CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
January 13, 2025 - 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. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matter 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) and Setting Price for Sale of Property 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5).*

   B. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: January 10, 2025- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
January 13, 2025

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on January 13, 2025, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe. Also present –Janet Voelker; Richard Finn; Charles Pagel; Gale Warner; Dwight Homann; Richard Frailey; Altamont Police Chief, Alan Heiens; Officer Jacob Herd and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. One vacant Council position remains. Commissioner Tayler Polk was absent.

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

Chief Heiens presented the December 2024 Police Activity report and the 2024 Year End report. He introduced the new Officer, Jacob Herd.

Richard Frailey asked what the procedure was for starting snow removal. He stated in the past the on-duty police officers determined when removal or street salting should start. He commented if the snow removal had been started earlier, some of the street accumulation issues could have been avoided. Richard Finn stated the employees reacted well, but need to be proactive. Commissioner Walker explained we usually don't get two storms in one week. The employees worked long hours on snow removal.

Commissioner Rippetoe reported one bucket truck failed the dielectric testing and has been taken to Springfield for repair. The Electric Department helped with snow removal.

Commissioner White reported there was an oversight in newspaper advertising of the water main replacement. The bid opening has been moved to February 20th. An RFP is being prepared for removal of trees along the water main replacement area. Planting of replacement trees on the residential property has been discussed.

Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker had nothing to report.

Commissioner Rippetoe motioned to move into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matter 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) and Setting Price for Sale of Property 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5). Commissioner White seconded. . Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

No action resulted from Executive Session.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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January 27, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

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

   A. *Approve Change Order #1 Water Main Replacement Project. Effecting Bid Opening Date, Prevailing Wage & Salvaged Hydrants.*

   B. *Approve Resolution 2025-01-01; Approving Preliminary Plat and Final Plat of Second Replat of South Point Subdivision and Further Approving Certificate of Platting for Second Replat of South Point Subdivision.*

   C. *Approve Purchase of Filter Media in the Amount of $29,400 from Calgon for Replacement in Filters 1, 2 & 3..*

   D. *Approve Resolution 2025-01-02; Regulating Employee On Call Time Compensation.*

   E. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matter 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) and Lease of Property 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(6)*

   F. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: January 24, 2025- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
January 27, 2025

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on January 27, 2025, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe. Also present –Janet Voelker; Richard Finn; Dwight Homann; Richard Frailey; Mimi Mays; Danny Simmons; Dan Milleville; Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. One vacant Council position remains.

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

Lee Beckman of Milano & Grunloh Engineers reported the water main replacement bid opening date has been moved to 2:00 pm February 20th. Plans for a proposed street in the underpass from the frontage road to south of I70 will be provided to IDOT this week.

Mimi Mays asked about the purpose of the solar panels. She stated her concerns of the use of pea gravel rather than the white rock when oiling streets. She asked why the street sweeper had not been used. Commissioner Polk explained the pea gravel prevents blotting and holds up better. A different street sweeper was purchased in the fall that is more suitable to the contour of Altamont streets. The sweeper will be utilized in the spring.

Council Approved Change Order #1 Water Main Replacement Project, Effecting Bid Opening Date, Prevailing Wage & Salvaged Hydrants. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Council Approved Resolution 2025-01-01; Approving Preliminary Plat and Final Plat of Second Replat of South Point Subdivision and Further Approving Certificate of Platting for Second Replat of South Point Subdivision. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. Commissioner White is not authorized to vote due to his TIF residency.

Council Approved Purchase of Filter Media in the Amount of $29,400 from Calgon for Replacement in Filters 1, 2, & 3 on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. Commissioner White explained the filters will not all be changed in the same year. Ordering in bulk reduced the cost.

Council Approved Resolution 2025-01-02; Regulating Employee On Call Time Compensation on a motion by Commissioner Rippetoe and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. As a safety measure for the public and employees, employees are now required to be present during the normal working day to receive on call time.

Commissioner Rippetoe had nothing to report.

Commissioner White reported the reservoir is 22” below the spillway. A request for proposals for tree removals will be presented at the next meeting. A stipulation in the proposal is for logs 16’-20’ be taken to the north storage area for repurposing. The completion date is slated for April 30, 2025. Letters will be sent to residents adjacent to trees selected for removal.

Commissioner Polk reported the Street Department could grind stumps of the trees being removed. He thanked the electric and water departments for helping in snow removal.

Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker reported South Central Illinois Regional Planning and Development will write a second OSLAD grant application free of charge. Three of the six organizations have committed to continuing the pledges for future grant applications.

Commissioner Polk motioned to move into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matter 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) and Lease of Property 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6). Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

No action resulted from Executive Session.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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February 10, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

<u>Agenda</u>

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
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2. POLICE REPORT
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6. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Approve Appointment of Wes Bell as Zoning Administrator, as Replacement for the Retiring Gary White.*

   B. *Approve Resolution 2025-02-03; Approving Preliminary Plat and Final Plat of Schultz Business Park.*

   C. *Approve Bid Advertising for Removal of 41 Trees, in Preparation of Water Main Replacement.*

   D. *Approve Advertising 2025 Mowing Bids.*

   E. *Approve Condemnation of 703 Field Street by R&H Plumbing & Heating in the Amount of $11,800.00.*

   F. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: February 07, 2025- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
February 10, 2025

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on February 10, 2025, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe. Also present –Richard Finn; Dwight Homann; Richard Frailey; Mark Hoskins, Altamont news; Alan Heiens, Chief of Police; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. One vacant Council position remains.

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

Richard Frailey requested the cul-de-sac in front of his residence be graded or dug out to make mowing easier and requested the culverts and ditches be cleaned.

Chief Heiens presented the January 2025 Police Activity Report.

Council Approved Appointment of Wes Bell as Zoning Administrator, Replacement for the Retiring Gary White. Commissioner Rippetoe motioned for approval. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Council Approved Resolution 2025-02-03; Approving Preliminary Plat and Final Plat of Schultz Business Park Commissioner Rippetoe motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. The replat is in preparation for land purchase by the Altamont Fire Department for a future fire station.

Council Approved Bid Advertising for Removal of 41 Trees, in Preparation of Water Main Replacement on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. Commissioner White explained letters will be sent to property owners nearby the selected trees. The completion date is slated for April 30, 2025. Bids are due 10:00 am March 5th.

Council Approved Advertising for 2025 Mowing Bids on a motion by Commissioner Rippetoe and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. Bids are due 10:00 am March 24th.

Council Approved Condemnation of 703 Field Street by R&H Plumbing & Heating in the Amount of $11,800.00 on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Commissioner Rippetoe reported Electric Department has been doing winter shop cleanup and trimming trees. The company that provided LED street light replacements performed an autopsy on the shipment, which resulted in the company taking responsibility for defective materials. The company will be replacing LED strips and drivers. The defective parts have caused random street light outages.

Commissioner White reported the reservoir is 21” below the spillway. All hands have been searching for water leaks. There is a push to repair pooling water on North Tenth Street. February 20th bids will be opened for the water main replacement project.

Commissioner Polk reported the culvert replacement on West Division Street (west of ADM) started today.

Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker reported Schmidt Park restroom build is planned to start in mid March.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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6. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Omnibus Vote Concerning Main Street Water Main Replacement Project:*

      Item #1 -Approve Addendum #2. Effecting Material Storage, Providing Water, Water Main Shutdown, Tree Removal.

      Item #2 – Approve Addendum #3. Bidder Information, Steel Requirements, Sidewalk Specifications, Business Access During Construction.

      Item #3 – Approve Addendum #4. Bid Shall Include Pricing for SDR21 and SDR 26 Pipe Material.

   B. *Award Bid for Main Street, Water Main Improvement Project.*

   C. *Approve Milano & Grunloh Project Authorization – Survey Ditch, Plat & Legal for Easement.*

   D. *Approve Resolution 2025-02-04; 2025 Maintenance Program - Motor Fuel Tax Funds in the Amount of $103,000.00*

   E. *Approve Master Services Agreement with CliftonLarsonAllen to Perform Fiscal Year 2025 Audit and Year End Reporting. Cost $57,540.00.*

   F. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: February 21, 2025- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
February 24, 2025

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on February 24, 2025, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe. Also present –Richard Finn; Dwight Homann; Richard Frailey; Mark Hoskins, Altamont news; Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers; Dan Milleville; Charles Pagel; Paige Lowe; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. One vacant Council position remains.

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 Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. (Attachment 1)

Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers, provided the water main replacement bid tabulation. The low bidder is Kieffer Bros Construction. The bids offer a base bid, alternate #1 to include sidewalk replacement and alternate #2 substituting SDR26 pipe for SDR21. The estimated cost of the base bid was $1,602,216.50 the low bid was $1,745,765.71. Council will need to determine a reduction in the project or accept an increased cost. Beckman recommended accepting Kieffer Bros alternate #1. SDR21 & SDR26 pipe samples were available for Council to inspect, as SDR21 is classified as thicker and stronger pipe. Commissioner White expressed interest in stamping and staining downtown sidewalks to dress up the downtown. Commissioner Polk stated he would prefer unstained and unstenciled sidewalks to allow more sidewalk footage for the cost.

Gale Warner asked about the progress of selling the lot at 107 North Main Street. Commissioner Walker stated a full Council needs to be seated before the matter can be presented for vote, which may be as late as June 2025.

Stan Mehl requested the area on north Eighth & Ninth be put back in the condition prior to the sewer main replacement; Lucky Drive is in need of re-patching and the ditches cannot be mowed at the angle they were dug.

Paige Lowe asked if chickens could be allowed in the City of Altamont as other communities have provided. Commissioner Rippetoe suggested Ms Lowe provide ordinance examples from other towns.

Council Approved Omnibus Vote Concerning Main Street Water Main Replacement Project. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. Three addendums to the bid document included material storage, steel requirements, sidewalk specifications, business access during construction, SDR 21 pricing, among other items.

Commissioner White motioned to table awarding the bid for main street water main replacement project to allow review of the bids . Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Council Approved Milano & Grunloh Project Authorization – Survey Ditch, Plat and Legal for Easement on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes;

Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. The easement would provide maintenance to a drainage area between South Sixth and South Eighth streets. An ordinance and agreement with property owners will be prepared for Council approval.

Council Approved Resolution 2025-02-04; 2025 Maintenance Program – Motor Fuel Tax Funds in the Amount of $103,000 on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Council Approved Master Services Agreement with CliftonLarsonAllen to Perform Fiscal Year 2025 Audit and Year End Reporting. Cost $57,540.00 on a motion by Commissioner Rippetoe. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Commissioner Rippetoe had nothing to report.

Commissioner White reported interviews continue to fill a position in the Water Department.

Commissioner Polk reported additional improvements near the culvert replacement on West Division Street (west of ADM) are being completed.

Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker reported no progress on the selling of the 107 North Main Street lot and the property is not rented. Schmidt Park restroom build is awaiting good weather. Another OSLAD grant request will be submitted this year, with the school, Lions Club and others continuing their support.

Clerk Stephen provided a nuisance ordinance revision to Council members for their review prior to the next meeting when it will be present for approval. The altamontil.net website is exhibiting South Point Subdivision, the business listing has been updated and a new community calendar has been provided. Organizations are encouraged to contact the City office to have their event listed on the calendar.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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March 10, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

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   A. *Approve Roadside Fundraiser Request; VFW Post 7676 Poppy Day April 11, 2025 with Rain Date April 25, 2025.*

   B. *Open Bids 301 North Main Street.*

   C. *Approve Acceptance of Bid 301 North Main Street.*

   D. *Approve Resolution 2025-03-05; Accepting Bid and Awarding Contract Regarding Water Main Replacement (Main Street).*

   E. *Approve Resolution 2025-03-06; Accepting Bid and Awarding Contract Regarding Tree Removal & Disposal of Designated Trees (Water Main Replacement-Main Street)*

   F. *Approve Ordinance 815-25; Amending Solar Avoided Cost Rate.*

   G. *Approve Ordinance 816-25; Amending Ball Diamond Use Fee.*

   H. *Approve Ordinance 817-25; Amending Chapter 25 of the Revised Code of Ordinances Relating to Nuisances and Abandoned Property.*

   I. *Approve Appointment of Amanda Bannister, Pam Dammerman, and Jaz Sain to the Zoning Board.*

   J. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: March 07, 2025- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
March 10, 2025

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on March 10, 2025, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe. Also present –Richard Finn; Richard Frailey; Mark Hoskins, Altamont news; Larry Taylor; Marie Adamick, Effingham Daily News; Dan Milleville; Charles Pagel; Dan Simmons; Mimi Mays; Gale Warner; Roy Long; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. One vacant Council position remains.

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 White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. (Attachment 1)

Chief Heiens presented the February 2025 Police Activity Report. He stated one office hire is needed to be at full staff.

Larry Taylor addressed the Council regarding Illinois Municipal Electric Agency energy efficiency program. $3,857.00 needs to be committed prior to April 2025 or the funds move to the rate stabilization fund. He suggested using the funds for lighting upgrade at Gilbert Park. A total of $10,545 is available for energy saving upgrades. Capital credits will soon be finalized by IMEA.

Roy Long requested an explanation of the area to be surveyed for a ditch. Commissioner Polk explained the location is southeast of Grant Avenue. Long stated West Jefferson Street has experienced water problems for years. He suggested Council investigate cleaning the ditch west of Tenth Street near the railroad crossing. He asked the Council to consider removing more empty, unsightly houses in the City and to deal with the former feed store along West Jefferson Street.

Gale Warner asked why a survey was being conducted on private property (southeast of Grant Avenue). Commissioner Rippetoe stated this area is a continuation of prior drainage cleaning near the railroad. Warner asked why Council wanted the I70 underpass to remain open. Commissioner Walker explained there are future plans to connect a street to South Point Subdivision, the proposed fire station and other anticipated improvements.

Council Approved Roadside Fundraiser Request, VFW Post 7676 Poppy Day, April 11, 2025 with a rain date April 25, 2025. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Bids were opened for the sale of 301 North Main Street by Clerk Stephen, with one bid received from Tyler Polk in the amount of $7,500.

Commissioner White motioned Accept the bid received from Tyler Polk for purchase of 301 North Main St . Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, abstained; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Council Approved Resolution 2025-03-05; Accepting Bid and Awarding Contract Regarding Water Main Replacement (Main Street) Commissioner White motioned to accept Alternate one with Alternate 2 addition and award to low bidder Kieffer Bros Construction. Seconded by Commissioner Polk.

Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. The bid amount was $1,876,072.22.

Council Approved Resolution 2025-03-06; Accepting Bid and Awarding Contract Regarding Tree Removal & Disposal of Designated Trees (Water Main Replacement – Main Street). Commissioner White motioned to approve the resolution awarding the bid and contract to low bidder, Jay's Tree Service in the amount of $15,000. Seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Council Approved Ordinance 815-25; Amending Solar Avoided Cost Rate. Commissioner Rippetoe motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. The avoided cost rate, which refunds customers for the amount of solar produced, was lowered from .0543 per kw to .0391 per kw.

Council Approved Ordinance 816-25; Amending Ball Diamond Use Fee on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. The annual fee was increased from $200 to $300 for teams and tournaments.

Council Approved Ordinance 817-25; Amending Chapter 25 of the Revised Code of Ordinances Relating to Nuisances and Abandoned Property. Commissioner Rippetoe motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. The ordinance will strengthen enforcement of abandoned structures and serious violators of the nuisance ordinance.

Council Approved Appointments of Amanda Bannister, Pam Dammerman and Jaz Sain to the Zoning Board. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. The appointments fill existing zoning board vacancies.

Commissioner Rippetoe reported work will soon resume on the northeast electric feeder.

Commissioner White reported he is excited to move forward on the water main replacement project.

Commissioner Polk reported the Street Department assisted in resolving issues in the Water Department. The house on Field Street has been demolished. A truck is being adapted for use with the durapatcher. The newly purchased street sweeper has been used this week. He acknowledged the heavy amount of rock on East Monroe and noted the Street Department will try sweeping up the excess rock.

Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker reported the pickle ball renovation at Nori's Yard may be started in May.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

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   A. *Award 2025 Mowing Bids.*

   B. *Approve Ordinance 818-25; Authorizing Sale of Real Estate (301 North Main St)*

   C. *Approve 3 yr Contract Renewal – Clean Uniform Service.*

   D. *Discuss Repair or Replacement of Schmidt Park Sign.*

   E. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: March 21, 2025- 4:00 pm.

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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 White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. (Attachment 1)

Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers reported Council awarded the water main replacement contract for the CDBG Grant to Kieffer Bros Construction. Preconstruction meeting will be held in 30-45 days. In regards to the ITEP grant, IDOT is favorable in splitting sidewalk replacement into two projects. Property line changes in South Point Subdivision has been staked.

Roy Long asked if the ditch on Tenth Street had been reviewed. Commissioner Walker stated he and Commissioner Polk drove the area. They determined planning is needed. Commissioner Polk stated at the bridge water flows north and south.

Paige Lowe stated she has gathered other community ordinances allowing and controlling chickens. Commissioner Walker stated she could email him the ordinances.

Commissioner Rippetoe motioned to award mowing bids to Precision Lawn Care- Groups 1, 2 and 3 and Jon Berg Mowing- Groups 4 & 5. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Council Approved Ordinance 818-25; Authorizing Sale of Real Estate (301 North Main St). Commissioner White motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, abstained; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. The property is sold to Tyler Polk for the amount of $7,500.

Council Approved a 3 year Contract Renewal with Clean Uniform Service on a motion by Commissioner Rippetoe. Seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Council discussed the future of the Welcome to Altamont sign in Schmidt Park. The sign has boards rotting away. It was determined the sign should be replaced. Commissioner Walker stated he would contact the Altamont High School Industrial Arts class to see if they would like the project.

Commissioner Rippetoe reported pole replacement is proving helpful, as there were no major outages from the high winds. Another pole order is being placed.

Commissioner White reported tree removal on Main Street will start tomorrow. A pump at the south wastewater treatment plant needs replaced at a cost of $18,000. The removed pump will be repaired to have on hand as a spare. Video security will be installed at the south wastewater treatment plant to assist in securing the water main replacement materials. He has spoken with Pam Jacobs, Effingham County EMA Director, about tornado sirens. She stated hazard and mitigation meetings need to be attended by a City official. Commissioner White offered to complete the meeting requirement. He has been talking with Mike Pierce, owner of 102 West Washington, about the future of the building. Commissioner White toured the building and found it to be decaying. He suggested the City accept the building from Mr. Pierce and avoid expensive legal costs to condemn the structure. The City could remove the building and make the location an extension of the Triangle park area. Commissioner Rippetoe stated quotes were received three years ago at an estimated $95,000 for removal.

Commissioner Polk reported drainage on West Division Street has been completed. East Division Street culverts have been cleared. The street sweeper has been used with favorable reports of the machine. The Street Department is advertising for a full time employee.

Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker reported porta pots will be placed at Schmidt Park until the restroom rebuild is completed. During a meeting with teams utilizing Gilbert Park, upgrades to the batters building such as screens and lighting were suggested. The Be A Tiffany will be helping with Union Cemetery annual cleanup.

Clerk Stephen reported the City has been awarded the Trees Forever, Recover, Replant & Restore program in the amount of $1,600.00. This is a matching grant for the planting of new trees. Volunteer assistance is a major part of the program, groups will be contacted to coordinate planting dates. Residents wanting a tree planted on the boulevard may contact the City office to reserve a tree.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
April 14, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

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

2. POLICE REPORT

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

5. COMMUNICATIONS

6. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Approve Roadside Fundraiser Request; Lion's Club Tootsie Roll Day May 03, 2025.*

   B. *Approve Roadside Fundraiser Request; American Legion Post 512, Poppy Day June 13, 2025 with June 20, 2025 Rain Date.*

   C. *Approve Street Closure for Memorial Day Parade, May 26, 2025. Sponsored by Altamont Masonic Lodge.*

   D. *Approve Employee Assistance Program 1 Year Renewal with Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center.*

   E. *Approve Resolution 2025-04-07; Joint Funding Agreement for Federally Funded Construction. (ITEP Grant)*

   F. *Discuss Installation of Storm Siren.*

   G. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Purchase of Property 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)*

   H. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: April 11, 2025- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
April 14, 2025

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on April 14, 2025, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe. Also present –Richard Finn; Mark Hoskins, Altamont news; Dan Milleville; Greg Warner; Gale Warner; Zain Parker; Dwight Homann; Charles Pagel; Todd Slingerland; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. One vacant Council position remains.

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 White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. (Attachment 1)

Chief Heiens presented the March 2025 Police Activity Report.

Richard Finn questioned why Council was repeatedly entering into executive session to discuss sale of property. Commissioner Polk explained the limited reasons for entering into executive session.

Greg Warner asked if there was a sewer system problem in his area. During the recent rain he had sewer backup and the sump pump could not keep up.

Gale Warner asked where the City limits south border was. He asked how many signatures it would take to stop the purchase of the Frederking property the City currently has an option on. Commissioner Rippetoe explained the City boundaries. Mayor Pro Tem Walker explained the Council listens to the public concerns, but ultimately Council makes the decision.

Todd Slingerland asked when water department bonds will be paid off. He understood the water capital infrastructure fee has a sunset clause to activate when grants were no longer needed or available. He recommended Council search for a different engineering firm, that would not plan projects with substandard pipes. Commissioner White assured the current plans for the water main replacement project were amended to take care of the issue. He suggested Council not make any major decisions until a full Council is in place.

Council Approved a Roadside Fundraiser Request for Lion’s Club Tootsie Roll Day, May 03, 2025 on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Council Approved Roadside Fundraiser Request for American Legion Post 512, Poppy Day June 13, 2025 with June 20, 2025 Rain Date. Commissioner Rippetoe motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, abstained; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Council Approved Street Closure for Memorial Day Parade May 26, 2025 Sponsored by Altamont Masonic Lodge on a motion by Commissioner White. Seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Council Approved Employee Assistance Program 1 Year Renewal with Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Council Approved Resolution 2025-04-07 Joint Funding Agreement for Federally Funded Construction (ITEP) on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Council heard from Commissioner White concerning installation of a storm siren. He stated there is community support and Pam Jacobs, Effingham County EMA Director stated 90% of the sirens in the County are owned by the municipality. The Altamont Fire Department is not interested in owning the siren. It should be placed in a central location. Estimates are being received from Global Tech. However, it will need to be advertised for bid. The siren could be initiated by the County 911 staff or an authorized individual. He will be contact sources for available grants.

Commissioner Rippetoe reported small outages were caused by the lift station on Sunday.

Commissioner White reported the scada system resulted in a quick notification of the electric outage and a fast response. The reservoir is 12" over the spillway due to the recent heavy rains. A drainage problem has been discovered on Division & Bond. The line will be camera inspected tomorrow. A storm drain on Third St from Division to Rt 40 has roots. The video system is being placed at the South Sewer plant.

Commissioner Polk reported stump grinding and storm cleanup have been projects for the Street Department as well as storm drainage issues.

Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker reported Union Cemetery was cleaned with the help of the Be A Tiffany group and the Garden Club was working on the Veterans Memorial flower bed.

Council Entered into Executive Session for the Purpose of Purchase of Property 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Motion seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

There was not action as a result of executive session.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
April 28, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

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

   A. *Approve Ordinance 819-25; Regarding Execution of Option for Purchase of Real Estate (FCC Limited Partnership).*

   B. *Approve Payment to Jay's Tree Service in the Amount of $15,000 for Tree Removal.*

   C. *Approve Payment to Milano & Grunloh Engineer in the Amount of $13,474.03; Watermain Replacement Design.*

   D. *Approve Payment to Whistle Stop Saloon LLC Pursuant to TIF Agreement (Ordinance 814-24) in the Amount of $4,800.00.*

   E. *Approve Ordinance 820-25; Authorizing Execution of Advertising Sign Permit Agreements (Gilbert Park 15 Year Term)*

   F. *Approve Ordinance 821-25; Amending 749-22 and Authorizing the Execution of Advertising Sign Permit Agreements (Gilbert Park-Yearly)*

   G. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Selection of Person to Fill Public Office 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3)*

   H. *Approve Appointment to Fill Council Vacancy.*

   I. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: April 25, 2025- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
April 28, 2025

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on April 28, 2025, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe. Also present –Richard Finn; Mark Hoskins, Altamont news; Dan Milleville; Greg Warner; Gale Warner; Zain Parker; Dwight Homann; Charles Pagel; Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers; Danny Simmons; Mimi Mays; Stan Mehl; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. One vacant Council position remains.

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

Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers reported the water main replacement preconstruction meeting is April 29th. Contractors will start May 5th. ITEP sidewalk replacement project is moving forward for bid letting. Exhibits and legals were prepared for the ditch south of West Grant Avenue. The attorney will draft easements.

Gale Warner asked if the standing water in front of the grocery store would be corrected during the water main replacement project. Beckman stated it would be looked at.

Stan Mehl informed Council the ditches around Northside Mobile Home Park do not drain and cannot be mowed. The water is not flowing on 8th Street or Jackson. He stated this is a ten year complaint.

Danny Simmons reported a possible water leak on John Adams & Main and Monroe & St Clair. It was determined these are sump pumps discharging into the curb.

Council Approved Ordinance 819-25; Regarding Execution of Option for Purchase of Real Estate (FCC Limited Parternship) on motion by Commissioner Polk. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, ineligible; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. The ordinance voids the agreement to purchase property from FCC Limited Partnership. Commissioner Rippetoe commended Frederking family for working with the City to build the community.

Council Approved Payment to Jay's Tree Service in the Amount of $15,000 for Tree Removal. Commissioner White motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. Commissioner White stated Jason Dunaway did excellent and professional work.

Council Approved Payment to Milano & Grunloh Engineers in the Amount of $13,474.03 for Watermain Replacement Design on a motion by Commissioner White. Seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Council Approved Payment to Whistle Stop Saloon LLC Pursuant to TIF Agreement (Ordinance 814-24) in the Amount of $4,800.00 on a motion by Commissioner Rippetoe. Seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, ineligible; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Council Approved Ordinance 820-25 Authorizing Execution of Advertising Sign Permit Agreements (Gilbert Park 15 year) on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. Ordinance provides advertising sign placement at Gilbert Park for 15 years for the amount of $3,000.

Council Approved Ordinance 821-25 Amending Ordinance 749-22 and Authorizing Execution of Advertising Sign Permit Agreements (Gilbert Park Yearly) on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes. Ordinance provides the number of signs be increased from 8 signs per field to 32 signs per field .

Commissioner Rippetoe reported the recent outage was due to Ameren issues. There were scada issues which delayed generators to supply electric to customers. He met with the engineers who explained the PLC's are failing and leaking and need replaced. Texting notification procedures have been modified to provide a text alert when lengthy outages occur. Commissioner White added the crews did a great job and had power provided in 42 minutes. Commissioner Polk visited the generation plant during the outage and commended the multiple employees helping to restore power.

Commissioner White reported a new IEPA permit has been applied for to change the carbon media. The watermain under I70 on Rt 128 will need to be moved. Reservoir is running 1" over the spillway, which equals 6" in the lake.

Commissioner Polk reported stump grinding is almost completed for the watermain replacement project. City wide cleanup starts Monday. He reported the street lights are off near ADM.

Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker reported the Industrial Arts class does not have enough time left in this school year to repair the Schmidt Park sign. The project is on hold until fall for the class, the work is hired out, or City employees do the repair.

Council Entered into Executive Session for the Purpose of Selection of Person to Fill Public Office 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3) on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Motion seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

Upon returning to open session, Commissioner Walker announced three people submitted letters of interest for the vacant Council position. Those being Richard Finn, Kathryn Huntley and Zain Parker. Commissioner Rippetoe motioned to Appoint Kathryn Huntley to the Vacant Council Position. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Walker, yes.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

Note: 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-4(n) restricts Commissioner White from voting on TIF matters.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
May 12, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. OFFICIAL OATH OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONER

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

3. POLICE REPORT

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

5. COMMUNICATIONS

6. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Approve Ordinance 822-25; Appointment Ordinance*

   B. *Approve Ordinance 823-25; Legal Counsel Appointment*

   C. *Approve Appointment of Mike Klitzing as Zoning Board Chairman.*

   D. *Approve Payment to Vandevanter Engineering in the Amount of $18,225.00 for Pump Replacement at South Wastewater Treatment Plant.*

   E. *Approve Ordinance 824-25; Authorizing Execution of Contract for Private Development Pursuant to Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area; Masonic Lodge*

   F. *Approve Ordinance 825-25; Authorizing Execution of Contract for Private Development Pursuant to Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area; Masonic Lodge*

   G. *Discuss Storm Siren.*

   H. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: May 9, 2025- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
May 12, 2025

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on May 12, 2025, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Kathryn Huntley. Also present – Mark Hoskins, Altamont news; Greg Warner; Gale Warner; Zain Parker; Charles Pagel; Mike Kirchoff; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

City Clerk Stephen swore into office Michael Walker, Mayor and Kathryn Huntley, Commissioner. They will complete the terms expiring in 2027. Huntley serves as Commissioner of Parks & Cemetery.

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

Kathryn Huntly introduced herself as being a resident of Altamont since 2013, a nine year employee of Lutheran Care Center as Director of Administrative Services and leader of Altamont Youth Sports Commission.

Chief Alan Heiens presented the April 2025 Altamont Police Activity Report. Commissioner White asked him to watch the noise limits on Main Street.

Gale Warner asked for an explanation of why Commissioner White is not allowed to vote on matters relating to the TIF district. Commissioner White explained it is because he owns property within the TIF district. Warner asked when the lot on Main Steet would be sold. Mayor Walker stated it would be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mike Kirchoff addressed the Council explaining he is an account representative for Ameren, working for economic development in a 19 county region. He provided a professional history of his achievements and offered to consult for the City of Altamont at no charge regarding economic development and TIF matters

Council Approved Ordinance 822-25; Appointment Ordinance on motion by Commissioner Polk. Commissioner Huntley seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. No changes were made to the individual appointments.

Council Approved Ordinance 823-25; Appointment Ordinance on motion by Commissioner Rippetoe. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. Taylor Law Offices will reside as City’s legal counsel.

Council Approved Approved Appointment of Mike Klitzing as Zoning Board Chairman on a motion by Commissioner White. Seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Payment to Vandevanter Engineering in the Amount of $18,225.00 for Pump Replacement at South Wastewater Treatment Plant on a motion by Commissioner White. Seconded by

Commissioner Huntley. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Ordinance 824-25 Authorizing Execution of Contract for Private Development Pursuant to Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (Masonic Lodge) on a motion by Commissioner Rippetoe. Seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. Commissioner White ineligible to vote. Project is window replacement.

Council Approved Ordinance 825-25 Authorizing Execution of Contract for Private Development Pursuant to Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (Masonic Lodge) on a motion by Commissioner Rippetoe. Seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. Commissioner White ineligible to vote. Project is AC replacement.

Commissioner White met with the Altamont Fire Department regarding a storm siren. The Department is not able to contribute to the purchase of a new siren, as it does not serve the complete fire district. Grants are being sought. There are no County funds available. Commissioner Rippetoe asked about updating the current siren until a new one can be established. Commissioner White will explore the idea.

Commissioner Polk reported city-wide cleanup was completed by the Street Department with the assistance from other departments. Trees are being planted. Preparations are being done for the Memorial Day Parade. He noticed skunks at Gilbert Park and suggested McGinnis be called to eradicate. Employees will be receiving training on the dura patch equipment.

Commissioner Rippetoe reported tree work and pole changes are waiting on dry ground. Lighting at the Nori's Yard multi court will be adjusted. He is talking with engineers for a two year upgrade plan to the electrical system.

Commissioner White reported the water main replacement project has started on south Main Street. The store front sidewalks have been discussed to allow entrance to the businesses during construction. Recent city-wide cleanup costs are estimated at $20,199.00 for removal of items, labor and equipment. With such a large cost, no fall cleanup can be provided.

Commissioner Huntley thanked Greg Warner for help with bleacher damage at Gilbert Park. The Gilbert Park fields are busy. Plans for Union Cemetery Memorial Day service are underway with lunch following at the VFW.

Mayor Walker reported trusses are installed on Schmidt Park restrooms. Resurfacing of the multi court at Nori's Yard will start this week. New doors are ready to be installed in the Gilbert Park storage building. Garden Club has mulched all the park flower beds.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

Note: 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-4(n) restricts Commissioner White from voting on TIF matters.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
May 27, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

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

2. ENGINEER REPORT

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

5. COMMUNICATIONS

6. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Approve Ordinance 826-25; Authorizing the Sale of Real Estate (107 N Main St)*

   B. *Approve Ordinance 827-25; Implementing Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax and a Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax for the City of Altamont.*

   C. *Approve Ordinance 828-25; Authorizing Execution of Advertising Sign Permit Agreement with Jared Nelson Trucking (Gilbert Park 12-year term)*

   D. *Approve Ordinance 829-25; Authorizing Execution of Advertising Sign Permit Agreement with Weber Optiks (Gilbert Park 5-year term)*

   E. *Approve Resolution 2025-05-08; Authorizing Sale of Surplus Equipment.*

   F. *Approve Payment to Courts & Cracks in the Amount of $12,700 for Repainting of Nori's Yard Multi Use Court.*

   G. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: April 23, 2025- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
May 27, 2025

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on May 27, 2025, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Kathryn Huntley. Also present – Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh; Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Zain Parker; Samantha Hicks, Effingham County ROSC; Dan Milleville, Richard Frailey; Richard Finn; Kim McCain; Marie Adamick, Effingham Daily News; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

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

Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers, provided project updates. The Water Main Replacement is going well. Driveway entrance replacement will pose a challenge, which may require lowering of the sidewalks. ITEP grant will be a spring 2026 project. He met with the Mayor and Terry White concerning an IDOT grant application for downtown renovation of street lights and curbing. He suggested talking to State Representatives to bring the application to their attention.

Samantha Hicks, Effingham County ROSC (Recovery Oriented Systems of Care) Coordinator, introduced their community program to the Council. They offer addiction counseling, free laundry days & aid for mental health issues.

Council Approved Ordinance 826-25; Authorizing Sale of Real Estate (107 N Main St) on motion by Commissioner Rippetoe. Commissioner Huntley seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, recused; Commissioner White, ineligible; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. The property will be sold to Ron Myers in the amount of $10,500.

Council Approved Ordinance 827-25; Implementing Grocery Retailer's Occupation Tax and a Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax for the City of Altamont on motion by Commissioner Rippetoe. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. January 2026 the State of Illinois will discontinue charging a 1% grocery tax. Passage of this ordinance provides a City 1% tax, whereby all taxes will be deposited to the City's General Fund.

Council Approved Ordinance 828-25; Authorizing Execution of Advertising Sign Permit Agreement with Jared Nelson Trucking (Gilbert Park 12-year term) on a motion by Commissioner Rippetoe. Seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Ordinance 829-25; Authorizing Execution of Advertising Sign Permit Agreement with Weber Optiks (Gilbert Park 5-year term) on a motion by Commissioner Huntley. Seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Commissioner Huntley explained she spoke with a FIELD's representative, who solicited for the sign revenue. The representative is willing to sign the agreements and agreed that FIELD's will pay for the sign printing.

Council Approved Resolution 2025-05-08; Authorizing Sale of Surplus Equipment on a motion by Commissioner White. Seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. Water Department will be consigning with Schmid Auction Service to sell a 2004 Dodge Ram 1500 pickup.

Council Approved Payment to Courts & Cracks in the Amount of $12,700 for Repainting of Nori's Yard Multi Use Court on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Seconded by Commissioner Huntley. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. 50% of the project cost was obtained from donations solicited by Sharon Harper.

Commissioner Rippetoe has some items waiting on information to report at the next meeting.

Commissioner White reported Kieffer Bros are 3-4 weeks into the water main replacement project and all is going well. He is continuing work with the Altamont Fire Department to find an interim solution to a storm siren.

Commissioner Polk reported stumps in the path of the water main replacement have been ground. He met with Milano & Grunloh regarding sidewalk replacement. New culverts will be installed in the next couple weeks on Division Street & Jackson Street.

Mayor Walker reported the multi-use court at Nori's Yard is a great improvement. Plumbing installation of Schmidt Park restrooms will be starting soon.

Clerk Stephen commended the Electric and Street crews for their teamwork in restoring power and cleaning streets after the May 16th storms.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

Note: 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-4(n) restricts Commissioner White from voting on TIF matters.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
June 09, 2025 - 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 Pay Request #1 to Kieffer Bros Construction for Water Main Replacement in the Amount of $288,658.70. (DCEO Grant Agreement 19-242036*

   B. *Approve Utility Installation Agreement with Alvin Schultz.*

   C. *Discuss and Approve a Municipal Code Codification Proposals.*

   D. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matter 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and Legal Matters 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).*

   E. *Action as Result of Executive Session.*

   F. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: June 06, 2025- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
June 09, 2025

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on June 09, 2025, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Kathryn Huntley. Also present –Zain Parker; Richard Frailey; Richard Finn; Larry Taylor; Charles 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 Huntley. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. (Attachment 1)

Chief Heiens presented the May 2025 Altamont Police Activity Report. Commissioner Polk noted with the nicer weather there are recreational vehicles in town. He suggested they be stopped and notified that type of vehicle is not allowed in the City.

Larry Taylor, IMEA Representative, spoke regarding publicity of large spikes in wholesale electric rates. He reassured the Council, this is not going to affect Altamont electric rates as rates with IMEA are good until 2050. The parcel ownership of coal generated plants, helps stabilize the rates. He also reported there is new funding available in the IMEA Energy Efficiency grant.

Council Approved Pay Request #1 to Kieffer Bros Construction for Water Main Replacement in the Amount of $288,658.70 (DCEO Grant Agreement 19-242036) on motion by Commissioner Polk. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved a Utility Installation Agreement with Alvin Schultz on motion by Commissioner Polk. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. The agreement will provide utility services to a modular home placed outside the City limits.

Clerk Stephen explained the municipal code has not been updated (recodified) since 2012 and is out of date. She presented proposals from Illinois Codification Services, American Legal and Municode. Commissioner Huntley motioned to accept the proposal of Illinois Codification Services to recodify. Seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. The proposed cost is $7,800.

Commissioner Rippetoe reported pole changes to the northwest feeder should be completed next week. A grant application is being completed in a short window. Funding would help finance replacement of PLC’s for the scada system.

Commissioner Polk reported easements have been prepared for a drainage restructuring south the West Grant Avenue. He complimented the contractors on a neat work area in the downtown during the water main replacement.

Commissioner White reported Kieffer Bros and businesses along Main Street have had minimal issues with the water main replacement project.

Commissioner Huntley reported four benches have been ordered for Nori's Yard. 50% of the purchase will be paid with extra funds raised for the multi-court resurfacing. A gator for Gilbert Park ball diamond maintenance is scheduled to arrive in July.

Mayor Walker reported sidewalks were poured around the new restroom in Schmidt Park.

Clerk Stephen reported the reimbursement for tree planting was received. By including volunteer, employees and equipment hours in the calculation, the trees were 100% paid by grant funds.

Commissioner Polk motioned to enter into Executive Session. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. Executive Session was for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matter 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and Legal Matters 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)

Upon returning to open session Commissioner Polk motioned to grant a 10% wage increase to all City employees. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

Note: 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-4(n) restricts Commissioner White from voting on TIF matters.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
June 23, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

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

2. ENGINEER REPORT

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

5. COMMUNICATIONS

6. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Jacinto/Vergara Presentation of Possible Business at 600 South Main Street.*

   B. *Ron Myers Presentation Regarding Rehabilitation of 1 West Washington Avenue.*

   C. *Approve Street Closing Request from Altamont Lutheran Interparish School for Touch a Truck Event, August 11, 2025.*

   D. *Approve Payment to H&K Concrete for Schmidt Sidewalk in the Amount of $12,925.*

   E. *Approve Resolution 2025-06-09; Effingham County Fair Parade July 27, 2025.*

   F. *Approve Ordinance 830-25; Adopting Return-To-Work Policy for Employment with the City of Altamont.*

   G. *Approve Ordinance 831-25; Establishing Salary for Appointed Altamont Representative on I.M.E.A. Board of Directors.*

   H. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: June 20, 2025- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
June 23, 2025

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on June 23, 2025, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Kathryn Huntley. Also present –Zain Parker; Richard Frailey; Richard Finn; Charles Pagel; Mark Hoskins, Altamont News: Ron Myers; Ashley Tharp; Mandy Vergara; Mr. Jacinto 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 White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. (Attachment 1)

No engineer was present to report.

Mandy Vergara & Mr. Jacinto presented a possible business for the location of 600 South Main Street. Mr. Jacinto proposed a family sports bar and grill for the location. He would improve the building with a new roof and complete remodel of the interior, which would take approximately 4-6 months. He explained he owns similar businesses in the Mt. Vernon, Collinsville & Edwardsville areas. He would possibly request a gaming license. Council must consider the business and determine if a lease will be approved for the property where the structure is located.

Ron Myers presented a rehabilitation plan for 1 West Washington Avenue, in which he is requesting TIF funding. He has the opportunity to purchase the building and would like to replace the roof with a gable style, expand the RDM Cabinetry showroom to the location offering new products, and possibly rent the lower level to another business. In addition, Ashley Tharp, Goldies Baking Company, presented the plans for her home-based business to expand into the location providing custom baked goods, morning drinks & muffins with limited seating indoors and out. She has no plans to offer donuts in her sales. Council will consider the amount of TIF funding appropriate for the project.

Council Approved a Street Closing Request from Altamont Lutheran Interparish School for Touch a Truck Event, August 11, 2025 on a motion by Commissioner Rippetoe. Commissioner Huntley seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. North Edwards between Washington and East Division Street will be closed 4:30-8:30 pm.

Council Approved a Payment to H&K Concrete for Schmidt Park Sidewalk in the Amount of $12,925.00 on motion by Commissioner Polk. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. This provides an ADA entrance to the newly built restrooms.

Resolution 2025-06-09; Effingham County Fair Parade July 27, 2025 was approved on a motion by. Commissioner Huntley. Seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Ordinance 830-25; Adopting Return-To-Work Policy for Employment with the City of Altamont on a motion by Commissioner White. Commissioner Huntley seconded the motion.

Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council approved Ordinance 831-25; Establishing Salary for Appointed Altamont Representative on the I.M.E.A. Board of Directors. Commissioner Rippetoe motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. The annual salary will increase from $2500 to $3250. Commissioner Rippetoe commented the 20 year experience Larry Taylor has on the board in invaluable.

Commissioner Polk reported in July a culvert will be replaced on East Jackson Street along with ditch cleaning. Culverts will be removed along East Jackson near Northside Mobile Home Court. Crews will be busy again with storm damage cleanup. Sports Booster is planning an August bash in Schmidt Park.

Commissioner Rippetoe reported the Electric Department will be working on tree damage from the recent storm. The last two poles of the northeast feeder will be replaced.

Commissioner White reported installation of the water main replacement on Main Street is nearing completion, line flushing will follow. Crews will move to another location in the project area. 3700 yards of dirt were purchased to use at the north lagoon berm rebuild.

Commissioner Huntley reported July 2nd at 7pm will be a ribbon cutting for Nori's Yard multi use court. Logan Cornett has been hired to work on park improvements. She will be obtaining a quote to spray foam in the storage building being converted into an additional batters building.

Mayor Walker had nothing additional to report.

Clerk Stephen reported 600 South Main has been secured with lock changes. She and Chief Heiens inspected the building.

Council discussed conversation held with Altamont School Board President, Dale Laue concerning high school drainage issues. Commissioner White stated the box culvert at Ewing and Rt 40 needs to be moved. There are plans to run a camera into the unknown laterals.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

Note: 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-4(n) restricts Commissioner White from voting on TIF matters.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
July 14, 2025 - 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 Proceeding with Lease Arrangements of 600 South Main to Juan Carlos Jacinto Jr & Partners.*

   B. *Approve Special Use Liquor License, SP-66; Dr. Charles M. Wright Wine, Beer & Music Event; September 13, 2025, 9:00 am- 11:30 pm*

   C. *Approve Amendment of 25 Year Extension of a Wireline Crossing Agreement with CSX Transportation, in the Amount of $6,750.00. (Third St)*

   D. *Approve Payment of Pay Request #1 to Kieffer Bros Construction for Water Main Replacement in the Amount of $288,658.70. (DCEO Grant Agreement 19-242036*

   E. *Approve Pay Request #2 to Kieffer Bros Construction for Water Main Replacement in the Amount of $205,124.55. (DCEO Grant Agreement 19-242036*

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   G. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: July 11, 2025- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
July 14, 2025

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on July 14, 2025, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Mike Walker; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Kathryn Huntley. Also present –Zain Parker; Richard Frailey; Richard Finn; Charles Pagel; Mark Hoskins, Altamont News: Gale Warner; Dan Milleville; Mimi Mays; Danny Simmons; Mark Workman; Jerry Hoffmeister; Police Chief Alan Heiens and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Tayler Polk was absent.

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

Chief, Alan Heiens, presented the June 2025 Police Activity Report.

Gale Warner brought to the Council's attention Fourth Street off of Rt 40. He stated there are weeds, tree limbs, and structures needing attention.

Mimi Mays suggested free Disney movies in the park for the youth. She has a collection of Disney movies she would share. Commissioner Huntley stated a license would need to be obtained to show the movies.

Concerning lease arrangements at 600 South Main Street, Commissioner Huntley motioned to not proceed with lease arrangements at 600 South Main to Juan Carols Jacinto Jr & Partners. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. The vote denied proceeding with the lease.

Council Approved a Special Use Liquor License, SP-66; Dr Charles M Wright Wine, Beer & Music Event, September 13, 2025 9:00 am- 11:30 pm on motion by Commissioner Rippetoe. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. Jerry Hoffmeister stated this year will include live entertainment and Altamont Sports Boosters will be selling food as a fundraiser. He thanked the City, tourism and the community for the past support.

Council Approved Amendment of 25 Year Extension of a Wireline Crossing Agreement with CSX Transportation, in the Amount of $6,750.00 (Third St) on a motion by Commissioner Rippetoe. Commissioner Huntley seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Payment of Pay Request #1 to Kieffer Bros Construction for Water Main Replacement in the Amount of $288,758.70 (DCEO Grant Agreement 19-242036). Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Pay Request #2 to Kieffer Bros Construction for Water Main Replacement in the Amount of $205,124.55 (DCEO Grant Agreement 19-242036). Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Commissioner White reported the water main installation has been completed on Main Street from Rt 40 to Jackson and Ewing Street from Rt 40 to Division Street. The project is now on South Edwards St. He is relieved the water reservoir shows no sign of algae bloom as occurred last year and currently in neighboring communities. The lake level is down 4 ½" Some of the dirt has been hauled in for rebuild of the North sewer lagoon berm.

Commissioner Rippetoe reported truck #6 is down with a cylinder issue, which delays the north feeder rebuild. The outage Friday morning, July 11th, was due to an Ameren issue. The generators were powered up in 50 minutes to provide power to Altamont customers.

Commissioner Huntley reported she obtained a quote for insulating the storage shed, soon to be an additional batters building, at Gilbert Park in the amount of $5,000. Field B has some damage from moles of last fall. Schmidt Park restrooms are scheduled to be operational by the Back to School Bash.

Mayor Walker stated pickle ball players are considering lessons about the game. If anyone is interested, please reach out and you will be connected with the instructors.

Clerk Stephen reported an estimated FYE 2026 appropriation in the amount of $9,288,651. This is an increase of $2,032,977 over the previous year, due largely to the water main replacement and sidewalk projects. Those projects are heavily grant funded. The final appropriation ordinance will be presented at a public hearing on July 28th at 5:45 pm with the vote at the following regular meeting. She also reported an upgrade was needed this year for the automatic meter reading system. Estimates have been received for replacement of meters and transferring to smart meters in the range of $300,000 – $520,000. An alternative, in the amount of $42,000, to upgrade the meter reading unit, , leave the existing meters and not transfer to smart meters, is being studied.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

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CITY OF ALTAMONT
PUBLIC HEARING
July 28, 2025 – 5:45 p.m.
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS

Present 2026 Appropriation Ordinance

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
July 28, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

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

   A. *Approve Ordinance 8325-25 FYE 2026 Appropriation.*

   B. *Approve Ordinance 833-25; Authorizing Execution of Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the City of Altamont Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area. (Andrews Eats)*

   C. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: July 25, 2025- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
July 28, 2025

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on July 28, 2025, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Kathryn Huntley. Also present –Zain Parker; Charles Pagel; Mark Hoskins, Altamont News: Mimi Mays; Danny Simmons; Jim Corbin; Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioners Jason Rippetoe and Terry White were 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 Huntley. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. (Attachment 1)

Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers reported 70% of the water main has been installed. The sidewalk replacement is expected in the spring of 2026, but the actual date is at the contractors discretion. The ITEP sidewalk replacement plan is 95% complete. Regarding the I70 underpass Taylor Law Offices is following up on a written notification from IDOT. Milano & Grunloh will verify if land purchases can be included in the OSLAD grant, or if two applications need to be submitted.

Mimi Mays asked if mosquito spraying could be done after dark, when people aren't setting outside. Those with breathing problems cannot stay outside when spraying is being done.

Jim Corbin asked for a 6" covered tile for the Seventh & Monroe ditch. It cannot be mowed in the current condition. Commissioner Polk responded tiling is the only option, but not affordable.

Council Approved Ordinance 832-25; 2026 Appropriation on motion by Commissioner Huntley. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. The appropriation is set at $9,288,651.

Council Approved Ordinance 833-25; Authorizing Execution of Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the City of Altamont Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (Andrews Eats) on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Commissioner Huntley seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Commissioner Polk reported Street Department is preparing streets for oiling. Plans are being made for drainage projects in August. Materials for Schmidt Park restrooms were delivered today.

Commissioner Huntley thanked Logan Cornett for his service this summer.

Mayor Walker reported 90% of the electrical is done on the Schmidt Park restrooms. The volunteers having full time jobs has provided a time challenge in reaching completion. He is talking to the Industrial Arts teacher for repair of the Schmidt Park sign.

Clerk Stephen reported Peoples Bank is serving the City well. Over $312,000 in interest has been earned and over $4,000 in services have been provided at no charge. A great deal of time, money and resources are being spent on nuisance violations, with compliances being met by some offenders.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
August 11, 2025 - 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. *Casey Adam, Unit 10 Superintendent, Presentation of Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding High School Parking Lot Improvements.*

   B. *Approve Ordinance 834-25; Authorizing Execution of a Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the City of Altamont, Illinois Redevelopment Plan for TIF 2 South Tax Increment Area (Schultz – 1780 E 800th Avenue, Altamont)*

   C. *Approve Payment to IML Risk Management for Min/Max Additional Billing in the Amount of $30,631.34*

   D. *Approve Grobengieser-Fischer American Legion Post Controlled Burn Permit for Dignified Disposal of Unserviceable Flags, Schmidt Park, October 17, 2025 at 6:00 pm.*

   E. *Approve Roadside Fundraiser Request for Effingham Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive, September 19, 2025.*

   F. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: August 08, 2025- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
August 11, 2025

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on August 11, 2025, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Mike Walker; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Kathryn Huntley. Also present –Charles Pagel; Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Jim Stuckemeyer; Casey Adam, Unit 10 School; Dale & Julie Stanley; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Tayler Polk was absent.

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

Chief Heiens presented the July 2025 Police Activity Report. He announced Blaze Hartke has been hired as police office. He was formerly employed by St. Elmo Police Department.

Council Approved Ordinance 834-25; Authorizing Execution of a Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the City of Altamont, Illinois Redevelopment Plan for TIF 2 South Tax Increment Area (Schultz-1780 E 300th Ave). Commissioner Rippetoe motioned for approval. Commissioner Huntley seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. Commissioner White was ineligible to vote. $8,000 of TIF funding will be provided for asbestos abatement in preparation of building demolition.

Council Approved Payment to IML Risk Management for Min/Max Additional Billing in the Amount of $30,631.34 on motion by Commissioner Huntley. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Grobengieser-Fischer American Legion Post Controlled Burn Permit for Dignified Disposal of Unserviceable Flags, Schmidt Park, October 17, 2025 at 6:00 pm on a motion by Commissioner White. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Roadside Fundraiser Request for Effingham Knight of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive, September 19, 2025 on a motion by Commissioner Rippetoe. Commissioner White seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Casey Adam, Unit 10 Superintendent, addressed the Council regarding an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City concerning parking lot improvements at the high school. The 25 year agreement proposes installation of a minimum of six 4” drain pipes, to be installed from the parking lot to the west, under Ewing Street, and emptying into the drainage ditch along Ewing Street. The school would pay for all installation. The City would be responsible for maintenance of the ditch area. Commissioners expressed their concerns of the water entering the ditch at a faster rate and the box culvert at Ewing and Rt 40 not being able to accept more water during a heavy rain. Commissioner Rippetoe questioned the total increase of flow to the ditch as reported by the school’s engineer. Adam responded the new system increase would only add water from the areas that retain water. She added those areas become a walking hazard in freezing temperatures. The project is anticipated for the summer of 2026.

Commissioner White asked if a retention area could be developed for the watershed. The Unit 10 civil engineer will be contacted to attend the August 25th Council meeting for more detailed information. Commissioner Rippetoe stated drainage of other nearby streets and East Meadows Subdivision needs to be fixed and working with the State for highway improvements is a challenge. The possibility of another box culvert under Rt 40 was discussed.

Commissioner Rippetoe had nothing to report.

Commissioner White reported the cardboard recycling program is back. The water line replacement project is advancing to South Third Street. Residential connections will follow. His is looking at new grant opportunities. Water quality has been treated in accordance with IEPA and engineer recommendations. The water is safe to drink and the water department is doing its best to meet the challenges of providing good water.

Commissioner Huntley reported Gilbert Park season opening will be next weekend with many communities involved. Grade School regionals will be hosted at Gilbert Park in September. She thanked volunteers who helped with the cleanup on Saturday. The Lions Club Soccer will soon begin. The K-1st grade soccer will be moved to Klitzing Park.

Clerk Stephen asked Council members to look at the 600 South Main building. The August 25th meeting will be the time to determine the future of the building. If it is to remain, a new roof will soon be needed. There have been inquiries about renting the building for a small restaurant, but a direction needs to be determined.

Mayor Walker reported Phil Webster, owner of A&H, has submitted an application, for TIF financial assistance to remodel the current building with new doors, electrical, lighting, repour flooring, change parts room into employee area and diagnostics machine. In addition, he plans to install carports to cover the wrecker truck and tires. Total cost of approximately $153,000.

Mayor also reported the commercial & residential rental property at 3 North Main Street. They are planning remodeling with an approximate cost of $80,000 to include flooring, paint, and roof repair. Bannisters are requesting TIF assistance.

Dale Stanley addressed the Council concerning a TIF request he would be submitting for improvements to 112 North Third Street to place steel I beams under the building for foundation repair, new windows and siding.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

Note: 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-4(n) restricts Commissioner White from voting on TIF matters.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
August 25, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

<u>Agenda</u>

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

   A. *Unit 10 Engineers & Representatives, Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding High School Parking Lot Improvements.*

   B. *Approve Ordinance VA-1807; Front Yard Setback, 301 E Cumberland Road.*

   C. *Approve Upgrade of Itron Meter Reading System in the Amount of $43,360.00.*

   D. *Approve Demolition or Remodel of 600 South Main Street.*

   E. *Approve TIF Administration Services Agreement with South Central IL Planning & Development.*

   F. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: August 22, 2025- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
August 25, 2025

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on August 25, 2025, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Kathryn Huntley. Also present – Charles Pagel; Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Maria Adamick, Effingham Daily News; Jim Stuckemeyer; Casey Adam & Dale Laue, Unit 10 School; Mark Ritter & Tony Schenk of Gonzalez Engineers; Jason Kersey; Dan Milleville; Gale Warner; Dwight Homann; Mimi Mays; Dan Simmons; Kyle & Emily Stuemke; Bill & Connie Durbin; Bernadine Blakely; Darlene May; Amber Clark; Travis Pruemer; April Stuemke; Rich Frailey and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Jason Rippetoe was absent.

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

Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers, reported the water line replacement installation is almost complete. Individual services will then be connected. There will be a public hearing 15 minutes prior to the September 8th regular meeting regarding the OSLAD grant application. He stated the land purchase would need to be completed prior to the grant application submission. Mayor Walker asked those present to provide letters of support for Gilbert Park improvements

Gale Warner requested the previous railroad property at Sixth & Grant be mowed.

Kyle Stuemke addressed the Council concerning enforcement of the yard maintenance ordinance. He requested Sixth Street be oiled & chipped. He then focused on the poor water quality condition. He felt something needed to be done and stated what is going on is unacceptable.

Connie Durbin suggested a credit be given to water customers to help with the expense of buying bottled water. She asked for a Council to vote for a customer credit. Mayor Walker stated it would not be voted on at the present meeting.

Commissioner White explained water department employees and himself have been working with engineers who are high respected by the Illinois EPA. Surface water is an ever-changing environment, which makes stabilization of the drinking water delicate. In previous months, water treatments were started to avoid a full boil order, of which has been prevented. He and an employee will be visiting other similar water plants to see if different processes can be found. There are solutions with a million-dollar cost and continual expensive operational costs.

Casey Adam, Unit 10 Superintendent introduced Tony Schenk of Gonzalez Engineering to explain the school parking lot and Ewing Street drainage project. He explained the additional water to enter the Ewing Street ditch will be marginal. The roof drainage discharge pipes will also be improved. The project is scheduled for summer of 2026. Mayor Walker stated the City will have legal counsel review the agreement.

Council Approved Ordinance VA-1807; Front Yard Setback, 301 E Cumberland Road on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. The approval provides the setback along Route 40 be reduced from 50 feet to 15 feet allowing for a public restroom addition to Andrew's Eats.

Council Approved Upgrade of Itron Meter Reading System in the Amount of $43,360.00. Commissioner Huntly motioned for approval. Commissioner White seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, no; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. Prior to the vote, Clerk Stephen explained the current meter reading devices were soon becoming obsolete and reaching the end of support and repair. Device replacement was the least expense option.

Council discussed the current condition of the building at 600 South Main. Mayor Walker stated it is not worth investing in repairs and proposed tearing it down. Commissioner White concurred. Commissioner Polk motioned to Demolish the building at 600 South Main . Commissioner Huntley seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. Mayor Walker stated the area may be offered to food truck vendors in the future.

Council Approved TIF Administration Services Agreement with South Central IL Planning & Development on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Commissioner Polk reported road oiling will begin tomorrow. He requested Division St at Main be backfilled where the water main replacement was installed.

Commissioner White reported Third Street water main installation will be completed in one week. The installation has been issue-free with the exception of a gas main break. He received a quote form Hach for replacement turbidity meters for an amount less than $19,000. The new meters will help with monitoring water quality.

Commissioner Huntley reported six skunks have been caught at Gilbert Park. A defense barrier is being installed at the storage building to detour animal harboring. September 6th from 1:00-3:00 is a volunteer work time at Union Cemetery for stone cleaning.

Mayor Walker asked those present to consider writing a letter of support for the OSLAD grant and the projects planned at Gilbert Park.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

Note: 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-4(n) restricts Commissioner White from voting on TIF matters.

CITY OF ALTAMONT
PUBLIC HEARING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
September 08, 2025 – 5:45 p.m.

Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development
(OSLAD)

Information of the City of Altamont's intent to apply to the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Program. (OSLAD) is a state-financed grant program that provides funding assistance to local government agencies for acquisition and/or development of land for public parks and open space.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
September 08, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

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

2. POLICE REPORT

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

5. COMMUNICATIONS

6. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Approve Resolution of Authorization, OSLAD Grant; Gilbert Park Improvements.*

   B. *Approve Roadside Fundraiser Request by Altamont Lions Club October 17, 2025 for Lions Club Candy Day.*

   C. *Open Bids and Award Bid for Sale of 703 Field Street.*

   D. *Approve Intergovernmental Agreement with Altamont Community Unit School District Regarding High School Parking Lot Improvements & Ewing Street Drainage.*

   E. *Approve Ordinance 836-25; An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the City of Altamont Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (RDM Designs Cabinetry LLC in the Amount of $55,000.*

   F. *Approve Purchase of Three Turbidity Meters for the Water Treatment Plant in the Amount of $18,563.42.*

   G. *Approve Payment of Pay Request #2 to Kieffer Bros Construction for Water Main Replacement in the Amount of $184,254.00. (DCEO Grant Agreement 19-242036)*

   H. *Approve Pay Request #3 to Kieffer Bros Construction for Water Main Replacement in the Amount of $163,938.55. (DCEO Grant Agreement 19-242-36)*

I. *Approve Pay Request #4 to Kieffer Bros Construction for Water Main Replacement in the Amount of $203,286.62. (DCEO Grant Agreement 19-242-36)*

J. *Approve Auction Agreement with Local Liquidators for Sale of Equipment at 600 South Main Street.*

K. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: August 05, 2025- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
September 08, 2025

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on September 08, 2025, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Mike Walker; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Kathryn Huntley. Also present –Charles Pagel; Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Dale Laue, Unit 10 School; Jason Kersey; Dan Milleville; Gale Warner; Mimi Mays; Dan Simmons; Kyle & Emily Stuemke; Bill & Connie Durbin; April Stuemke; Lori McCain; Mark Workman; Zain Parker; Jodi Waymouth; Police Chief, Alan Heiens; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

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

Chief Heiens presented the August 2025 Police Activity Report. He was questioned about having 24 hour police coverage. Chief Heiens responded with three full time officers, it was not possible. However, calls to the City are answered by the Effingham County Sheriff's Department when an Altamont officer is not available. He addressed transients in the City park. One was arrested, there were no known others. Mark Workman informed the Chief of some counterfeit $50 bills in circulation.

Connie Durbin asked if there would be a credit provided to water customers as reimbursement for buying bottled water. Mayor Walker responded the Water Department is not financially able to provide a credit. Charles Pagel placed a bottle of water on the Council table and challenged the Council members to drink the water.

Mark Workman asked about the possibility of food trucks at 600 South Main hurting the current business owners. Mayor Walker responded the trucks would lease the location. Lori McCain expressed concerns about parking of the food trucks and asked about removing the curbing along Main Street. Commissioner Rippetoe explained IDOT will not allow the curbing to be removed, as they control the number of entrances off a state highway.

Mimi Mays asked again if there could be a movie night for the young kids of the City.

Council Approved a Resolution Authorizing the OSLAD Grant for Gilbert Park Improvements on a motion by Commissioner Huntley and seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved a Roadside Fundraiser Request by Altamont Lions Club October 17, 2025 for Lions Club Candy Day. Commissioner Rippetoe motioned for approval. Commissioner White seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Sealed bids were opened for the purchase of 703 Field Street. Two bids were received Tony & Nina Pals $6,112.00 and Alex Wendling $7,500.00.

Commissioner Polk motioned to Award the Bid of $7,500.00 to Alex Wendling for the purchase of 703 Field Street. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner

Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with Altamont Community School District Regarding High School Parking Lot Improvements & Ewing Street Drainage on a motion by Commissioner White. Commissioner Huntley seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, no; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. Commissioner Rippetoe expressed concerns of the language of the agreement placing liability solely on the City. Dale Laue, Unit 10 School Board President, responded the design will cause a catch basin in the drainage system until the high water in the Ewing Street ditch recedes. During a normal rain a great improvement to the parking lot will be noticed.

Council Approved Ordinance 836-25; An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the City of Altamont Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (RDM Designs Cabinetry LLC in the Amount of $55,000. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Huntley seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, ineligible; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved the Purchase of Three Turbidity Meters for the Water Treatment Plant in the Amount of $18,563.42 on a motion by Commissioner White. Commissioner Huntley seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, no; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. Commissioner White stated the current turbidity meters were past support and parts replacement. They are IEPA required to monitor the water plant.

Council Approved Payment of Pay Request #2 to Kieffer Bros Construction for Water Main Replacement in the Amount of $205,124.55. (DCEO Grant Agreement 19-242036) on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. Payment was comprised of $165,199.90 grant funds and $39,924.65 City monies.

Council Approved Pay Request #3 to Kieffer Bros Construction for Water Main Replacement in the Amount of $163,938.55. (DCEO Grant Agreement 19-242-36). Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Pay Request #4 to Kieffer Bros Construction for Water Main Replacement in the Amount of $203,286.62. (DCEO Grant Agreement 19-242-36) on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. . Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Auction Agreement with Local Liquidators for Sale of Equipment at 600 South Main Street. Commissioner Rippetoe motioned for approval. Commissioner White seconded. . Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. The auction company will administer an online auction of the items and manage item pickup, for a 35% commission fee.

Commissioner Rippetoe reported the Electric Department was not awarded a grant for infrastructure improvements. There are plans to reapply at the next opportunity. A new employee has been hired for the department. The northwest feeder project needs two poles changed.

Commissioner Polk reported oiling was completed.

Commissioner Huntley thanked the volunteers for their work at Union Cemetery on Saturday. Some stones were cleaned and the entrance white posts were repainted. Animal traps have been removed at Gilbert Park. A contractor will be inspecting the batter building for ventilation ideas. It was good to see Klitzing Park utilized for soccer this past week. Trunk or Treat is being held at Schmidt Park this year rather than the parking lot near the grocery store. All participants are welcome.

Commissioner White addressed the water quality by stating the bottom line is IEPA testing has proven the water is safe. He and a water operator toured water treatment plants in Nashville and Salem looking for a procedure to determine future outbreaks and remedies. An engineer from Curry & Associates will attend the next council meeting to explain the events. MIB Jasmine is the major causing factor. Conflicting IEPA procedures for changing carbon in the filters were received. One procedure is a rapid replacement, while the other takes three days for each of the three filters. With employees working thru the weekend, two of three filters will be changed by the next meeting, Commissioner White was asked if the new water main could contribute. He indicated it did not. However, before the line can provide potable water, it must be chlorine burned and pass testing twice. He was also asked about purchasing water from EJ Water. Commissioner Rippetoe responded EJ would increase rates a considerable amount the first year and each year thereafter. Kyle Stuemke commented that in previous years he was told the City could process water for less than EJ could provide it for. White confirmed that is still the case. White stated he is trusting in the science of engineers and the operators. There are currently 50-60 comparable water systems fighting the same battle.

Mayor Walker has nothing to report.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

Note: 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-4(n) restricts Commissioner White from voting on TIF matters.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
September 22, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

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

2. ENGINEER REPORT

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

5. COMMUNICATIONS

6. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Andy Curry – Water Quality Presentation.*

   B. *Approve Ordinance 837-25; Authorizing Purchase of Real Estate (Kull Family Farms) Approximately .54 Acres Near Gilbert Park in the Amount of $7,500.00.*

   C. *Approve Ordinance VA-1809; 508 E Cumberland Road, Parking Lot Surface Variance.*

   D. *Approve Appointment of Zain Parker to Fill Zoning Board Vacancy.*

   E. *Approve Ordinance 838-25; Authorizing Execution of Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the City of Altamont, Illinois Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (Lawrence Holste, individually and d/b/a Holste Insurance) $10,000.00*

   F. *Approve Ordinance 839-25; Authorizing Sale of Real Estate-703 Field St.*

   G. *Approve Illinois EPA Application for Permit of Sanitary Main Installation to Service National Trail Rest Area (Eastbound) I70 for Connection to South Waste Water Treatment Facility.*

   H. *Approve Payment to Milano & Grunloh Engineers in the Amount of $61,482.50; Water Main Replacement.*

I. *Approve Payment to Larry Heuerman Trucking; Street Oiling in the Amount of $38,248.28.*

J. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: September 19, 2025- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
September 22, 2025

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on September 22, 2025, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Mike Walker; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Kathryn Huntley. Also present –Charles Pagel; Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Marie Adamick, Effingham Daily News; Kyle & Emily Stuemke; Zain Parker; Jim Stuckemeyer; Cathy Strauch; Donna Whitten; Ryan Spade; Andy Curry, Curry & Assoc Engineers; Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

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

Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers, reported progress of the water main replacement project, one section remains to be pressure tested. Contractors plan to start connecting new services next week on Main Street. Regarding the I70 underpass, IDOT will not permit any construction under I70 until the interstate repairs are completed. IDOT has requested a final plan of the street construction. The OSLAD grant application will be submitted by the deadline of September 30th.

Andy Curry, Curry & Associates Engineers, addressed those present regarding the water taste and odor customers have been experiencing the last few weeks. He stated the problem is common in water surface provided water. He commended the City employees for their diligent attempt in avoiding an incident. The destratifier and ultrasound equipment are great tools to combat the situation, along with the operators pre-treating for algae blooms. Previous used. coconut based carbon, was found ineffective, so coal based carbon has been aggressively fed. He recommended installation of aerators and increasing the distance between chemical feed location and entrance to the plant, which allows more time for the chemical to act. The cost of dredging the reservoir would not be as effective for the cost as compared to chemical feed improvements. New procedures are being executed to monitor filters. When PH spikes are indicated, treatment measures should start immediately. In closing he suggested creating more contact time by installing two holding tanks at the start of the plant.

Council Approved Ordinance 837-25 Authorizing Purchase of Real Estate (Kull Family Farms) Approximately .54 Acres Near Gilbert Park in the Amount of $7,500.00 on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Huntley. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. The land purchase will be a positive scoring factor in the OSLAD grant application.

Council Tabled Ordinance VA-1809, 508 E Cumberland Road, Parking Lot Surface Variance. Commissioner Polk motioned to table the ordinance. Commissioner White seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. More information will be obtained from the petitioner.

Council Approved Appointment of Zain Parker to Fill Zoning Board Vacancy. Commissioner Rippetoe motioned for approval. Commissioner Huntley seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Ordinance 838-25 Authorizing Execution of Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the City of Altamont, Illinois Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (Lawrence Holste, individual and d/b/a Holste Insurance) $10,000 on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, ineligible; Commissioner Huntley, yes. Building structure repairs will be achieved at 112 North Third Street.

Council Approved Ordinance 838-25; Authorizing Sale of Real Estate – 703 Field Street. Commissioner Huntley motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. The sale is for the amount of $7,5000 to Alex Wendling.

Council Approved Illinois EPA Application for Permit of Sanitary Main Installation to Service National Trail Rest Area (Eastbound) I70 for Connection to South Waste Water Treatment Facility on a motion by Commissioner White. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Payment to Milano & Grunloh Engineers in the Amount of $61,482.50 Construction Engineering of the Water Main Replacement Project on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Payment to Larry Heuerman Trucking; Street Oiling in the Amount of $38,248.28. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Commissioner Polk reported leaf pickup would be starting in the near future.

Commissioner Rippetoe had nothing to report.

Commissioner White reported the reservoir is down 20”. Progress is being made correcting the water taste and odor.

Commissioner Huntley reported a Park & Treat is being held at Schmidt Park, October 31st 6:00-8:00. Stations of displays will be set up along the walking path. Ho Ho Land displays will be put up November 8th & 9th. Plans are being made to add ventilation to the batting cages at Gilbert Park.

Mayor Walker reported the Altamont High School Industrial Arts teacher has expressed interest in the class repairing the Schmidt Park welcome sign.

Clerk Stephen reported the online auction of contents at 600 South Main will be going live in the next few days. There are no reserves on items. Asbestos testing, in preparation for demolition of the location, came back with no positive test results for asbestos.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

Note: 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-4(n) restricts Commissioner White from voting on TIF matters.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
October 13, 2025 - 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 Special Use Liquor License, SP-67; The Black Dog for Heather Davis Benefit; October 26, 2025, noon- 10:00 pm*

   B. *Approve Ordinance 840-25; Authorizing Execution of a Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the City of Altamont, Illinois Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (Bannister Properties) $5,000.00*

   C. *Approve Ordinance 841-25; Establishing Street Signage- West Carriage Lane, West Wildcat Way, South B&O Road, South Rocket Road.*

   D. *Approve Payment of Pay Requests #3 & #4 to Kieffer Bros Construction for Water Main Replacement Totaling $367,225.17. (DCEO Grant Agreement 19-242036)*

   E. *Approve Payment to R&H Plumbing &Heating for Schmidt Park Restroom Install in the Amount of $25,132.00*

   F. *Approve Bid Advertising for Demolition of 600 South Main Street.*

   G. *Present Ordinance 842-25; Amending Water Capital Infrastructure Fee.*

   H. *Approve Pay Request #5; to Kieffer Bros Construction in the Amount of $128,794.54 Water Main Replacement Project*

I. *Approve Renewal of Blue Cross Blue Shield Employee Health Insurance with Tingley Insurance with 9% Increase.*

J. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: October 10, 2025- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
October 13, 2025

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on October 13, 2025, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Kathryn Huntley. Also present – Charles Pagel; Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Marie Adamick, Effingham Daily News; Zain Parker; Jim Stuckemeyer; Shaun Splechter; Gale Warner; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Jason Rippetoe was absent.

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

Chief Alan Heiens presented the September 2025 Police Activity Report.

Jim Stuckemeyer suggested the Christmas decorations be put up earlier this year and a larger Christmas tree be placed on the triangle.

Council Approved Special Use Liquor License SP-67 for The Black Dog, Heather Davis Benefit to be held October 26, 2025 noon-10:00 pm. Commissioner Huntley motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Ordinance 840-25 Authorizing Execution of a Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the City of Altamont, Illinois Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (Bannister Properties) $5,000 on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Huntley. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. Commissioner White, was ineligible to vote. Bannister Properties will be remodeling the building at 3 North Main Street.

Council Approved Ordinance 841-25; Establishing Street Signage – West Carriage Lane, West Wildcat Way, South B&O Road, South Rocket Road. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Huntley seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. West Carriage Lane is declared no parking on either side of the street.

Council Approved Payment of Pay Requests #3 & #4 to Kieffers Bros Construction for Water Main Replacement Totaling $367,225.17. (DCEO Grant Agreement 19-242036) Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Payment to R&H Plumbing & Heating for Schmidt Park Restroom Install in the Amount of $25,132.00 on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Commissioner Huntley seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes.

Council Approved Bid Advertising for Demolition of 600 South Main Street. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Ordinance 842-25; Amending Water Capital Infrastructure Fee was presented to those present. Commissioner White explained an annual 3% increase has been established, which represents a 30 cent monthly increase for each water customer. The increase will be reflected on the utility bill of January 2026. The ordinance will be presented for approval at the next regular meeting.

Council Approved Pay Request #5 to Kieffer Bros Construction in the Amount of $128,794.54 (DCEO Grant Agreement 19-242036) for the Water Main Replacement Project on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Huntley. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Renewal of Blue Cross Blue Shield Employee Health Insurance with Tingley Insurance with 9% Increase. Commissioner Huntley motioned for approval. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Commissioner Polk reported Street Department has been replacing cracking concrete culverts. The box culvert at the entrance of Gilbert Park will need to be replaced next year. Motor Fuel funds may be utilized for the cost. Division Street drainage has been delayed due to the contractors busy schedule.

Commissioner White reported meter installs have begun on the Water Main Replacement Project. Downtown sidewalk replacement should be starting soon. Curry & Associates are working on suggestions to change aging water treatment equipment at the water plant.

Commissioner Huntley reported soccer and fall ball will be ending soon and park cleanup will begin. Four locations have been reserved for the Park & Treat. November 1st will be the start of building the Ho Ho Land display at Schmidt Park.

Mayor Walker reported Lynn Kull has been generous to allow schools to park on his property near Gilbert Park during tournaments, which is appreciated. The Industrial Arts instructor has withdrawn the offer of the class to repair the Schmidt Park sign.

Clerk Stephen reported the online auction of restaurant items at 600 South Main is going well. The auction will close Tuesday October 14th. She announced an agreement has been signed for the first sale of a lot in South Point Subdivision.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

Note: 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-4(n) restricts Commissioner White from voting on TIF matters.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
October 27, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

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

   A. *Approve Ordinance VA-1809; 508 E Cumberland Road, Parking Lot Surface Variance.*

   B. *Approve Ordinance VA-1777-1;Variance Extension 508 E Cumberland Rd, Use of Connex Containers.*

   C. *Approve Ordinance 843-25 – Authorizing Purchase of Real Estate (102 W Washington Ave)*

   D. *Approve Ordinance 844-25; Authorizing Execution of IMLRMA Min/Max Premium Agreement.*

   E. *Approve Ordinance 842-25; Amending Water Capital Infrastructure Fee.*

   F. *Approve Resolution 2025-10-10; Accepting Bid & Awarding Contract Regarding Demolition of Commercial Structure at 600 South Main Street.*

   G. *Present Ordinance 845-25; Amending Electric Rates.*

   H. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: October 24, 2025- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
October 27, 2025

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on October 27, 2025, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Kathryn Huntley. Also present – Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Marie Adamick, Effingham Daily News; Zain Parker; Richard Frailey; Jason Kersey; Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

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

Lee Beckman provided an update of projects: Water Main Replacement Project, the main is 100% installed, individual services are being connected, sidewalk installation has started in the downtown area. ITEP will begin in the 2026 early spring. I70 Underpass Road a permit needs to be established, however IDOT will have to complete their project first. Grant Application for Downtown Revitalization was not successful.

Council Approved Ordinance VA-1809; 508 E Cumberland Road, Parking Lot Surface Variance. Commissioner Rippetoe motioned for approval. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. Approval of the Variance denied the request to use gravel on the area rather than concrete or asphalt as specified in the zoning code. The owner reduced the project area and verbally agreed to concrete the rocked areas.

Council Approved Ordinance 1777-1; Variance Extension 508 E Cumberland Rd, Use of Connex Containers on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Huntley. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. The variance was extended to April 2026.

Council Approved Ordinance 843-25; Authorizing Purchase of Real Estate (102 W Washington Ave). Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, no; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes. Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. Commissioner Polk stated he was not favorable to setting a precedence. Commissioner Rippetoe explained the legal fees in declaring the building dangerous and unsafe would be saved. Commissioner White said there are some valuable contents to preserve and then the area could be a park extension to the triangle. Purchase price $1.00.

Council Approved Ordinance 844-25; Authorizing Execution of IMLRMA Min/Max Premium Agreement. Commissioner Huntley motioned for approval. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. The 2026 premium cost is $126,886.85.

Council Approved Ordinance 842-25; Amending Water Capital Infrastructure Fee on a motion by Commissioner White. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes. The rate will increase from $10.04 to $10.34 monthly for all Altamont water customers. The increase will be included in the December 20, 2025-January 20, 2026 billing cycle.

Resolution 2025-10-10; Accepting Bid & Awarding Contract Regarding Demolition of Commercial Structure at 600 South Main Street was presented to Council Commissioner Polk motioned to rebid the demolition project. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. 5 bids were received with the lowest bidder withdrawing and two bidders were ineligible for not submitting full bid documents.

Ordinance 845-25; Amending Electric Rates was presented. Commissioner Rippetoe stated electric rates have not been raised in 17 years. He explained a rate comparison provided by IMEA reflecting Altamont to be the lowest at below 11 cents per kw. Most municipalities were in the 13-15 cent per kw range. The increase will be a $2.00 monthly increase to all customer base rates for the next four years. The cost per kw will not change. The monthly charge for security lights will change to streamline the fee. The current security light rate exhibits outdated mercury vapor lighting. Most have been updated to LED. The ordinance will be presented for approval at the next regular meeting.

Commissioner Rippetoe had nothing further to report.

Commissioner Polk reported sidewalk replacement was started at Adams on the east side of Main Street and has been almost been completed to Washington. There are three houses which will have driveways changed and improved. The entrance to Altamont Foods will have a curb rather than a slope. Main Street resurfacing is being investigated. The tree at the point of the triangle has been removed. A blue spruce will be planted to utilize for Christmas decorating.

Commissioner White reported some of the meter installs in the Water Main Replacement Project have proven difficult. He testified from personal experience the new water line provides better water flow. Filter media replacement of the second filter will begin soon at the water plant.

Commissioner Huntley reported a dig barrier has been installed around the Gilbert Park storage building. She thanked Valerie Long and her husband for the Halloween lights and organizing the Schmidt Park Park & Treat. Six stations have been reserved for October 31st.

Mayor Walker reported the Schmidt Park restrooms will be completed within the week.

Clerk Stephen asked Council about utilizing the lighted sign at the former Dairy Bar. It was not picked up after the auction. Commissioner Polk suggested using the sign. Commissioner Rippetoe suggested placing blank panels in the sign for now.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

Note: 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-4(n) restricts Commissioner White from voting on TIF matters.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
November 10, 2025 - 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 845-25; Amending Electric Rates.*

   B. *Approve Pay Request #6 to Kieffer Bros Construction in the Amount of $305,737.18 Water Main Replacement Project (DCEO Grant Agreement 19-242036)*

   C. *Approve Payment to Schultz Farm Partnership Pursuant to TIF2 Agreement (Ordinance 834-25) in the Amount of $8,000.00.*

   D. *Approve Resolution 2025-11-11; Accepting Bid & Awarding Contract Regarding Demolition of Commercial Structure at 600 South Main Street.*

   E. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: November 07, 2025- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
November 10, 2025

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on November 10, 2025, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Kathryn Huntley. Also present – Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Marie Adamick, Effingham Daily News; Zain Parker; 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 White and seconded by Commissioner Huntley. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. (Attachment 1)

Chief Heiens presented the October 2025 Police Activity Report.

Council Approved Ordinance 845-25; Amending Electric Rates. Commissioner Rippetoe motioned for approval. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. Customers will see the increase on the January 2026 utility bill.

Council Approved Pay Request #6 to Kieffer Bros Construction in the Amount of $305,737.18 Water Main Replacement Project (DCEO Grant Agreement 19-242036) on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Rippetoe. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Payment to Schultz Farm Partnership Pursuant to TIF2 Agreement (Ordinance 834-25) in the Amount of $8,000. Commissioner Rippetoe motioned for approval. Commissioner Huntley seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes. Commissioner White, ineligible; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Resolution 2025-11-11; Accepting bid & Awarding Contract Regarding Demolition of Commercial Structure at 600 South Main Street. Commissioner Polk motioned to approve the Resolution and award the bid to H&K Excavating in the amount of $24,000. Commissioner Rippetoe seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. Council discussed the anticipated condition of the concrete following demolition. Commissioner Rippetoe suggested the City employees remove the concrete, if necessary.

Commissioner Polk reported a tree was removed from the Triangle and a baby blue spruce will be planted in its place. As the tree grows, it will be decorated for Christmas. He spoke with IDOT officials concerning the culvert at Ewing & Rt 40. IDOT agreed a straight culvert needs to be installed with the State conducting the work. This could be a spring 2026 project. Brandon Simcox has been hired in the Street & Alley Department. Ditch cleaning is scheduled on East Division Street next week. The Main Street Water Line installation required less pipe than planned. The savings is being transferred to concrete & grading of sidewalk installation at some difficult driveways. Sidewalk installation is expected to be completed along the east side of Main Street from Washington Ave to Lincoln before inclement weather.

Commissioner White reported water services are being connected on South Fourth Street. Service connections on North Main Street will follow. The water line under I70 has been grouted and sealed, per the IDOT requirements. Water condition complaints have subsided. Plans are being organized for proactive pre-treating the reservoir next year.

Commissioner Huntley reported trunk or treat at Schmidt Park was well attended. The Gilbert Park shed with double doors shows no mold, ventilation options are being explored. Set up of Ho Ho Land display has started.

Mayor Walker had nothing to report.

Clerk Stephen reminded Council it is time to amend the budget. She presented the 2024 Motor Fuel Compliance Review.

Commissioner Rippetoe reported the northwest neutral is up. He announced his resignation as City Commissioner effective December 7, 2025. He stated he as been in office of Mayor or Commissioner for ten years. His company is experiencing growing pains, limiting his availability to serve the City.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

Note: 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-4(n) restricts Commissioner White from voting on TIF matters.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
November 24, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

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

2. ENGINEER REPORT

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

5. COMMUNICATIONS

6. AGENDA ITEMS

   A. *Approve 2026 Holiday Schedule.*

   B. *Approve Resolution 2025-11-12; Schedule of 2026 Meetings.*

   C. *Approve Payment to Milano & Grunloh Engineers in the Amount of $19,205.00, Water Main Improvement Construction Engineering (DCEO Grant Agreement 19-242036)*

   D. *Approve Payment to R&H Plumbing & Heating in the Amount of $10,800.00, Demolition of 404A North Third Street.*

   E. *Announce Amended Appropriation FYE 2026.*

   F. *Announce Estimated Levy FYE 2026.*

   G. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: November 21, 2025- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
November 24, 2025

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on November 24, 2025, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Jason Rippetoe; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Kathryn Huntley. Also present –Charles Pagel; Marie Adamick, Effingham Daily News; Zain Parker; Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

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

Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers reported some driveway entrances along South Main Street will need to be sloped into private property to create a more gradual entrance and accommodate the sidewalk installation following the water main replacement. Commissioners have spoken to the property owners.

Council Approved the 2026 holiday schedule. Commissioner Rippetoe motioned for approval. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. No new holidays were added.

Council Approved Resolution 2025-11-12; Schedule of 2026 Meetings on a motion by Commissioner Polk and seconded by Commissioner Huntley. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. Meetings will continue to be held on the 2^{nd} & 4^{th} Mondays at 6:00 pm.

Council Approved Payment to Milano & Grunloh Engineers in the Amount of $19,205.00, Water Main Improvement Construction Engineering (DCEO Grant Agreement 19-242036) Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner White seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes. Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Payment to R&H Plumbing & Heating in the Amount of $10,800, Demolition of 404A North Third Street. Commissioner Rippetoe motioned to approve. Commissioner Polk seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Rippetoe, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. The property had been deemed dangerous and unsafe.

The Amended Appropriation for FYE 2026 was announced at $9,445,300 an increase of $156,600 over the original appropriation. The ordinance will be presented for approval at the next regular meeting.

The Estimated Levy for FYE 2026 was announced at $291,500 an increase of 4.63% over previous year. No truth in taxation hearing is required. The ordinance will be presented for approval at the next regular meeting.

Commissioner Rippetoe reported the northeast feeder is rebuilt to Main Street. The last section is delayed by weather.

Commissioner Polk reported leaf pickup was interrupted by the rain. Crews will continue working thru the City this week. The next pickup is scheduled to begin December 15th. A baby blue spruce has been planted at the triangle. In future years it should make a beautiful Christmas tree.

Commissioner White reported sidewalk completion will be dependent on the weather. The second filter media renovation will begin next week. The water line cap and fill under I70 at Main Street has been completed to IDOT's specifications. The sewer department has been checking manholes. The FYE 2027 budget is expected to include manhole lining where possible and replacement where necessary. He is planning to attend the Effingham County Hazard Mitigation Planning meeting and invited other interested Council members to attend.

Commissioner Huntley reported Schmidt Park is in need of the sign and parking block painting. An individual has volunteered to assist with the ventilation in the building at Gilbert Park. The Altamont Library has a book club during the daytime hours. An off sight location is being established for an evening book club. Participants must have a current Altamont Library card.

Mayor Walker reported he spoke to the third grade class at Altamont Grade School about his position as Mayor and the City's functions.

Clerk Stephen reported new tables have been ordered for the community room. The American Legion has expressed interest in the current tables. Council was not opposed to donating to them. The first draft of the re-codification has arrived. The City's review should be completed in the next few months.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

Note: 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-4(n) restricts Commissioner White from voting on TIF matters.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
December 08, 2025 - 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 846-25; Amendment to Appropriation FYE 2026*

   B. *Approve Ordinance 847-25; Levying Taxes FYE 2026*

   C. *Approve Ordinance 848-25; Annual Abatement Ordinance*

   D. *Approve Settlement Agreement and Payment to LegalSolved LLC in the Amount of $2,898.96.*

   E. *Approve Ordinance 849-25; Authorizing Execution of an Addendum to Agreement to Purchase (W. Washington Ave, Altamont, IL)*

   F. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Selection of Person to Fill Public Office 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3).*

   G. *Approve Appointment to Fill Council Vacancy.*

   H. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: December 05, 2025- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
December 08, 2025

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on December 08, 2025, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Kathryn Huntley. Also present – Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Marie Adamick, Effingham Daily News; Zain Parker; Gail Warner; Bill Durbin; Richard Finn; Jason Kersey; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. One Council vacancy at this time.

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

Chief Alan Heiens reported the November 2025 Police Activity Report. Mayor Walker asked what the protocol is for homeless individuals in the City. Chief Heiens stated officers will call area Church's for payment of a hotel room or provide the individual with a ride to a nearby community of their choosing.

Council moved into Executive Session for the Purpose of Selection of Person to Fill Public Office 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3) on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Commissioner Huntley seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Upon returning to open session Commissioner Huntley motioned to appoint Zain Parker to fill the Council vacancy left by Jason Rippetoe. Commissioner White seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Mayor Walker thanked Bill Durbin & Richard Finn for submitting commissioner letters of interest and encouraged them to pursue filling a vacancy now left on the Zoning Board, by Mr. Parkers move to the Council position.

Council Approved Ordinance 846-25; Amendment to Appropriation FYE 2026 on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Polk. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. Amended appropriation total $9,445,300.

Council Approved Ordinance 847-25; Levying Taxes FYE 2026. Commissioner Huntley motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. Levy totals $291,500

Council Approved Ordinance 848-25; Annual Abatement Ordinance. Commissioner Polk motioned to approve. Commissioner White seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Settlement Agreement and Payment to LegalSolved LLC in the Amount of $2,898.96. Commissioner White motioned to approve. Commissioner Huntley seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. All Council members approved under protest of the action of the settlement. Clerk Stephen explained the settlement claims an emailed FOIA request, which was not received by email, was not answered in the time provided by the FOIA Act. Several Illinois communities have experienced the same suit. The City's legal counsel recommended paying and settling as apposed to excessive legal fees to dispute the claim.

Council Approved Ordinance 849-25; Authorizing Execution of an Addendum to Agreement to Purchase (West Washington Ave) on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Huntley. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, no; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. The agreement corrects to state all closing costs be paid by the City.

Commissioner Polk reported Street crews had a good response time to removing snow. Leaf pickup is questionable on December 15th considering the unfavorable weather.

Commissioner White reported the reservoir is down 24" and dropping. Sidewalk replacement is most likely finished for the season. Eight water connections remain on the new water line replacement project, followed by cut and recapping the old water main. The Water Department is looking for a 30,000-40,000 gallon water leak. The public is asked to watch for standing bodies of water.

Commissioner Huntley reported Schmidt Park Christmas light display is open. The demolition at 600 South Main started today.

Mayor Walker reported he will be working on establishing food truck agreements for the 600 South Main location.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

Note: 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-4(n) restricts Commissioner White from voting on TIF matters.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
December 22, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

<u>Agenda</u>

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

   A. *Oath of New Commissioner, Zain Parker.*

   B. *Approve Ordinance 850-25; Authorizing First Amendment to Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the City of Altamont Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (Altamont Lodge 533 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons)*

   C. *Approve Payment Request #5 in the Amount of $128,794.54 to Kieffer Bros Construction for Water Main Installation (DCEO Grant Agreement 19-242036)*

   D. *Approve Payment Request #6 in the Amount of $305,737.18 to Kieffer Bros Construction for Water Main Installation (DCEO Grant Agreement 19-242036)*

   E. *Approve Pay Request #7, Kieffer Bros Construction for Water Main Installation (DCEO Grant Agreement 19-242036) in the Amount of $331,352.72.*

   F. *Approve Payment to Milano & Grunloh Engineers, Construction Engineering of Water Main Installation in the Amount of $14,429.75 (DCEO Grant Agreement 19-242036)*

   G. *Approve Payment to Axon Enterprises for Police Department Tasers in the Amount of $10,041.40*

   H. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: December 19, 2025- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
December 22, 2025

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on December 22, 2025, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Kathryn Huntley; Commissioner Zain Parker. Also present –Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Jason Rippetoe; Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

The Oath of Office was delivered to Zain Parker as Commissioner, completing the vacancy left by Jason Rippetoe.

Mayor Walker presented gift of appreciation to Jason Rippetoe, for his years or service as Mayor and Commissioner. Rippetoe stated his most grateful for establishing the TIF districts, which has provided funds for additional projects.

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

Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers provided project updates. The water main replacement project should be completed in approximately 8-10 working days. He is on the watch for OLSAD grant announcements.

Council Approved Ordinance 850-25; Authorizing First Amendment to Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the City of Altamont Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (Altamont Lodge 533 Ancient Free & Accepted Masons) Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Huntley seconded. Members voted as follows: Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Huntley; Commissioner White, ineligible; Commissioner Parker, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Payment Request #5 in the Amount of $128,794.54 to Kieffer Bros Construction for Water Main Installation (DCEO Grant Agreement 19-242036). Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Huntley; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Payment Request #6 in the Amount of $305,737.18 to Kieffer Bros Construction for Water Main Installation (DCEO Grant Agreement 19-242036). Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Huntley; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Pay Request #7, Kieffer Bros Construction for Water Main Replacement (DCEO Grant Agreement 19-242036) in the Amount of $331,352.72. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Huntley seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Huntley; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Payment to Milano & Grunloh Engineers, Construction Engineering of Water Main Installation in the Amount of $14,429.75 (DCEO Grant Agreement 19-242036) Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Huntley; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Payment to Axon Enterprises for Police Department Tasers in the Amount of $10,041.40. Commissioner Parker motioned for approval. Commissioner Huntley seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Huntley; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. The taser purchase is covered by grant funding.

Commissioner Polk reported progress of Division Street drainage has stalled due to the weather.

Commissioner White reported the reservoir is down 24 1/2". The water leak reported in the last meeting has been found and repaired. The abandoned water line at Third & Washington Street has been cut & capped. There will be an additional $20,000 added to the project to correct driveway entrances on South Main Street prior to sidewalk installation.

Commissioner Huntley reported one evening she greeted approximately 70 cars passing thru the Schmidt Park Christmas light display. She would like to step down from AYSC activities and is searching for a replacement.

Commissioner Parker had nothing to report.

Mayor Walker reported the demolition is complete at 600 South Main. The next phase is determining the future of the remaining concrete and foundation. A seafood food truck vendor approached him about the upcoming plans. Commissioner Polk stated he did not think sewer connections should be provided to the vendors.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

Note: 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-4(n) restricts Commissioner White from voting on TIF matters.