CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
January 13, 2020 - 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. ENGINEER REPORT
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS
5. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
6. COMMUNICATIONS
7. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Ordinance 683-20; Prohibiting Adult-Use Cannabis Business Establishments.*

   B. *Discuss Lowering Water Minimum Usage.*

   C.

   D.

   E. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Setting Price for Lease of Property ILCS 5/120 2 (c) (6)*

   F. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: January 10, 2019- 4:00 pm.

____

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
January 13, 2020

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on January 13, 2020, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Mike Walker and Commissioner Tayler Polk. Also present – Shelby Niehaus, Altamont News; Charles Mills, Effingham Daily News; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief; Clarence Pagel; Gale Warner; Nick Burrus; Lloyd Wendling Water Department; and City Clerk Sarah Stephen.

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

Chief Alan Heiens presented the December 2019 Police Activity Report.

Nick Burrus, Milano & Grunloh reported DCEO announced awarded grants. The grant application submitted for sewer line replacement was not approved. The City can alter the application and re-apply.

Gale Warner requested the status of a liquor license for El Rancherito, Jack Flash and Casey's locations. Mayor Rippetoe explained El Rancherito has not applied for a license. Jack Flash owners currently have a license which will transfer to the new location.

A letter to the Council from Erma Sue Morris was read. She asked the Council to not approve the sale of Cannabis in Altamont. Commissioner Polk stated cannabis sales would be a good source of revenue. He recommended giving potential business owners an opportunity. Mayor Rippetoe stated start-up costs are expensive. He would like to look at applicants and locations on a case by case basis to say no. Commissioner Walker stated the revenue sounds nice, but he has heard many residents speaking to the contrary. Commissioner Slingerland motioned to adopt Ordinance 683-20; Prohibiting Adult-Use Cannabis Business Establishments. Commissioner Milleville seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, no; Mayor Rippetoe, no.

Council discussed amending the threshold of minimum water billing from 1000 gallons to 750 gallons. Commissioner Slingerland explained the change would add $2.50 to users of over 750 gallons. The annual revenue increase is estimated to be $32,000. That money would be used for needed infrastructure improvements. He anticipates this to be the only increase in 2020 or until decisions can be made for a city-wide main replacement plan.

Commissioner Slingerland reported he met with Curry & Associates regarding a plan for city-wide replacement of water mains in excess of 100 years old and aged hydrants.

Commissioner Walker had nothing to report.

Commissioner Milleville reported a Union Cemetery monument has repeatedly been knocked over. Stakes have been placed along the roadway for easier distinction of the roadway perimeter. Plans are in place for Dasenbrock Fencing to install a chain link fence to conceal the view of the yard waste site on Seventh Street, at a cost of $3100.

Commissioner Polk reported the Street Department worked to open a storm drain near Division and Bond. A camera will be utilized during dryer weather to determine the blockage cause. The current salt spreader truck is in poor condition. It may be replaced with a smaller truck and a universal salt spreader unit allowing the truck to be used for dual purposes.

Mayor Rippetoe had nothing to report.

Commissioner Polk motioned to enter into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Setting Price for Lease of Property. Commissioner Slingerland seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

No action was taken as a result of Executive Session

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

____

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
January 27, 2020 - 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. ENGINEER REPORT

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

5. COMMUNICATIONS

6. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Approve Resolution 2020-01-01; Authorizing Sale of Surplus Equipment, 2002 Dodge Durango & 1995 Jeep Laredo.*

   B. *Approve Advertising of Mowing Bids.*

   C. *Approve Milano & Grunloh Engineering Conduct Survey, Develop Plan, Bid Documents, & Construction Inspection for Reconstruction of Carriage Lane, Estimated Cost $15,000.*

   D. *Approve Ordinance 684-20; Authorizing Lease of Real Estate, 600 South Main St.*

   E. *Approve Ordinance 685-20; Amending Water Rates.*

   F. *Approve Payment to National Road Association of Illinois for Payment of National Road Kiosk.*

   G. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: January 24, 2020- 4:00 pm.

____
SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
January 27, 2020

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on January 27, 2020, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Mike Walker and Commissioner Tayler Polk. Also present – Shelby Niehaus, Altamont News; Charles Mills, Effingham Daily News; Clarence Pagel; Nick Burrus; Lloyd Wendling Water Department; Dallas & Jennie Kendall; Roy Long; Dan Kruger; Bill Weaver; Terry Plowman and City Clerk Sarah Stephen.

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

Nick Burrus, Milano & Grunloh reported DCEO announced awarded grants. The grant application submitted for sewer line replacement was not approved because the application did not contain ample evidence of threat to public safety.

Terry Plowman addressed the Council expressing his frustration concerning the Council decision to prohibit sale of recreational cannabis within the City. He stated the Council rejected a probable revenue source that could help the City.

Dan Kruger provided pictures of flooding issues at his residence. He stated the problem escalated after the sidewalk replacement when a smaller drainage pipe was installed restricting water flow and causing water to backup into his back yard.

Dallas Kendall requested the old railroad pipe culvert area be cleaned again and repair of ruts from previous work done by the City. He asked if any plans have been established to assist with the drainage problem. Mayor Rippetoe stated he would be meeting with the township next week. Mr. Kendall and Roy Long requested new sidewalks in front of their residences.

Pastor Bill Weaver, thanked the Council for prohibiting the sale of recreational cannabis.

Resolution 2020-01-01; Authorizing Sale of Surplus Equipment, 2002 Dodge Durango & 1995 Jeep Laredo was approved on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Items will be sold at Schmid Consignment auction.

Commissioner Milleville motioned for approval of Advertising of Mowing Bids. Commissioner Slingerland seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council Approved Milano & Grunloh Engineering Conduct Survey, Develop Plan, Bid Documents, & Construction Inspection for Reconstruction of Carriage Lane, Estimated Cost

$15,000. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Slingerland seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The project will correct standing water on Carriage Lane and survey the alley for drainage improvements. Business District funds will be utilized.

Ordinance 684-20; Authorizing Lease of Real Estate, 600 South Main St was approved on a motion by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Commissioner Slingerland motioned to approve Ordinance 685-20; Amending Water Rates. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, no; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, no; Mayor Rippetoe, no. Motion failed. Ordinance would have lowered the minimum usage from 1000 to 750 gallons.

Commissioner Polk motioned to approve payment to National Road Association of Illinois for Payment of National Road Kiosk in the amount of $500.00. Commissioner Milleville seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Commissioner Slingerland reported a generator at the wastewater treatment plant has been repaired.

Commissioner Walker reported on January 18th four broken poles, due to high winds and ice caused a lengthy outage. He commended all those involved for their teamwork in reestablishing service. Electric Department employees have completed the first year of apprenticeship training.

Commissioner Milleville had nothing to report.

Commissioner Polk reported Effingham County assisted in patching South Third & Johnson streets.

Mayor Rippetoe had nothing to report.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

____

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
February 10, 2020 - 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. ENGINEER REPORT
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS
5. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
6. COMMUNICATIONS
7. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Approve Roadside Fundraiser Request by Altamont VFW for Poppy Days, May 01, 2020, Rain Date May 08, 2020.*

   B. *Discuss Enforcement of Sign Regulations.*

   C. *Approve Roof Replacement Bid for 603 West Monroe from Taylor Construction in the Amount of $26,510.04.*

   D. *Approve the Purchase of Dump Truck/Salt Spreader Not to Exceed $15,000.*

   E.

   F. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: February 07, 2019- 4:00 pm.

____
SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT
PUBLIC HEARING
February 24, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS

Community Development Grant Program
Performance Report.
West Division Street Project.

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
February 10, 2020

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on February 10, 2020, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Mike Walker and Commissioner Tayler Polk. Also present – Shelby Niehaus, Altamont News; Charles Mills, Effingham Daily News; Clarence Pagel; Terry Plowman; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief and City Clerk Sarah Stephen.

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

Chief Heiens presented the January 2020 Police Activity Report.

Council approved a Roadside Fundraiser Request *by* Altamont VFW for Poppy Days, May 01, 2020, Rain Date May 08, 2020. Commissioner Walker motioned for approval. Commissioner Slingerland seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council discussed enforcement of sign regulations. Council reviewed the current zoning code regarding various types of signage. Mayor Rippetoe stated more temporary signs are being placed within the City. Mayor Rippetoe stated everyone seemed to be in agreement to enforce sign regulations. Terry Plowman asked about signs on the sidewalk. Commissioner Polk stated signs on the sidewalk are in violation because it creates a public safety issue for pedestrians.

Council approved Roof Replacement Bid for 603 West Monroe from Taylor Construction, St Peter, IL, in the Amount of $26,510.04. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Milleville seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved Purchase of a Dump Truck/Salt Spreader Not to Exceed $15,000. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Terry Plowman asked the Council what the cost is to produce 1000 gallons of water. Commissioner Slingerland stated $9.78. Plowman stated he had been gathering information from other communities and water providers about available funding and comparing water rates. He encouraged Commissioner Slingerland to meet with other water providers.

Commissioner Slingerland reported Steven Winter has been hired for the Water Department.

Commissioner Walker reported electric service has been established to the new Jack Flash building.

Commissioner Milleville reported everyone is getting ready for dry weather projects.

Commissioner Polk reported he is pleased to see all departments are working well together.

Mayor Rippetoe had nothing to report.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Milleville. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

____

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
February 24, 2020 - 6:00 p.m.

<u>Agenda</u>

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
   Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
   Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. ENGINEER REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Approve Roadside Fundraiser Request by Altamont Lions Club May 30, 2020.*
   B. *Carl Becker; Easement Repair.*
   C. *Larry Taylor; IMEA Update.*
   D. *Approve Ordinance VA-1590; Mathias Business Park Sign Size.*
   E. *Approve Ordinance SP-1590; Placement of Mathias Business Park Sign.*
   F. *Approve Community Partnership Agreement with CEFS Economic Opportunity*.
   G. *Award Mowing Bids.*
   H. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: February 20 2020- 4:00 pm.

____
SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
February 24, 2020

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on February 24, 2020, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Mike Walker and Commissioner Tayler Polk. Also present – Shelby Niehaus, Altamont News; Charles Mills, Effingham Daily News; Clarence Pagel; Terry Plowman; Larry Taylor; Mimi Mays; Pam Dammerman; Matt Holste; Roger Beccue; April Luchtefeld; Carl Becker; Jon Becker; Mark Workman; and City Clerk Sarah Stephen. Commissioner Dan Milleville was absent.

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

A Report from Milano & Grunloh Engineers was reviewed: A punch list has been completed on the West Division Street project. A survey of Carriage Lane has been completed. The street is planned to be oil and chipped to include a short distance of asphalt. A wide shoulder will be added.

Mark Workman addressed the Council regarding a lunch menu sign, setting on the sidewalk. He was contacted regarding noncompliance of the sign location. He stated there is a 5 ½ foot clearance for pedestrians. He asked if the sign was okay. Mayor Rippetoe stated he would have to evaluate the situation and let him know.

Roger Beccue questioned the appropriate signage and sidewalk displays. Mayor Rippetoe explained sign regulations were being reviewed.

Council approved a Roadside Fundraiser Request by Altamont Lions Club for May 31, 2020. Commissioner Walker motioned for approval. Commissioner Slingerland seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Jon Becker addressed the Council regarding a dissatisfaction with contractors of the Senior Living Apartments. Concrete was removed from a 16 foot easement, provided by Carl Becker. The concrete allowed access to the west entrance of the Becker building. Becker's requested assistance from the City Council to encourage the contractor to replace the destroyed concrete. Mayor Rippetoe offered to contact the development owner and discuss the matter.

Larry Taylor provided an IMEA update to the Council. He reported IMEA has hired a new CFO, SCADA firewalls for system protection are being put in place, IMEA has grants available for electric car charging stations, the Altamont solar facility is scheduled for operation in July 2020. A shortage of FERC committee members is delaying objectives presentation in Washington DC. Larry Taylor was re-elected to the IMEA Executive Board.

Council approved Ordinance VA-1590; Mathias Business Park Sign Size. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Approval allows an increase in the sign size. A sign will be installed at the entrance of Do It Drive, listing the various businesses in Mathias Business Park.

Council approved Ordinance SP1590; Placement of Mathias Business Park Sign. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Ordinance allows partial placement of sign in utility easement.

Council approved the Community Partnership Agreement with CEFS Economic Opportunity. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Slingerland seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council awarded mowing bids to Precision Lawn Care and Jon Berg for the 2020 mowing season. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, recused.

Commissioner Slingerland reported generators of the Sewer and Electric Departments have been repaired. They are now on an exercise maintenance schedule. He met with EJ Water Coop to discuss comparison of purchasing water versus the City treating reservoir water as is the current practice.

Commissioner Walker reported a new hire has been found for the Electric Department. This will return the crew to full staff.

Commissioner Polk reported the salt spreader/dump truck was not purchased due to inadequacies. Street Department has been cleaning up brush.

Mayor Rippetoe reported he, Nick Burrus and Commissioner Polk met regarding Carriage Lane improvements. The project will be advertised for bid in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

____

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
March 09, 2020 - 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. ENGINEER REPORT
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS
5. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
6. COMMUNICATIONS
7. AGENDA ITEMS
   A. *Approve Roadside Fundraiser Request by American Legion for Poppy Days, May 22, 2020, Rain Date May 29, 2020.*
   B. *Approve Ordinance AM-1593; Rezoning 401 South Main Street from B-3 to SR-2.*
   C. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Purchase or Lease of Property 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(5).*
   D. *Action as a Result of Executive Session.*
   E. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: March 06, 2020- 4:00 pm.

____
SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
March 09, 2020

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on March 09, 2020, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Mike Walker and Commissioner Tayler Polk. Also present – Shelby Niehaus, Altamont News; Charles Mills, Effingham Daily News; Clarence Pagel; Terry Plowman; Nick Burrus, Milano & Grunloh; Jason Mislich; Police Chief, Alan Heiens and City Clerk Sarah Stephen.

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

Chief Heiens presented the February 2020 Police Activity Report.

Nick Burrus presented preliminary street improvement plans for Carriage Lane. Plans include surface replacement with asphalt and addition of an 8" shoulder. It was suggested the City camera proposed replacement sewer lines for grant information purposes. A Decatur company provides such a service at a cost of $2.00 per foot. Burrus reported on recently released grant opportunities.

Terry Plowman requested the Council approve the use of side by sides within the City limits. He also requested the Council revisit approving sales of cannabis.

Jason Mislich addressed the Council concerning the privacy fence between residential properties and McDonalds. He believes it is not in compliance with City zoning, as it should be a solid fence. The grandfather clause will be researched. He asked what plans were in place to correct the drainage issue along the alley east of his residence. Mayor Rippetoe stated the drainage is part of the Carriage Lane street improvement project and a swale is planned to handle drainage. Mislich stated the alley has a lot of rock and he is concerned the newly installed vinyl fence will be damaged during mowing season.

Council approved a Roadside Fundraiser Request by American Legion for Poppy Days on May 22, 2020 with May 29, 2020 rain date. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Commissioner Slingerland stated all proceeds are used to help Veterans in need.

Council approved Ordinance AM-1593; Rezoning 401 South Main Street. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Approval allows property to be rezoned from B-3 to Single Residential.

Commissioner Slingerland provided financial numbers representing the current cost of conditioning water for public consumption. He stated the numbers indicate the City current practice of treating water is more cost effective than purchasing water from an outside source. Outside sources could provide water. However, due to aging cast water mains, the City would need to continue water treatment practices.

Commissioner Walker reported the new Electric Department employees are operating with a pro-active approach, which is encouraging for the City electric utility.

Commissioner Milleville acknowledged the Street Department for their work to revitalize the Schmidt Park entrance. Chain link fencing was removed and the sign was repainted. New tables were installed at pavilion #4. Benches for placement at the Triangle are almost complete. Broken wooden slats were replaced with new slats made from ash trees removed throughout the City. Annual cleanup at Union Cemetery is scheduled for April 4th. Volunteers are asked to meet at 9:00 am at the Veterans Memorial.

Commissioner Polk reported city-wide cleanup has been set for the week of April 27th. All items must be curbside before 7am on April 27th.

Mayor Rippetoe had nothing to report.

Council entered into Executive Session for the Purpose of Purchase or Lease of Property ILCS 120/2 (c)(5). Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval to enter into executive session. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

No action was taken as a result of executive session.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

____

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
March 23, 2020 - 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. COMMUNICATIONS

4. AGENDA ITEMS.

   A. *Approve Resolution 2020-03-02; Temporary Suspending Agenda Items.*

   B. *Approve Resolution 2020-03-03; Payment of Certain Routine & Recurring Expenses.*

   C. *Discuss Licensing of UTV.*

   D. *Ordinance 686-20; Authorizing Second Amendment to a Contract for Private Development Pursuant to Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (Richard & Tammy Kelly).*

   E. *Approve 2020 Street Maintenance, $72,000.00.*

   F.

   G. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: March 20 2020- 4:00 pm.

____
SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
March 23, 2020

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on March 23, 2020, in the Community Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; and Commissioner Tayler Polk. Also present – Shelby Niehaus, Altamont News; Charles Mills, Effingham Daily News; and City Clerk Sarah Stephen. Commissioner Mike Walker was absent.

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

Council approved Resolution 2020-03-02; Temporary Suspending Agenda Items. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The resolution suspends engineering, police & commissioner reports until April 30, 2002 due to the Covid-19 virus.

Council approved Resolution 2020-03-03; Payment of Certain Routine Recurring Expenses. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Approval provides authority to Mayor Rippetoe and alternate Commissioner Milleville to approve payment of all recurring bills in the absence of a quorum due to Covid-19 virus. This Resolution is in effect until April 30, 2020.

The discussion of licensing UTV's was tabled until the time the public feels safe to attend meetings.

Ordinance 686-20; Authorizing Second Amendment to a Contract for Private Development Pursuant to Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (Richard & Tammy Kelly) was approved on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Ordinance extends the project completion date to May 31, 2020. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved 2020 Street Maintenance program for an estimated amount of $72,000. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Milleville seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Commissioner Slingerland reported all was well in the Water & Sewer Departments.

Commissioner Milleville reported Union Cemetery cleanup was cancelled for 2020.

Commissioner Polk reported city-wide cleanup is still scheduled to begin April 27th. All items must be curbside before 7am on April 27th. Extra personal protective equipment for workers was discussed.

Mayor Rippetoe directed attention to a new podium, constructed by employee Keith Braasch. The podium was made from the wood of ash trees removed within the City. Benches on the triangle were restored with the same ash wood.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Milleville. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

____

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
April 13, 2020 - 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. COMMUNICATIONS
4. COMMISSIONER REPORTS
5. AGENDA ITEMS.

   A. *Approve Ordinance VA-1595; Sign Variance 1206 South Main St.*

   B. *Approve Mosquito Larviciding Agreement, Effingham County Health Department.*

   C. *Award Bid for Carriage Lane Improvements Utilizing Business District Funds.*

   D.

   E.

   F. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: April 09, 2020- 4:00 pm.

____
SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
April 13, 2020

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on April 13, 2020, in the Community Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Mike Walker; and Commissioner Tayler Polk. Also present – Shelby Niehaus, Altamont News; Terry Plowman; and City Clerk Sarah Stephen.

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

Ordinance VA-1595; Sign Variance, 1206 South Main Street, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Variance allows additional signage per structure square footage and additional height of a free standing sign.

Council approved the Mosquito Larviciding Agreement with Effingham County Health Department. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council awarded a bid to JB Esker & Sons for concrete resurfacing of Carriage Lane and constructing alley drainage in the amount of $78,855.00. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Milleville seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Terry Plowman again requested the Council revisit approving usage of side-by-sides within the City limits. Mayor Rippetoe stated when Council meetings can be attended by more ten people, the topic will be added to the agenda.

Shelby Niehaus provided Council with information regarding a USDA tool to help rural communities address the Covid-19 pandemic.

Commissioner Slingerland reported Curry & Associates recommended including Town & Country Subdivision in the water main replacement project. The Water Department continues to honor Covid 19 precautions by adjusting work schedules to eliminate more than one person in the plant. Illinois Rural Water Assn conducted a water rate study. Results will be presented at a future meeting. A sludge survey was performed at the north wastewater treatment plant. Awaiting Milano & Grunloh report regarding utilizing only the south wastewater treatment plant to determine the best plan.

Commissioner Walker reported Electric Department has been working outages this past week. Needed replacement of several utility poles is scheduled for good weather days. Stump grinding has progressed.

Commissioner Milleville reported some volunteers helped with Union Cemetery cleanup. The cemetery roads have been maintained.

Commissioner Polk reported he spoke with Mark Workman, Whistle Stop owner, regarding cost sharing to correct the liquor store entrance.

Mayor Rippetoe has nothing to report.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

____
Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COMMUNITY ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
April 27, 2020 - 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. COMMUNICATIONS

4. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

5. AGENDA ITEMS.

   A. *Amanda Miller; Altamont High School Class of 2020 Recognition Banners.*

   B. *Discuss Installation of New Aeration Equipment at North Wastewater Treatment Plant.*

   C. *Discuss Illinois Rural Water Assn. Water Rate Study.*

   D. *Approve Helitech Proposal for Waterproofing Municipal Building in the Amount of $13,837.44.*

   E. *Approve Change Request #2, Kieffer Bros Construction, Division Street Project, $3,703.68 Deduction from Contract.*

   F. *Discuss 2020 Memorial Day Celebration.*

   G. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: April 24, 2020- 4:00 pm.

____
SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
April 27, 2020

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on April 27, 2020, in the Community Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Mike Walker; and Commissioner Tayler Polk. Also present – Shelby Niehaus, Altamont News; Michael Tappendorf, Milano & Grunloh; Amber Miller; Charles Pagel; and City Clerk Sarah Stephen.

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

A thank you letter from the Jeff & JoEllen Armstrong was read. They expressed their appreciation for a new, improved water service.

Amanda Miller addressed the Council requesting cooperation to hang Altamont High School, Class of 2020 recognition banners. Parents of the seniors will be responsible for the purchase of banners, rods and any additional brackets needed. City employees will hang the banners.

Council reviewed quotes gathered by Curry & Associates for new aeration and diffuser equipment at the north wastewater treatment plant. A sludge evaluation was conducted indicating only portions of the aerators are operable.

A water rate study conducted by Illinois Rural Water Association was presented by Commissioner Slingerland. The study indicates water rates are within line of other communities and sufficient to meet daily operating expenses. However, income is not sufficient to provide for large repairs and upgrade costs.

Council approved a Helitech Proposal for Waterproofing the Municipal Building in the Amount of $13,837.44 on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. A foundation drain system with external sump pump will be installed.

Council approved Change Request #2, Kieffer Bros Construction, Division Street Project, in the amount of a $3,703.68 Contract Deduction. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council discussed the future of the 2020 Memorial Day Celebration. Governor Pritzker's Executive Order closing all social gatherings due to the Covid 19 pandemic was extended to May 30, 2020. The Masonic Lodge and Altamont VFW representatives have inquired about the possibility of continuing with the annual parade and Union Cemetery program. Commissioner Polk found no benefit in putting the public in danger. Mayor Rippetoe suggested finding another avenue for displaying respect to armed services. Council will reconsider at next scheduled meeting.

Commissioner Slingerland provided quotes for camera inspection of sanitary sewer lines in the northwest section of the service area. The inspection would provide data to support health and safety motives for a grant application, which is due June 30th. Michael Tappendorf, Milano & Grunloh, explained two quotes were time and material. If lines were not obstructed, they could result as less expensive. Quotes will be presented for approval at the next meeting.

Commissioner Walker reported the solar unit is progressing, fencing and racking has been installed. Approximately 15 utility poles have been replaced in an effort to reduce the number of outages, with more replacements planned. Areas for tree trimming have been selected.

Commissioner Milleville has nothing to report as the parks are closed due to Covid-19.

Commissioner Polk reported estimates are being gathered for replacement of the sidewalk and an ADA compliant business entrance on north Second Street. He thanked the Electric Department for their help during City wide cleanup. He asked what the landscaping would be at the solar unit area. He was hopeful it would be low maintenance.

Mayor Rippetoe has nothing to report.

Clerk Stephen reported an IMEA Energy Efficiency grant has been provided to a local business who is upgrading their structure indoor lighting and another application is pending. If funds are not awarded to local businesses, funding returns to the IMEA rate stabilization fund. Baby changing stations have arrived for installation in all public restrooms that can accommodate, including parks. This will satisfy a new State regulation. The office has been altered for public and employee safety when the Covid19 regulations ease. PPE masks will be provided to employees as soon as they arrive.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

____

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COMMUNITY ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
May 11, 2020 - 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. COMMUNICATIONS
4. COMMISSIONER REPORTS
5. AGENDA ITEMS.

   A. *Approve Ordinance 687-20; Legal Counsel Appointment Ordinance.*

   B. *Approve Ordinance 688-20; Appointment Ordinance.*

   C. *Approve Bid Advertising of New Aeration Equipment for North Wastewater Treatment Plant.*

   D. *Approve3 Year Intergovernmental Agreement with Effingham County for GIS Participation.*

   E. *Award MFT Bid – Street Oiling; Larry Heuerman $40,824.05*

   F. *Update 2020 Memorial Day Celebration.*

   G.

   H. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: May 08, 2020- 4:00 pm.

____
SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
May 11, 2020

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on May 11, 2020, in the Community Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present:; Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Mike Walker; and Commissioner Tayler Polk. Also present – Shelby Niehaus, Altamont News; Terry Plowman; and City Clerk Sarah Stephen. Mayor Jason Rippetoe was absent. Commissioner Milleville presided over the meeting.

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

Ordinance 687-20; Legal Counsel Appointment Ordinance was approved on a motion by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Commissioner Milleville, yes. Taylor Law office was reappointed as legal counsel.

Ordinance 688-20; Appointment Ordinance was approved on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Commissioner Milleville, yes. All necessary appointed positions were reappointed.

Council approved Bid Advertising of New Aeration Equipment for the North Wastewater Treatment Plan. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Commissioner Milleville, yes. Bids will be opened May 20th 10:00 am.

A Three Year Intergovernmental Agreement with Effingham County for GIS Participation was approved on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Commissioner Milleville, yes. Effingham County waived all contract fees.

Council Awarded the MFT Bid for Street Oiling to Larry Heuerman in the amount of $40,824.05. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Slingerland seconded. Members voted as follows: Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Commissioner Milleville, yes.

Clerk Stephen reported the Grand Lodge of Illinois has ceased all activities for the month of May in response to the Covid 19 pandemic. This directive includes the annual Memorial Day parade. VFW Post 7676 has also determined for public safety to abstain from conducting a ceremony at Union Cemetery. Residents and businesses are encouraged to decorate with red, white & blue honoring those who served. Area Churches are invited to ring bells at 10:00 am May 25th, the customary parade start time.

Commissioner Slingerland reported a new water line was installed on 450th Street. Crews are currently installing a new water line which will service the Relax Inn and some residential customers. The Sewer Department is planning to continue the process of lining manholes. Improvements to the south lift station force main are being explored.

Commissioner Walker reported Electric Department assisted during city-wide cleanup week. Electric poles are being identified for future replacement. The new budget may include the purchase of a pickup truck. Employees are continuing lineman's apprenticeship testing.

Commissioner Polk reported city wide cleanup involved a larger volume than in prior years. Previous years 15 roll off dumpsters were used. This year 22 dumpsters were utilized at a cost of $10,230. He is obtaining an estimate for entrance replacement on North Second Street.

Commissioner Milleville reported the mowing season is going well. He noted some enhancements to the City such as landscaping and exterior improvements at the Living Museum, the pop up pantry at the Open Door Diner, the Free Library at Schmidt Park and a great job with city wide cleanup.

Terry Plowman asked if Effingham County board passes a resolution to open the county, will the City Council open the City. Commissioner Slingerland stated the Council will have to wait to see what action is taken by the County board and legal ramifications. Commissioner Polk felt precautions should be taken. Commissioner Walker stated it is difficult to override the Governor's order. We should rather reach out to our Representatives. Terry Plowman asked for an explanation of the difference in signs on the right of way and posts at the edge of a yard or ditch.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Commissioner Milleville, yes.

____

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COMMUNITY ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
May 26, 2020 - 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. COMMUNICATIONS
4. COMMISSIONER REPORTS
5. AGENDA ITEMS.

   A. *Approve Ordinance VA-1596; Front & Side Yard Setback, 7 South Edwards.*

   B. *Award Sanitary Main Televising.*

   C. *Approve Bid Advertising of Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation.*

   D. *Award Bid for Micro Bubble Diffusion Aeration Equipment, North Wastewater Treatment Plant to WTR Solutions in the Amount of $39,400.*

   E. *Award Bid for Self-Aspirating Aeration and Mixing Equipment for North Wastewater Treatment Plant to AquaTec in the Amount of $64,082 with Add Ons of Softstarter Package $3,434 and Disconnect Package $5,447.*

   F. *Approve Ordinance 689-20; Authorizing Purchase of Real Property for Utility Purposes (Water Main-CNP Welcome Group)*

   G. *Approve Ordinance 690-20; Authorizing Third Amendment to Contract for Private Development Pursuant to TIF Area (Richard & Tammy Kelly)*

   H. *Set Date for Public Hearing Presenting Waster Main Replacement Project.*

   I. *Approve Advancing Rural Development Loan/Grant Application Process for Water Main Replacement.*

   J. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: May 22, 2020- 4:00 pm.

____

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
May 26, 2020

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on May 26, 2020, in the Community Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present – Shelby Niehaus, Altamont News; Charles Mills, Effingham Daily News; Charles Pagel; Terry Plowman; Kyle Stuemke; Dane Milleville; Michael Tappendorf, Milano & Grunloh and City Clerk Sarah Stephen.

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

Terry Plowman asked the Council if action would be taken again businesses not following the Governor's Executive Order. Mayor Rippetoe explained the City would be following Executive Order guidelines. Businesses operating under state issued license would have to deal with the health departments and State of Illinois.

Clarence Pagel asked the Council why they voted down having a Memorial Day parade. Mayor Rippetoe explained the Council did not vote it down, but rather the organizers (Masonic Lodge) were denied conducting the activity by the Illinois Grand Lodge, due to Covid 19 restrictions. Pagel read a statement opposing guidelines of the Executive Order.

Dane Milleville presented newly issued DCEO guidelines allowing youth teams to practice at the City parks with the limitations of 10 children, 1 adult and no physical contact. Commissioner Milleville stated if guidelines are followed he doesn't see a problem with practices beginning.

Kyle Stuemke asked the City to help businesses reopen. He requested maintenance of South Sixth Street in front of his residence. Commissioner Polk disclosed the area in question is on the 2020 schedule for street oiling.

Ordinance VA-1596; Front & Side Yard Setback, 7 South Edwards was approved on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Ordinance will provide setbacks for construction of an addition to Altamont Immanuel Lutheran School.

Three proposals were presented to the Council for televising Sanitary Mains. After review, Commissioner Slingerland motioned to award the project to Visu-Sewer. Commissioner Milleville seconded. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Quotes were received from Tele-Scan $12,150, Visu-Sewer $10,220 and Hoerr Construction $14,250.00 Visu-Sewer will televise 9600 LF of sewer main in the north west section of the City. The information will be used for grant application supporting danger to health & safety.

On a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Polk, Council approved Bid Advertising of Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council awarded Bid for Micro Bubble Diffusion Aeration Equipment, North Wastewater Treatment Plant to WTR Solutions in the Amount of $39,400 on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland. Motion seconded by Commissioner Milleville. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Units to be installed in the shallow lagoon.

Council awarded Bid for Self-Aspirating Aeration and Mixing Equipment for North Wastewater Treatment Plant to AquaTec in the Amount of $64,082 with Add Ons of Softstarter Package $3,434 and Disconnect Package $5,447. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Installation will be for 1st stage lagoon. Currently all aerators are not operating at full capacity.

Ordinance 689-20; Authorizing Purchase of Real Property for Utility Purposes (Water Main-CNP Welcome Group) was approved on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Ordinance 690-20; Authorizing Third Amendment to Contract for Private Development Pursuant to TIF Area (Richard & Tammy Kelly) was approved on a motion by Commissioner Milleville and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. New expiration date is July 31, 2020.

Commissioner Slingerland provided a water distribution map explaining a proposed project to replace cast water lines with PVC piping. He explained the aged lines create challenges for approved water testing. Several thousand gallons of treated water are pumped onto the ground to clear discoloration and chemicals. Monthly audits are being conducted to determine the monthly gallon loss. He stated how important it is to inform the public of such a substantial project. He recommended a public hearing be held, with the engineer present to explain project details and costs. A hearing was set for June 22, 2020 at 7:00 pm, following the regular Council meeting.

Approving Advancing Rural Development Loan/Grant Application Process for Water Main Replacement was tabled for a more appropriate time.

Commissioner Slingerland reported newly installed water mains cleared testing. Two residential connections are still to be hooked up.

Commissioner Walker reported Electric Department installed underground service to the solar array.

Commissioner Milleville reported Union Cemetery was in good condition for the Memorial Day weekend. Beginning Friday, May 29th Gilbert Park will be available for team practice only. Commissioner Polk questioned why playground equipment cannot be opened when practices will be allowed. Commissioner Milleville expressed his unease of opening restrooms and playground equipment. Covid 19 contact exposure is a great concern.

Commissioner Polk had nothing to report.

Mayor Rippetoe stated a special meeting will be held May 28, 2020 at 6:00 pm to close Adams Avenue from Main to Third to accommodate outside seating for restaurants and bars.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

____
Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COMMUNITY ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
May 28, 2020 - 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS
2. AGENDA ITEMS.
   A. *Approve Resolution 2020-05-04; Permitting Temporary Outdoor Seating for Bars and Restaurants.*
   B. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: May 26, 2020- 4:00 pm.

____
SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT SPECIAL MEETING
May 28, 2020

The Council of the City of Altamont met in special session at 6:00 pm on May 28, 2020, in the Community Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present –Charles Mills, Effingham Daily News; and City Clerk Sarah Stephen.

Resolution 2020-05-04; Permitting Temporary Outdoor Seating for Bars and Restaurants was approved on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Resolution approves the closing of Adams Avenue from Second to Third Street and closing of the east bound lane of Adams Avenue from Main to Second Street. Temporary guidelines for all businesses utilizing outdoor seating were established. The special provisions terminate when Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois Plan begins.

Clerk Stephen requested direction for questioning regarding operating of garage sales. Mayor Rippetoe stated the City does not recommend conducting garage sales during the pandemic. However, the liability will be on the garage sale host. Covid 19 safety guidelines should be followed.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Milleville. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

____
Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COMMUNITY ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
June 08, 2020 - 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. COMMUNICATIONS

4. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

5. AGENDA ITEMS.

   A. *Discuss Park Activities.*

   B. *Approve Curry & Associates Engineering Fee Proposal for South Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Force Main Replacement in the Amount of $33,500.*

   C. *Approve Midco Diving & Marine Services to Conduct Water Reservoir Dam Inspection and Repairs, Not to Exceed $15,000.*

   D. *Discuss Reinstatement of Utility Bill Penalties and Disconnections*

   E. *Approve IDOT Supplemental Resolution Regarding 2018 Second Street Resurfacing Project.*

   F. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matter 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1).*

   G. *Action as Result of Executive Session.*

   H. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: June 05, 2020- 4:00 pm.

____
SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
June 08, 2020

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on June 08, 2020, in the Community Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present – Shelby Niehaus, Altamont News; Charles Mills, Effingham Daily News; Charles Pagel; Mark Workman; Mimi Mays; Renee Schoenfeld and City Clerk Sarah Stephen.

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

Clarence Pagel asked the Council about weed violations at the former Bean Development Mobile Home Park; automobiles around town in alleys, to which he added he had addresses; and if one lane traffic could be established on Adams Street between Second & Third the same as it is between Main & Second to provide additional parking. Mayor Rippetoe suggested Mr. Pagel provide the addresses of the automobiles so they could be checked.

Mark Workman asked the Council what the Restore Illinois Phase 4 guidelines would allow. Renee Schoenfeld asked several questions about the outdoor seating guidelines the City provided to restaurants and bars. Mayor Rippetoe explained the guidelines were suggested by the Illinois Municipal League. Mark Workman commented he plans to use outdoor seating in the future.

Commissioner Milleville opened discussion addressing park activities. He stated park opening is a complex action during these pandemic times. He understands the youth of the community desires to use park facilities. Opening parks would include ball games, tournaments, playground equipment, pavilion rental, water services, concession stand, batters building, restrooms and maintenance and cleaning restrooms. However, health and sanitation issues must be considered. He has spoken with park coordinators from other communities, Effingham County Department of Public Health and Illinois DCEO. Each one agreed there are not definite rulings about opening park activities. Commissioner Walker stated that Restore Illinois, phase 4 allows all outdoor activities, which will be effective in 20 days. Commissioner Milleville suggested opening the batters building with occupancy limitations. Restrooms should be cleaned 3-4 times daily, which is not realistic for the City of Altamont since there are no employees dedicated to parks, as when a park district is established. Commissioner Polk was in favor of opening all aspects of the parks and understood the lack of instructional clarity received from the State. Commissioner Slingerland expressed a concern for out of state visitors unknowingly bringing the infection to the City parks. Mayor Rippetoe commented restroom opening is an issue and with only 20 days remaining of phase 3 a slow opening may offer less liability.

On a motion by Commissioner Milleville and seconded by Commissioner Slingerland, Council tabled Approve Curry & Associates Engineering Fee Proposal for South Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Force Main Replacement in the Amount of $33,500 was tabled. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Additional information will be gathered regarding future developments adding to the south lift station possible capacity.

Council approved Midco Diving & Marine Services to Conduct Water Reservoir Dam Inspection and Repairs, not to Exceed $15,000. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Divers will inspect to determine repairs needed to raw pumps and slew gate valves.

Council discussed reinstatement of utility bill penalties and disconnections. Commissioner Walker explained shutoffs and penalties were suspended through May 30th to assist those losing income during the pandemic. Local authorities may now decide when to lift the moratorium. Council members directed to continue the suspension through June 30th, then return to the standard penalty and shutoff policies in July.

Council approved IDOT Supplemental Resolution Regarding 2019 Second Street Resurfacing Grant. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Resolution was a completion of paperwork for IDOT files.

Commissioner Slingerland reminded those present of a hearing set for June 22, 2020 at 7:00 pm, following the regular Council meeting to explain a proposed water main replacement project.

Commissioner Walker reported Electric Department experienced an outage due to a fallen pole. He was pleased with the ACHS Senior banners and glad the department could participate.

Commissioner Milleville praised the Altamont Garden Club for the beautification of the flower beds in the City.

Commissioner Polk reported the Street Department is focusing on preparing streets for oiling.

Mayor Rippetoe had nothing to report.

Council entered into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matter 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Milliville. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Upon returning to open session Commissioner Polk motioned to approve a 3% wage increase for non union employees, increase Ellie Buennemeyer’s wage to $15.00, Lloyd Wendling to $23 and part time police officer to $16.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

____

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY OF ALTAMONT
PUBLIC HEARING

June 22, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COMMUNITY ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS

Water Main Replacement Project
Public Information

The public hearing is to provide interested parties an opportunity to express their views on a proposed water main replacement project.

The water system is in critical need of an upgrade. The major and original metal water distribution of the system is past 100 years old. The system is currently meeting the highest quality standards, set by the USEPA and ILEPA. However, meeting these quality standards is becoming more difficult and costly.

Funding sources may include a low interest USDA loan combines with limited grant opportunities.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COMMUNITY ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
June 22, 2020 - 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. COMMUNICATIONS
4. COMMISSIONER REPORTS
5. AGENDA ITEMS.

   A. *Approve Ordinance 691-20; Authorizing Execution of Contract for Private Development Pursuant to Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (Polk/Schmidt)*

   B. *Approve Final Payment to Kieffer Bros Construction for Completion of West Division Street in the Amount of $65,314.62.*

   C. *Approve Peoples Bank Rate & Fee Agreement July 2020-June 2021.*

   D. *Approve Resolution 2020-05-05; Permitting Temporary Outdoor Seating for Restaurants.*

   E.

   F. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: June 19, 2020- 4:00 pm.

____
SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
June 22, 2020

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on June 22, 2020, in the Community Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present – Shelby Niehaus, Altamont News; Charles Mills, Effingham Daily News; Charles Pagel; and City Clerk Sarah Stephen.

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

Clarence Pagel requested the alley behind Altamont Lumber be rocked, the holes filled and a stump be removed.

Ordinance 691-20 Authorizing Execution of Contract for Private Development Pursuant to Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (Polk/Schmidt). Commissioner Walker motioned for approval. Commissioner Slingerland seconded. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, abstained; Mayor Rippetoe, abstained. Ordinance provides funding to assist in rehabilitating Commercial property at 109 North Main Street.

Council approved Final Payment to Kieffer Bros Construction for Completion of West Division Street in the Amount of $65,314.62. Commissioner Milleville motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Slingerland, Council approved a Rate & Fee Agreement with Peoples Bank for the term July 2020 – June 2021. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Resolution 2020-05-05; Permitting Temporary Outdoor Seating for Restaurants was approved on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Resolution provides one-way traffic on Adams Street from Main to Second, for a term of 60 days.

Commissioner Slingerland reported a water valve replacement on South Fourth Street was completed. Steven Winter is being trained for daily Water Department operations.

Commissioner Walker had nothing to report.

Commissioner Milleville had nothing to report.

Commissioner Polk reported the Street Department is focusing on preparing streets for oiling.

Mayor Rippetoe had nothing to report.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

____

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COMMUNITY ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
July 13, 2020 - 6:00 p.m.

<u>Agenda</u>

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. COMMUNICATIONS
5. COMMISSIONER REPORTS
6. AGENDA ITEMS.

   A. *Award Bid for Sanitary Sewer Manhole Lining.*

   B. *Approve One Way Traffic 2nd St Main to Washington, July 18th 9:00-1:00 Requested by American Legion for Drive Thru Pork Burger Sale.*

   C. *Approve Purchase of Pickup Truck for Street Department, Not to Exceed $15,000.*

   D. *Present Fiscal Year Ending 2021 Estimated Appropriation.*

   E.

   F. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: July 10, 2020- 4:00 pm.

____
SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
July 13, 2020

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on July 13, 2020, in the Community Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present – Shelby Niehaus, Altamont News; Charles Mills, Effingham Daily News; Charles Pagel; Terry Plowman; Derrick Short & Gary Mock, Advanced Rehab Tech; Michael Tappendorf, Milano & Grunloh; Gale Warner; Roy Long; Dallas & Jennie Kendall; Scott Simmons, TWM Engineering; Steve Miller; Alan Heins, Altamont Police Chief; and City Clerk Sarah Stephen.

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

Altamont Chief of Police, Alan Heiens, presented the June 2020 Police Activity Report.

Terry Plowman suggested the Council develop a quiet zone with respect to the railroad companies. Commissioner Slingerland explained he had contacted the railroad about such a zone and found no cooperation unless the City installed crossing guards, which were astronomical in price. Plowman also suggested the Council consider further conversation with EJ Water for a partnership and assistance in cost sharing the water main replacement project.

Clarence Pagel requested the former Bean Development mobile home park owner be notified of the need to mow.

Advanced Rehabilitation Technology representative, Gary Mock, introduced his company and their product to the Council, as one of the bidders for manhole lining. He explained the product meets bid specifications and includes a 10 year warranty. They line approximately 2000 manholes a year, largely for municipalities. Commissioner Slingerland suggested the Council award the bid to Spectra Tech, as recommended by Sewer Department Supervisor, Terry Hahn, due to the past experience with the company. Commissioner Polk motioned to award the Sanitary Sewer Manhole Lining bid to Advanced Rehabilitation Technology. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Advanced Rehabilitation Technology bid is $40,196.90 for lining 20 sanitary manholes.

Council approved a One Way Traffic on Second Street from Main to Washington, July 18th 9:00 – 1:00 as requested by the American Legion for Drive Thru Polk Burger Sale. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved the Purchase of a Pickup Truck for Street Department, Not to Exceed $15,000 on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Motion seconded by Commissioner Milleville. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Mayor Rippetoe announced the estimated appropriation for fiscal year ending 2020. The total appropriation currently stands at $7,284,459, an increase of $282,013 over the prior year.

Commissioner Slingerland reported connection of customers to the new water main near the Christian Church is pending. The sonification units are controlling green algae, with the exception of algae location at long distances from the units.

Commissioner Walker had nothing to report.

Commissioner Milleville recognized the Garden Club for the beautiful hanging baskets. Poison ivy in Gilbert Park near the disc golf has been sprayed and mowed.

Commissioner Polk reported oiling of streets was completed. Dead tree removal is the next task at hand for the Street Department, with ditch work and culvert installation to follow.

Mayor Rippetoe had nothing to report.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

____
Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY OF ALTAMONT
PUBLIC HEARING

July 13, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COMMUNITY ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS

Water Main Replacement Project
Public Information Update

The public hearing is to provide interested parties an update on a proposed water main replacement project.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COMMUNITY ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
July 27, 2020 - 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. COMMUNICATIONS

4. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

5. AGENDA ITEMS.

   A. *Approve Application to Maintain a Trailer Court; JK MHP LLC, (James Kim) Oakview Mobile Home Court.*

   B. *Approve Ordinance 692-20; Appropriation Fiscal Year Ending 2021.*

   C. *Approve Ordinance 693-20; Sexual Harassment Policy.*

   D. *Approve BHMG to Connect Chlorine Analyzer to PLC & SCADA, not to Exceed $21,000.*

   E. *Approve Ordinance 694-20; Replacing Ordinance # 610-17 (03-13-2017) Establishing Stop Signs, Yield Signs, No Parking Signs, Through Streets, One-Way Streets and Unloading Zone.*

   F. *Approve Ordinance VA-1064; 5 N St Clair St, Side Yard Setback.*

   G. *Approve Proceeding to Obtain Rural Development Financing for Water Main Replacement Project*

   H. *Approve Engineering Firm for Water Main Replacement Project.*

I. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Collective Negotiation Matter 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) and Sale of Property 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6)*

J. *Action as Result of Executive Session.*

K. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: July 24, 2020- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
July 27, 2020

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on July 27, 2020, in the Community Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present – Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Charles Mills, Effingham Daily News; Charles Pagel; Dallas & Jennie Kendall; Gale Warner; Judy Gregory; Michael Tappendorf, Milano & Grunloh; Dallas & Jennie Kendall; and City Clerk Sarah Stephen.

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

Dallas Kendall requested the railroad culvert, near his residence, be cleaned before the next large rain.

Clarence Pagel expressed his appreciation for properties being mowed and a tree stump removal which he had requested in a previous meeting.

Council approved Application to Maintain a Trailer Court; JK MHP LLC, (James Kim) Oakview Mobile Home Court. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Slingerland seconded. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Ordinance 692-20; Appropriation Fiscal Year Ending 2021 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Milleville. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Ordinance 693-20; Sexual Harassment Policy was approved on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council voted to approve BHMG to Connect Chlorine Analyzer to PLC & SCADA, not to Exceed $21,000. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Milleville, no; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, no; Mayor Rippetoe, no. Motion denied. Prior to the vote Commissioner Slingerland explained IEPA required monitors with a notification system to be connected to the SCADA, because no employee would be onsite during time of chlorine injection.

Ordinance 694-20; Replacing Ordinance # 610-17 (03-13-2017) Establishing Stop Signs, Yield Signs, No Parking Signs, Through Streets, One-Way Streets and Unloading Zone was approved on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Motion seconded by Commissioner Milleville. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Ordinance establishes stop signs on West Washington Avenue intersecting North Fourth Street and South Edwards Street on both sides of East Lincoln Avenue where it intersects South Edwards Street and no parking on north and south side of Do It Drive.

Ordinance VA-1064; 5 N St Clair St, Side Yard Setback was approved on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes;

Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Ordinance provides replacement of destroyed garage in same location.

Council Approved Proceeding to Obtain Rural Development Financing for Water Main Replacement Project on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland. Motion seconded by Commissioner Milleville. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Commissioner Milleville motioned to table Approving an Engineering Firm for the Water Main Replacement Project. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Prior to the vote, Commissioner Slingerland stated Roger Mensing of Curry & Associates has 25 years' experience with the City of Altamont, while TWM Engineering has an Altamont native on staff. Curry & Associates have performed the initial work and attended a November meeting with Rural Development. He felt both firms were well qualified. More information will be obtained.

Commissioner Slingerland presented a report from Curry & Associates for options to replace the south sanitary lift station force main. Michael Tappendorf stated they are attempting to coordinate with another community for the sewer main camera inspection to save cost. The north wastewater treatment plant is awaiting installation of aerators. The water reservoir has turned over creating a taste and odor to the drinking water. Plastic lids have been placed on some water meters, increasing the radio read capability.

Commissioner Walker reported the solar grid may go on line next week. Dillon Meier & Jade Peddycoart completed lineman's climbing school with a better than 90% grade.

Commissioner Milleville had nothing to report.

Commissioner Polk reported trees were removed from the west side of the parking lot near S&W. Contractors soon will be removing the larger ash trees in the City.

Mayor Rippetoe had nothing to report.

Clerk Stephen reported Helitech has started installation of the municipal building water drainage system. Utility shutoffs are scheduled to resume this week.

Commissioner Slingerland motioned to enter into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Collective Negotiation Matter 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) and Sale of Property 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6). Commissioner Milleville seconded. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Upon returning to open session Commissioner Slingerland motioned to counter propose to the Illinois Council of Police a wage increase of $1.50 the first year, 2.5% second year and 2.5% third year. Commissioner Milleville seconded. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Commissioner Slingerland motioned to market a residential lot located at Eight & Elm for sale for the amount of $10,500. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

____

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COMMUNITY ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
August 10, 2020 - 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. COMMUNICATIONS
5. COMMISSIONER REPORTS
6. AGENDA ITEMS.

   A. *Fritcher Nuisance Violation Notice of Appeal; 9 Sherman Drive.*

   B. *Ordinance 695-20; Authorizing Fourth Amendment to Contract for Private Development Pursuant to Redevelopment Plan for TIF Area (Kelly)*

   C. *Approve Final Payment to Helitech in the Amount of $9,200 for Installation of Municipal Building Drainage System.*

   D. *Approve Payment to Larry Heuerman for 2020 Street Oiling $39,993.08.*

   E. *Lee Beckman; Milano & Grunloh Engineers.*

   F. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Collective Negotiation Matter 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) and Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)*

   G. *Action As Result of Executive Session.*

   H.

   I. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: August 07, 2020- 4:00 pm.

____
SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
August 10, 2020

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on August 10, 2020, in the Community Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present – Carissa Sitki, Altamont News; Charles Pagel; Aaron & Emily Fritcher; April Luchtefeld; Terry Hahn, Sewer Department Supr; Michael Tappendorf & Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh; Steve Bailey; Ted Heath; Alan Heiens, Police Chief and City Clerk Sarah Stephen.

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

Chief Heiens presented the July 2020 Police Activity Report.

April Luchtefeld asked the Council to have a tree stump at West John Adams removed. The tree had been removed a couple weeks ago. She asked how long the water was going to be bad. Commissioner Slingerland explained the reservoir turnover was more severe than first thought. The Water Department had flushed 1.5 million gallons of water in an attempt to clear the lines. The date for better water cannot be determined.

Steve Bailey presented the council with a bill from Effingham Equity for a mole prevention product purchased and applied at Gilbert Park. The Council was unaware the mole presence had reoccurred.

Jim Corbin requested the ditch in front of his house be sloped for ease of mowing.

Terry Hahn pointed out the new drainage area in the area behind Jack Flash would not allow City equipment access to maintain electric, water or sewer lines. Mayor Rippetoe stated he was aware of it and working on a solution.

Emily Fritcher addressed the Council concerning a nuisance violation appeal for her residence of 9 Sherman Drive. A fence was built across City easement, with the presence of existing power lines. Mrs. Fritcher explained the fence was constructed with a 16’ gate to provide access for large equipment. The Fritcher family has a special needs child. The Fritchers requested an amendment to allow the fence to remain. Mrs. Fritcher stated the ADA and Department of Justice stated a municipality must make modifications to avoid discrimination of a special needs person utilizing the full extent of their property. She admitted to not obtaining a building permit prior to installing the original fence or the recent modifications. Commissioner Walker motioned to uphold the violation. Motion died for lack of a second. Commissioner Slingerland motioned to table action, allowing Fritchers time to obtain the proper zoning permit. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, no; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Ordinance 695-20; Authorizing Fourth Amendment to Contract for Private Development Pursuant to Redevelopment Plan for TIF (Kelly) was approved on a motion by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, no; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council Approved Final Payment to Helitech in the Amount of $9,200 for Installation of Municipal Building Drainage System. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Milleville seconded. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved payment to Larry Heuerman for 2020 Street Oiling in the Amount of $39,993.08 on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers, addressed the Council regarding a water main replacement project. He offered ideas for funding such as IEPA loan, whereby principal forgiveness can be received, Rural Development 40 year loan at 1-2% in conjunction with grant eligibility or DCEO $550,000 grant. With DCEO grant funding the project could be accomplished in stages as the awards provide. If the project bids are above the grant funded amount, the project must be completed according to the plan set with the City absorbing the additional cost. Proof of health and safety are key point items for grant funding. DCEO grant funding must be expended within the same year. The negative impact could be higher construction costs for smaller projects. However, small projects yield more bidders.

Commissioner Slingerland reported Water Department Supervisor, Vaughn Voelker, has conveyed the reservoir destratifier was disabled due to a small log jamming it, the battery default on the sonic buoy was disconnected during a recent storm. IEPA, Rural Water and Curry Engineers have visited the water department, additional testing has been conducted. The water testing found treated water to not contain toxins. Water conditions will improve in an undetermined amount of time. BHMG has provided a detailed breakdown of charges to install the chlorine analyzer, which is IEPA required. If the device is not connected to the SCADA system, an employee will be required to physically monitor.

Commissioner Walker reported the solar grid may go on line next week. Dillon Meier & Jade Peddycoart completed lineman’s climbing school with a better than 90% grade.

Commissioners Walker, Milleville and Polk and Mayor Rippetoe had nothing to report.

Commissioner Milleville motioned to enter into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Collective Negotiation Matter 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2). Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

____

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COMMUNITY ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
August 24, 2020 - 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 COMMUNICATIONS

4. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

5. AGENDA ITEMS.

   A. *Approve Payment to Taylor Construction, St Peter IL, for Roof Replacement, 603 West Monroe, in the Amount of $26,510.04.*

   B. *Approve Payment to Richard & Tammy Kelly, Pursuant to TIF Agreement (Original Ordinance 657-19) in the Amount of $36,000.*

   C. *Approve Purchase of 2015 Ford Dump Truck from Teutopolis Auto Sales in the Amount of $25,525.00.*

   D. *Discuss & Approve BHMG to Connect Chlorine Analyzer to PLC & SCADA, not to Exceed $21,000.*

   E. *Discuss So Lift Station Options.*

   F. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Collective Negotiation Matter 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2)*

   G. *Action As Result of Executive Session.*

   H. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: August 21, 2020- 4:00 pm.

____
SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
August 24, 2020

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on August 24, 2020, in the Community Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present – Carissa Sitki, Altamont News; Charles Pagel; Charles Mills, Effingham Daily News; Michael Tappendorf, Milano & Grunloh; Kyle Stuemke and City Clerk Sarah Stephen.

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

Kyle Stuemke thanked the Council for oiling South Sixth Street. He stated the property west of his residence was cleaned up years ago by the City, but has again grown up. When the drainage area was rebuilt, it developed some six foot deep areas that he cannot safely mow. The concrete culvert has a hole on top of it. He also expressed concerns of the water poor odor and taste.

Council approved payment to Taylor Construction for Roof Replacement at 603 West Monroe in the Amount of $26,510.04. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Milleville seconded. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved Payment to Richard & Tammy Kelly, Pursuant to TIF Agreement in the amount of $36,000. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved the Purchase of a 2015 Ford Dump Truck from Teutopolis Auto Sales in the Amount of $25,525.00. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Slingerland seconded. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council discussed connection of a chlorine analyzer to PLC & SCADA. Commissioner Slingerland explained a computer program will be written by BHMG Engineers to gather data from the chlorine analyzer and send to the SCADA. The alternative option is for an employee to physically watch the chlorine injection four hours daily. Commissioner Milleville motioned to approve BHMG to install the chlorine analyzer for a cost not to exceed $21,000. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, no; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Commissioner Slingerland provided comparisons of options, received from Curry & Associates, to improve the wastewater south lift station force main. Mayor Rippetoe questioned why an 8" main is listed. Clarification will be obtained and reported in a future meeting.

Commissioner Slingerland reported Water has been busy consulting with IEPA, Rural Water Authority, engineers & other communities to find solutions to the water poor odor and taste. Divers have inspected the dam valve, a report will follow. The water tower mixer installation is completed. Commissioner Slingerland provided cost comparisons of potential water main replacement project, comparing phasing the replacement vs full project and the customer cost effect. The Sewer Department is waiting on a transformer for aeration equipment install. Manholes are being lined. Camera inspection of sewer mains in the northwest quarter of the City has been conducted. Mains had to be cleaned before inspection as mains were too restricted to allow camera access. A full report will be provided.

Commissioner Walker reported the solar grid testing is scheduled for August 26th. Random tree trimming is being accomplished. Service for Effingham Equity expansion is being installed.

Commissioners Milleville reported at Nori's Yard trees have been trimmed, repainting of the gazebo is planned. He met with the Altamont Garden Club to discuss future plans. Some matured flower beds in Schmidt Park may be removed. Improvements are being planned at the Triangle. Club representatives will attend the next meeting to present a new project. Some new trees planted in 2019 by the State have not survived. The City will need to plan for replacement trees.

Commissioner Polk reported the Street Department has been helping the Water Department with maintenance. Carriage Lane reconstruction is looking good.

Mayor Rippetoe reported demolition of three buildings has been completed as detailed in the TIF agreement.

Clerk Stephen reported a late request was submitted to close Adams Street from Main to west side of Township building to allow the Open Door Diner to hold a 10th anniversary celebration on Friday, August 28th beginning at 2:00. Since the open seating resolution, for partial street closing was still in effect, Council agreed to the request.

Commissioner Milleville motioned to enter into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Collective Negotiation Matter 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2). Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

No action was not taken as a result of Executive Session.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

____

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY OF ALTAMONT
PUBLIC HEARING
September 14, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS

Community Development Block Grant from
Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity
Sewer Replacement Project

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COMMUNITY ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
September 14, 2020 - 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. COMMUNICATIONS
5. COMMISSIONER REPORTS
6. AGENDA ITEMS.

   A. *OMNIBUS VOTE; SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT:*
   Item No. 1 – Approve Grant Writing Services Agreement, South Central Regional Planning & Development Commission $2,500.

   Item No. 2 - Resolution 2020-09-06; Support of Community Development Block Grant for Sewer Main Replacement Project.

   B. *Altamont Garden Club – Project Presentation & Council Approval.*

   C. *Approve Payment to Advanced Rehabilitation Technology for Manhole Lining in the Amount of $40,446.25.*

   D. *Approve Payment to Visu-Sewer in the Amount of $21,060.00 (Camera Sewer Lines $10,220.00 & Sewer Main Cleaning $10,840.00)*

E. *Approve Three Year Labor Agreement between City and Illinois Council of Police.*

F. *Approve Ordinance 696-20; Pertaining to the Local CURE Program.*

G. *Approve Payment to WTR Solutions in the Amount of $39,400 for North Wastewater Treatment Plant Air Diffusers.*

H. *Approve Purchase of Control Panel, from AquaTech for North Wastewater Treatment Plant to Accommodate New Aspirators in the Amount of $19,783.00*

I. *Approve Resolution 2020-09-07; Sale of 1990 Chevy 2500 Crew Cab & Flat Bed.*

J. *Approve Curry & Associates Engineers as Engineering Firm for Water Main Replacement Project.*

K. *Noise ordinance.*

L. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: August 11, 2020- 4:00 pm.

____

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
September 14, 2020

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on September 14, 2020, in the Community Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present – Carissa Sitki, Altamont News; Charles Pagel; Charles Mills, Effingham Daily News; Michael Tappendorf, Milano & Grunloh; Gale Warner; Robert Bray; Lois Frost; Teri Beal; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief; Terry Hahn, Sewer Dept Supr; and City Clerk Sarah Stephen.

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

Altamont Police Chief Alan Heiens presented the Altamont Police Department August 2020 Activity Report.

Charles Pagel informed the Council a tree, near the driveway at 17 West John Adams, has heaved the sidewalk. He suggested the tree be removed and the sidewalk be placed back down. He asked if the City could make the CSX Railroad repair the Main Street crossing. Clerk Stephen explained that residents need to file a report on the CSX website.

An Omnibus Vote consisting of Approving Grant Writing Services Agreement, South Central Regional Planning & Development Commission $2,500 and Resolution 2020-09-06 Supporting Community Development Block Grant for Sewer Main Replacement Project. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Milleville seconded. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Lois Frost, President of Altamont Garden Club, presented a Garden Club project to the Council for installation of a water fountain on the Triangle. They are proposing removal of three flower beds & brick planter, seeding the area and installing the fountain or bubbler. Commissioner Milleville motioned for approval of a water bubbler and rock on the Triangle. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council Approved Payment to Advanced Rehabilitation Technology for Manhole Lining in the Amount of $40,446.25 on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council Approved Payment to Visu-Sewer in the Amount of $21,060.00 (Camera Sewer Lines $10,220.00 & Sewer Main Cleaning $10,840.00). Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Walker seconded. . Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Terry Hahn explained the additional cost was for removal of mud and debris allowing camera access in the sewer main.

Council approved a Three Year Labor Agreement between the City and Illinois Council of Police. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Milleville seconded. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Members of the Police Union will receive hourly wage increases of $2.00 for current year, 3% for years two and three.

Ordinance 696-20 Pertaining to the Local CURE Program was approved on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The ordinance provides participation in the CURE Program to make application for refunding of costs related to COVID-19.

Council approved Payment to WTR Solutions in the Amount of $39,400 for North Wastewater Treatment Plant Air Diffusers. Commisisoner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Milleville seconded. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council Approved Purchase of a Control Panel, from AquaTec for North Wastewater Treatment Plant to Accommodate New Aspirators in the Amount of $19,783.00. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Milleville seconded. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The control panel will be placed near the aspirators rather than in the existing building as first designed.

Council approved Resolution 2020-09-07 for Sale of 1990 Chevy 2500 Crew Cab & Flat Bed. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Slingerland seconded. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Commissioner Slingerland explained to Council members how essential it is to select an engineer to design a water main replacement project to include with a Rural Development loan application. Commissioner Polk asked for reasons opposing phasing water main replacement. He presented rates of nearby communities and expressed his concern of raising water rates. Commissioner Slingerland stated phasing will result in construction and engineering fees to be paid upfront. Bob Bray, a member of the Effingham Regional Growth Alliance, suggested Council confer with the City of Effingham Administrator and engineer for guidance. Commissioner Walker expressed concern of burdening customers with an additional fee. Mayor Rippetoe stated he prefers replacement in phases and starting with cast iron lines. Commissioner Milleville stated an engineer needs selected to develop futuristic plans, time to obtain a firm project plan and he felt Curry & Associates have a good portfolio. Commissioner Slingerland motioned to Approve Curry & Associates as Engineering Firm for Water Main Replacdment Project. Commissioner Milleville seconded. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, no; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, no; Mayor Rippetoe, no.

Commissioner Polk indicated he has received complaints about noise in the late night hours. The City does not have much listed in the noise ordinance. He compared Altamont to the City of Effingham who regulates outdoor music to ending at 10:00 or 11:00. He does not want to handcuff the businesses, but would also like to keep the peace for residents. Commissioner Walker suggested having an ordinance presented for voting.

Commissioner Slingerland reported the odor and taste has improved. Still waiting on dive team report.

Commissioner Walker reported new service is being installed for the Equity improvements. Diseased ash trees are being removed from Schmidt Park. September 25th 11:00 pm will be the IMEA ribbon cutting ceremony for the solar units.

Commissioners Milleville had nothing to report.

Commissioner Polk had nothing to report.

Mayor Rippetoe had nothing to report.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

____

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COMMUNITY ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
September 28, 2020 - 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. COMMUNICATIONS

4. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

5. AGENDA ITEMS.

   A. *Approve Change Order of Carriage Lane Improvements; Additional Cost $10,436.60.*

   B. *Approve Payment to J.B. Esker & Sons for Carriage Lane Improvements in the Amount of $89,291.60.*

   C. *Discuss Trick or Treat Modifications.*

   D. *Discuss Customer Charge to Reserve Funds for Water Department Improvements.*

   E. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: September 25, 2020- 4:00 pm.

____
SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
September 28, 2020

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on September 28, 2020, in the Community Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present – Carissa Sitki, Altamont News; Charles Pagel; Charles Mills, Effingham Daily News; Michael Tappendorf, Milano & Grunloh; and Gale Warner.

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

Council approved a Change Order of Carriage Lane Improvements Additional Cost of $10,436.00. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Mayor Rippetoe explained the increase allowed elevation transition improvements from the Jack Flash parking lot to the street.

Payment to J.B. Esker & Sons for Carriage Lane Improvements in the Amount of $89,291.60 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council discussed plans for Trick-or-Treat in relation to the pandemic. Mayor Rippetoe stated he does not want to ban trick-or-treat, but rather suggest those participating follow the CDC guidelines. Commissioner Polk preferred to continue the tradition. Commissioner Walker recommended allowing individuals the choice to participate with CDC guidelines followed.

Council discussed creating a customer utility charge to establish reserve funds for Water Department improvements. Commissioner Slingerland provided a spreadsheet reflecting water main replacement project costs if the project is completed in phases. Considering previous statements from Lee Beckman of Milano & Grunloh, that upfront expenses and a 10% contingency are not covered by DCEO grants, Commissioner Slingerland recommended a monthly charge of $8.55 per water customer. The charge would be a flat fee indicated on the utility bill, not based on consumption. Commissioner Slingerland also recommended an automatic 3% annual increase to the charge. Commissioner Polk asked for ideas to keep costs down, why Altamont rates are higher than neighboring communities, and where the inefficiencies are. Commissioner Slingerland stated there had been no water rate increases during prior administration even with annual cost increases and the loss of the I70 rest area customer. However, with water main improvements it is anticipated chemical costs and water loss would decrease. Major repairs at the water plant are still needed.

Commissioner Slingerland reported at the water plant, carbon is being changed in filter #3 and the same will be done in filter #2. No recent complaints of odor and taste have been received. The tower mixer is operating. As a result, a chlorine residual improvement has been noticed. The dive team report has not been received.

Commissioner Walker reported September 25th was the IMEA ribbon cutting ceremony for the solar units. The 1674 solar panels cover 4.9 acres with 500kw maximum capacity. This would be enough to power 100 homes. The Effingham Equity line move is completed. The north wastewater lagoon transformer is installed. Fall projects include preventative maintenance of replacing older poles.

Commissioners Milleville had nothing to report.

Commissioner Polk reported IDOT is planning to repave Rt 40 and 128. The project also includes replacing a box culvert near Tenth Street.

Mayor Rippetoe reported notice has been received that DCEO approved a 15 year renewal of the Enterprise Zone. The new zone will be larger, including the addition of Beecher City. This will provide incentives for economic growth in both communities.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

____

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

NOTE: Minutes were compiled via meeting audio recording.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COMMUNITY ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
October 12, 2020 - 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. COMMUNICATIONS

5. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

6. AGENDA ITEMS.

   A. *CliftonLarsonAllen, Hope Wheeler – FYE 2020 Audit Presentation.*

   B. *Resolution 2020-10-08; Authorizing Library Property Tax Abatement for Enterprise Zone.*

   C. *Approve Ordinance 697-20; Noise Control.*

   D. *Approve Purchase of 2013 Chevy Silverado Truck from A&H Implement in the Amount of $14,685.00.*

   E. *James Walker- Garbage Contract.*

   F. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matter 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1).*

   G. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: October 09, 2020- 4:00 pm.

____
SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
October 12, 2020

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on October 12, 2020, in the Community Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present – Carissa Sitki, Altamont News; Charles Pagel; Charles Mills, Effingham Daily News; Gale Warner; Hope Wheeler, CliftonLarsonAllen; Alan Heins, Altamont Police Chief; Doug Holman; Christopher Luckey; 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 Polk and seconded by Commissioner Milleville. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. (Attachment 1)

Chief Heiens introduced new police officer, Christopher Luckey and presented the September 2020 Police Activity Report. Doug Holman addressed the September K-9 Activity Report.

Charles Pagel asked if a decision had been made regarding the tree and sidewalk at 17 West John Adams Ave. Commissioner Polk stated the homeowner needs to submit a request and/or permission to remove the tree.

Hope Wheeler, CliftonLarsonAllen, presented the FYE 2020 Audit. She stated the City audit was conducted without any issues. No concerns were found during the audit.

Resolution 2020-10-08; Authorizing Library Property Tax Abatement for Enterprise Zone was approved on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Ordinance 697-20; Noise Control was approved on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Milleville. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The ordinance limits playing of music louder than an average conversational level at a distance of 75 feet or more before 9:00 am and after the hours of 9:00 pm Sunday through Thursday and 11:00 pm on Friday and Saturday.

Council approved the purchase of a 2013 Chevy Silverado Truck from A&H Implement in the amount of $14,685.00. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

James Walker addressed the Council requesting the opportunity to provide sanitation service to the City. He would provide weekly service and totes for the cost of $3500 per week. Commissioner Slingerland stated if the Council chose to advertise for bids they would be received in April 2021.

Commissioner Slingerland reported aerators have not been installed, waiting on a meter loop. He and Terry Hahn reviewed the sewer main camera inspection with a VisuSewer representative. They recommended repairs of less than $300,000 and less than 800 feet of main replacement. Other repairs could be joint connection repairs. Recent water department lead and copper tests were all at low levels.

Commissioner Walker reported new residential installations have been completed. Tree trimming continues. Projects are awaiting material delivery.

Commissioners Milleville had nothing to report.

Commissioner Polk reported a culvert was replaced on north Tenth St.

Mayor Rippetoe had nothing to report.

Council entered into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) on a motion by Commissioner Milleville and seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Upon returning to open session Council discussed vacant buildings for possible condemnation. Discussion was then held regarding the water main replacement project, what type of plan to develop, engineers to utilize, funding and a customer fee for various improvements.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

____

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY OF ALTAMONT
PUBLIC HEARING
October 26, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS

Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Grant
Sidewalk Reconstruction & Replacement Project

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COMMUNITY ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
October 26, 2020 - 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. COMMUNICATIONS

4. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

5. AGENDA ITEMS.

   A. *Approve Bicycle, Pedestrian & Streetscape Plan.*

   B. *Approve Resolution 2020-10-09; Funding for Cycle 14 Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Grant Project; Sidewalk Replacement.*

   C. *Approve Funds Transfer Concerning Division Street Project.*

   D. *Approve Ordinance 698-20; Authorizing Execution of IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement in the Amount of $136,773.00.*

   E. *Approve Engineer for Water Main Replacement Project.*

   F. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: October 23, 2020- 4:00 pm.

____
SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
October 26, 2020

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on October 26, 2020, in the Community Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present – Carissa Sitki, Altamont News; Charles Mills, Effingham Daily News; Michael Tappendorf, Milano & Grunloh; 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 Polk and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. (Attachment 1)

Council approved the Bicycle, Pedestrian & Streetscape Plan as presented by Milano & Grunloh in the public hearing held prior to the Council meeting. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Resolution 2020-10-09 Funding for Cycle 14 Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Grant Project, Sidewalk Replacement was approved on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland. Commissioner Walker seconded. Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Commissioner Polk motioned to approve funds transfer concerning the Division Street Project. Commissioner Milleville seconded. Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Funds will be respectively transferred to the General Fund – Street & Alley Savings $10,000; Sales Tax Savings $35,000; Special Accounts $35,000; TIF Funds $10,000; Motor Fuel Funds $10,000.

Ordinance 698-20 Authorizing Execution of IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement in the Amount of $136,773 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Milleville. Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Commissioner Slingerland stated that following many discussions regarding a water main replacement project, the necessity to approve an engineer in order to proceed with the project has been determined. However, he cannot in good faith make a motion for Milano & Grunloh Engineers. Commissioner Mike Walker motioned to approve Milano & Grunloh as engineers for the water main extension project. Commissioner Polk seconded. Commissioner Milleville, no; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, no; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Commissioner Slingerland reported he met with Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers, to discuss replacement of an 8”water main beginning at the water tower and continuing north, along the east side of Main Street, a distance as provided in grant funding. He stated phasing the water main replacement will require the City to pay for engineering fees and 10% contingency fees. An ordinance will be presented at the next meeting establishing a new customer charge. The dam valve inspection report has been received from Midco Diving Services in which valve replacement, among other items, was recommended. Sewer Department is waiting for electronic box to continue with north treatment plant aerator installation.

Commissioner Walker reported two employees have completed underground residential distribution training. Tree trimming continues. A backlog of supply orders has delayed several projects.

Commissioners Milleville reported he has been working with mowing contractors to prepare Schmidt Park for Ho Ho Land setup.

Commissioner Polk reported leaf pickup has started. Street Department assisted the Water Department in water service installations.

Mayor Rippetoe reported 1000th Street ditches have been cleaned by Mound Township. This will create new issues for the City to slow runoff coming to town.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Milleville. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

____

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COMMUNITY ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
November 09, 2020 - 6:00 p.m.

<u>Agenda</u>

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. COMMUNICATIONS
5. COMMISSIONER REPORTS
6. AGENDA ITEMS.

   A. *Present Ordinance 699-20; Amend Water Rates-Establishing Capital Infrastructure Fee.*

   B. *Approve Final Payment to AquaTec for North Lagoon Aspirators $36,481.50.*

   C. *Approve Renewal of Employee Health Insurance Coverage with Healthy Lifestyle.*

   D.

   E.

   F. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: November 06, 2020- 4:00 pm.

____
SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
November 09, 2020

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on November 09, 2020, in the Community Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present – Carissa Sitki, Altamont News; Charles Mills, Effingham Daily 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 Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. (Attachment 1)

Chief Alan Heiens presented the October Police Department Activity report.

Ordinance 699-20; Amend Water Rates – Establishing Capital Infrastructure Fee was presented to the Council. Commissioner Slingerland explained the ordinance provides for a monthly capital infrastructure flat fee in the amount of $9.75 per water customer, to include a 3% annual increase. The fee will be accumulated to pay specifically for infrastructure improvements. The first project, if grant funding is awarded, would include replacement of water main lines. The accumulated funds would pay for engineering and contingency fees not provided in the grant funding. The new charge will be effective January 1, 2021. Customers will be paying the new fee with their billing due February 17, 2021. The ordinance will be presented for approval at the November 23rd meeting.

Council approved final payment to AquaTec for north lagoon aspirators in the amount of $36,481.50. Commissioner Slinglerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Milleville seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved renewal of employee health insurance coverage with Healthy Lifestyle. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The renewal carries a 6.8% rate increase, effective on the renewal date of December 1, 2020. Comparisons reflecting higher coverage rates were reviewed. Some of those received were Blue Cross 60.86% increase, United HealthCare 41.21% increase and Health Alliance 25.15% increase.

Commissioner Slingerland provided information regarding the City of Sycamore, who is replacing water mains with the same scenario as Altamont. IDOT has contacted Supervisor Voelker regarding replacement of the water main in the Rt 40 intersection. The State is considering providing assistance with the water main relocation. Curry & Associates Engineers, after reviewing the dive team report, have recommended moving operations at the dam to an outside building, eliminating the confined space restrictions. Abandoning the main drain and replacing with a gate valve on the east side of the dam is being investigated. The north sewer lagoon is awaiting a control box panel and aerators.

Commissioner Walker had nothing to report.

Commissioner Milleville reported parks are closed for the winter. Setup of HoHo Land in Schmidt park is planned for November 14th. He suggested planting of replacement trees be considered.

Commissioner Polk reported leaf pickup is ongoing. Plans are in motion to open up waterways north of Division Street to the railroad and the Ewing Street ditch.

Mayor Rippetoe had nothing to report.

Clerk Stephen provided a tax revenue income comparison. It reflected a six month $17,571 decline in sales tax, compared to FYE 2020. Other tax revenues held steady, with some increasing. Some reductions could easily be justified by the pandemic conditions, such as video gaming and motel tax.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Milleville. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

____

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COMMUNITY ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
November 23, 2020 - 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. COMMUNICATIONS

4. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

5. AGENDA ITEMS.

   A. *Approve Ordinance 700-20; Purchase of Real Property for Utility Purposes – Effingham Equity Electric Easement*

   B. *Approve Ordinance 701-20; Authorizing Execution of A Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area - Effingham Equity.*

   C. *Approve Ordinance 699-20; Amending Water Rates, Establishing Capital Infrastructure Fee.*

   D. *Approve Wastewater South Lift Station Improvements Proposal, Cost of $377,970.*

   E. *Approve Curry & Associates Engineering Proposal in the Amount of $67,000 for South Lift Station Improvements.*

   F. *Announce Estimated Tax Levy.*

   G. *Approve Request to Conduct 5K Run to be Held December 19, 2020.*

   H. *Approve Services Agreement - Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center 2021 Employee Assistance Program.*

   I. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: November 20, 2020- 4:00 pm.

____
SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
November 23, 2020

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on November 23, 2020, in the Community Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present – Carissa Sitki, Altamont News; Charles Mills, Effingham Daily News; Michael Tappendorf, Milano & Grunloh Engineers; 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 Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. (Attachment 1)

Ordinance 700-20; Purchase of Real Property for Utility Purposes-Effingham Equity Electric Easement was approved on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Ordinance 701-20; Authorizing Execution of a Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area – Effingham Equity was approved on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Milleville. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The agreement provides the customary ten year 50% real estate tax refund.

Ordinance 699-20; Amending Water Rates, Establishing Capital Infrastructure Fee was approved on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, no; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Approval establishes a $9.75 fee for water department capital improvements, to include a 3% annual increase.

Council approved Wastewater South Lift Station Improvements Proposal in the amount of $377,970. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Milleville seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Commissioner Slingerland explained the City was planning ahead for recent and future expansion by replacing the current main with an 8” line to be relocated to avoid the I70 overpass and Rt 128.

Commissioner Slingerland motioned to approve Curry & Associates Engineering Proposal in the Amount of $67,000 for South Lift Station Improvements. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Mayor Rippetoe announced the 2021 estimated tax levy in the amount of $244,200, an increase of 4.75%.

Council approved a 5K run to be held December 19, 2020. Commissioner Walker motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes;

Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Proceeds of the 5K benefit the Altamont Sesquicentennial.

Council approved a Services Agreement with Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center 2021 Employee Assistance Program. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Milleville seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Commissioner Slingerland thanked the electric department for helping prepare the north sewer lagoon aerator installation. Ryan Spade will begin cross training in the sewer department as a backup to Supervisor Hahn. The water department noticed beavers are building in the lake and will need to be eradicated. Carbon will be changed on Filter #2 at the water plant.

Commissioner Walker reported three of the four electric department employees have completed year one of the lineman's apprentice program self-study. In person training has been delayed due to Covid.

Commissioner Milleville reported Ho Ho Land is partially setup. Weather has been a hinderance.

Commissioner Polk reported Street Department has been maintaining equipment. There are two weeks remaining of leaf pickup.

Mayor Rippetoe had nothing to report.

Clerk Stephen reported word has been received of grant approval from the CURE program administered by DCEO. $95,666 will be received as reimbursement of Covid expenses. The majority of the monies will benefit the general fund.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

____

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COMMUNITY ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
December 14, 2020 - 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. COMMUNICATIONS

5. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

6. AGENDA ITEMS.

   A. *Approve Ordinance 702-20; Appropriation Ordinance Amendment FYE 2021.*

   B. *Approve Ordinance 703-20; FYE 2021 Tax Levy.*

   C. *Approve Ordinance 704-20; Annual Abatement Ordinance.*

   D. *Approve 2021 Holiday Schedule.*

   E. *Approve Resolution 2020-12-10; Establishing 2021 Meeting Schedule.*

   F. *Approve Payment to Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center $13,295.00.*

   G. *Approve Memorandum of Understanding with CEFS Meals on Wheels.*

   H. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: December 11, 2020- 4:00 pm.

____
SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
December 14, 2020

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on December 14, 2020, in the Community Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present – Carissa Sitki, Altamont News; Michael Tappendorf, Milano & Grunloh Engineers; 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 Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Milleville. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. (Attachment 1)

Chief Heiens presented the November 2020 Police Activity Report.

Ordinance 702-20; Appropriation Ordinance Amendement FYE 2021 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The appropriation was lowered $58,100 making the new appropriation total $7,226,359.

Ordinance 703-20; FYE 20201 Tax Levy was approved on a motion by Commissioner Milleville and seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The levy represents $224,200.

Ordinance 704-20; Annual Abatement Ordinance was approved on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, no; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved the 2021 Holiday Schedule. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Resolution 2020-12-10; Establishing 2021 Meeting Schedule was approved on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland. Commissioner Milleville seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Meetings remained the 2nd & 4th Monday at 6:00 p.m.

Payment to Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center in the Amount of $13,295.00 was approved. Commissioner Milleville motioned for approval. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Officers Chris Carpenter & Chris Luckey attended the training. Reimbursement of the cost may be received in the future.

Council approved a memorandum of Understanding with CEFS Meals on Wheels. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Milleville seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The agreement is for a term ending September 2023.

Commissioner Slingerland provided preliminary engineering plans for water main replacement at the intersection of Rt 40 & Main Street. Some unnecessary options will be deleted from the preliminary. The Illinois Department of Transportation will be assisting with the project cost as part of the intersection renovation. Aerators have been installed at the north lagoon and the control panel is mounted. R&H will be trenching for the electric connection. The sewer main servicing Do It Drive was filled with grease and required additional treatment and cleaning. Supervisor Hahn will be instructed to check the main on a regular basis.

Commissioner Polk reported Street Department has removed approximately 72 trees this year. He suggested a plan be developed for the next year to replant trees. How to accomplish maintenance of new trees was discussed.

Commissioner Walker, Commissioner Milleville & Mayor Rippetoe had nothing to report.

Clerk Stephen shared correspondence from Gerald White Jr, owner of S&W Supermarket. He thanked the City and IMEA for the recently received grant to improve lighting in the grocery store.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

____

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COMMUNITY ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
December 28, 2020 - 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. COMMUNICATIONS

4. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

5. AGENDA ITEMS.

   A. *Approve Agreement for Reimbursable Utility Adjustment with Illinois Dept of Transportation; Rt 40/128 Water Main Relocation.*

   B. *Approve Agreement for Engineering Services with Milano & Grunloh for Water Main Relocation Rt 40/128 $15,100.00.*

   C. *Approve Payment to Wortman Holdings Business District Sales Tax Reimbursement, July, Aug & Sept 2020 $5,017.56.*

   D. *Approve Payment to Tyler Polk & Eric Schmidt $5,000 Per TIF Agreement.*

   E. *Approve Altamont/Effingham County Enterprise Zone Board Appointments:*
      Effingham County Board Chairman (or designee)
      Beecher City Board President (or designee)
      Unit 10 Superintendent (or designee)
      Mound Township Supervisor (or Trustee designee)
      Financial Community – Terri Beal
      Altamont Chamber of Commerce – Lynn Kull
      City of Altamont – Dan Milleville, Mayoral Representative.

   F. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: December 23, 2020- 4:00 pm.

____
SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
December 28, 2020

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on December 28, 2020, in the Community Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk. Also present – Carissa Sitki, Altamont News; Charles Mills, Effingham Daily News; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Milleville presided over the meeting in the absence of Mayor Jason Rippetoe.

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

Council approved an agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for Reimbursable Utility Adjustment regarding Rt 40/128 Water Main Relocation. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Milleville, yes. The agreement documents IDOT providing funding up to $113,000 to relocate an 8" water main in the intersection of Rt 40 and Main Street during renovation of the same intersection.

Council approved an Agreement for Engineering Services with Milano & Grunloh for Water Main Relocation at Rt 40/128 in the Amount of $15,100. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Milleville, yes.

Council approved Payment to Wortman Holdings Business District Sales Tax Reimbursement for the months of July, August, & September 2020 $5,017.56. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Milleville, yes. The payment had been withheld to clarify the beginning demolition date as indicated in an agreement.

Commissioner Walker motioned to approve Payment to Tyler Polk & Eric Schmidt in the amount of $5000 per a TIF Agreement. Commissioner Slingerland seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, abstained for conflict of interest; Commissioner Milleville, yes. Work was completed to cover the outside of an exposed wall at 109 North Main.

Council approved Appointments to the Altamont/Effingham County Enterprise Zone Board as follows:

Effingham County Board Chairman (or designee)
Beecher City Board President (or designee)
Unit 10 Superintendent (or designee)
Mound Township Supervisor (or Trustee designee)
Financial Community – Terri Beal
Altamont Chamber of Commerce – Lynn Kull
City of Altamont – Dan Milleville, Mayoral Representative.

Commissioner Walker motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes;

Commissioner Milleville, abstained. The new Enterprise Zone replaces the existing Enterprise Zone beginning January 01, 2021 with the newly established board.

Commissioner Slingerland reported over the weekend, the water plant lost an electric phase and the generator malfunctioned. The damaged fire hydrant located on East Division Street should be replaced tomorrow.

Commissioner Polk reported Street Department has the salt spreader prepared for inclement weather. The new dump truck has received modifications and is being utilized.

Commissioner Walker and Commissioner Milleville had nothing to report.

Clerk Stephen reported she and Commissioner Milleville have been working on obtaining a CURE's Economic Support grant from DCEO. Approval was received and applications were distributed to area businesses. The grant will provide a maximum of $2500 expense reimbursement to eligible businesses with 25% decrease in sales in any month between March and November 2020.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Milleville, yes.

____

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk