve Payment to Larry Heuerman for Street Oiling in the Amount of \$24,642.90.*

H. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Probable Litigation 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, 2 (c) (11).*

I. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: October 10, 2014- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING

October 13, 2014

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on October 13, 2014, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Charles W. Jones; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Gerald White Jr; Commissioner Jason Williams; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present – Altamont Police Chief, Alan Heiens; Kenneth Ginn 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 September 2014 Police Activity Report.

Kenneth Ginn complimented the City for the smooth operating during oiling of City streets.

Payment to SpectraTech for lining for sewer manholes in the amount of \$49,886.25 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. 20 manholes were lined. The project was supported by a grant received from Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity.

A roadside fundraiser request from the Marine Corps League, to conduct M&M Day, on November 7, 2014, was approved. Commissioner Jones motioned for approval. 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.

Ordinance 561-14; Amending Article IV, Chapter 33 of the Revised Code of Ordinances and Establishing Standards for the Construction of Utility Facilities within the Public Ways of the City of Altamont was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey. Motion was 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 ordinance establishes procedures for utility providers to make application prior to construction in the City of Altamont right of way.

The possibility of resubmission of the Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) application concerning improvements to intersection of West Division and Third Streets was presented to the Council. Mayor Taylor explained the City did not score high enough to be awarded the grant. The City had pledged \$50,000 of City funds and \$50,000 of grant proceeds received for the improvement of Second Street. However, in a second application submission the City would have to pledge \$100,000 of funds. The grant proceeds pledged expire June of 2015 and cannot be used in the second application process. Commissioner Williams made the motion to not resubmit application for the RBEG grant. 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.

Commissioner Jones motioned for approval of bid advertising for resurfacing of two blocks of North Second Street. Commissioner Frailey seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The City was previously awarded a \$50,000 grant for the project.

Awarding of the roof replacement bids for Schmidt Park pavilions and Gilbert Park Concession stand was presented to the Council. Considering the \$31,500 cost of all projects, Council approved entering into a contract with MJ Remodeling, (the only bidder). Commissioner Williams motioned to award the bid to MJ Remodeling to begin Schmidt Park pavilions as soon as possible and Gilbert Park concession stand to start July 2015. 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.

Payment to Larry Heuerman for street oiling in the amount of \$24,642.90 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Commissioner White complimented the street and alley department on the oiling project. A call system has been installed at the Water Department. When employees are not able to be nearby the water plant phone, calls will forward to individual cell phones. This system will provide immediate response to emergency calls including evenings and weekends. Improvements to the South Wastewater plant are progressing with major work expected to be completed by December 2014.

Commissioner Frailey reported Mason Schultz has been hired to replace the resigned Neil Barns. He expressed appreciation to Cory Harris for helping the Electric Department during the manpower shortage.

Commissioner Williams reported decorating regulation signs have been installed at Union Cemetery.

Commissioner Jones reported the Street & Alley department repaired a water main leak south of town. Sidewalks are on hold for better weather.

Mayor Taylor reported a contractor from Neoga, who specializes in Cummins generators, will be connecting the new generators for the municipal building and lift stations.

Council entered into Executive Session Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Probable Litigation 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, 2 (c) (11). Motion to enter into executive session was made 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.

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.

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
October 27, 2014 - 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. *Carol Tillman; Garden Club Future Plans.*
 - B. *Discuss Demolition Permit / Sewer Line Cap Requirements.*
 - C. *Discuss Projects for \$25,000 Grant Proceeds.*
 - D.
 - E.
 - F.
 - G.
 - H. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Contracts Relating to Utility Purchase ILCS 120, Section 2, (c) (23).*
 - I. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: October 24, 2014- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING

October 27, 2014

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on October 27, 2014, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Charles W. Jones; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Gerald White Jr; Commissioner Jason Williams; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present – Nathan Scholes, 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)

Council discussed the possibility of requiring a demolition permit which would establish guidelines for capping abandoned sewer lines. The capping would avoid water infiltration. An ordinance will be prepared for presentation.

Notice has been received from Department of Commerce & Economic Development that \$25,000 grant funds have been awarded to the City to be used towards infrastructure, public safety and security improvements. Council discussed various ways to utilize the funds. Among the projects were sewer manhole lining, Second Street resurfacing, and street lighting. Mayor Taylor suggested the funds be used in conjunction with the \$50,000 grant for Second Street improvements. Second Street improvements will be determined after receipt of engineering plans, which will provide estimated project costs.

Commissioner White reported concrete has been poured at the South sewer plant for the blower buildings. The new generator has been installed at the south sewer lift station.

Commissioner Frailey reported electric service has been installed at The Gathering Place addition to Lutheran Care Center.

Commissioner Williams reported the Gilbert Park C Diamond is ready for sod installation.

Commissioner Jones reported more of the sidewalk along East Division Street has been installed. The salt storage bin has been enlarged to accommodate a much larger inventory. Leaf pickup will begin November 3rd.

Mayor Taylor reported he would be meeting with Bob Bray and the Alliance Committee. The group objective is to attract businesses to Effingham County. He also reported Newton is joining the Effingham Regional Incubator Network. Two incubator locations are now occupied.

Clerk Stephen reported four bicycle racks were received via the National Road Association. They will be installed in the parks.

Council entered into Executive Session Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Contracts Relating to Utility Purchase 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, (c) (23). Motion to enter into executive session was made 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.

No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

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.

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
November 10, 2014 - 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 Membership to The Alliance for Annual Fee of \$5,000.*
 - B. *Approve Ordinance 562-14; Amending Chapter 27, Section 2-19 Concerning Concealed Weapons.*
 - C. *Approve Ordinance 563-14; Authorizing the Execution of the IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement.*
 - D. *Approve Ordinance 564-14; Sanitary Sewer Capping Connections During Demolition*
 - E. *Approve Ordinance 565-14-; Establishing a Demolition Permit Requirement.*
 - F. *Discuss Christmas Holiday Hours.*
 - G. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel ILCS 120, Section 2, (c) (1).*
 - I. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: November 07, 2014- 4:00 pm.

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING

November 10, 2014

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on November 10, 2014, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Gerald White Jr; Commissioner Jason Williams; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present – Gale Warner, Kenneth Ginn, Glen Alwardt, Altamont Police Chief Alan Heiens and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Charles W. Jones was absent.

To open the meeting Mayor Taylor called for a moment of silence in respect of the passing of former Mayor Carl “Bo” Brauer.

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 October 2014 Police Activity Report.

Council approved membership to The Alliance for an annual fee of \$5,000 on a motion by Commissioner Frailey. Motion was seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The Alliance is a group of business people with a mission to attract new business to Effingham County. Altamont would have one person on the board. Mayor Taylor suggested Commissioner Bill Jones for the position.

Ordinance 562-14; Amending Chapter 27, Section 2-19 Concerning Concealed Weapons, 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 Mayor Taylor, yes. The amendment makes the City Municipal Code consistent with new Illinois State Law.

Ordinance 563-14; Authorizing Execution of the IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement 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 annual insurance premium increased from \$137,683 to \$144,382. Unexpected claims could cause additional future costs.

Ordinance 564-14; Sanitary Sewer Capping Connections During Demolition was approved. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Frailey seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The ordinance requires when a building is being demolished the sewer service connection be capped at the sewer main.

Ordinance 565-14; Establishing a Demolition Permit 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. Any person demolishing a building within the City limits must prior to starting obtain an application for demolition and pay a fee of \$20.00. This will ensure materials are

disposed of correctly, the area is backfilled properly and all utilities are disconnected according to City ordinance.

Council discussed closing the day after Christmas. A vote will be taken at the next scheduled meeting.

Commissioner White reported an owner of property along LaJean Drive has inquired about installing a private sewer system for future development. The location is in excess of 200 feet to any public sewer main and may require a costly lift station. The Effingham County Health Department requires connection to public sewer if the main is within 300 feet of the property. However, the owner may request a County variance to install a private system. More information will be gathered and presented to the Council. The newly constructed banks of the south wastewater treatment lagoon have eroded and are being reconstructed. Dustin Lightfoot achieved his Class A water operators license.

Commissioner Frailey reported, Mike Bowman has inquired about repairs to the shoulder of Highway 128 in front of his residence. IDOT will be contacted regarding approved repairs that can be made.

Commissioner Williams reported the parks are closed for the winter. Spencer Patton, a recently drafted pitcher for the Texas Rangers will be practicing with area youth at the Gilbert Park batters building. In a joint effort of time and monies of many groups \$6,000 of sod, has been placed on Diamond C.

Mayor Taylor reported a possible sinkhole has been discovered at the intersection of Division and Third. Mayor attended a two day strategic planning session at IMEA. The future of the new coal plants and compliance with EPA regulations was discussed, replacement of retiring IMEA staff members and refinancing of bonds. The City's GPS system is ten years old and has become outdated. A replacement system will cost \$7,000 with a \$1,000 trade in of the current unit. The matter will be presented for vote at the next meeting.

Glen Alwardt and Gale Warner addressed the Council concerning parking along the north side of West Division Street between Main and Third streets. They requested the Council to consider creating a seasonal or continual no parking zone. They stated when the elevator grain route was designed farmers used smaller grain trucks as well as tractors and wagons. Now most grain carriers are using semis and the street is not wide enough nor is it safe for parking on both sides and two-way traffic of the larger vehicles.

Council entered into Executive Session Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, (c) (1). Motion to enter into executive session was made by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: 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 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
November 24, 2014 - 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. *Announce Estimated Levy Amount FYE 2015.*
 - B. *Approve December 26, 2014 as an Additional Employee Paid Holiday.*
 - C. *Approve Purchase of Replacement GIS Unit in the Amount of \$7,000.*
 - D. *Approve 2015 Holiday Schedule*
 - E. *Approve Resolution 2014-11-05; Establishing Meetings for 2015.*
 - F. *Discuss Repairs to Storm Sewer Intersection of Division & Third.*
 - G.
 - H. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: November 21, 2014- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING

November 24, 2014

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on November 24, 2014, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Charles W. Jones; Commissioner Gerald White Jr; Commissioner; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present – Nathan Scholes, Altamont News and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioners Richard Frailey 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 Jones and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner; White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. (Attachment 1)

Mayor Taylor announced the 2015 estimated levy to be \$410,335 with \$227,135 to be abated, leaving a final levy of \$183,200. This is an increase of 4.37%.

Council approved December 26, 2014 as an additional paid employee holiday. Motion was approved by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner; White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

The purchase of a replacement GIS unit in the amount of \$7,000 was approved 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. The existing unit is outdated with unavailable repair parts.

The 2015 Holiday Schedule was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner; White, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Resolution 2014-11-05; Establishing Meetings for 2015 was approved 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. Council will continue to meet the second and fourth Mondays of each month beginning at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Taylor explained a crevis in Division Street near the Third Street intersection was patched. It was discovered, by camera, the storm sewer is broken allowing mud infiltration. The 15" line is 10-11 feet deep lying along the north side of West Division Street. Commissioner Jones suggested further investigation by camera from Main to Third and then attempt application for an emergency grant.

Commissioner White reported Ray Casselman has achieved his Class C Water Operators license. The south wastewater treatment plant has liners placed in the new lagoon. The blower building has been enclosed.

Commissioner Jones reported a water leak near Sixth & Seventh Street was repaired. Leaf pickup will soon be completed.

Mayor Taylor reported the Safe Routes to Schools grant monies requested was denied. However, Altamont still has the continuation of the last dollars received and will resume sidewalk installation in the spring.

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
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
December 08, 2014 - 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 SP-1412; Day Care Home Occupation, 5 North St. Clair.*
 - B. *Approve Ordinance 566-14; FYE 2015 Tax Levy.*
 - C. *Approve Ordinance 567-14; Abating Water Bond 2014 Tax Levy.*
 - D. *Approve Ordinance 568-14; Abating Electric Bond 2014 Tax Levy.*
 - E. *Approve Taylor Law Office to Proceed in Lien Foreclosure Notice of Mobile Home Court.*
 - F. *Approve Pay Request #5 to Haier Plumbing & Heating in the Amount of \$825,689.43 for South Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements.*
 - G.
 - H. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: December 05, 2014- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING

December 08, 2014

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on December 08, 2014, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present;; Commissioner Gerald White Jr; Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Bill Jones; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present – Tami Devore, Danielle Lewis; Altamont Police Chief, Alan Heiens; Nathan Scholes, Altamont News and 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 Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner; White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. (Attachment 1)

Chief Heiens presented the November 2014 Police Activity Report.

Danielle Lewis addressed the Council regarding her request to operate a day care at 5 North St Clair Street. She is attempting to receive tier one approval from the State of Illinois, which allows for eight children. Commissioner Jones commented the day care would increase what is already a high traffic area. Commissioner Williams motioned to approve Ordinance SP-1412; Day Care Home Occupation at 5 North St Clair St. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, no; Commissioner; White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Ordinance 566-14; FYE 2015 Tax Levy was 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. The total levy amount is \$183,200 after abatements.

Ordinance 567-14; Abating Water Bond 2014 Tax Levy was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner; White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Abated amount \$150,694.

Ordinance 568-14; Abating Electric Bond 2014 Tax Levy was approved on a motion by Commissioner White. Motion seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner; White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Abated amount \$76,441.

Council approved authorizing Taylor Law to proceed in lien foreclosure of a mobile home court. Motion to approved made 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.

Pay request #5 by Haier Plumbing & Heating in the amount of \$825,689.43 was approved on a motion by Commissioner White. Motion seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner; White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Payment is for work performed at the south wastewater treatment plant project.

Commissioner White reported the rains have delayed progress at the south wastewater treatment plant. 180 feet of a storm drain along Division Street from Main to Third has been examined by camera. Another camera inspection will be done on Wednesday to determine exact repairs needed to the line which is 10 feet deep.

Commissioner Williams reported Ho Ho Land light display is open for business. A tree has been decorated at the Triangle. Plans are being made for 2015 to have a potted tree placed on the Triangle during the holiday season and later planted in a park. Summer baseball sign up will start in January. Area children are enjoying Friday night trainings with Spencer Patton of the Texas Rangers.

Commissioner Jones reported leaf pickup will be completed this week. Two new doors have been placed on the salt storage area.

Mayor Taylor reported he attended a meeting with Pam Jacobs, Effingham County Emergency Management Coordinator, Police Chief Alan Heiens and Fire Chief, Jon Becker. Emergency response to summer storms was discussed.

Commissioner White suggested inviting someone to the Council meeting to explain the benefits of extending time of the existing enterprise zone and establishing a TIF district.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Whites. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, 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
December 22, 2014 - 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 2015 Employee Assistance Program.*
 - B. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matters 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, (c) (1).*
 - C. *Action as a Result of Executive Session.*
 - D.
 - E.
 - F.
 - G.
 - H. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: December 19, 2014- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING

December 22, 2014

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on December 22, 2014, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Gerald White Jr; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Bill Jones; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present – Gale Warner; Nathan Scholes, 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 asked the Council if any action had taken place regarding parking along the north side of West Division Street between Main and Third streets. Mayor Taylor responded that some possible construction repairs are being considered in that location of West Division. These repairs may help determine parking restrictions.

Council approved a 2015 Employee Assistance Program. Motion to approve was made 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. Sarah Busch Lincoln Health Center will administer the program.

Commissioner White reported the extremely wet weather has delayed progress at the south wastewater treatment plant. The thermal covers have been delivered.

Commissioner Frailey reported the new transformer at the south wastewater treatment plant has been tested and checked out okay. Jacob Logue completed lineman's top out testing with a high score. The street lights at Monroe and Main and East Jackson will soon be replaced.

Commissioner Williams reported generous donations have been received at the Ho Ho Land lighting display. He congratulated the eighth grade girls basketball team for reaching the State Tournament.

Commissioner Jones reported leaf pickup is finished. The storm drain at West Division and Third Street was viewed by camera. At 180 feet there was too much debris to continue. One of the dump trucks will soon be in need of tires. The cost is \$1500.00.

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

Upon returning from Executive Session Commissioner Frailey motioned to approve a 50 cent per hour wage increase for Jacob Logue for achieving the lineman's top-out testing. 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

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk