

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
January 10 2022 - 6:00 p.m.**

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. POLICE REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Approve Bid Award of Sewer South Force Main Improvement.*
 - B. *Approve Milano & Grunloh Project Authorization for South Point Subdivision.*
 - C. *Approve VA 1665; Whistle Stop Saloon, Increase Maximum Sign Footage West & South Side of Building.*
 - D. *Approve VA 1666; Whistle Stop Saloon, Billboard on South Side of Building.*
 - E. *Approve VA 1667; Whistle Stop Saloon, Increase Maximum Sign Footage on North Side of Property.*
 - F. *Approve Enforcement of Ordinances 714-21 and VA-1628; Whistle Stop Fencing.*
 - G. *Approve Demolition of House and Garage 207 North Seventh St.*
 - H. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matter 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1).*
 - I. *Action as Result of Executive Session.*
 - J. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: January 07, 2022- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
January 10, 2022

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on January 10, 2022, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk. Also present –Charles Mills, Effingham Daily News; Michael Tappendorf, Milano & Grunloh; Anne Solan; Marni Suinehoot; Ron Gurley; Charles Pagel; Mark Workman; Renee Schoenfoeld; Adam Huston; Elizabeth Huston; Brad Miller; Lynn Kull; 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 Walker. 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 December 2021 Police Activity Report.

Mark Workman, owner of Whistle Stop Saloon, requested the City replace the approach and sidewalk at the liquor store entrance. Recently a patron fell when attempting to utilize the high step into the store. He suggested the sidewalk be raised to adjoin the threshold. Commissioner Polk responded that a previous proposal had been presented to him with the stipulation of the establishment owner paying ½ of the cost. Polk did not get a response from Workman. Therefore, the project did not complete. Ann Solan stated the sidewalk of the north side of Whistle Stop Saloon needs replaced. Commissioner Polk commented he understood the concern and eventually he would like to replace that sidewalk, but currently funding was not available.

Adam Huston, A-1 Ambulance, introduced his new ambulance service to the Council. He stated Effingham County is likely to contract with Rural Med for county ambulance service, which may not require an ambulance to be stationed in Altamont. This would make longer than acceptable response times for Altamont residences. He stated the City is allowed to contract an ambulance service for the area.

Commissioner Slingerland stated bids were received for the Sewer Force Main Improvement. He did not recommend awarding the bid to the lowest bidder, Haier Plumbing, in reflection of past poor contract work and relations. Mayor Rippetoe agreed with Commissioner Slingerland and added the next low bidder, Kieffer Bros, was only 5% higher than R&H. Commissioner Polk stated R&H Plumbing is quick to respond when the City has an emergency. Council Approved Awarding Bid for Sewer Force Main Improvements to R&H Plumbing in the Amount of \$264,532.00, on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved Milano & Grunloh Project Authorization for South Point Subdivision. 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. Estimated engineering fees total \$42,969.50.

An approximate drawing of the South Point Subdivision infrastructure was provided by Michael Tappendorf, Milano & Grunloh. Mayor Rippetoe reported the curb and gutter was removed to cut costs.

Commissioner Slingerland suggested when designing water and sewer infrastructure much thought should be given to future development.

Ordinance VA1665; Whistle Stop Saloon, Increase of Maximum Sign Footage on West & South Side of Building was presented to Council. Council reviewed the current square footage being utilized and recommendations from the Zoning Board hearing. Commissioner Walker stated the signage was not advertising the business, but the products offered by the business and the standard for the City was exceeded. Mark Workman, Whistle Stop owner, requested the ordinance be changed to allow more signage. Commissioner Polk stated 25 signs were not necessary and there had to be a limit. Commissioner Slingerland motioned to agree with the Zoning Board recommendation to deny Ordinance VA-1665. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The variance was denied.

Ordinance VA 1666; Whistle Stop Saloon, Billboard on South Side of Building was presented to Council. Commissioner Slingerland motioned to agree with the Zoning Board to deny Ordinance VA-1666. Commissioner Milleville seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Variance was denied.

Ordinance VA 1667; Whistle Stop Saloon, Increase Maximum Sign Footage on North Side of Property was presented to Council. Mark Workman stated he would like to place a vinyl Whistle Stop logo on the north end of the hoop building to show the hoop building is a part of the Whistle Stop Saloon. 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. Variance was awarded.

Extensive discussion was held prior to voting on enforcement of Ordinances 714-21 and VA-1628 regarding Whistle Stop required fencing. Commissioner Polk explained when the variance was provided to Mark Workman, six months ago, to construct a hoop building a contingency was attached that a six foot tall fence would be erected on the north and south end of the hoop building location. Mark Workman requested to use large decorative stones for the fencing with wheel chair accessibility in the middle of the north fencing. However, it would not be six foot in height. Mayor Rippetoe stated the fence must be six foot high with a gate for egress only to conform to the ordinance. Workman contended if the gate was locked tourists would not realize how to enter his establishment. Commissioner Walker reminded Workman he agreed to the fencing, sides and doors when the variance was granted for the hoop building and he was disappointed it was not complete. Commissioner Slingerland recalled Workman agreed to the fencing when the hoop building variance was granted. Commissioner Polk motioned to approve Enforcement of Ordinances 714-21 and VA-1628, Whistle Stop Fencing. Commissioner Milleville seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, no; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Ann Solan continued discussion with Council to determine details of the previous Council actions and what is now required by the Whistle Stop Saloon to bring all into compliance.

Council approved demolition of House and Garage at 207 North Seventh St 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. The structures are planned to be demolished by City crews.

Commissioner Slingerland reported the Water Department is trying to locate a water leak in the system that has been steadily ongoing since Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Walker reported two employees have completed year two of lineman apprentice study courses, while another has completed year one. Winterizing of the generation plant fuel lines has been completed.

Commissioners Milleville reported planning for spring and summer events have begun.

Polk reported City crews treated icy streets. Drainage concerns near John Adams and Second Street was discussed.

Mayor Rippetoe had nothing to report.

Council entered into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matters 5 ILCS 120*2 (c) 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.

Upon returning to Open Session Commissioner Slingerland motioned to increase hourly wages of part time police officers from \$16.00 to \$18.00 per hour. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner 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; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
January 24 2022 - 6:00 p.m.**

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Reject all Bids Received for Sewer South Force Main Improvement.*
 - B. *Approve Waiver of Competitive Bidding for Sewer South Force Main Project.*
 - C. *Approve Awarding Bid of South Sewer Force Main Project to R&H Plumbing in the Amount of \$256,831.00.*
 - D. *Approve Payment in the Amount of \$13,401.50 to BHMG Engineers for SCADA Replacement.*
 - E. *Approve Advertising of 2022 Mowing Bids.*
 - F. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: January 21, 2022- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
January 24, 2022

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on January 24, 2022, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk. Also present –Charles Mills, Effingham Daily News; Mark Workman; Renee Schoenfeld 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)

Gale Warner expressed concerns of speeding on South Fourth Street. He commended Officer Holman for taking time in the past to watch traffic. He also questioned the purchase of an additional police vehicle when the number of City officers has declined. Mayor Rippetoe stated he is planning to get the police department back to full staff.

Mark Workman, owner of Whistle Stop Saloon, wanted to clarify statements from the previous meeting regarding matters not being in compliance in a timely manner. He stated in conversations with Gary White and Mayor Rippetoe, he understood there were steps he had to achieve to obtain zoning and Council approval. However, it seemed not all board members were informed of his delays. He felt the miscommunication was a majority of the problem. Commissioner Polk stated Gary White, was only doing his job. Commissioner Slingerland explained that in the past, property owners have taken action and then asked for forgiveness.

Commissioner Slingerland motioned to Reject all Bids Received for Sewer South Force Main Improvement. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Commissioner Slingerland motioned to Approve Waiver of Competitive Bidding for Sewer South Force Main Project. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved Awarding Bid of South Sewer Force Main Project to R&H Plumbing in the Amount of \$256,831.00 on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland. Motion seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. R&H was able to secure material pricing which lowered the cost approximately \$7,700.

Council Approved Payment in the Amount of \$13,401.50 to BHMGE Engineers for SCADA Replacement. Commissioner Walker motioned for approval. Commissioner Slingerland seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Commissioner Slingerland stated the Water Department SCADA report graphics were clearer after the upgrade.

Council approved Advertising of 2022 Mowing Bids on a motion by Commissioner Milleville. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Additional City properties of the sewer lagoons and water reservoir, as well as some smaller areas, will be included in the 2022 bidding.

Commissioner Slingerland reported he is considering having water line replacement plans designed, with anticipation that pending grants will not be completed, due to increased material costs and availability. He suggested the water line for the new South Point Subdivision be constructed of six inch line rather than 4", extend 1250 feet west to allow a loop and future building expansion. The additional cost would be approximately \$38,000. The increased size would provide better fire protection. Mayor Rippetoe stated the original plan provided for a connection to an existing line to avoid a dead end water line. Commissioner Slingerland asked the Council to consider the plan change, so engineers can be directed accordingly. The continual excess water usage has not been resolved. It is possible an abandoned water line is a contributor. However, approval will be needed from the property owner to dig the location. Mayor Rippetoe stated he would consult with the owner. The Forester is planning to mark lot three for timber harvesting at the reservoir. IDOT has expressed some interest in utilizing the City's sewer system to connect the I70 rest area.

Commissioner Polk reported the house and garage on Monroe Street have been demolished. Ground will be leveled as weather permits. Commissioner Polk exited the meeting at this time.

Commissioners Walker & Milleville and Mayor Rippetoe had nothing to report.

Clerk Stephen reported she and Larry Taylor, IMEA Board Member, joined an IMEA webinar regarding new solar legislation. IMEA has worked diligently to compose new ordinances and agreements for those wanting to install solar units. In the new legislation, solar kilowatts produced in excess of use will be credited to the customer. The City will have to determine the rate of the kilowatt and approve a new ordinance.

Clerk Stephen also reported she participated in a webinar promoting a texting program which could be utilized in customer notifications for such issues as boil orders, service interruptions, street closings, etc. Council suggested she talk with other communities utilizing the program.

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; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
February 14 2022 - 6:00 p.m.**

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Amanda Miller – Book Walk Summer Event, Schmidt Park.*
 - B. *Approve Two Year Subscription with TextMyGov.*
 - C. *Approve Clean Uniform Contract Extension.*
 - D. *Approve Resolution 2022-02-01; Authorizing Agreement Execution of South Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Force Main Replacement.*
 - E.
 - F. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: February 11, 2022- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
February 14, 2022

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on February 14, 2022, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Tayler Polk. Also present –Charles Mills, Effingham Daily News; Amanda Miller and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. 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 Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. (Attachment 1)

Amanda Miller presented a Book Walk program she would like to administer at Schmidt Park during the summer months. She proposed placing signs along the walking path on Friday's and removing the signs on Sunday's. Each sign has a story book page for adults to read to younger children as they walk the path. She is also planning additional literacy promoting activities one day a month. Commissioner Milleville motioned to approve the Book Walk program. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved a two year contract with TextMyGov on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland. Motion seconded by Commissioner Milleville. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. TextMyGov is a text based messaging system, which will provide announcements regarding City events such as boil orders, utility interruptions, traffic detours, among other events to subscribers of the messaging system. There will be no cost to subscribers.

Council Approved a three year contract extension with Clean Uniform. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Slingerland seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved Resolution 2022-02-01; Authorizing Agreement Execution of South Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Force Main Replacement on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Commissioner Slingerland reported the South Sewer Force Main specifications were modified to allow non-domestic use of fittings. A 22 week wait time of American made fittings would delay the project past the agreed completion date. The unexplained excess water usage has been remedied with the repair of a number of leak locations. Usage is back to normal. Commissioner Slingerland provided Council with IEPA regulations for water line sizing and fire protection in the future South Point Subdivision.

Commissioner Milleville reported mowing bid advertising has been published. He met with Altamont Youth Sport Commission (AYSC) concerning approaching league play and needs at Gilbert Park

Commissioner Polk asked if an auto payment system for utility billing had been considered. Clerk Stephen indicated several programs have been researched with each of them charging 2.5 to 3 % per transaction, which would be paid by the customer. Commissioner Polk thought the charge would be well received by the customers for the convenience.

Mayor Rippetoe stated he is working on finalizing the plans for South Point Subdivision and is anticipating those ready for approval at the next meeting. With Council members support he is considering requesting a quote from the company Imagine This to rebuild the City website. Council members agreed an update is in order.

Clerk Stephen reported work is ongoing for the new solar ordinance. Council members will have to determine the Fair Solar Credit rate and if grandfathering of current solar customers would be provided. The CDBG Sewer Grant is awaiting a grant agreement from DCEO. As a follow-up to the January 24th meeting the Water Department timber logging income to date is \$43,464.41.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
February 28 2022 - 6:00 p.m.**

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. POLICE REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Approve Ordinance 726-22; Purchase of Utility Easement (Chris Tappendorf).*
 - B. *Approve Roadside Fundraiser Request- American Legion Post 512, April 22, 2022 for American Legion Poppy Day.*
 - C. *Approve Payment to BHMG in the Amount of \$29,800 for Water Department SCADA Replacement.*
 - D. *Review and Approve Water and Sewer Plans for South Point Subdivision.*
 - E.
 - F. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: February 25, 2022- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
February 28, 2022

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on February 28, 2022, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Todd Slingerland (late entrant); Commissioner Tayler Polk. Also present –Charles Mills, Effingham Daily News; Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Michael Tappendorf, Milano & Grunoh 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 Walker and seconded by Commissioner Milleville. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. (Attachment 1)

Chief Alan Heiens presented the January 2022 Police Activity Report.

Council approved Ordinance 726-22; Purchase of Utility Easement (Chris Tappendorf) on a motion by Commissioner Walker. Motion seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council Approved a Roadside Fundraiser Request by American Legion Post 512 for April 22, 2022 American Poppy Day. Commissioner Milleville motioned for approval. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Commissioner Slingerland entered the meeting at this time.

Council approved Payment to BHMG in the Amount of \$29,800 for Water Department SCADA Replacement on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Michael Tappendorf presented infrastructure plans for South Point Subdivision. Installation of a 1150 foot 6" water main is planned. Sewer infrastructure consists of 1145 foot 8" main, 1666 foot 4" force main and a lift station. Oil and chip streets with gutters and storm sewer infrastructure are also planned. No Council approval was needed at this time, as plans are not 100% complete.

Commissioner Slingerland reported IEPA has released that inspections for lead and copper are to be completed by June 2023. The inspection must include the service beginning at the meter and ending 18' into the customer's structure. The City can be fined if inspections are not completed. The excess water usage issue seems to be resolved.

Commissioner Walker reported outages were minimal during the recent snow storms. The digger truck is inoperable at this time. Purchasing a new unit should be considered for next fiscal year.

Commissioner Milleville reported Gilbert Park improvements are progressing in preparation for the baseball season.

Commissioner Polk reported the recent rains increased the water, drainage and sanitary sewer issues.

Mayor Rippetoe had nothing to report.

Clerk Stephen reported more revenue from water reservoir timber sales was received. The total now stands at \$49,998.68. She briefed the Council on requirements of the new Statement of Economic Interest forms.

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, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
March 14, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.**

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. POLICE REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Award 2022 Mowing Bids.*
 - B. *Approve Ordinance 727-22; Authorizing Lease of Real Estate (600 So Main)*
 - C. *Approve Ordinance 728-22; Authorizing Purchase of Real Property for Utility Purposes (Dan Milleville electric easement).*
 - D. *Omnibus Vote to Approve Utility Easements.*
Item No. 1 – Ordinance 729-22; Authorizing Purchase of Real Property for Utility Purposes (Randy Milleville electric easement)
Item No. 1 – Ordinance 730-22; Authorizing Purchase of Real Property for Utility Purposes (Richard Kelly electric easement).
 - E. *Approve Resolution 2022-03-2; Authorizing Agreement Execution of Raw Water Pump Installation with Korte & Luitjohan in the Amount of \$148,370.00.*
 - F. *Approve VFW Poppy Day Roadside Fundraiser Request May 6, 2022, May 13 rain date.*
 - G. *Approve Lions Club Tootsie Pop Roadside Fundraiser Request May 21, 2022.*

- H. *Approve Agreement with Sarah Busch Lincoln Health Center to Provide Employee Assistance Program.*
- I. *Approve Payment to BHMG in the Amount of \$18,603.75 for Electric Department SCADA Replacement.*
- J. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: March 11, 2022- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
March 14, 2022

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on March 14, 2022, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Tayler Polk. Also present –Charles Mills, Effingham Daily News; Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Jon Berg; Justin Osteen; 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 Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. (Attachment 1)

Chief Heins presented the February 2022 Police Activity Report.

Council reviewed mowing bids, which were opened March 11th. Commissioner Milleville motioned to award mowing bids as Group 1 (Union Cemetery) and Group 2 (Gilbert Park) to Precision Lawn Care, Group 3(Schmidt & Klitzing Park) to Gordon Construction, Group 4 (Municipal Building, Triangle, Frog Pond) Group 5 (North & South Sewer Lagoons) and Group 6 (Water Reservoir to Jon Berg. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, abstained.

Council approved Ordinance 727-22; Authorizing Lease of Real Estate (600 So Main Main). Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, abstained; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The one year lease to El Rancherito carries a 3% rental increase.

Council approved Ordinance 728-22; Authorizing Purchase of Real Property for Utility Purposes (Dan Milleville electric easement). Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, abstained; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Omnibus Items for Ordinance 729-22; Authorizing Purchase of Real Property for Utility Purposes (Randy Milleville electric easement) and 730-22; Authorizing Purchase of Real Property for Utility Purposes (Richard Kelly electric easement) 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.

Resolution 2022-03-02; Authorizing Agreement Execution for Raw Water Pump Installation with Korte & Luitjohan in the Amount of \$148,370.00 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.

Council Approved a Roadside Fundraiser Request by Altamont VFW for May 06, 2022 with May 13, rain date. Commissioner Slingerland 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.

Council Approved Altamont Lions Club Tootsie Pop Roadside Fundraiser Request for May 21, 2022. 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.

Council Approved an Agreement with Sarah Busch Lincoln Health Center to Provide Employee Assistance Program. Commissioner Milleville 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. The annual cost is \$25.00 per employee.

Council Approved Payment to BHMG in the Amount of \$18,603.75 for Electric Department SCADA Replacement. Commissioner Walker 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 reported the timber harvesting is suspended for the interim. The new and retiring SCADA systems are being utilized simultaneously during evaluation. There are obvious improvements in the new system. The suspected water leak on 900th Avenue will again be investigated. The transition of Sewer Department Supervisor from Terry Hahn to Ryan Spade is in motion. The sewer main in South Oaks Subdivision required maintenance to remove roots. He recommended lining of the main to take place in the next fiscal year.

Commissioner Walker reported SCADA replacement in the Electric Department is 45% complete. Maintenance of Gilbert Park lighting has been accomplished where possible. Muddy conditions have delayed full repairs. Underground electric is being installed at a rural residential property.

Commissioner Milleville reported Union Cemetery cleanup is scheduled for April 9th. Calls have started for Gilbert Park ball activity. The Lion's Club is seeking someone to manage the Gilbert Park concession stand. Painting and replacement of doors and cleaning have improved the Gilbert Park appearance.

Commissioner Polk reported the Street Department has been performing equipment maintenance and helped with the South Oaks Subdivision sewer main maintenance. Commissioner Walker asked Polk what future plan were for Wurl Lane between Main and Edwards streets. He stated Wurl is narrow and drivers are creating ruts alongside the pavement, which restricts any possible drainage.

Mayor Rippetoe reported Michael Tappendorf will be finishing South Point Subdivision infrastructure plans.

Clerk Stephen reported audit expenses were expected to increase due to eight new audit standards which were not expected when pricing was provided. Also, ARPA and CARE's grants require more audit work. Text My Gov was launched. Current subscribers per group were electric-43, street-34, water 38, general 68, with more subscribers anticipated. City Wide Cleanup is scheduled for the week of April 25th.

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, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
March 28 2022 - 6:00 p.m.**

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Approve Ordinance 731-22; Amending Ordinance 655-19 and Amending the Net Metering Policy and Terms and Conditions for Interconnection (Solar Energy)*
 - B. *Approve Ordinance 732-22; Establishing Solar Avoided Cost Rate.*
 - C. *Approve Ordinance 733-22; Amending Video Gaming Terminal Fees.*
 - D. *Approve Ordinance 734-22; Declaring Certain Real Property and Improvements Therefore as Being Dangerous & Unsafe (301 South Edwards).*
 - E. *Approve Payment to Milano & Grunloh Engineers for South Point Subdivision Infrastructure in the Amount of \$13,164.50*
 - F. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: March 25, 2022- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
March 28, 2022

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on March 28, 2022, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Tayler Polk. Also present –Charles Mills, Effingham Daily News; Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Michael Tappendorf, Milano & Grunloh Engineers; Larry Taylor; Spencer Pryor; Clarence Pagel 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: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. (Attachment 1)

Clarence Pagel notified the Council of weed growth above the allowed limit.

Spencer Pryor addressed the Council with concerns of the traffic in Town & Country Subdivision. He stated motorists were driving twice the posted speed limit of 25 mph. There are only three signs to indicate the speed limit. He is concerned someone walking or children playing may get hurt. He requested more officer presence in the neighborhood. When the newly planned subdivision is developed, it will mean an increase in traffic.

Larry Taylor explained IMEA spent a considerable amount of time developing ordinance samples to coincide with the new federal solar mandates. He encouraged passage of the ordinance placed on this agenda. He also announced Effingham County Housing Authority received a \$465,000 grant for rehabilitation of the Altamont units. He introduced ECHA to the grant application because the City of Altamont provides the electric service, which was part of the grant requirement. These are advantages of the City being an IMEA member.

Council approved Ordinance 731-22; Amending Ordinance 655-19 and Amending the Net Metering Policy and Terms and Conditions for Interconnection (Solar Energy) on a motion by Commissioner Walker. Motion seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved Ordinance 732-22; Establishing Solar Avoided Cost Rate on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland. Motion seconded by Commissioner Milleville. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The solar credit rate was set at 0.0542 per Kwh. The solar rate will be set annually by Council.

Council approved Ordinance 733-22; Amending Video Gaming Terminal Fees on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland. Motion seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Ordinance increases the per gaming machine fee from \$25.00 to \$250.00 with the exception of those with a club liquor license which increases to \$100.00 per machine.

Council approved Ordinance 734-22; Declaring Certain Real Property and Improvements Therefore as Being Dangerous & Unsafe (301 South Edwards) on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland. Motion

seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved Payment to Milano & Grunloh Engineers in the Amount of \$13,164.50 for South Point Subdivision Infrastructure Plans on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Commissioner Milleville seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Michael Tappendorf reported on each project Milano & Grunloh are currently working on for the City.

Commissioner Slingerland reported a retirement luncheon was held for Terry Hahn and Doug Holman. He stated Ashley Ruholl is now employed by the City as a Police Officer. Vandevanter is on schedule to repair a check valve at the north lagoon. The new SCADA system is working well in the water department. He explained a new employee is being sought to assist in the water and sewer departments. Several sewer projects and the upcoming EPA mandate to perform lead inventory inspections justifies the need for an additional employee. He also encouraged Commissioners to meet individually to discuss ongoing issues. He felt the meetings provide a clearer insight of other Commissioners views.

Commissioner Walker had nothing to report.

Commissioner Milleville reported the park water services are now on. A water service to the Triangle water fountain has been installed. He delivered Meals on Wheels in government support of the program. They will resume congregate meals on April 1st. AYSC has organized a Gilbert Park clean-up for April 2nd from 3-5pm. Union Cemetery clean-up is April 9th.

Commissioner Polk reported City wide clean-up begins April 25th. Milano & Grunloh have been asked to help determine improvements to Wurl Lane between Main & Edwards. Council discussed numerous corrections to the street and drainage.

Mayor Rippetoe had nothing to report.

Clerk Stephen asked the Council how they would like to proceed in the condemnation of 301 North Main St. Council members stated they would like to continue with legal proceedings.

The meeting was adjourned 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.

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
April 11, 2022 - 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. ENGINEER REPORT
5. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
6. COMMUNICATIONS
7. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Approve Ordinance 735-22; Authorizing Purchase of Real Property for Utility Purposes (Heartland/Altamont LLC-Sewer Force Main)*
 - B. *Approve Ordinance 736-22 – Employer Pick-up of Member Contributions Required for Purchase of Extra Service Under the IMRF Early Retirement Incentive.*
 - C. *Approve Resolution 2022-04-03; Authorizing Execution of Intergovernmental Agreement with DCEO for Sanitary Sewer Replacement.*
 - D. *Approve Resolution 2022-04-04; Approving Infrastructure Plans of South Point Subdivision, Bid Advertising of Projects and Project Cost Funding.*
 - E. *Approve CliftonLarsonAllen Engagement Letter for 2022 Audit in the Amount of \$32,500.*
 - F. *Approve Payment to Utility Pipe Sales in the Amount of \$17,815.80; Sewer Force Main Materials.*
 - G. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: April 09, 2022- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
April 11, 2022

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on April 11, 2022, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Tayler Polk. Also present –Charles Mills, Effingham Daily News; Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Michael Tappendorf, Milano & Grunloh Engineers; Amanda Miller; Cody Miller; Terry Hahn; Dillon Meier, Electric Dept. Supervisor; Alan Heiens; Police Chief; Ashley Ruholl, Patrol Officer 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)

Chief Heins presented the March 2022 Police Activity Report. He introduced Ashley Ruholl, newly hired Altamont Police Officer.

Michael Tappendorf of Milano & Grunloh Engineers provided an update of the current projects. He presented a new water main replacement plan in the area of Third Street, Rt 40 to Washington and Madison Avenue, Ninth St to Third Street. The project may be expanded to receive the full grant potential.

Council approved Ordinance 735-22; Authorizing Purchase of Real Property for Utility Purposes (Heartland/Altamont LLC – Sewer Force Main) on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland. Motion seconded by Commissioner Milleville. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved Ordinance 736-22; Employer Pick-up of Member Contributions Required for Purchase of Extra Service Under the IMRF Early Retirement Incentive. Commissioner Walker motioned for approval. Motion seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved Resolution 2022-04-03; Authorizing Execution of Intergovernmental Agreement with DCEO for Sanitary Sewer Replacement on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland. Motion seconded by Commissioner Milleville. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved Resolution 2022-04-04; Approving Infrastructure Plans of South Point Subdivision, Bid Advertising of Projects and Project Cost Funding on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Motion seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved CliftonLarsonAllen Engagement Letter for FYE 2022 Audit in the Amount of \$32,500 on a motion by Commissioner Milleville. Commissioner Slingerland seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved Payment to Utility Pipe Sales in the Amount of \$17,815.80 for Sewer Force Main Materials 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.

Commissioner Slingerland reported the South Force Main project will begin when weather allows. A connection will be installed for future sewer main placement to serve South Point Subdivision. The North Wastewater Lagoon will have a check valve replaced. The sanitary main from the Grade School to South Oaks Subdivision has needed more cleaning and is a priority for lining. He provided documentation regarding water produced vs water sold which indicated progress in decreasing water loss.

Commissioner Walker reported SCADA upgrade is in progress. Engineers are mapping the City to match and monitor for targeting electrical failures.

Commissioner Milleville reported all park facilities are open to the public. Cleanup programs at Gilbert Park and Union Cemetery were well attended with much accomplished. He greatly appreciated all the volunteers.

Commissioner Polk reported he has determined it is not feasible to spend \$30-\$50 thousand dollars for installation of gutters and resurfacing of Wurl Lane between Main and Edwards. If the street is made one way, east bound traffic is the most reasonable. Council discussed discontinuing thru traffic on the Street by installing barriers in the appropriate location of the street.

Mayor Rippetoe reported electric infrastructure is being designed for South Point Subdivision with plans to present at the next Council meeting. Power to the subdivision will be overhead leading to underground along Wildcat Way within the subdivision.

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, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
April 25, 2022 - 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. ENGINEER REPORT
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Approve Encroachment Permit, Altamont Lodge No. 533; Installation of Outdoor HVAC Unit.*
 - B. *Altamont Chamber of Commerce - Community Activities.*
 - C. *Approve Ordinance 737-22; Authorizing Execution of Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the City of Altamont Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (American Legion)*
 - D. *Approve Ordinance 738-22; Authorizing Execution of Notice of Extension of Option for Purchase of Real Estate (FCC Limited Partnership)*
 - E. *Approve Ordinance 739-22; Authorizing Purchase of Real Estate (301 N Main St)*
 - F. *Approve Pay Request #1 to Korte & Luitjohan Contractors in the Amount of \$18,718.20 for Raw Water Pump Replacement.*
 - G. *Approve Payment to BHMG Service Corp in the Amount of \$45,406.75 for Electric Department and Water Department SCADA Replacement (\$33,486.75 Electric \$11,920.00 Water)*

H. *Approve Letter of Understanding with Illinois Department of Transportation Regarding Restoration of IL 128 Shoulders.*

I. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: April 22, 2022- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
April 25, 2022

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on April 25, 2022, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Mike Walker. Also present –Charles Mills, Effingham Daily News; Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Amy Rippetoe; Corey Pals; Tom Denton; Charles Pagel; Judy Milleville; Jennifer Milleville; Steve Bailey; Dane Milleville and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioners Todd Slingerland & Tayler Polk were absent.

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; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. (Attachment 1)

Charles Pagel reported to the Council that mowing was needed at the Altamont Motel; the property at 424 North Third needed attention; the alley between John Adams & Jackson off Main was rutted by contractors.

Corey Pals addressed the Council regarding a group of individuals who are willing to help obtain Gilbert Park improvement grants. They would like to see improvements directed towards ADA compliance and safety. He requested City support and advice to proceed or form a committee. Mayor Rippetoe explained the City utilizes South Central Illinois Regional Planning & Development for grant writing and that many grant require matching funds and specific City participation. He suggested they pursue private grant opportunities as they are commonly 100% funding. Judy Milleville commented the group would like to address unsafe bleachers, ADA restrooms, sidewalks to the spectator areas. Pals listed several projects consider for grant application. Mayor Rippetoe suggested they seek a grant source, determine a project and present at a future Council meeting.

Council approved Ordinance an Encroachment Permit for the Altamont Masonic Lodge # 533 on a motion by Commissioner Walker. Motion seconded by Commissioner Milleville. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The encroachment will provide for an HVAC unit be mounted on a bracket 16' above the alley on the Masonic Lodge building, 111 North Second Street.

Amy Rippetoe, Altamont Chamber Treasurer explained future community Chamber activities, specifically, a downtown Christmas event November 11th & 12th. The Council was asked to close Second St from Main to Washington for creation of an ice skating rink. Plans are in place for train rides, a tree lighting ceremony and possible vendors. The street closing will be presented for approval at a future meeting.

Council approved Ordinance 737-22; Authorizing Execution of Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the city of Altamont Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (American Legion). Commissioner Walker motioned for approval. Motion seconded by Commissioner Millevill. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. \$12,000 of TIF funds will aid in roof replacement of American Legion Post, 110 North Main St.

Council approved Ordinance 738-22; Authorizing Execution of Notice of Extension of Option for Purchase of Real Estate on a motion by Commissioner Milleville. Motion seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The original agreement with FCC Limited Partnership was approved Aug 2021.

Ordinance 739-22; Authorizing Purchase of Real Estate (301 N Main St) was tabled, as more Council members must be present for approval.

Council approved Pay Request #1 to Korte Luitjohan Contractors in the Amount of \$18,718.20 for Raw Water Pump Installation on a motion by Commissioner Walker. Motion seconded by Commissioner Milleville. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved Payment to BHMG Service Corp in the Amount of \$45,406.75 for Electric Department and Water Department SCADA Replacement on a motion by Commissioner Walker. Commissioner Milleville seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. \$33,486.75 Electric Department \$11,920.00 Water Department.

Council approved Letter of Understanding with Illinois Department of Transportation Regarding Restoration of IL 128 Shoulders on a motion by Commissioner Walker. Commissioner Milleville seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. IDOT determined they will be damaging the shoulder area during construction, as a result they will remove the current should and replace it with 7.5" of asphalt. All future maintenance will be the responsibility of the City of Altamont.

Commissioner Walker had nothing to report.

Commissioner Milleville reported the Gilbert Park storage building roof is slated for replacement next month. A large stump in the southwest corner of Union Cemetery has been removed.

Mayor Rippetoe had nothing to report.

Clerk Stephen reported City Wide Yard Sales are scheduled for June 4, 2022. The City office personnel will be offering a free map of yard sale locations. Those wishing to have their sale indicated on the map should notify the City office by May 20, 2022.

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; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
April 27, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.**

Agenda

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS
2. AGENDA ITEMS.
 - A. *Approve Ordinance 739-22; Authorizing Purchase of Real Estate (301 N Main St).*
 - B. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: April 25, 2022- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT SPECIAL MEETING
April 27, 2022

The Council of the City of Altamont held a special meeting at 6:00 pm on April 27, 2022, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Mike Walker. Also present – Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Todd Slingerland was absent.

Council approved Ordinance 739-22; Authorizing Purchase of Real Estate (301 N Main St) on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Commissioner Milleville seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Ordinance 739-22 was tabled at the April 25, 2022 regular meeting as four Council members must approve a purchase of real estate, only three were in attendance.

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 Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
May 09, 2022 - 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. ENGINEER REPORT
5. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
6. COMMUNICATIONS
7. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Approve Ordinance 740-22; Legal Counsel Appointment.*
 - B. *Approve Ordinance 741-22; Appointment Ordinance.*
 - C. *Approve Memorial Day Parade Request by Altamont Masonic Lodge, May 30, 2022.*
 - D. *Discuss & Approve Bid Advertising for Sanitary Sewer & Manhole Lining from Grade School to South Wastewater Treatment Plant.*
 - E. *Approve Plans & Bid Advertising; Northwest Quarter Sanitary Sewer Replacement/Repair Project. (DCEO grant funded)*
 - F. *Discuss Bucket Truck Repair or Replacement.*
 - G. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: May 6, 2022- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
May 09, 2022

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on May 09, 2022, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Tayler Polk. Also present –Charles Mills, Effingham Daily News; Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Michael Tappendorf, Milano & Grunloh Engineers; Ryan Spade, Sewer Dept. Supervisor; Alan Heiens; 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 Heiens presented the April 2022 Police Activity Report. Commissioner Milleville communicated a citizen residing on Tenth St had tested motor vehicle speeds with a radar gun. His testing providing hours and speed ranges of the motorists. Chief Heiens indicated he would place speed detection signs in the area. Commissioner Milleville requested police presence in Schmidt Park to monitor drivers using Schmidt Park to avoid the highway construction area.

Council approved Ordinance 740-22; Legal Counsel Appointment on a motion by Commissioner Walker. Motion seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Taylor Law was appointed as legal counsel.

Council approved Ordinance 741-22; Appointment Ordinance on a motion by Commissioner Walker. Motion seconded by Commissioner Milleville. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. All were re-appointed with the exception of Ryan Spade who was appointed to Sewer Department Supervisor replacing the retired, Terry Hahn.

Council approved Memorial Day Parade Request by Altamont Masonic Lodge for May 30, 2022. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Motion seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved Bid Advertising for Sanitary Sewer & Manhole Lining from Grade School to South Wastewater Treatment Plant, between manholes 7&10 with an alternate of manhole 4-7 on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland. Motion seconded by Commissioner Milleville. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Ryan Spade explained in discussion prior to the motion that a 10" cutter could not penetrate the interior roots, but an 8" cutter could make the pass thru. Work is to be completed by September 1, 2022.

Council approved Plans & Bid Advertising of Northwest Quarter Sanitary Sewer Replacement/Repair Project. (DCEO grant funded) 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. Michael Tappendorf of Milano & Grunloh Engineers explained the project area is bordered by the railroad to Jackson and Tenth St to Eighth St. Replacement will be the majority of the project, with lining utilized

when possible. A short area near the railroad & Jefferson Street, which is impassible with a camera will be cleaned and lined at the City's expense.

Council discussed the condition of the Electric Department bucket trucks. Commissioner Walker explained a routine inspection sidelined both trucks for necessary repairs. Some repairs are due to normal wear and tear. Truck 5 has several expensive repair items listed. The market to sell used equipment is strong, but buying a replacement will be costly in today's market. However, purchasing a used truck would be an estimated \$80,000. Commissioner Walker suggested the Council consider when the best time to trade the equipment is. A rental bucket truck is currently being utilized.

Commissioner Slingerland reported when fiber optic was being bored, what appears to be an abandoned sanitary main at Main & Rt 128 was punctured. The south plant wastewater main influent has been experiencing problems. Ryan Spade explained he charted the variances and found the sump pump to be failing. Inexpensive repairs were made to correct the variances. The south lagoon covers need vegetation removal. Safety assistance will be needed for Ryan to complete the task.

Commissioner Milleville reported the Union Cemetery road corners are being widened.

Commissioner Walker, Commissioner Polk and 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; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
May 23, 2022 - 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. ENGINEER REPORT
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Approve Ordinance SP-1686; Special Use Permit for Place of Formal Worship & Bible Study, 118 N Second St & 112 West Adams Ave.*
 - B. *Approve Pay Request #1 to R&H Plumbing & Heating for South Sanitary Force Main Project in the Amount of \$158,078.50.*
 - C. *Approve Resolution 2022-05-04; Approving Plat and Final Plat of South Point Subdivision and Further Approving Certificate of Platting for South Point Subdivision.*
 - D. *Approve Milano & Grunloh Project Authorization for Construction Engineering Services of South Point Subdivision Infrastructure Improvements, Estimated Cost \$8,850.00.*
 - E. *Approve Payment to Milano & Grunloh for Design Engineering of Infrastructure Improvements, South Point Subdivision in the Amount of \$14,972.50.*
 - F. *Approve Payment of Member Cost of Early Retirement Incentive in the Amount of \$14,831.80.*
 - G. *Approve Special Event Liquor License for Wright House Wine Tasting Event, September 12, 2022, 10:00 am – 11:00 pm.*

- H. *Approve Altamont Chamber of Commerce Street Closing Request for 2022 Downtown Christmas Event. Closing Second Street from Main to Washington and Washington from Main to Second, November 11th 3:00 pm – 10:00 pm and November 12th 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.*
- I. *Approve Resolution for 2022 Street Maintenance \$74,800.00.*
- J. *Approve Transfer of ARPA Grant Funds to Water Department in the Amount of \$18,718.20; Raw Water Pump Replacement.*
- K. *Present Bids for Infrastructure Improvements, South Point Subdivision.*
- L. *Discuss Water Rates.*
- M. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: May 20, 2022- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
May 23, 2022

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on May 23, 2022, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Todd Slingerland (late entry). Also present –Charles Mills, Effingham Daily News; Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Charles Pagel; Kevin Pontious; Terry Plowman; Michael Tappendorf, Milano & Grunloh Engineers and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. 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 Milleville and seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. (Attachment 1)

Terry Plowman requested ditch cleaning near his residence.

Charles Pagel reported to the Council that mowing was needed at the former Bean Development property.

Council approved Ordinance SP-1686 Special Use Permit for Place of Formal Worship & Bible Study, 118 N Second St & 112 West Adams Ave on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Motion seconded by Commissioner Milleville. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The encroachment will allow The Gathering Church to conduct worship services at 112 West Adams and place a trailer near the alley on property of 118 N Second St to be used for children's worship.

Commissioner Slingerland entered the meeting.

Council approved Pay Request #1 to R&H Plumbing & Heating for South Sanitary Force Main Project in the Amount of \$158,078.50. Commissioner Milleville motioned for approval. Motion seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved Resolution 2022-05-04; Approving Preliminary Plat and Final Plat of South Point Subdivision and Further Approving Certificate of Platting for South Point Subdivision. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Motion seconded by Commissioner Milleville. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved Milano & Grunloh Project Authorization for Construction Engineering Services of South Point Subdivision Infrastructure Improvements, Estimated Cost \$8,850.00 on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Motion seconded by Commissioner Milleville. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved Payment to Milano & Grunloh for Design Engineering of Infrastructure Improvements, South Point Subdivision in the Amount of \$14, 972.50 on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council Approved Payment of Member Cost of Early Retirement Incentive in the Amount of \$14,831.80 on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland. Commissioner Milleville seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved Special Event Liquor License for Wright House Wine Tasting Event, September 17, 2022 10:00 am – 11:00 pm on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland. Motion seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. (Scribner error indicated September 12th on the agenda)

Council Approved the Altamont Chamber of Commerce Street Closing Request for 2022 Downtown Christmas Event. Closing Second Street from Main to Washington and Washington from Main to Second, November 11th 3:00 pm – 10:00 pm and November 12th 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Polk. Motion seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council Approved Resolution for 2022 Street Maintenance, in the Amount of \$74,800.00. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval and Commissioner Milleville seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Bids amounts for Infrastructure Improvements in South Point Subdivision were presented. Bids will be awarded at the next regular meeting.

Council discussed current water rates. Commissioner Slingerland explained the revenue shortage in the water department. The cost of chemicals and repair costs have risen along with everything else in the economy. The payoff of bond debt will greatly relieve the department, but that is seven years away. He plans to provide more detailed information at the next meeting. He suggested Council consider leaving the minimum rate the same and implement a 3% increase on usage over the minimum gallons.

Commissioner Slingerland reported the eight inch line of the South Sanitary Force Main project has been installed from the lift station to the frontage road and the pig launch has been installed. Bids for the South Oaks sewer main lining will be opened June 9th. Dry chemicals are being considered at the Sewer Department as a cost savings and have been reported to be more effective. The Water Department is planning to change carbon in filter #1 this year.

Commissioner Milleville reported the Gilbert Park equipment building has been cleaned in preparation for repairs. He attended the recent Chamber After Hours and encouraged more attendance at these events.

Commissioner Polk reported trees continue to be removed. The street sweeper is in need of repairs with possible future replacement with a newer model which requires only one operator

Mayor Rippetoe reported he continues to work on South Point Subdivision development.

Clerk Stephen asked the Council for guidance on demolition of 301 North Main and 301 South Edwards cleanup. Council directed to start the process of bid advertising for both locations.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
June 13, 2022 - 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. ENGINEER REPORT
5. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
6. COMMUNICATIONS
7. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Approve Resolution 2022-06-05; Effingham Co Fair Parade, July 31, 2022, Rain Date August 06, 2022.*
 - B. *Approve Ordinance VA-1688; Real Estate Signage 300th Street.*
 - C. *Approve Resolution 2022-06-06; Accepting Bid & Awarding Contract for Sanitary Sewer Installation, South Point Subdivision, Kamadulski Excavating & Grading in the Amount of \$282,179.90.*
 - D. *Approve Resolution 2022-06-07; Accepting Bid and Awarding Contract for Water Main Extension, South Point Subdivision, Marxman Excavating in the Amount of \$40,786.00*
 - E. *Approve Resolution 2022-06-08; Accepting Bid & Awarding Contract for Street & Drainage Improvements, South Point Subdivision, Kieffer Bros Construction in the Amount of \$176,710.50.*
 - F. *Approve Appointment of Jeff Simpson to Fill Zoning Board Vacancy.*
 - G. *Approve Bid Advertising of Demolition of Residential Structures, 301 North Main and 301 South Edwards.*

- H. *Discuss Commercial Advertising Signs at Gilbert Park Ball Diamonds.*
- I. *Approve Payment to BHMG in the Amount of \$13,401.50 SCADA Installation.*
- J. *Award Bid for Sanitary Sewer & Manhole Lining Project.*
- K. *Discuss Water Rates.*
- L. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matter 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1).*
- M. *Action as a Result of Executive Session*
- N.
- O. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: June 10, 2022- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
June 13, 2022

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on June 13, 2022, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Todd Slingerland. Also present –Charles Mills, Effingham Daily News; Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Michael Tappendorf, Milano & Grunloh Engineers; Katy Huntley; Robert Durbin; 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 May 2022 Police Activity Report.

Council approved Resolution 2022-06-05; Effingham Co Fair Parade, July 31, 2022, Rain Date August 06, 2022 on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved Ordinance VA-1688; Real Estate Signage 300th Street on a motion by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Variance allows for a larger real estate advertising sign at a location on 300th Street.

Council approved Resolution 2022-06-06; Accepting Bid & Awarding Contract for Sanitary Sewer Installation, South Point Subdivision, Kamadulski Excavating & Grading in the Amount of \$282,179.90. Commissioner Slingerland 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.

Council approved Resolution 2022-06-07; Accepting Bid and Awarding Contract for Water Main Extension, South Point Subdivision, Marxman Excavating in the Amount of \$40,786.00. 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.

Council approved Resolution 2022-06-08; Accepting Bid & Awarding Contract for Street & Drainage Improvements, South Point Subdivision, Kieffer Bros Construction in the Amount of \$176,710.50. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Slingerland seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved Appointment of Jeff Simpson to Fill Zoning Board Vacancy on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland. Motion seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council Approved Bid Advertising of Demolition of Residential Structures, 301 North Main and 301 South Edwards. Commissioner Slingerland 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. Bids for complete building removal will be opened July 1, 2022.

Council discussed Commercial Advertising Signs Program at Gilbert Park Ball Diamonds. A group interested in Gilbert Park fundraising suggested the idea to Commissioner Milleville, who presented options to the Council. He asked Council to consider 3x6 alumicore panels to be hung on ball diamond fences. Signs would be purchased by a businesses and pay an annual \$100 calendar year display fee. Sign placements would be first come first serve. AYSC members would make the initial sales of the program and City would administer renewals. Logos would be preapproved by a City representative. Robert Durbin suggested an annual fee of \$200 and field naming rights, which could be bid for, to include a 4x6 sign in a ten year contract. He was planning 10-20 signs a field, creating \$14,000 annual park revenue. Families would be invited to participate. Commissioner Milleville stated the first year signs would be limited to 6-8 per field. Mayor Rippetoe stated he preferred to focus on advertising signs only for the first year. Commissioner Slingerland suggested a higher amount for prominent sign locations. Commissioner Milleville stated revenue would be deposited with the City and used at Council discretion.

Council approved Payment to BHMG in the Amount of \$13,401.50 for SCADA Installation on a motion by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council Awarded Bid for Sanitary Sewer & Manhole Lining Project to Visu-Sewer project and option in the amount of \$86,360.00. 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. The sanitary main to be lined begins south of the grade school to the wastewater treatment plant.

Commissioner Slingerland presented financial information explaining the need for a water rate increase. He believed the urgent repairs have been completed, with the exception of the raw pump, which are in the process paid for with ARPA funding. The new budget reflects a \$13,000 loss. Water loss has been decreased with repairs. However, water loss is ongoing and an industry standard. Commissioner Polk stated St. Elmo approved a recent increase. He asked if there were cost cuts to make to save money. Commissioner Slingerland stated a minimum of a 3% increase to gallons over the minimum would help with revenue.

Michael Tappendorf reported bids were opened for the northwest section sanitary repair/replacement project. Bids came in above the estimated cost. Cost cutting to line more sanitary than replace was suggested as the CDBG grant will only pay for \$520,000 of project cost. Mayor Rippetoe stated the Ninth Street line has issues and he would like to see it replaced. Commissioner Polk suggested replacing everything the \$520,000 would cover. Tappendorf also reported the City was denied a CDBG grant application for water line replacement. The next grant cycle will have an increased limit of \$1.5 million. A future debriefing meeting will explain the missing points of the grant application.

Commissioner Slingerland reported the Water Department is back to relocating for fiber optic installs. A search continues for a new employee. SCADA for the wastewater treatment plant is being explored. In 2024 IDOT will conduct a bid letting to include encasement of the 12' water main at the I70 overpass.

Commissioner Walker reported rate information was received from IMEA. Recent area reports of higher than average Ameren rate increases are not expected to affect the municipalities.

Commissioner Milleville reported prices are being obtained for more Gilbert Park improvements. Fence replacement estimates have been received. Storage shed repairs are being planned. Marking of a pickle ball court at Nori's Yard is getting closer. The bubbler at the Triangle is temporarily shut off as modifications are needed to discontinue equipment failure water loss.

Commissioner Polk commended the Electric Department for contacting customers two days in advance of an outage for pole replacement.

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 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.

Upon returning to open session Commissioner Slingerland motioned to approve a 5% wage increase for employees, with the exception of Ellie Buennemeyer, Keith Braasch and Jason Kreke who will receive \$1.00 hourly increase. Commissioner Milleville seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, no; 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; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
June 27, 2022 - 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. ENGINEER REPORT
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Approve Ordinance 742-22; Amending Water Rates.*
 - B. *Approve Ordinance 743-22: Authorizing Purchase of Real Property for Utility Purposes (Russell & Jennifer Neu).*
 - C. *Approve Engineering of Water Main Replacement N 500th St & E 900th Avenue.*
 - D. *Approve Diamonds B & C Gilbert Park Fence Replacement by EAHC in the Amount of \$24,270.00.*
 - E.
 - F. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: June 24, 2022- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
June 27, 2022

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on June 27, 2022, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Todd Slingerland. Also present –Charles Mills, Effingham Daily News; Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Becky Turner; Diana Cullom 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)

Becky Turner addressed the Council concerning closing of East Wurl Lane to thru traffic. Her regular route of travel would be obstructed depending on the barrier placement. She asked the Council to consider other alternatives. Commissioner Polk explained the problem is the street is not wide enough for two way traffic. Therefore, drivers tend to drive in yards and are creating ruts alongside the street. An exact correction of the street would cost in excess of \$100,000. An agreement was reached to place the barricade near the center of Turner's circle drive allowing her travel east or west without hinderance.

Diane Cullom explained to the Council there has been a water leak near her property at the top of the hill for 2 ½ years that has not been fixed. The location has water continually running making it impossible to mow. Commissioner Slingerland explained it has been undetermined if the leak is actually a potable water source or a natural spring which has materialized. Exposing the water line will be costly and eventually require a replacement of the water main, as there are numerous customers on the small main line. Road repair will be necessary, easements need obtained and cost estimates are needed. An agenda item for approval followed in the meeting.

Council approved Engineering of Water Main Replacement N 500th St & E 900th Avenue on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The plans will include upgrade of a 2" water main to a 6" main.

Council tabled Ordinance 742-22 Amending Water Rates on a motion by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Commissioner Slingerland based the proposed 3% increase on costs to treat water.

Council approved Ordinance 743-22; Authorizing Purchase of Real Property for Utility Purposes (Russell & Jennifer Neu). Commissioner Walker 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 Diamonds B & C Gilbert Park Fence Replacement by EACH in the Amount of \$24,270.00. 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.

Commissioner Slingerland reported the south wastewater treatment plant has a leak in the nitrification pit and the grinder is in need of bearing repairs.

Commissioner Walker reported three electric department employees attended the third year apprentice class. The crew worked diligently to restore service after the June 17th storm.

Commissioner Milleville reported McGinnis Wildlife has reset mole traps at Gilbert Park. The pickle ball court has been marked at Nori's Yard. It will overlay the existing tennis court to allow both courts to be visible. The roof replacement at Gilbert Park is complete. He thanked the City crews for the limb pickup following the storm.

Commissioner Polk reported storm damage cleanup has been ongoing. Jay's Tree Service was utilized to assist with brush chipping and cleanup. Milano & Grunloh Engineers are working to design a sidewalk replacement with ADA compliance on the west side of Third Street from Division to Washington. Estimated cost is \$50,000 - \$60,000. Motor Fuel funds will be utilized.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
July 06, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.**

Agenda

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS
2. AGENDA ITEMS.
 - A. *Discuss Accepting Additional DCEO Grant Funding for Sanitary Sewer Replacement.*
 - B. *Approve Resolution 2022-07-09; Authorizing Execution of Intergovernmental Agreement for Sanitary Sewer Replacement, Amending Resolution 2022-04-03.*
 - C. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: July 01, 2022- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
July 11, 2022 - 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. ENGINEER REPORT
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Announce Estimated Appropriation FYE 2023.*
 - B. *Approve Street Closing of Second Street from Main to Washington for Chamber Downtown July 18th, Monday Night Madness 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm.*
 - C. *Approve Final Payment to R & H Plumbing & Heating in the Amount of \$101,614.50 for South Sanitary Force Main Replacement to Include a Change Order in the Amount of \$2,862.00.*
 - D. *Approve Ordinance 744-22; Authorizing Purchase of Real Estate (301 S Edwards)*
 - E. *Approve Resolution 2022-07-10; Accepting Bid and Awarding Contract Regarding Demolition of Residential Structures. (301 N Main & 301 S Edwards)*
 - F. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: July 08, 2022- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
July 11, 2022

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on July 11, 2022, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Dan Milleville; and Commissioner Tayler Polk. Also present –Charles Mills & Nick Taylor, Effingham Daily News; Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Katie Lurkins; Dane & Jennifer Milleville; Corey Pals; Judy Milleville; Diane Robbins; Gale Warner; Michael Tappendorf, Milano & Grunloh Engineers; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioners Mike Walker and Todd Slingerland were absent.

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 Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. (Attachment 1)

Chief Alan Heiens presented the June 2022 Police Activity Report.

Dane Milleville presented updates of the Gilbert Park improvements fundraising plan of the newly formed Altamont Youth F.I.E.L.D.S. (Facility Improvements to Enhance Learning and Development through Sports). They have spoken with Southeastern Illinois Community Foundation to facilitate funds raised. A fundraising proposal to sell advertising signs for display on Gilbert Park ball diamond fences was explained. AYF proposes to manage all aspects of the sign sales in order to relieve City burden. He stated the City has no employee dedicated to Gilbert Park, which is a void they could fill. He introduced the concept of selling naming rights and dugout sponsorship. A written proposal will be made available for Council approval at the next regular meeting. Funds raised will be used with Council approval for improvements at Gilbert Park only. They plan to deposit funds with Southeastern Illinois Community Foundation, who will in turn write checks to the City of Altamont as project need paid.

Gale Warner asked for an explanation of the East Wurl Lane street closing. He suggested to the Council to sell the former locker plant property on Main Street to pay for repair of Wurl Lane and keep it open.

Michael Tappendorf reported the South Point Subdivision preconstruction meetings are planned for June 12th 1:00 and 2:00; June 14th 2:00 in the Municipal Building Council chambers.

Mayor Rippetoe announced the estimated 2023 Appropriation of \$9,823,265. Formal approval will follow at the next regular meeting.

Council approved Street Closing of Second Street from Main to Washington for Chamber Downtown July 18th, Monday Night Madness 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Commissioner Milleville seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved Final Payment to R & H Plumbing and Heating in the Amount of \$101,614.50 for South Force Main Replacement to Include a Change Order in the Amount of \$2,862.00. Commissioner Milleville motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved Ordinance 744-22; Authorizing Purchase of Real Estate (301 S Edwards). Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Milleville seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved Resolution 2022-07-10; Accepting Bid and Awarding Contract Regarding Demolition of Residential Structures (301 N Main & 301 S Edwards). Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Milleville seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Commissioner Milleville reported he was working on publicity for the new pickle ball court recently installed at Nori's Yard.

Commissioner Polk reported a mini excavator mower attachment was purchased. The mower will be useful on difficult terrain. A street sweeper replacement is being sought.

Mayor Rippetoe had nothing to report.

Clerk Stephen reported the National Road Association is holding a meeting July 27th 6:30 pm in Vandalia. They are seeking additional communities to get involved and meeting locations would be alternated to showcase the communities along Route 40.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
July 25, 2022 - 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. ENGINEER REPORT
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Approve Ordinance 745-22; Annual Appropriation FYE 2023.*
 - B. *Approve Gilbert Park Agreement Presented by Altamont Youth F.I.E.L.D.S.*
 - C. *Approve Resolution 2022-07-11; Authorizing Accepting Bid and Awarding Contract; Sanitary Sewer Improvements (NW Section) in the Amount of \$698,708.85.*
 - D. *Approve City to Pay Cost Difference of SDR 26 to SDR 21 Pipe Only for South Point Subdivision Water Infrastructure; Estimated Cost \$2,300.00.*
 - E. *Approve Payment to R&H Plumbing & Heating in the Amount of \$29,950.00 for Demolition of 301 S Edwards and 301 N Main.*
 - F. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matter 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1).*
 - G. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: July 22, 2022- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
July 25, 2022

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on July 25, 2022, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; and Commissioner Tayler Polk. Also present – Nick Taylor, Effingham Daily News; Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Jennifer Milleville; Corey Pals; Robert Durbin; Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. 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 Polk and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. (Attachment 1)

Council approved Ordinance 745-22; Annual Appropriation FYE 2023 on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Commissioner Slingerland seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Annual appropriation \$9,832,395.00.

Mayor Rippetoe stated the proposed Gilbert Park Agreement regarding signs and field and dugout sponsorship was received and reviewed by the City attorney. The attorney had several concerns about the agreement such as specified terms. However, the main issue was Altamont Youth F.I.E.L.D.S. not being incorporated and registered with the State of Illinois. The City is regulated by Illinois State Statute, which prohibits the City from entering into an agreement with an unincorporated entity. He also referred to a letter received from the City auditor stating funds must be held in an account with the proper internal controls. Jennifer Milleville asked if AYF could continue to hold fundraisers. Council explained fundraising with the names of the City of Altamont or Gilbert Park could not be conducted. Commissioner Polk asked for an explanation of the benefit to depositing funds with the Southeastern Illinois Community Foundation. Jennifer Milleville explained the money raised could only be disbursed in accordance with the AYF mission statement, rather than Council determining how the money is spent, and they would assist with grants. Mayor Rippetoe explained after they were incorporated, the City would have an agreement written by the City attorney. Commissioner Slingerland motioned to deny the agreement until legal obligations are met. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council Approved Resolution 2022-07-11; Authorizing Accepting Bid and Awarding Contract; Sanitary Sewer Improvements (NW Section) in the Amount of \$698,708.85. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The contract was awarded to Keiffer Bros Construction.

Council Approved City to Pay Cost Difference of SDR26 to SDR21 Pipe Only for South Point Subdivision Water Infrastructure; Estimated Cost \$2,300.00 on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Commissioner Slingerland explained SDR26 is unavailable at this time and the cost increase is still considerably below the next higher bid.

Council Approved Payment to R&H Plumbing & Heating in the Amount of \$29,950.00 for Demolition of 301 South Edwards & 301 North Main on a motion by Commissioner Walker. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Commissioner Slingerland reported IDOT was provided water to wash equipment in return for grindings from Rt 40 and 128. The grindings are planned for the reservoir roads, boat ramp and when timber harvesting resumes. The south wastewater treatment plant grinder is out of service. A \$2,300 estimate has been received to repair a pit leak.

Commissioner Walker explained the bucket truck inspection determined hydraulic hoses and fittings need replaced, which is a sizeable cost. In the future Council will need to determine investment of repairs versus replacement.

Commissioner Polk had nothing to report.

Mayor Rippetoe reported sewer line installation has begun in South Point Subdivision.

Commissioner Polk motioned to enter into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matter 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1). Commissioner Slingerland Second. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner 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 Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
August 08, 2022 - 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. ENGINEER REPORT
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Approve Purchase of Transformer from Solomon in the Amount of \$24,665.00 (ADM)*
 - B. *Approve Resolution 2022-08-12; Repealing Resolution 2022-07-11, A Resolution Accepting Bid and Awarding Contract Regarding Sanitary Sewer Improvements (NW Section).*
 - C. *Approve Resolution 2022-08-13; A Resolution Accepting Bid and Awarding Contract Regarding Sanitary Sewer Improvements (NW Section) in the Amount of \$603,979.70.*
 - D. *Approve Purchase of 2022 Ford Explorer Police Unit in the Amount of \$36,855.00.*
 - E. *Approve Payment to American Legion Grobengieser-Fischer Post No 512 Pursuant to TIF Agreement (Ordinance 737-22) in the Amount of \$12,000.*
 - F.
 - G. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: August 05, 2022- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
August 08, 2022

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on August 08, 2022, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Dan Milleville; and Commissioner Tayler Polk. Also present – Nick Taylor, Effingham Daily News; Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Michael Tappendorf, Milano & Grunloh; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief; Joe Duncan, Altamont Police Officer; Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Todd Slingerland was absent.

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 Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. (Attachment 1)

Chief Alan Heiens presented the July 2022 Police Activity Report. He introduced Officer Joe Duncan, newly hired to the Altamont Police Department.

Michael Tappendorf reported South Point Subdivision infrastructure installation was delayed by wet weather conditions.

Council approved Resolution 2022-08-12; Repealing Resolution 2022-07-11, A Resolution Accepting Bid and Awarding Contract Regarding Sanitary Sewer Improvements (NW Section) on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Repeal was a result of DCEO additional grant funding denial.

Council approved Resolution 2022-08-13; Resolution Accepting Bid and Awarding Contract Regarding Sanitary Sewer Improvements (NW Section) in the Amount of \$603,979.70 on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Commissioner Milleville seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council Approved Purchase of Transformer from Solomon in the Amount of \$24,665.00. Commissioner Walker motioned for approval. Commissioner Milleville seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The transformer replaces transformer inventory specific to ADM.

Council Approved Purchase of 2022 Ford Explorer Police Unit, in the Amount of \$36,855.00. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. A Rural Development grant in the amount of \$11,100.00 has been awarded for the purchase.

Council Approved Payment to American Legion Grobengieser-Fischer Post No 512 Pursuant to TIF Agreement (Ordinance 737-22) in the Amount of \$12,000 on a motion by Commissioner Walker. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Milleville. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Commissioner Walker reported Mark Dunn has resigned from the Electric Department.

Commissioner Milleville reported Gilbert Park is still hosting games with a weekend open tournament. The six week soccer season begins after Labor Day.

Commissioner Polk reported a contractor will be working on drainage in the Bond and St Clair Street areas.

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 Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
August 22, 2022 - 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. ENGINEER REPORT
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Elizabeth Johns, 120 Water, Presenting Lead & Copper Program.*
 - B. *Approve Ordinance 745-22; Authorizing Purchase of Real Property for Utility Purposes (Charles Siebert).*
 - C. *Approve Roadside Fundraising Request for Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive, September 16, 2022*
 - D. *Approve Request by Firehouse Mission (Jason Williams Family) to Conduct a 5K Run, November 5, 2022 at 8:00 am.*
 - E. *Approve Accessories for New Police Vehicle in the Amount of \$3,731.49.*
 - F. *Approve Electric Department 1999 GMC Bucket Truck Repairs by CD Feller, Not to Exceed \$25,000.00.*
 - G. *Approve Sewer Department 2011 Chevrolet Truck Engine Replacement, Estimated Cost \$6,200.00.*
 - H. *Approve Payment to IMRF for Member Cost of Early Retirement Incentive in the Amount of \$14,359.20.*
 - I. *Approve Pay Request to Korte & Luitjohan for Raw Pump Replacement, Stored Materials in the Amount of \$8,898.05. (ARPA Funds).*

- J. *Approve Change Order of Kamadulski Excavating Contract in the Amount of \$1,545.00 for Addition of Gate Valve, South Point Subdivision Sanitary Sewer Installation.*
- K. *Approve Pay Request #1 to Kamadulski Excavating in the Amount of \$140,151.51, South Point Subdivision Sanitary Sewer Installation.*
- L. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Setting Price for Sale of Property 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6).*
- M. *Action as a Result of Executive Session.*
- N. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: August 19 22, 2022- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING

August 22, 2022

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on August 22, 2022, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Dan Milleville; and Commissioner Tayler Polk. Also present – Nick Taylor, Effingham Daily News; Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Michael Tappendorf, Milano & Grunloh; Jason Williams; Elizabeth Johns, 120 Water; Ryan Spade, Sewer Dept. Supr.; 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)

Elizabeth Jones presented the 120 Water Lead and Copper Testing Program to the Council. 120 administers mandatory IEPA compliance with the water service line inventory, as well as the required cross connection survey to customers of the Altamont water system. A contract will be presented at a future meeting.

Council Approved Ordinance 745-22; Authorizing Purchase of Real Property for Utility Purposes (Charles Siebert) 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, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Easement provides for installation of underground electric service to new construction.

Council Approved Roadside Fundraising Request for Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive, September 16, 2022. 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.

Council Approved a Request by Firehouse Mission (Jason Williams Family) to Conduct a 5K Run, November 5, 2022 at 8:00 am. Commissioner Walker 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. Jason Williams addressed the Council introducing Fire House Mission, which organized as a result of their own home burning. Proceeds of their mission will be used to help local fire departments and victims of fire.

Council approved Purchase of Accessories for New Police Vehicle in the Amount of \$3,731.49 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. Accessories include computer mounts, emergency lighting and sirens.

Council approved Electric Department 1999 GMC Bucket Truck Repairs by CD Feller, Not to Exceed \$25,000.00. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Slingerland seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Hydraulic hose replacement, clutch parts and front structure on engine parts.

Council approved Sewer Department 2011 Chevrolet Truck Engine Replacement, Estimated Cost \$6,200.00 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.

Council approved Payment to IMRF for Member Cost of Early Retirement Incentive in the Amount of \$14,359.20 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. Retiree was Officer Doug Holman.

Council approved a Pay Request to Korte & Luitjohan for Raw Pump Replacement, Stored Materials in the Amount of \$8,898.05. 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. ARPA Funds are being utilized for this project.

Council Approved a Change Order of Kamadulski Excavating Contract in the Amount of \$1,545.00 for Addition of Gate Valves, South Point Subdivision Sanitary Sewer Installation. Commissioner Slingerland 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.

Council Approved Pay Request #1 to Kamadulski Excavating in the Amount of \$140,151.51 for South Point Subdivision Sanitary Sewer Installation. 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.

Commissioner Slingerland reported Tanner Rennels has been hired as a new employee in the Water Department. South Point Subdivision water line is being installed and will be connected to an 8" water main. The sanitary sewer main located in South Oaks Subdivision has been cleaned of tree roots. The line was camera inspected before and after the cleaning. The inspection indicated a 10 foot section needs repaired as it is offset at the connection point. The repair is scheduled for Wednesday. The line to the south treatment plant has many cracks. Cleaning and lining will prove to be a tremendous improvement for customers.

Commissioner Walker reported the Siebert new construction service is being installed. The electric line building to South Point Subdivision will follow. Applicants are being interviewed to fill the vacant lineman's position.

Commissioner Milleville reported pickle ball courts are completed at Nori's Yard. The nets are currently in the City office. In the near future, nets will be sheltered in a container at the court. Gilbert Park storage shed near the C diamond will be restored with a new roof and replacement of three doors. Fence installation should begin Wednesday or Thursday.

Commissioner Polk reported an ordinance will be presented at the next meeting for closing of Wurl Lane.

Mayor Rippetoe had nothing to report.

Clerk Stephen informed the Council comments have been received regarding the condition of property at 212 West Jefferson. Council instructed to contact the owners of their intent for the property.

On a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Milleville Council entered into Executive Session for the Purpose of Setting Price for Sale of Property 5ILCS 12/2(c)(6). Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Upon returning to open session, Commissioner Slingerland motioned to price properties for sale at 301 South Edwards for \$15,000 and 301 North Main for \$9,500. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Commissioner Polk left the meeting.

Council discussed covenants for South Point Subdivision. A draft will be provided to the City Attorney for final presentation.

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; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
September 12, 2022 - 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. ENGINEER REPORT
5. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
6. COMMUNICATIONS
7. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Mike Bowman- Main Street Improvements.*
 - B. *Approve Ordinance 746-22; Authorizing Execution of Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the TIF Redevelopment Plan (Alexander Wendling)*
 - C. *Approve Ordinance 747-22; Designating East Wurl Lane from South Main Street to South Edwards Street as Dead End Street.*
 - D. *Approve Ordinance 748-22; Authorizing Execution of Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the TIF Redevelopment Plan (NV Spa LLC)*
 - E. *Approve Ordinance VA-1703; Front Yard Setback Intrusion, 708 West Jackson Ave.*
 - F. *Approve Contract with 120 Water, in the Amount of \$16,655.00 to Conduct Lead & Copper Water Line Inventory and Cross Connection Survey.*
 - G. *Approve Payment to EAHC Structures for Ball Diamond Fence Installation in the Amount of \$24,270.00.*
 - H. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: September 09, 2022- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
September 12, 2022

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on September 12, 2022, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Dan Milleville; and Commissioner Tayler Polk. Also present – Nick Taylor, Effingham Daily News; Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Michael Tappendorf, Milano & Grunloh; Michael & Nancy Bowman; Jim Repp; Gale Warner; Altamont Police Chief, Alan Heiens; 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)

Chief Heiens presented the August 2022 Police Activity Report.

Gale Warner addressed the Council with his views on several issues. He stated widening of Wurl lane would be a better community service rather than closing it to thru traffic. He asked why the Street Department is operating with only three employees when there were five employees in the past. Additional employees could help maintain streets like Wurl Lane. He suggested the location of the former locker plant (on Main St) be made into a parking lot. He commented about South Point Subdivision and location concerns.

Michael Tappendorf reported modifications were being prepared for the northwest sewer replacement project to satisfy grant funding application and contractor has been instructed to wait on starting work. Water main is installed at South Point Subdivision. Commissioner Slingerland asked for explanation of the 40' miscalculation of the water line. Michael explained 40' was a minor average of such a large project.

Mike Bowman addressed the Council requesting the curbing in front of this residence, along Main Street, be replaced as a completion of the Main Street resurfacing project. The current curbing is decayed and even missing in some places. He also requested his driveway approach be corrected to remove a six inch grade difference.

Council Approved Ordinance 746-22; Authorizing Execution of Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the TIF Redevelopment Plan (Alexander Wendling) 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.

Council Approved Ordinance 747-22; Designating East Wurl Lane from South Main Street to South Edwards Street as Dead End Street on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, no; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, no; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Street closing will be effective September 22, 2022.

Council Approved Ordinance 748-22; Authorizing Execution of Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the TIF Redevelopment Plan (NV Spa LLC). 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.

Council Approved Payment to EAHC Structures for Ball Diamond Fence Installation in the Amount of \$24,270.00. Commissioner Milleville motioned for approval. Commissioner Slingerland seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Fencing was installed on diamonds B & C at Gilbert Park.

Council Approved Ordinance VA-1703; Front Yard Setback Intrusion, 708 West Jackson Ave. 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. Jim Repp explained he was contracted by the homeowner to build a new garage on an existing concrete pad.

Council voted to table approval of a contract with 120 Water to conduct a lead and copper water line inventory and cross connection survey. Motion to table was made 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.

Commissioner Slingerland reported the new South Point Subdivision water main is installed and ready for testing. Road millings have been distributed near the alum building where trucks travel. Lining of the South Oaks Subdivision sewer main is completed. Manhole lining will be completed at a later date.

Commissioner Walker reported the South Point Subdivision feeder line poles have been installed. City is waiting for State permit to conduct installation near I70. Justin Baker has been hired as a lineman.

Commissioner Milleville reported the Nori's Yard gazebo roof has been replaced, lighting at Nori's Yard courts has been upgraded and no hitting or pitching into fence signs have been hung at Gilbert Park. Moles have not been observed in the soccer area.

Commissioner Polk reported drainage areas will once again be undertaken. Street Department is seeking a full time employee.

Mayor Rippetoe had nothing to report.

Clerk Stephen informed the Council a new printer/copier lease has been established with new machines, more print copies available and lower lease fee. Machines will arrive in 4-6 weeks.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Milleville 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, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
September 26, 2022 - 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. ENGINEER REPORT
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Approve Request of Altamont Lions Club to Conduct Candy Day Roadside Fundraiser October 14, 2022.*
 - B. *Approve Proceeding with Bid Advertising and Easements for Water Line Replacement on 500 & 900 Avenues.*
 - C.
 - D. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: September 23, 2022- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
September 26, 2022

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on September 26, 2022, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Dan Milleville; and Commissioner Tayler Polk. Also present – Nick Taylor, Effingham Daily News; Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Michael Tappendorf, Milano & Grunloh; Nancy Bowman; Gale Warner; Charles Pagel; Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Todd Slingerland was absent.

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: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. (Attachment 1)

Gale Warner challenged the Council concerning a vote during the prior Council meeting. He stated the vote by Commissioner Walker was invalid as a conflict of interest was present since Commissioner Walker's in-laws live on that portion of Wurl Lane. He stated if maintenance of the street was reason for closing, the street would still need to be maintained. Commissioner Polk agreed it would still need to be maintained, but would not need to be widened for two ways of thru traffic, which was costly.

Charles Pagel stated along East Lincoln near the alley the City repaired a sink hole. Follow up maintenance is needed to stop erosion. He requested a police report for an incident in his neighborhood. Mr. Pagel was directed to contact Chief Heiens for such a report.

Nancy Bowman asked for the progress of replacing the curbing in front of her Main Street residence. Mayor Rippetoe indicated he would check with a contractor who is doing other work in town. Mrs. Bowman also requested the driveway entrance be leveled to avoid vehicle dragging.

Michael Tappendorf reported DCEO tentatively accepted changes to project scope for the northwest sewer replacement project. The next DCEO grant application deadline has been pushed back to an unannounced date.

Council Approved a Request of Altamont Lions Club to Conduct Candy Day Roadside Fundraiser October 14, 2022 on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council tabled Proceeding with Bid Advertising and Easements for Water Line Replacement on 500 & 900 Avenues. Commissioner Milleville motioned to table and Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The recommended piping size was in question.

Commissioner Walker reported the South Point Subdivision electric installation continues. It may be necessary to obtain some easements.

Commissioner Milleville reported a good high school community service day was held at Gilbert Park. Students cleaned the park and dugouts. Areas were prepared for painting.

Commissioner Polk reported signage for closing of East Wurl Lane has been ordered. Drainage issues will be addressed the next few weeks.

Mayor Rippetoe reported street improvements in South Point Subdivision are waiting on Kieffer Brothers Construction.

Clerk Stephen informed the Council green ribbons will be on display around the triangle in recognition of National 4-H week October 2nd – 8th. Handouts were provided regarding mandatory EPA lead water line inspection.

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 Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
October 10, 2022 - 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. ENGINEER REPORT
5. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
6. COMMUNICATIONS
7. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Liz Johns – 120 Water*
 - B. *Approve 120 Water Contract, in the Amount of \$16,655.00 to Conduct Lead & Copper Water Line Inventory and Cross Connection Survey.*
 - C. *Approve Proceeding with Bid Advertising and Easements for Water Line Replacement on 500 & 900 Avenues.*
 - D. *Approve Resolution 2022-10-14 Authorizing Sale of Surplus Real Estate (301 South Edwards)*
 - E. *Discuss Water Rate Increase.*
 - F. *Approve Payment to Visu-Sewer for Sewer Main Lining in the Amount of \$92,595.00*
 - G. *Presentation of 2021 Motor Fuel Compliance Review.*
 - H. *Approve Controlled Burn Request by American Legion to Conduct Dignified Disposal of Unserviceable Flags at Schmidt Park November 5th, 5:00 pm.*
 - I. *Discuss Sidewalk Improvements on North Third Street.*
 - J. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: October 07, 2022- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
October 10, 2022

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on October 10, 2022, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; and Commissioner Tayler Polk. Also present – Nick Taylor, Effingham Daily News; Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Michael Tappendorf, Milano & Grunloh; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief; Ryan Spade, Sewer Dept. Supr; Vaughn Voelker, Water Dept. Supr 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)

Chief Alan Heiens presented the September 2022 Police Activity Report.

After much discussion Council approved Proceeding with Bid Advertising and Easements for Water Line Replacement on 500 & 900 Avenues. 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, no. Curry & Associates will be directed to finalize bid advertising with plans for replacement of the current 3” line upgraded to a 6” water line.

Council approved Resolution 2022-10-14; Authorizing Sale of Surplus Real Estate (301 South Edwards) 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.

Commissioner Slingerland provided financial information to support the need for a water rate increase. He proposed gallons over the 1000 gallon minimum increase from .01 cent per gallon to .011 cent per gallon. Supervisor Voelker stated the clarifier improvements should be the last plant upgrade. Future increases will be determined by chemicals and other operating costs due to inflation. An ordinance will be presented for vote at the next regular meeting.

Liz Johns of 120 Water addressed the Council with more details of the company regarding a lead line inspection program. The data gathered will be summarized to satisfy EPA program regulations. After line inventory is completed, the data will remain property of the City for future reference. An 80%-90% success rate is expected without City labor involved. A revised quote with up to date customer numbers will be provided. Commissioner Polk motioned to Approve 120 Water Contract, Not to Exceed \$18,000, to Conduct Lead & Copper Water Line Inventory and Cross Connection Survey. Commissioner Walker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council Approved Payment to Visu-Sewer for Sewer Main Lining, in the Amount of \$92,595.00, 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. Sewer main lining was conducted in South Oaks Subdivision to the South Wastewater treatment plant.

Clerk Stephen presented the 2021 Motor Fuel Compliance Review. There were no discrepancies noted.

Council Approved a Controlled Burn Request by American Legion to Conduct Dignified Disposal of Unserviceable Flags at Schmidt Park, November 5, 2022 at 5:00 pm. 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.

Commissioner Polk presented a proposed sidewalk improvement project on the west side of North Third Street from Division to Washington to include ADA compliance and handrails. A storm drain would be installed to accommodate drainage. A request will be submitted for use of Motor fuel funds. The June 2022 estimated cost was \$66,490. An updated estimate will be prepared by Milano & Grunloh Engineers.

Michael Tappendorf, Milano & Grunloh Engineers, reported the Northwest Sanitary Sewer Improvement project scope modifications will be presented at the next meeting for approval. Marxman Excavating has completed installation of the water line in South Point Subdivision, with the exception of pressure testing the line. Engineers for the wastewater infrastructure are waiting for back ordered electrical supplies and pumps. Street construction may start in approximately two weeks.

Commissioner Slingerland reported new employee, Tanner Rennels, is doing well and is included in the four week rotation at the water plant. Ryan Spade is investigating a cost saving alarm and recording system for the wastewater department. A lift station mixer will be demonstrated within the next month. Raw water pump installation at the water reservoir is expected to start in early November.

Commissioner Walker had nothing to report.

Commissioner Milleville reported another high school community service day will be held at Gilbert Park. Students will painting benches, etc.

Commissioner Polk reported signs have been installed on East Wurl Lane to discontinue thru traffic.

Mayor Rippetoe reported he is getting pricing on replacing Main Street curbing between Tower Lane and the south entrance to Schmidt Park.

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; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
October 24, 2022 - 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. ENGINEER REPORT
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Approve Ordinance 749-22; Authorizing Execution of Advertising Sign Permit Agreements (Gilbert Park).*
 - B. *Approve Resolution 2022-10-15; Repealing Resolution 2022-08-13, A Resolution Accepting Bid and Awarding Contract Regarding Sanitary Sewer Improvements (NW Section).*
 - C. *Approve Resolution 2022-10-16; A Resolution Accepting Bid and Awarding Contract Regarding Sanitary Sewer Improvements (NW Section) in the Amount of \$651,562.05.*
 - D. *Approve Ordinance 750-22; Amending Water Rates.*
 - E. *Approve Ordinance 751-22; Authorizing Lease of Real Estate (Water Tower Lease-KNR at Schmidt Park)*
 - F. *Approve Ordinance 752-22; Authorizing Lease of Real Estate (Water Tower Lease - KNR at Reservoir)*
 - G. *Approve Ordinance 753-22; Authorizing Execution of the RMA Min/Max Contribution Agreement and Payment in the Amount of \$122,239.79*

- H. *Approve Engineering Services Agreement with Milano & Grunloh Engineers for Design of Third Street Sidewalk Reconstruction.*
- I. *Approve Proceeding with Request of Motor Fuel Funding for Third Street Sidewalk Reconstruction, not to Exceed \$67,000.00.*
- J. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: October 21, 2022- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
October 24, 2022

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on October 24, 2022, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; and Commissioner Tayler Polk. Also present – Nick Taylor, Effingham Daily News; Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills, was approved on a motion by Commissioner 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)

Council Approved Ordinance 749-22; Authorizing Execution of Advertising Sign Permit Agreements (Gilbert Park). 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. The agreement provides a new program whereby businesses can rent space on Gilbert Park ball diamond fences for displaying a 3x6 sign for an annual fee of \$200.

Council Approved Resolution 2022-10-15; Repealing Resolution 2022-08-13, A Resolution Accepting Bid and Awarding Contract Regarding Sanitary Sewer Improvements (NW Section) 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.

Council Approved Resolution 2022-10-16; A Resolution Accepting Bid and Awarding Contract Regarding Sanitary Sewer Improvements (NW Section) in the Amount of \$651,562.05 on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland seconded by Commissioner Milleville. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council Approved Ordinance 750-22; Amending Water Rates. 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, abstained. Usage in excess of 1000 gallons will increase from 0.01 to 0.011 per gallon, effective on the January 2023 payment. The minimum charge will remain the same.

Council Approved Ordinance 751-22; Authorizing Lease of Real Estate (Water Tower Lease-KNR at Schmidt Park) 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. Ordinance provides renewal of previous contract.

Council Approved Ordinance 752-22; Authorizing Lease of Real Estate (Water Tower Lease - KNR at Reservoir). 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. Ordinance provides KNR to construct a tower at the water reservoir. In exchange the Water Department will receive internet service that was not previously attainable.

Council Approved Ordinance 753-22; Authorizing Execution of the RMA Min/Max Contribution Agreement and Payment in the Amount of \$122,239.79. Commissioner Walker motioned for approval. Commissioner Slingerland seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council Approved Engineering Services Agreement with Milano & Grunloh Engineers for Design of Third Street Sidewalk Reconstruction. Commissioner Milleville 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. The sidewalk replacement is planned for west side of Third Street from Division to Washington.

Council Approved Proceeding with Request of Motor Fuel Funding for Third Street Sidewalk Reconstruction, not to Exceed \$67,000.00.. 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.

Commissioner Slingerland reported a pre-construction meeting was held today for the northwest sanitary sewer replacement project. An alarm and recording system is being explored for the sewer department to automate flow recording. He and Commissioner Milleville met at the location of the future 500/900 Road water main replacement. They found wet ground as reported before. This is rare considering the dry weather being experienced.

Commissioner Walker reported an outage on Sunday was created by an Ameren situation. Generators provided power to the City for approximately three hours. State permit has been received to start placing line under I70.

Commissioner Milleville reported high school community service day was a success. Dugouts were painted at Gilbert Park. He attended a meeting with South Central Regional Planning & Development to learn about OSLAD grant application process. The triangle bubbler has been winterized. The water spigot is still operable. More improvements are planned for next year.

Commissioner Polk reported leaf pickup date has not been determined.

Mayor Rippetoe reported Kamadulski is waiting on parts for the South Point Subdivision lift station. They have been requested to clear the work area, but not results to date.

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; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
November 14, 2022 - 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. ENGINEER REPORT
5. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
6. COMMUNICATIONS
7. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Sandy Perry, CliftonLarsonAllen; FYE 2022 Audit Presentation*
 - B. *Approve 320 ft Sidewalk Replacement on West Adams Avenue by Kieffer Bros Construction in the Amount of \$10,880.00.*
 - C. *Approve the Removal and Replacement of Curb on South Main St by Kieffer Bros Construction in the Amount of \$24,956.00.*
 - D. *Approve Payment to 120 Water; Lead Compliance & Cross Connection Survey in the Amount of \$17,225.50.*
 - E. *Omnibus Vote:*
 - 1) *Approve Change Order-South Point Subdivision Water Main Installation, Increase \$3,677.16.*
 - 2) *Approve Payment to Marxman Excavating for South Point Subdivision Water Main Installation in the Amount of \$44,463.16.*
 - F. *Award Bid for 500E & 900th Avenue Water Main Replacement to Korte & Luitjohan Contractors in the Amount of \$137,470.00.*
 - G. *Approve Employee Health Insurance Coverage Plan.*
 - H. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: November 10, 2022- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
November 14, 2022

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on November 14, 2022, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; and Commissioner Tayler Polk. Also present – Nick Taylor, Effingham Daily News; Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Sandy Perry, CliftonLarsonAllen; 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 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)

Chief Alan Heiens presented the October 2022 Police Activity Report.

Michael Tappendorf, Milano & Grunloh Engineers reported CDBG grant application deadlines have been pushed back to January 19, 2023. Kieffer Bros Construction should be moving in late November to start the northwest sanitary sewer improvements. A survey crew will be starting on the Third Street sidewalk replacement project.

Sandy Perry of CliftonLarsonAllen presented the 2022 audit report. Provided reports indicated general fund increases in tax revenue and decreases in expenses compared to the previous year. There were no significant changes to the finances of any utility funds.

Council Approved a 320 ft Sidewalk Replacement on West Adams Avenue by Kieffer Bros Construction in the Amount of \$10,880.00. 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. Sidewalk replacement will begin at the corner of Second & Adams continuing west.

Council Approved the Removal and Replacement of Curb on South Main St by Kieffer Bros Construction in the Amount of \$24,956.00 on a motion by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Deteriorated curbing begins at Tower Lane and extends 136 feet north.

Council Approved Payment to 120Water for Lead Compliance & Cross Connection Survey in the Amount of \$17,225.50. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Motion seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

An Omnibus Vote comprised of a Change Order-South Point Subdivision Water Main Installation, Increase of \$3,677.16 and Payment to Marxman Excavating for South Point Subdivision Water Main Installation in the Amount of \$44,463.16 was approved by Council on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland seconded by Commissioner Walker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council Approved Awarding Bid for 500E & 900th Avenue Water Main Replacement to Korte & Luitjohan Contractors in the Amount of \$137,470.00. 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. ARPA funds will be utilized.

Council Approved Employee Health Insurance Coverage Plan of Blue Cross Blue Shield. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval and by Commissioner Milleville seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Walker, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Commissioner Slingerland reported the Water Department is operating more efficiently with the new communication tower providing improved internet connection. Sewer Department is awaiting before and after pictures from Visu-Sewer of the South Oaks Subdivision sanitary sewer line maintenance.

Commissioners Walker and Milleville had nothing to report.

Commissioner Polk thanked the Electric Department for help with the Downtown Christmas event.

Mayor Rippetoe reported the Downtown Christmas was well attended on Friday night. He congratulated the Chamber on their efforts.

Clerk Stephen reported an IMRF compliance review was conducted. The City is in good standings.

On behalf of the Keith Tipsword family, (Pearl Harbor Navy soldier) Clerk Stephen thanked the volunteers who placed flags for the approaching homecoming. 414 flags were displayed in two hours by 21 volunteers.

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; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
November 28, 2022 - 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. ENGINEER REPORT
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Announce Estimated Tax Levy.*
 - B. *Present Amended Budget Items FYE 2023.*
 - C.
 - D. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: November 23, 2022- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
November 28, 2022

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on November 28, 2022, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; and Commissioner Tayler Polk. Also present – Nick Taylor, Effingham Daily News; Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills, was approved on a motion by Commissioner 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)

Mayor Rippetoe announced the FYE 2023 Estimated Tax Levy. The City levy request is estimated at \$266,500.00, a 3.75% increase over the previous year.

Amendments to the FYE 2023 budget were presented. Changes resulted as some projects will not be completed and costs were reduced. The largest change was to IMRF costs. Early retirement incentive costs will not be due and payable in this fiscal year. The budget will be lowered \$1,006,248.

Commissioner Slingerland reported the Water Department is experiencing a small algae bloom. Logging at the reservoir has resumed. The Sewer Department aerator has arrived and will be tested at the East Meadows lift station.

Commissioners Walker reported holiday lights are installed. Truck 5 is back in operation. Trenching under I70 is almost complete. A new hire will begin in a couple weeks.

Commissioner Milleville reported Ho Ho Land is open at Schmidt Park for all to enjoy.

Commissioner Polk reported leaf pickup is complete. A new hire is starting in the Street Department on Thursday. Surveying for the Third Street sidewalk replacement has begun. He asked if the I70 overpass closing could be prevented. The passage would be convenient for future South Point Subdivision residents. Mayor Rippetoe stated it could not be stopped. However, a bike path grant could be sought.

Mayor Rippetoe reported South Point Subdivision infrastructure construction continues.

Clerk Stephen praised Altamont citizens for their display of patriotism and respect during the Keith Tipsword procession. Schools, employers and citizens within the City lined the route holding flags, hands over their hearts and signs.

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, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
December 12, 2022 - 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. ENGINEER REPORT
5. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
6. COMMUNICATIONS
7. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Approve Ordinance 754-22; Amending Appropriation FYE 2023*
 - B. *Approve Ordinance 755-22; Establishing Levy FYE 2023.*
 - C. *Approve Ordinance 756-22; Annual Abatement Ordinance.*
 - D. *Approve Payment to CD Feller Enterprises for Bucket Truck Repairs in the Amount of \$29,180.46.*
 - E. *Approve Grant Writing Services Agreement with So Central Regional Planning & Development \$1,000.00 for Lead Service Line Inventory Grant.*
 - F. *Approve 2023 Holiday Schedule.*
 - G. *Approve Resolution 2022-12-17; Establishing 2023 Meeting Schedule.*
 - H. *Approve Payment Request to Kieffer Bros Construction in the Amount of \$63,397.80 for South Point Subdivision Street Drainage.*

- I. *Approve Change Order Addition in the Amount of \$55,934.35; Kieffer Bros Construction NW Sanitary Sewer Project.*
- J. *Discuss Water Main Improvement Project DCEO Grant Application.*
- K. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: December 09, 2022- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
December 12, 2022

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on December 12, 2022, in the Council 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 – Nick Taylor, Effingham Daily News; Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Alan Heien, Altamont Police Chief; Michael Tappendorf, Milano & Grunloh Engineers and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. 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; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. (Attachment 1)

Chief Alan Heiens presented the November 2022 Altamont Police Activity Report.

Michael Tappendorf, Milano & Grunloh Engineers reported curbing is being poured at South Point Subdivision. The northwest sewer replacement project will be moving in. Visu-Sewer is scheduled to begin lining the 13th & 14th. Survey work is completed for Third St sidewalk project.

Ordinance 754-22; Amending Appropriation FYE 2023 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The new appropriation is \$8,826,147.00.

Ordinance 755-22; Establishing Levy FYE 2023 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The levy was placed in the amount of \$266,500.00.

Ordinance 756-22; Annual Abatement Ordinance was approved on a motion by Commissioner Milleville and seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council Approved Payment to CD Feller Enterprises for Bucket Truck Repairs in the Amount of \$29,180.46. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Slingerland seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Commissioner Milleville questioned the amount, as a previous approval was not to exceed \$25,000. Mayor Rippetoe stated during repairs it was found the clutch also needed replaced, adding to the cost.

Council Approved Grant Writing Services Agreement with So Central Regional Planning & Development \$1,000.00 for Lead Service Line Inventory Grant. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The grant is intended to assist with paying for 120Water to conduct lead service inventory.

Council Approved the 2023 Holiday Schedule on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland. Commissioner Milleville seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. There were no additions or deletions from previous years.

Council Approved Resolution 2022-12-17; Establishing 2023 Meeting Schedule. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. All meetings will be held the 2nd & 4th Mondays at 6pm, with the exception of the last December meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, December 27, 2023.

Council Approved a Payment Request to Kieffer Bros Construction in the Amount of \$63,397.80 for South Point Subdivision Street Drainage. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Michael Tappendorf stated a majority of the storm sewer installation is included in this payment request.

Council Approved a Change Order Addition, in the Amount of \$55,934.35, to Kieffer Bros Construction NW Sanitary Sewer Project. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Milleville, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Polk, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. This approval corrects the contract documents.

Council discussed the Water Main Improvement Project DCEO Grant Application. Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers asked Council if they would consider contributing \$150,000 towards the project. The grant application would score two additional points for the contribution. Council determined water infrastructure fees collected would likely be in excess of that amount by the beginning of construction. Milano & Grunloh estimate the construction cost at \$1,684,254 for approximately 6,582 feet of water main installation.

Commissioner Slingerland reported installation of the 6" water main replacement on 500/900 is in process. There may be additional boring going up the hill to avoid erosion problems. The additional cost could be \$3,000. Installation should be done by year end. Raw water pump installation is awaiting parts from Mexico. Staging of the Northwest Sewer Replacement is in process.

Commissioner Milleville reported the parks are quiet this time of year.

Commissioner Polk stated good remarks have been received concerning the new employee, Shawn Cochran.

Mayor Rippetoe had nothing to report.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
December 27, 2022 - 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. ENGINEER REPORT
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Approve Ordinance 757-22; Disconnecting Certain Property from the City of Altamont.*
 - B. *Approve Ordinance 758-22; Authorizing the Sale of Real Estate (De-Annexed Real Estate).*
 - C. *Approve Resolution 2022-12-18; Authorizing Execution of an Agreement for Reimbursable Utility Adjustment with IDOT. \$207,505. Installation of Water Main Steel Casing Under Abandoned Railroad Overpass.*
 - D. *Approve Payment to Larry Heuerman, in the Amount of \$23,508.30 for Street Oiling.*
 - E. *Approve Contract with Korte & Luitjohan Contractors, for Installation of Water Main Replacement, County Road 300E & 900th Avenue, Amount of \$137,470.00.*
 - F. *Omnibus Vote Agenda – Easements for 500/900 Water Main Replacement:*

Item No. 1 – Ordinance 759-22; Authorizing Purchase of Real Property for Utility Purposes (Water Main Replacement Project 2022/2023 – Manley)

Item No. 2 - Ordinance 760-22; Authorizing Purchase of Real Property for Utility Purposes (Water Main Replacement Project 2022/2023 – Cullom)

Item No. 3 - Ordinance 761-22; Authorizing Purchase of Real Property for Utility Purposes (Water Main Replacement Project 2022/2023 – Donald L. Higgs)

Item No.4 - Ordinance 762-22; Authorizing Purchase of Real Property for Utility Purposes (Water Main Replacement Project 2022/2023 – Ramsey)

Item No.5 - Ordinance 763-22; Authorizing Purchase of Real Property for Utility Purposes (Water Main Replacement Project 2022/2023 – Westendorf & Kinkelaar)

Item No. 6 - Ordinance 764-22; Authorizing Purchase of Real Property for Utility Purposes (Water Main Replacement Project 2022/2023 – Higgs)

Item No. 7 - Ordinance 765-22; Authorizing Purchase of Real Property for Utility Purposes (Water Main Replacement Project 2022/2023 – French & Kerner)

G. Adjourn.

POSTED: December 22, 2022- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
December 27, 2022

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on December 27, 2022, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Dan Milleville; Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; and Commissioner Tayler Polk. Also present –Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills, was approved on a motion by Commissioner 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)

Correspondence was received from a citizen expressing appreciation for the employees quick response in repairing a water main break. Also, the IEPA provided results of the recent Lead Service Inventory Grant Program of which the City had applied. Almost four millions dollars was requested with two million dollars awarded. Altamont was not a beneficiary of the grant.

Ordinance 757-22; Disconnecting Certain Property from the City of Altamont 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, yes; Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The property is located at South Point Subdivision as a portion of Lot 5, which will be sold to an adjacent property owner.

Ordinance 758-22; Authorizing the Sale of Real Estate (De-Annexed Real Estate) 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.

Resolution 2022-12-18; Authorizing Execution of an Agreement for Reimbursable Utility Adjustment with IDOT, \$207,505. Installation of Water Main Steel Casing under Abandoned Railroad Overpass 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.

Council Approved Payment to Larry Heuerman in the Amount of \$23,508.30 for Street Oiling. 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.

Council Approved Contract with Korte & Luitjohan Contractors, for Installation of Water Main Replacement, County Road 500E & 900th Avenue, Amount of \$137,470.00. Commissioner Slingerland 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.

Council Approved Omnibus Vote Agenda Items Regarding Easements for 500/900 Water Main Replacement Including: Ordinance 759-22; Authorizing Purchase of Real Property for Utility Purposes (Water Main Replacement Project 2022/2023 – Manley); Ordinance 760-22; Authorizing Purchase of Real Property for Utility Purposes (Water Main Replacement Project 2022/2023 – Cullom); Ordinance 761-22; Authorizing Purchase of Real Property for Utility Purposes (Water

Main Replacement Project 2022/2023 – Donald L. Higgs); Ordinance 762-22; Authorizing Purchase of Real Property for Utility Purposes (Water Main Replacement Project 2022/2023 – Ramsey); Ordinance 763-22; Authorizing Purchase of Real Property for Utility Purposes (Water Main Replacement Project 2022/2023 – Westendorf & Kinkelaar); Ordinance 764-22; Authorizing Purchase of Real Property for Utility Purposes (Water Main Replacement Project 2022/2023 – Higgs); Ordinance 765-22; Authorizing Purchase of Real Property for Utility Purposes (Water Main Replacement Project 2022/2023 – French & Kerner). 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.

Commissioner Slingerland praised the Water Department for the efficiency in handling many service shut-off's during the extreme cold weather, 25 were reported. In addition, a water main break was repaired during the weekend. An unusually high water demand has been experienced during the cold weather. Crews are searching for main and service line breaks. Visu-Sewer has completed restoration of the sanitary main under the railroad on Tenth Street.

Commissioner Walker reported no outages occurred during the cold weekend. IMEA requested generators be run Friday evening.

Commissioner Milleville had nothing to report.

Commissioner Polk reported he had a nice year end lunch with the Street Department.

Mayor Rippetoe had nothing to report.

Clerk Stephen stated a public hearing will be held prior to the January 9, 2023 meeting regarding a grant application for a water main replacement.

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