

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
January 12, 2015 - 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. *Jerry & Cheryl Hoffmeister; Water quality.*
 - B. *Approve Run for Linzi 5k Walk/Run April 18, 2015. Sponsored by ACHS Student Council benefiting Melanoma Research Foundation and Honoring Linzi Rector.*
 - C.
 - D.
 - E.
 - F. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: January 09, 2015- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
January 12, 2015

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on January 12, 2015, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Gerald White Jr; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Jason Williams; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present – Jerry & Cheryl Hoffmeister; Nathan Scholes, Altamont News; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief; Kevin Whitten, Water Department Supr; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Bill Jones was absent.

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

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

Jerry & Cheryl Hoffmeister addressed the Council concerning discolored water at their residence of 621 North Main Street. They stated this has been an ongoing problem for several years. Other neighbors have installed a water softener. However, that is not an option for their residence. Kevin Whitten commented if a line cleaning procedure would be performed, there is possibility lines would be broken. At this time, it cannot be determined where the discolored water is starting. There is a new procedure referred to as “ice pigging”, which could be researched. It was agreed a scheduled hydrant flushing would be conducted to help in keeping the line clean. The cost of “ice pigging” will be explored.

Commissioner Frailey motioned to approve a 5k walk/run on April 18, 2015 in benefiting Melanoma Research Foundation and honoring Linzi Rector. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The event is sponsored by ACHS Student Council.

Commissioner White reported annual totals from the wastewater treatment plants as follows: South plant – influent 87,809,000 effluent 80,344,000. North plant – influent 52,942,000 effluent 51,002,000. Two defective gate valves have been found at the south wastewater treatment plant. New valves will be installed at the cost of \$3500.00 each.

Commissioner Williams reported the Christmas lights in Schmidt Park will soon be removed. Summer sports enrollment will soon begin. The batting facility in Gilbert Park was damaged and has been on lock down. Young adult individuals have expressed an interest in volunteering to oversee activities in the building. They would be responsible for the care of the facility.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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202 NORTH SECOND ST
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January 26, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.**

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Approve Pay Request #7 to Haier Plumbing & Heating in the Amount of \$961,973.25 for South Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements.*
 - B.
 - C.
 - D.
 - E.
 - F. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: January 23, 2015- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING

January 26, 2015

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on January 26, 2015, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Gerald White Jr; Commissioner Jason Williams; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present – Kris Curtis; Kara Martin; Torrey Denton; Nathan Scholes, Altamont News and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Richard Frailey and Commissioner Bill Jones were absent.

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

Kris Curtis asked the Council why chickens were considered a nuisance in the City of Altamont and how to change such a ruling. Mayor Taylor explained a complaint of their harboring chickens had been received and that it was currently against City ordinance. Mayor Taylor asked Mr. Curtis why he wanted to have chickens. Mr. Curtis and Kara Martin explained they were for self-sufficiency and they were teaching their children responsibility. Mr. Curtis provided an ordinance from another City allowing chickens. Mayor Taylor stated a survey of other cities would be conducted and citizens against the change would be heard. The Council would discuss establishment of a proposed ordinance. Until Council's decision to allow or continue to disallow chickens, the harboring will be considered in a pending status.

Pay Request #7 to Haier Plumbing & Heating in the amount of \$961,973.25 for South Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements was approved on a motion by Commissioner White. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner; White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Commissioner White reported the procedure of ice pigging to eliminate sediments in water lines has been found costly. 2000 feet of line would cost approximately \$40,000 with the risk of damage to lines from the use of high water pressure. Electricians are installing electrical panels at the south wastewater treatment plant.

Commissioner Williams reported donations of \$1377.00 were collected during the Schmidt Park Christmas lights display.

Mayor Taylor reported Bill Jones resigned from the Alliance Board. Mayor Taylor will fill the vacancy. The Electric Department has been repairing street lights. Street & Alley Department repaired a water leak and replaced a hydrant on Grant & Sixth and have been removing dead trees.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Whit

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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February 09, 2015 - 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 VFW Poppy Day Roadside Fundraiser to be Held May 01, 2015 with Alternate Rain Date of May 08, 2015.*
 - B. *Approve Irwin Telescopic Mission Possible Walk/Run, May 02, 2015.*
 - C. *Approve Investing Water Funds for 2025 & 2026 Bond Payments.*
 - D. *Discuss Request for Water Line Regarding Iva Belle Trailer Court.*
 - E. *Discuss Allowing Chickens Within City Limits.*
 - F. *Discuss Second Street Resurfacing Grant Project.*
 - G. *Discuss Union Cemetery Perpetual Care.*
 - H. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: February 06, 2015- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
February 09, 2015

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on February 09, 2015, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Gerald White Jr; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Jason Williams; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present – Alvin Oliver; Todd Slingerland; Nathan Scholes, Altamont News; Altamont Police Chief, Alan Heiens and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Bill Jones was absent.

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

Chief Alan Heiens presented the January 2013 Police Activity Report.

Alvin Oliver addressed the Council regarding several issues. Following are some of them:

- Cross streets intersecting with Edwards & St Clair are in need of culvert extensions.
- Leaning power poles supporting heaving lines and transformers in the alley behind S&W.
- Muddy parking areas along St. Clair Street.
- Marking of parking spaces on Monroe Street, adjacent to the Methodist Church. Alvin volunteered to paint the markings if the City would wash the area, measure the spaces and provide the paint.
- Traffic study of Main Street from the water tower to Do It Drive for the purpose evaluating the speed limits. Mayor Taylor stated he would ask the County if a speed study had been conducted.
- Follow up for compliance of zoning violations. Mayor plan to send letters.
- Cleanup of run-down buildings.
- Drainage of standing water along Main Street in front of S&W.

Council approved a request for the VFW Poppy Day Roadside Fundraiser to be held May 02, 2015 with alternate rain date of May 08, 2015. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Williams seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Council approved a request by Irwin Telescopic to conduct a Mission Possible Walk/Run on May 02, 2015. Commissioner Frailey motioned for approval. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Commissioner White motioned to approve investing for water department funds for 2025 and 2026 bond payments. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Local bank interest rates will be considered.

Council discussed a request by the owners of Iva Belle Mobile Home Court for assistance in replacing failing water lines. The mobile home park has been experiencing large water bills and costly repairs due to water leaks. The owners requested the City provide a new main line the length of the mobile home court and waive hookup charges for the 22 lots. The estimated cost would be \$52,000. The current main line is the customer service line to each mobile home. Mayor Taylor stated this would be a deviation of current procedures. The City employees will not have time in their schedule for the project. Commissioner White stated it is unfortunate, but the City is not in a position to provide such assistance.

Council discussed allowing the keeping of chickens within City limits. A survey of Illinois communities was provided to the Council. Commissioner Frailey stated he likes chickens, but doesn't feel the City of Altamont is a place for them. Mayor Taylor has received the same opinion from many residents. He referred to a provided survey noting few communities allowed chickens. Commissioner Williams commented the City of Champaign has a good ordinance which allows chickens. Commissioner White was concerned about additional requests for animal harboring. Council will give more consideration to the change and discussion will follow in future meetings.

Second Street resurfacing grant project was discussed. Engineers, Milano & Grunloh provided construction options. Clarification of the options is needed.

Union Cemetery Perpetual Care was explained to the Council by Clerk Stephen. Perpetual care was created many years ago by communities before real estate taxing monies were provided for cemetery care. It is now an antiquated procedure. However, according to Illinois State Statute an account must remain in effect for gifting purposes. Currently a grave is sold for \$150.00, with \$37.50 being automatically transferred to perpetual care. Council discussed ceasing the automatic transfer. The Cemetery Board of Managers will be contacted for their recommendation and the matter will be presented to the Council for approval. Cemetery Board of Managers account is currently a separate fund in the accounting structure of the City financials. Mayor Taylor suggested the monies be listed within the City funds as a separate line item within the Cemetery fund budget. The Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulations will be contacted to confirm the proper procedures.

Commissioner White complimented the Altamont News for the recent story regarding past Mayor, Carl Brauer. He offered condolences to Commission Williams in the loss of his nephew. He recited progress of the south wastewater treatment plant.

Commissioner Frailey announced Bryan Seidel began employment February 2nd as Electric Department Supervisor. Street lights have been repaired. Rock quotes are being gathered for the generation plant area in preparation of moving the utility pole inventory.

Commissioner Williams had nothing to report.

Mayor Taylor reported the Street Department has been making improvements to the incubator building including painting and trim and lighting replacement. The building will be equipment with office furnishings donated by Agracel. Kull Furniture will be providing use of a truck to

pick up the items. A meeting is scheduled with an attorney regarding starting litigation for cleanup of a property in violation of City ordinance and State Statute.

Council gave consent for organizing an electronics drive.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

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Agenda

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2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
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5. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Approve D&M Electrical to Consign Sale of Electric Generators for 15% Commission.*
 - B. *Approve Payoff of Vacuum Excavator in the Amount of \$20,627.00*
 - C. *Discuss Second Street Resurfacing Grant Project.*
 - D.
 - E.
 - F.
 - G.
 - H. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: February 20, 2015- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
February 23, 2015

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on February 23, 2015, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Gerald White Jr; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Jason Williams; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present –Todd Slingerland; Nathan Scholes, Altamont News and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Bill Jones was absent.

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

Council approved D&M Electrical to Consign the Sale of Electric Generators for 15% Commission. Commissioner Frailey motioned for approval. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Council approved the payoff of Vacuum Excavator in the amount of \$20,627.00. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Williams seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Clarification was received from Milano & Grunloh Engineers regarding improvements to North Second Street from Washington to Madison. Council members expressed the need for improvements on both blocks. An estimate will be requested from Milano & Grunloh for oil and chip resurfacing of both sections with replacement of curb ramps from Jefferson to Madison. Proceeds for the project will be provided by two grants totaling \$75,000.

Commissioner White complimented the Street & Alley crew for the timeliness and efficient snow removal. A progress report of the South Wastewater treatment plant upgrade was given.

Commissioner Frailey reported equipment inspections are being conducted and purchase of personal protective clothing for the Electric Department is being evaluated.

Commissioner Williams reported a new scoreboard, provided by AYSC, has arrived for Diamond C of Gilbert Park. Repairs and cleanup of the north fence at Union Cemetery is being reviewed. Roofing of pavilions at Schmidt Park will begin when weather permits.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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March 09, 2015 - 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 2015-03-01; Protecting Full Funding of Local Government Distributive Fund Revenues*
 - B. *Approve Roadblock Fundraiser Request; American Legion Post #512, April 10, 2015 for Poppy Day, Rain Date April 17, 2015.*
 - C. *Approval Clean Uniform Three Year Renewal.*
 - D. *Approve Second Street Improvements Estimated Cost of \$115,500.*
 - E.
 - F. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Legal Matters 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11).*
 - G.
 - H. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: March 04, 2015- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
March 09, 2015

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on March 09, 2015, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Gerald White Jr; Commissioner Bill Jones; Richard Frailey; Commissioner Jason Williams; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present –Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief; Todd Slingerland; Nathan Scholes, Altamont News and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

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

Chief Heiens presented the February 2015 Police Activity Report.

Resolution 2015-03-01; Protecting Full Funding of Local Government Distributive Fund Revenues was approved by the Council. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. (Attachment 2)

A roadblock fundraiser request from the American Legion Post #512 to be held on April 10, 2015 for Poppy Day, with a rain date of April 17, 2015 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

A three year extension of the Clean Uniform Contract was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Street improvements to Second Street in the estimated amount of \$115,500 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones. Commissioner Williams seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. \$75,000 of the project is provided through grant funding with the remaining to be paid from Motor Fuel Funds.

Commissioner White reported bids were being received for supplies to install a water line on South Coles Street. Cells are being filled at the south wastewater treatment plant.

Commissioner Frailey reported OSHA compliance upgrades were completed including containment cabinets and equipment testing.

Commissioner Williams had nothing new to report.

Commissioner Jones reported Street & Alley employees did a good job of snow removal. Ewing Street has drainage concerns which, in time, will result in the development of pot holes.

Mayor Taylor reported he has been re-elected to the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency executive board.

On a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner White, Council entered into Executive Session of the Purpose of Legal Matters 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11). Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

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Agenda

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Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Approve Resolution 2015-03-02; Opposing Reductions to the United States Postal Service.*
 - B.
 - C.
 - D.
 - E.
 - F.
 - G.
 - H. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: March 20, 2015- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
March 23, 2015

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on March 23, 2015, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Gerald White Jr; Commissioner Bill Jones; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Jason Williams; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present –Todd Slingerland; LeRoy Tucker; Kenneth Ginn; Nathan Scholes, Altamont News and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

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

Resolution 2015-03-02; Opposing Additional Cuts in the United States Postal Service was approved by the Council. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. (Attachment 2)

Commissioner White reported two wastewater department generators were sold for the amount of \$7,000. The solar insulation covers will soon be installed as part of the south wastewater treatment plant project.

Commissioner Frailey reported the generator plant is now OSHA compliant. Some street lights are being changed to LED for energy cost savings. New lighting is being tested to illuminate South Third Street.

Commissioner Williams reported planning is underway for cleanup at Union Cemetery. A deteriorating ash tree will be removed from the Cemetery. Due to weather M&J Remodeling has requested an extension for roofing of park pavilions. The new surface has been placed on Diamond C at Gilbert Park.

Commissioner Jones reported the salt bin is $\frac{3}{4}$ full. 25 ton has been contracted for next year. Street edges are seriously in need of patching. Roads needing special attention include the alley near Frog Pond, new section of Wurl Lane, Division Street and Meadows Lane.

Mayor Taylor reported the attorney has sent an agreement to the owners of Bean Development mobile home court for signing. The agreement states cleanup will be accomplished by June 1, 2015 and all outstanding utility bills will be paid. Tom Rector has resigned his position on the Zoning Board. Dean Weatherall sent information concerning fund drive for restoration of the Society Horse Barn located at the Effingham County Fairgrounds. The building was erected 1909.

Clerk Stephen reported city wide cleanup days will be held the week of April 27th. The possibility of sponsoring an electronics drive has been explored. It was reported that few

companies will accept electronics and those that do charge for each television and sometimes computer monitors. A City employee would need to be present during the event for collection and to verify residency. Considering Sutter Sanitation is nearby, Council felt proceeding with the electronics drive would not be the fiscally responsible action.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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April 13, 2015 - 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 Contract Extension to M & J Remodeling for Park Pavilion Roofing; Extending from April 1, 2015 to May 30, 2015.*
 - B. *Approve Cost Estimate of Jackson Street Railroad Crossing Improvements in the Amount of \$29,914.50 to be Completed Using Motor Fuel Funds.*
 - C. *Approve Engineering Services Agreement for Motor Fuel Funds Concerning North Second Street Improvements.*
 - D. *Approve Local Agency Agreement for State Participation Regarding North Second Street Improvements.*
 - E. *Discuss Re-application of Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) Application for Street Improvements.*
 - F. *Approve Change Order #1 – Time Extension for South Wastewater Treatment Plant. Extending April 11, 2015 to September 15, 2015.*
 - G. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: April 10, 2015- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
April 13, 2015

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on April 13, 2015, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Gerald White Jr; Commissioner Bill Jones; Commissioner Richard Frailey; and Commissioner Jason Williams. Also present – Kevin Whitten, Water Dept Supr; Alan Heiens, Altamont Chief of Police; Alvin Oliver; Todd Slingerland; Jason Rippetoe; Lucas & Jennifer Kroening; Kenneth Ginn; Nathan Scholes, Altamont News and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Mayor Taylor was absent. Commissioner Jones presided over the meeting.

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

Police Chief, Alan Heiens, presented the March 2015 Police Activity Report.

A contract extension, from April 1, 2015 to May 30, 2015 was granted to M&J Remodeling for Park Pavilion Roofing. Commissioner Williams motioned for approval. Commissioner Frailey seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Commissioner Jones, yes;.

Council approved a cost estimate of Jackson Street Railroad Crossing Improvements in the amount of \$29,914.50 to be completed using Motor Fuel Funds. Commissioner Frailey motioned for approval. Commissioner Williams seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Commissioner Jones, yes.

On a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Williams, Council approved an Engineering Services Agreement for Motor Fuel Funds Concerning Second Street Improvements. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Commissioner Jones, yes.

A Local Agency Agreement for State Participation Regarding North Second Street Improvements was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey. Motion was seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Commissioner Jones, yes.

Council discussed re-application of Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) Application for Street Improvements. Those present were favorable in making re-application. Milano & Grunloh will be contacted to proceed with an agreement.

Contract Change Order #1 Between the City of Altamont and Haier Plumbing & Heating was approved on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; White, yes;

Commissioner Williams, yes; and Commissioner Jones, yes. The change extends the contract date of completion of the south wastewater treatment plant from April 11, 2015 to September 15, 2015. Poor weather conditions and attempts by Council to change design plans in an effort to save approximately \$1 million contributed to the needed extension.

Commissioner White congratulated the Mayor elect and Commissioner elect in attendance. Hydrant flushing will be conducted beginning May 10th. In an attempt to squelch rumors, Commissioner White, stated the City never received a \$2 million grant for any project. He continued, the Council was diligent in efforts to cut costs and find grant funding for the wastewater treatment plant upgrade. Unfortunately, EPA was not understanding.

Commissioner Frailey reported the Electric Department will be replacing poles in the system.

Commissioner Williams report 250 youths have registered for summer softball. A resident requested the Council consider issuing burn permits for spring and fall cleanup.

Commissioner Jones reported the Coles Street water line installation will soon begin.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

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5. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Approve Exercising a Three Year Contract Extension Option for Garbage Collection Services with DBS Disposal.*
 - B. *Approve Roadside Fundraiser Request by Altamont Lion's Club for June 20, 2015 Tootsie Pop Day.*
 - C. *Approve Resolution 2015-04-04; Declaring Real Estate Owned by Bean Development a Public Nuisance and Unsafe and Dangerous.*
 - D. *Approve Mosquito Larviciding Program with Effingham County Health Department, Ending October 31, 2015.*
 - E. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Closed Session Approval & Minute Review 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, (c) (21).*
 - F. *Approve Resolution 2015-04-03; Authorizing Release of Closed Session Minutes.*
 - G. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: April 24, 2015- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
April 27, 2015

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on April 27, 2015, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Gerald White Jr; Commissioner Bill Jones; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Jason Williams; and Mayor Larry Taylor. Also present – Kevin Whitten, Water Dept Supr; Alan Heiens, Altamont Chief of Police; Sergeant Jon Cotton; Alvin Oliver; Todd Slingerland; Jason Rippetoe; JoAnn Taylor; Penny White; Benton White; Terry Hahn, Sewer Department Supervisor; Candy Smith, Deputy Clerk; Nathan Scholes, Altamont News and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

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

On a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner White, Council entered in Executive Session for the Purpose of Closed Session Approval and Minute Review. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Council moved to the Clerk's Office for closed session. Following Council returned to the Council Room.

Council approved Exercising a Three Year Contract Extension Option for Garbage Collection Services with DBS Disposal. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Jones seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

A Roadside Fundraiser Request by Altamont Lion's Club for June 20, 2015 Tootsie Pop Day was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey. Commissioner Williams seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Resolution 2015-04-04; Declaring Real Estate Owned by Bean Development a Public Nuisance and Unsafe and Dangerous. Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. Mayor Taylor stated this is the next step in legal action, after failed attempts to secure an agreement with the owners of the mobile home park located on North Third and Jackson Streets. (Attachment 2)

The Mosquito Larviciding Program with Effingham County Health Department was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. The contract will end October 31, 2015.

Resolution 2015-04-03; Authorizing Destruction of Closed Session Minutes Recording was approved on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; White, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes. (Attachment 3)

Commissioner Jones reported the South Coles Street water main installation is complete.

Commissioner Williams reported pavilion roofing at Schmidt Park is underway. The Midnight Rider 4-H Club applied for Farm Credit funding of a community project. They were awarded the funds and plan on improvements to the Schmidt Park nature trail, including the possibility of installing benches.

Commissioner Frailey reported Derrick Kline is attending top out testing this week. Rock is being placed at the generation plant in preparation for storage of utility pole inventory. Bryan Seidel assisted in the Arbor Day celebration, demonstrating tree growth under utility lines.

Commissioner White expressed his farewells, in this his final meeting, following 20 years as a City Commissioner. He reflected on his first day in office, when immediate action was required the same evening as election results were announced. He praised Supervisors Kevin Whitten and Terry Hahn for their devotion to the job. He thanked his family for their support and sacrifices, allowing him to serve as Commissioner, the people of Altamont, past Mayor Brauer and past Commissioners, and the office employees. He continued his gratitude to each Commissioner present. He conveyed what an honor it has been to serve with Mayor Taylor with whom he shares the beginning and ending of their service tenure.

Mayor Taylor cheerfully announced a letter has been received from Illinois EPA advising the City of Altamont has been granted a \$275,000 debt forgiveness of the loan pertaining to the south wastewater treatment plant improvements. Mayor Taylor stated that 20 years in office is 480 meetings, not including special boards and committees. He thanked his wife, City employees, Council members past and present for their great work. He stated it has truly been a pleasure to work with each of them.

At this time Mayor Taylor presented an engraved clock to Commissioner White. Commissioner Jones presented Mayor Taylor with an engraved clock. Each clock was personalized accordingly for their 20 years of service to the City of Altamont.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; White, no; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Taylor, yes.

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
May 11, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.**

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Official Oath of Office Mayor and Commissioners.*
 - B. *Designation of Commissioners Departments:
Commissioner of Accounts & Finances
Commissioner of Public Health & Safety
Commissioner of Public Property
Commissioner of Streets & Public Improvements*
 - C. *Approve Ordinance 569-15; Appointment Ordinance*
 - D. *Approve Ordinance 570-15; Legal Appointment Ordinance*
 - E. *Approve Pay Estimate #7 to Haier Plumbing & Heating in the Amount of \$159,902.44 for Improvements to the South Wastewater Treatment Plant.*
 - F. *Approve Change Order #2 – Regarding Improvement to the South Wastewater Treatment Plant to Clean & Adjust Existing Check Valves in Existing Terminal Pump.*
 - G. *Approve Stipulated Agreement 1866 and Authorize Designated Agent Regarding Jackson Street Railroad Crossing.*
 - H. *Approve Masonic Lodge Request to Conduct Memorial Day Parade May 25, 2015 at 10:00 am.*

I. *Approve 2015 Membership in The Alliance. Dues of \$2,500.*

J. *Discuss Purchase of Stump Grinder in the Amount of \$21,000.00.*

K. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: May 08, 2015- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
May 11, 2015

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on May 11, 2015, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Bill Jones; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Jason Williams; and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present –Alvin Oliver; Gale Warner; Roger & Brenda Evans; Carol Tillman; Amy Rippetoe; Dakota Kuhlman; Terry Hahn, Sewer Department Supervisor; Nathan Scholes, Altamont News and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

Commissioner Jones called the meeting to order.

City Clerk, Sarah Stephen, delivered the official oath of office to City Commissioners and newly elected Mayor, Jason Rippetoe.

Mayor Rippetoe seated commissioners as follows:

- Commissioner of Accounts & Finances – Jason Williams
- Commissioner of Public Health & Safety – Richard Frailey
- Commissioner of Public Property – Todd Slingerland
- Commissioner of Streets & Public Improvements – Charles W. “Bill” Jones

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

Gale Warner addressed Mayor Rippetoe praising the City parks. He commented that schools from the area and other counties visit the parks 3-4 times a week and he believes the Altamont City parks are a wonderful thing.

Alvin Oliver asked the progress of enforcing zoning violations and the status of filling the zoning board vacancy.

Ordinance 569-15; Appointment Ordinance was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. All positions remain unchanged.

Ordinance 570-15: Legal Appointment Ordinance was approved on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Taylor Law Office will remain legal counsel.

Pay estimate #7 to Haier Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$159,902.44 for improvements to the south wastewater treatment plant was approved on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland

and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved Change Order #2; regarding improvements to the south wastewater treatment plant to clean and adjust existing check valves in existing terminal pump was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The cost of the change \$720.00.

Council approved Stipulated Agreement #1866 between Illinois Commerce Commission, Union Pacific Railroad and City of Altamont and authorized, Mayor Rippetoe, as designated agent regarding Jackson Street Railroad Crossing. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Jones seconded the approval. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Commissioner Slingerland motioned to approve the Masonic Lodge request to conduct a Memorial Day Parade, May 25, 2015 at 10:00 am with the stipulation street cleanup be conducted at the conclusion of the parade. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council discussed 2015 membership in The Alliance for annual dues of \$2500. Commissioner Slingerland motioned to table the matter until a representative of The Alliance could be present to offer more details concerning the group's mission. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council discussed the purchase of a stump grinder in the amount of \$21,000. Commissioner Frailey explained many variables should be considered included the annual budget. Commissioner Jones expressed his concern in how to pay for the machine as well as the cost to operate in comparison to contracting the work. Mayor Rippetoe suggested searching other purchase options.

Commissioner Slingerland had nothing to report at this time.

Commissioner Frailey reported the new pole yard would soon be completed and aging utility poles are being assessed for replacement.

Commissioner Williams reported he met with Robin Hall of the University of Illinois regarding park and recreation issues. Mr. Hall will attempt to acquire a graduate student to assist in a vision plan for the parks. They discussed establishment of a park association and/or foundation, which would not require a taxing body, but rather directed by dedicated volunteers. The deteriorated restroom facility behind the batters building in Gilbert Park is being removed. Restoration of the former tennis court area at Klizing Park was previously quoted at \$50,00 -

\$60,000. Another modification considered for the area is to remove the surface and concrete at an estimated cost of \$10,000.

Commissioner Jones reported city wide cleanup went well. The yard waste drop off location has been built up to provide a dryer surface to residents utilizing the area.

Clerk Stephen read a thank you from the Altamont Student Council for the cooperation in the 5K Melanoma Research Foundation fundraiser. Reported legal action is progressing regarding the former Altamont Mobile Home Park. The case now sets in a 30 day redemption waiting period.

Carol Tillman addressed the Council concerning the spreading of Bermuda grass in all the parks and Union Cemetery. The Blue Star Memorial flower bed in Schmidt Park has been overcome with the chemical resistant weed. The problem is larger than the Garden Club can handle and will need to work cooperatively with the City to eradicate the problem. Carol will contact a University of Illinois turf expert for direction.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
May 26, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.**

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3. POLICE REPORT
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Bob Bray; The Alliance.*
 - B. *Approve 2015 Membership in the Alliance. Dues of \$2,500.*
 - C. *Approve Request of American Legion Post 512 for Controlled Burn to Conduct Flag Retirement Ceremony June 14th, 7:00 pm, Schmidt Park.*
 - D. *Approve Resolution for 2015 Maintenance of Streets.*
 - E. *Approve Re-application of Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) Application for Street Improvements, Including Commitment of \$20,990 Motor Fuel Funds.*
 - F. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Purchase or Lease of Real Estate 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, (c), (5).*
 - G. *Action as a Result of Executive Session.*
 - H. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: May 22, 2015- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
May 26, 2015

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on May 26, 2015, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Bill Jones; Commissioner Richard Frailey; and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present –Alvin Oliver; Roger & Brenda Evans; Bob Bray & Dan Woods, The Alliance; Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief; Nathan Scholes, Altamont News and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Jason Williams was absent.

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

Lee Beckman addressed the Council regarding re-application for the Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) for improvements to the intersection of Division & Third Streets. He explained the City would need 50% leverage to score higher points. Funding announcement is expected in the fall of 2015, bidding March 2016 and project work summer of 2016. Commissioner Jones motioned to approve re-application for the RBEG grant. Commissioner Frailey seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Lee Beckman mentioned the end of Safe Routes to Schools grant project cycle is approaching. The grant funding agency needs to see progress this year and it may be possible extensions will not be allowed, resulting in lost funds.

Police Chief Alan Heiens presented the April 2015 police activity report. Commissioner Frailey thanked Chief Heiens for a professional and courteous response to a recent call at the Century 21 office.

Bob Bray and Dan Woods addressed the Council concerning membership to The Alliance, an economic development group for public and private entities. They explained their mission, progress to date and encouraged the Council to become active in the group. With the City of Altamont membership, a board position is immediately available to someone from the community. Commissioner Frailey motioned to approve the 2015 membership to The Alliance. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved a request of the American Legion Post 512 for Controlled Burn to Conduct a Flag Retirement Ceremony June 14th, 7:00 pm in Schmidt Park. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Jones seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved a Resolution for 2015 Maintenance of Streets. Commissioner Jones motioned for approval. Commissioner Slingerland seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Commissioner Slingerland reported he received a concerned citizen letter regarding parade issues, which he understood were resolved for the Memorial Day parade. He suggested keeping Effingham County Probation involved in street cleanup after parades.

Commissioner Frailey reported a pole was replaced along Rt 40 and American flags were placed along Main Street.

Commissioner Jones reported trees were trimmed at Union Cemetery along with other duties in preparation for Memorial Day services. Hanging baskets have been put in place. The Garden Club is asking for watering team volunteers to help maintain the baskets.

Mayor Rippetoe reported baseball is in full swing at Gilbert Park. The Inferno teams represented Altamont well with a 1st and 4th place finishes in a recent tournament. The next tournament, with 14 teams registered, will be hosted in Altamont June 5, 6 & 7th. The American Legion tournament will also be hosted in Altamont the same weekend.

Commissioner Jones motioned to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Purchase or Lease of Property 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, (c), (5). Commissioner Slingerland seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Upon returning to open session, Commissioner Slingerland motioned not to accept a sale price offer for property formerly known as the Altamont Mobile Home Court. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner; Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Mayor Rippetoe stated he would like to increase efforts to enforce weed growth compliance within the City.

Council discussed options for representatives to fill The Alliance board seat.

Considering the fast approaching deadline of the Safe Routes to Schools sidewalk project, Council discussed the possibility of contracting the ADA compliance ramps. Milano & Grunloh will be contacted to research the possibility.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
June 08, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.**

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3. POLICE REPORT
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Approve Purchase of 2013 Chevrolet Impala Squad Car in the Amount of \$18,468.*
 - B. *Approve Resolution 2015-06-05; for Support of Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) regarding intersection of Division & Third and North Second St sidewalks improvements.*
 - C. *Approve Release of DBS Sanitation Performance Bond Requirement.*
 - D. *Discuss Safe Routes to Schools Sidewalk Project Plans.*
 - E.
 - F.
 - G.
 - H. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: June 05, 2015- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
June 08, 2015

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on June 08, 2015, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Bill Jones; and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present –Alvin Oliver; Brenda Evans; Nick Burrus, Milano & Grunloh; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief; Terry Hahn, Wastewater Supr; Jim Corbin; Kenneth Ginn and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioners Todd Slingerland and Richard Frailey were absent.

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

Police Chief, Alan Heiens, presented the May 2015 Police Activity Report.

Council approved the purchase of a new 2013 Chevrolet Impala squad car in the amount of \$18,468.00. Commissioner Jones motioned for approval. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The purchase will replace the current Impala which has 155,000 miles.

Resolution 2015-06-05; for Support of Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) regarding intersection of Division & Third Streets and North Second St sidewalk improvements was approved on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved the release of DBS Sanitation performance bond requirement on a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council discussed the Safe Routes to Schools sidewalk project plans. Milano & Grunloh are assisting in finding a mutual compliance with IDOT requirements of ADA crosswalks. To insure compliances are met, Milano & Grunloh will inspect ADA approaches before concrete is poured. Commissioner Jones stated focusing on the project was difficult for the City workers when they are pulled to other projects. Utilizing weekend and evening labor was discussed. More progress must be accomplished this year to continue receiving funding. Mayor Rippetoe suggested employees from other departments assist with the work load.

Commissioner Williams reported installation of the diamond C scoreboard was completed. An estimate was received for painting of pavilions at Schmidt Park in the amount of \$3,300. Mayor Rippetoe suggested covering pavilion gable ends with vinyl to eliminate repeated maintenance. An estimate will be sought. Mulch will soon be placed in Schmidt Park playground areas.

Commissioner Jones reported ditches were cleaned for draining during the weekend rain. Cory Harris, Street & Alley Supr, spoke with railroad personnel about weed removal along the railroad. The City is restricted to stay 50 feet from the rails without prior railroad approval.

Jim Corbin addressed the Council concerning sewer issues during rains and flooding in his neighborhood. In the last two years, flooding has increased on the corner of his property. Terry Hahn, Wastewater Dept Supr, stated the north wastewater plant, which services Mr. Corbin's area pumped 600,000 gallons during the recent heavy rain. He stated this is an indication that infiltration problems still exist.

Alvin Oliver suggested the ditches behind North Tenth Street be cleaned and mowed to allow water to move more effectively. He presented pictures of standing water at the businesses of Jack Flash parking lot and in front of S&W on Main Street. He suggested these businesses and their customers be supported by fixing with the drainage.

Kenneth Ginn asked the Council about striping a center line on Main Street. He asked if the expansion joint represents the street center can be deceiving. Commissioner Jones commented the streets are scheduled to be striped this year.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
June 22, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.**

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Masonic Lodge; Presentation to Altamont K-9 Unit.*
 - B. *Approve Special Liquor License for Wright Mansion Wine Tasting Event:
September 19, 2015, 10:00 am – 9:00 pm.*
 - C. *Approve Ordinance 571-15; Amending Chapter 35, Tree Code of the
Altamont Municipal Code & Ordinance 554-14.*
 - D. *Approve Street Closing for Van Nationals Cruise, July 11, 2015 at 11:00 am.*
 - E. *Approve Ordinance VA-1424; Front Setback, 108 South Bond.*
 - F. *Approve Pay Request #8 to Haier Plumbing & Heating in the amount of
\$182,435.30 for Improvements to the South Wastewater Treatment Plant.*
 - G. *Approve Ordinance 572-15; Ascertaining Prevailing Wage.*
 - H. *Approve Submission of Grant Request; IMEA Street Lighting Upgrade.*
 - I. *Approve Dawn Burrow as Representative on The Alliance Board.*
 - J. *Discuss Guidelines for Tree Removal & Trimming.*

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

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

M. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: June 19, 2015- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
June 22, 2015

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on June 22, 2015, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present –Roger & Brenda Evans; Nick Burrus, Milano & Grunloh;, Doug Holman, Altamont K-9 Officer; Terry Hahn, Wastewater Supr; Kenneth Ginn; Masonic Lodge members- Kendal Balding, Gene Arnold and Jeff Simpson; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioners Jason Williams and Bill Jones were absent.

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

The Altamont Masonic Lodge members presented a check to Altamont K-9 Officer Doug Holman in recognition of services provided to the community. Officer Holman reported the funds will be used to purchase a sun screen shield for Bullet's cage.

Council members approved a special liquor license for the Wright Mansion Wine Tasting Event. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Frailey seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The event will be held September 19, 2015.

Ordinance 571-15; Amending Chapter 35, Tree Code of the Altamont Municipal Code and Ordinance 554-14 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland. Commissioner Frailey seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Ordinance prohibits topping of any City trees.

Council approved a street closing request for the Van Nationals Cruise to be held July 11, 2015 at 11:00 am. Commissioner Frailey motioned for approval. Commissioner Slingerland seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved Ordinance VA-1424; Front Setback for 108 South Bond on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Setback allows owner, Scott Cutler, to expand a front porch providing safer access to the residence.

Pay Request #8 to Haier Plumbing & Heating in the amount of \$182,435.30 for improvements to the South Wastewater Treatment Plant was approved on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Ordinance 572-15; Ascertain the Prevailing Wage Rate was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved submission of a grant request to Illinois Municipal Electric Agency for street lighting upgrade on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Streets intended for lighting upgrade are Main and Division.

Council approved Dawn Burrow as Representative on The Alliance Board. Commissioner Frailey motioned for approval. Commissioner Slingerland seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council discussed guidelines for tree removal and trimming. Non city trees which infringe in utility line clearance will be trimmed by City employees. However, the remainder of the tree is the responsibility of the property owner. City trees which drape over a residence, shall be trimmed by City employees and shall be fully maintained by City employees.

Nick Burrus, Milano & Grunloh reported on current projects. Safe Routes to Schools –IDOT is obtaining federal regulation clarification concerning ADA ramps; Jackson Street railroad crossing, waiting on Union Pacific approval; Second St resurfacing, waiting for IDOT environmental clearance; and Division & Third intersection, revising grant letters.

Commissioner Slingerland reported he visited the water treatment plant. Kevin Whitten expressed concerns about Filter #3 needing upgraded. The estimated cost is \$50,000. The clarifier also needs maintenance. He asked what steps were needed to establish a “quiet zone” for train whistles. Other communities will be surveyed for similar situations.

Commissioner Frailey reported an Electric Department lineman has accepted employment with another company. Replacement interviews have been conducted.

Mayor Rippetoe reported he met with a consulting firm regarding a grant for solar panels at the wastewater treatment plant. He also met with an economic development group concerning renewal of the enterprise zone, which is a competitive process, establishment of a TIF and business districts.

Council entered into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
July 13, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.**

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3. POLICE REPORT
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Justin Phillips; AFLAC Employee Benefit Program.*
 - B. *Present Appropriation FYE 2016.*
 - C. *Approve Resolution 2015-07-06; Effingham County Fair Parade.*
 - D. *Approve Bids for Annual Street Maintenance.*
Heuerman Bros – haul rock to stockpile \$5,800
Larry Heuerman – Oil & chip streets \$21,503.92
 - E. *Approve Sale of 2005 Chevrolet Impala Squad Car by Sealed Bid.*
 - F. *Approve Request of American Legion Post 512 for Controlled Burn to Conduct Flag Retirement Ceremony July 19th, 5:00 pm, Schmidt Park.*
 - G. *Approve Ordinance VA-1427; Side Yard Setback 301 North Main.*
 - H. *Approve Obtaining Estimates from Consulting Firms to Assist in Establishing New Enterprise Zone and TIFF Districts.*
 - I.
 - J.

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

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

M. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: July 10, 2015- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
July 13, 2015

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on July 13, 2015, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Jason Williams; and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present –Roger & Brenda Evans; Nick Burrus, Milano & Grunloh;, Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief; Jeff Simpson; Alvin Oliver; Justin Phillips, Aflac and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioners Todd Slingerland and Bill Jones were absent.

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

Council approved obtaining estimates from consulting firms to assist in establishing a new enterprise zone and TIFF district. Commissioner Williams motioned for approval. Commissioner Frailey seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Mayor Rippetoe explained combining applications to extend the enterprise zone and establishment of a TIFF district would save in consulting fees. The application process is competitive and lengthy with an estimated cost of \$50,000. Application is due January 1st. Since the inception of the enterprise zone \$14 million in projects have received benefits. Plans have been discussed to extend the enterprise zone beyond City limits.

Police Chief, Alan Heiens, presented the June police activity report.

Justin Phillips of AFLAC requested time with City employees to present various supplemental insurance programs. Personal meetings will be scheduled with employees in the future.

The FYE 2106 appropriation ordinance was announced in the amount of \$6,368,117. A public hearing will be held at 5:45 on July 27th to present the full appropriation.

Resolution 2015-07-06; Effingham County Fair Parade, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved bids for annual street maintenance in the amounts of:

Heuerman Bros – haul rock to stockpile \$5,800

Larry Heuerman – oil & chip streets \$21,503.92

Commissioner Frailey motioned for approval. Commissioner Williams seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved the sale of 2005 Chevrolet Impala Squad Car by sealed bid. Commissioner Williams motioned for approval. Commissioner Frailey seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Frailey, Council approved a request by the American Legion Post 512 for controlled burn to conduct a flag retirement ceremony on July 19th, 5:00 pm at Schmidt Park. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Ordinance VA-1427; Side yard setback at 301 North Main was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The variance provides a setback to allow for placement of a garden shed.

Alvin Oliver inquired about progress of enforcing zoning violations and what the enforcement procedures entail. He mentioned a vacancy still exists on the zoning board.

Commissioner Frailey reported Quenton Wood has been hired in the Electric Department. He offered condolences to Bryan Seidel, Electric Department Supervisor, in the passing of his mother.

Commissioner Williams reported M&J Remodeling are working on the Gilbert Park concession stand. The project has been changed to shingled roofing due to structural issues. Placement of two lights in the parking lot at the north and south bumpers was discussed. A meeting is scheduled for July 24th with Robin Hall, University of Illinois to discuss a park master plan.

Clerk Stephen informed the Council a request has been made for placement of no parking signs along the 200 block of North St Clair. Council will take the matter under consideration.

Council entered into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY OF ALTAMONT
PUBLIC HEARING
July 27, 2015 – 5:45 p.m.
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS**

Present 2016 Appropriation Ordinance

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
July 27, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.**

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Approve Ordinance 573-15; Appropriation Fiscal Year Ending 2016.*
 - B. *Discuss Storm Sewer – Corner of North Edwards & Washington.*
 - C.
 - D. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matters 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, (c) (1).*
 - E. *Action as a Result of Executive Session.*
 - F. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: July 24, 2015- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
July 27, 2015

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on July 27, 2015, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Commissioner Bill Jones; Richard Frailey; Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present –Nick Burrus, Milano & Grunloh;, Alvin Oliver; Kenneth Ginn; Bill Wendling; Charlie Niehaus; Nathan Scholes, Altamont News; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

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

Ordinance 573-15; Appropriation for Fiscal Year Ending 2016 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Bill Wendling thanked the City Council for the efforts to correct the standing water problem in the Frog Pond alley. He mentioned water stands in the ditch along the east side of South Fourth Street. Mr. Wendling commented on the maple trees dying and wondered if there were any treatment options to help preserve them.

Alvin Oliver reminded Council there is still a tree stump to be removed near his residence.

Nick Burrus, Milano & Grunloh, reported on pending street projects: ADA ramps are being formed at Route 40 & Edwards as part of the Safe Route to Schools grant program. Second Street improvements are awaiting IDOT environmental approval. The grant application for Third & Division should be selected in mid August. Jackson Street rail road crossing is delayed by State budget uncertainty.

Charlie Niehaus addressed the Council concerning the disc golf course at Gilbert Park. The nine tee boxes need renovated. They could be boxed and filled with chip/limestone, which would last 3-5 years and create a trip/fall hazard at the box frame or install concrete, which would require approximately one yard of concrete each. It was suggested the Altamont Industrial Arts classroom be approached to install the tee boxes as a group project. Commissioner Williams suggested an intergovernmental agreement be entered into with the City providing the materials. Mr. Niehaus also noted signage at the park entrance would be helpful, informing the public the location of the course.

Council discussed a collapsed storm sewer at North Edwards and Washington. The line is nine foot deep clay sectional tile and continues to have weaknesses in the line. 40-60 feet of line will be replaced. R&H will be performing the repair within the next few weeks.

Commissioner Slingerland reported the American Legion has purchase property at 110 North Main for their new post home. The current ADA ramp is not in good condition. He requested permission to replace a 4x5 sidewalk section and replace the ramp. He asked is it would be possible to move the control cabinet of the south lift station above ground?

Commissioner Frailey reported he attended a meeting with a BHMGM engineer. They determined the electric south substation will support loads for future businesses. A new rate structure and BHMGM retainer contract was discussed. Both will be presented to Council at a future meeting for approval

Commissioner Williams reported work continues of the Gilbert Park concession stand. Mulch has been placed in all parks.

Commissioner Jones reported Safe Routes to Schools sidewalk installation continues.

Commissioner Slingerland reported he has been reviewing other community plans of creating train whistle quiet zones. Considering the many crossing gates within the City he doesn't expect considerable upgrade expenses. He would like to contract a study for the project and will investigate costs for doing so.

Council entered into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Upon returning to open session Council approved a 3% wage increase retroactive to June 1st for full time employees, excluding Derrick Kline and Jacob Logue, who have left employment with the City. Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Jones, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
August 10, 2015 - 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. *Sargeant Cotton & Officer Holman Awards Recognition.*
 - B. *Resolution 2015-08-07 Authorizing Execution of Agreement Between Bean Development Regarding Nuisance Abatement. (North Third & West Jackson Streets)*
 - C. *Approve Agreement with BHMG to Perform an Electric Cost of Service Study and Rate Design in the Amount of \$16,450.00*
 - D. *Approve Agreement with BHMG for Recertification of the Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plans According to Federal Regulations in the Amount of \$5,500.*
 - E. *Approve Agreement with BHMG for General Retainer Services in the Amount of \$1,250 per Month.*
 - F. *Discuss Electric Rate Increase.*
 - G. *Discuss Open Burning Regulations.*
 - H. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: August 07, 2015- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
August 10, 2015

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on August 10, 2015, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present –Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief; Roger & Brenda Evans; Nathan Scholes, Altamont News; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

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

Council shared a moment of silence in memory of Commissioner Charles W. “Bill” Jones.

Police Chief Heiens presented the July 2015 Police Activity Report.

Nathan Scholes addressed the Council concerning a large number of cats in the neighborhood. Council will contact the homeowner.

Mr. Patel asked the Council if it would be possible to obtain a liquor license for the location of 1011 South Main Street. Council will research the liquor license provisions.

Resolution 2015-08-07 Authorizing Execution of Agreement Between Bean Development Regarding Nuisance Abatement was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Commissioner Slingerland motioned to reject the bid from BHMG to perform an electric cost of service study and rate design for the amount of \$16,450.00. Commissioner Williams seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Commissioner Frailey stated he did not feel it was necessary to spend such an amount.

An Agreement with BHMG for Recertification of the Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plans According to Federal Regulations in the Amount of \$5,500 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

An Agreement with BHMG for General Retainer Services in the Amount of \$1,250 per Month was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes;

Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The retainer services include current reporting costs, two on site visits and phone calls during the fiscal year.

Council discussed the probability of an electric rate increase. It has been eight years since the last electric rate increase. 2% - 3% rate increases for each of the next three years were discussed. Mayor Rippetoe commented that changing regulations will be forcing IMEA to increase the cost of purchasing electricity.

Council discussed the current open burning regulations. Commissioner Frailey stated he had no problem with burning within reason. Commissioner Williams suggested issuing burning permits. Mayor Rippetoe stated the waterways have become overgrown, preventing water flow during heavy rains. He would like to see burning allowed in those areas. Council considered designating, by ordinance, waterways that can be burned.

Commissioner Frailey reported the Electric Department assisted the Effingham County Fair during the recent loss of a transformer. He met with Roger Larkin of AIEC regarding lineman training program. The cost is approximately \$19,000 per year, per person. More information will be obtained for presentation and approval at the next Council meeting.

Commissioner Williams reported three individuals were found responsible for damages to Klitzing Park. As a consequence, those involved served community service cleanup duties.

Mayor Rippetoe reported he met with Keith Moran of Moran Economic Development regarding the establishment of a TIFF and business district. Each district could provide incentives for new and improving businesses within the districts. A proposal will be presented for approval at the next regular meeting.

Council discussed filling the vacancy of Commissioner Jones. Council requested that interested parties submit a short autobiography and a statement of why they would like to serve the citizens of Altamont. Submission deadline is close of business August 24th.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
August 24, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.**

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Dallas Kendall & Roy Long – Weed Growth along Railroad Ditch.*
 - B. *Approve Knights of Columbus Roadside Fundraiser Tootsie Roll Drive September 18, 2015.*
 - C. *Approve Appointment of Kenneth Ginn to the Zoning Board.*
 - D. *Approve Agreement for 2016 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.*
 - E. *Approve Agreement with Moran Economic Development for Professional Services Establishing a Tax Increment Financing Area (TIF) in the Amount of \$24,900.*
 - F. *Approve Agreement with Moran Economic Development for Technical Services and Assistance Establishing Business District #1 in the Amount of \$7,500.*
 - G. *Approve Training Program Participation for Electric Department Employees.*
 - H. *Declare Net Capability of Electric Generation Facility for IMEA.*
 - I. *Discuss Electric Rate Increase.*

J. *Executive Session for the Purposes of
Consider Appointment to Fill Council Vacancy 5 ILCS 120,
Section 2, (c)(3);
Probable Litigation 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, (c) (11); and
Discussing Personnel Matters 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, (c) (1);*

K. *Approve Appointment to Fill Council Vacancy.*

L. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: August 21, 2015- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
August 24, 2015

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on August 24, 2015, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present –Roger & Brenda Evans; Terry Hahn, Sewer Dept Supervisor; Nick Burris, Milano & Grunloh; Alvin Oliver; Dallas & Jennie Kendall; Roy Long; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. One Commissioner seat remains vacant.

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

Dallas Kendall expressed his concerns about flooding on West Jefferson Street. He requested the Council investigate creating a waterway under the railroad. Roy Long provided pictures of flooding since 2004. He suggested the Tenth Street ditch be cleaned. He stated there are five houses effected by the flooding. Mayor Rippetoe stated the City employees attempted to mow the ditch, but did the City does not have the proper equipment.

Alvin Oliver conveyed that Union Cemetery has poison ivy on trees and tree sprouts growing by grave stones. Commissioner Williams stated the sprouts could be removed during spring/fall cleanup.

A Knights of Columbus roadside fundraiser Tootsie Roll Drive, September 18, 2015 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved the appointment of Kenneth Ginn to the Zoning Board. Motion was made by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved participation in the 2016 Agreement for Low Income Energy Assistance Program on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved an agreement with Moran Economic Development for Technical Services and Assistance Establishing a Tax Increment Financing Area (TIF) in the amount of \$24,900. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Williams. Seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved an agreement with Moran Economic Development Technical Services and Assistance Establishing Business District #1 in the amount of \$7500. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Businesses within the business district #1 will collect an additional 1% sales tax, which can be used for improvements to the area or rebate incentives.

Council approved Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives as the training program for Electric Department employees. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The City will invest approximately \$19,770 per employee completing the four year lineman's apprenticeship program.

Council declared net capacity credit of electric generation facility for IMEA. Approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council discussed an electric rate increase. Commissioner Frailey reported IMEA is planning a 3% increase which will be .005 cents per kw increase. Mayor Rippetoe suggested a 2% increase in three consecutive years. He stated smaller increments would be easier for the customers.

Commissioner Slingerland reported the contracted completion date of the south wastewater treatment plant project is September 15, 2015. He would not recommend signing off on the project as completed. It was suggested that a representative of Curry & Associates present a status report at a future council meeting.

Commissioner Frailey reported the new pole yard at the generation plant is complete.

Commissioner Williams reported he met with Robin Hall of University of Illinois to discuss plans for the City parks. The emerald ash borer has stricken trees in Schmidt Park, resulting in the removal of several ash trees. There are 189 ash trees citywide. The Klitzing Park tennis court is being removed. The Gilbert Park concession stand improvements are complete.

Council moved into Executive Session for the Purposes of Considering Appointment to Fill Council Vacancy 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, (c)(3); Probable Litigation 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, (c)(11); and Discussing Personnel Matters 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, (c)(1). Commissioner Frailey moved to enter into Executive Session. Commissioner Williams seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Upon returning to Open Session Commissioner Frailey motioned to appoint Nathan Scholes to fill the Council vacancy of Charles W. "Bill" Jones. Commissioner Williams seconded.

Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
September 14, 2015 - 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. *CliftonLarsonAllen – 2015 Audit Presentation.*
 - B. *Nick Burrus, Milano & Grunloh – Project Update.*
 - C. *Approve Appointment of Luella Christensen to the Altamont Library Board.*
 - D. *Alvin Oliver – Open Burning Regulations.*
 - E. *Approve Backpack Program 5K Color Run Fundraiser, October 24, 2015.*
 - F. *Approve Heartland Baptist Church Roadside Fundraiser Request, September 18, 2015.*
 - G. *Approve Ordinance VA-1431; Front Setback, 207 E Washington Ave.*
 - H. *Approve Haier Plumbing & Heating Pay Request #9 in the Amount of \$247,737.42.*
 - I. *Discuss Right of Way Mowing.*

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

K.

L. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: August 11, 2015- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
September 14, 2015

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on September 14, 2015, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present –Alvin Oliver; Terry Hahn, Sewer Dept Supervisor; Police Chief, Alan Heiens; Nick Burrus, Milano & Grunloh; Ken Guinn; Mr. & Mrs. Gene Karnes Dallas & Jennie Kendall; Roy Long; Auditors Hope Wheeler & Sandy Perry and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Scholes was absent.

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

Chief Alan Heiens presented the August 2015 Police Activity Report. He announced that in May Officer Holman and Officer Collins were honored by the Illinois State Police in appreciation for exemplary service during response to an accident.

Hope Wheeler, auditor of CliftonLarsonAllen presented an overview of the 2015 audit. No discrepancies were noted.

Nick Burrus of Milano & Grunloh Engineers reported project updates: Jackson Street Railroad crossing – delayed by State budget; grant application for Third & Division – was denied; Second Street resurfacing – have all clearances, possibly bid early 2016 and perform project early spring 2016; Safe Routes to Schools sidewalks – progressing into East Meadows, July 30, 2016 deadline, if City stops progress they will be in compliance and grant funds previously received will be forfeited.

Council approved the appointment of Louella Christensen to the Altamont Library Board. Commissioner Frailey motioned for approval. Commissioner Williams seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Alvin Oliver expressed his concerns about recent Council discussion to lift the burning ban. He felt it is a health and safety issue. He requested the Council leave the burning ordinance in its current form.

Council approved Backpack program 5K Color Run Fundraiser Request on October 24, 2015. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Williams seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved a Roadside Fundraiser Request from Heartland Baptist Church on September 26, 2015 benefiting youth activities. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Frailey seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Ordinance VA-1431; Front Setback at 207 East Washington Avenue was approved on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Setback allows for 8x24 covered porch.

Commissioner Slingerland motioned not to pay Haier Plumbing & Heating pay request #9 in the amount of \$247,737.42. Commissioner Williams seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Commissioner Slingerland stated road work was not complete as billed and there are issues with sludge removal process.

Mayor Rippetoe stated there are several areas in the City which cannot be mowed with City equipment. A tractor and articulating mower can be rented for \$3000 per week. Commissioner Frailey suggested contacting Mound Township for assistance. Commissioner Slingerland will attend the township meeting to discuss mutual aid.

Roy Long asked about progress concerning correcting the flooding issue on West Jefferson Street. Mayor Rippetoe explained the railroad requires an engineer drawing and \$2000 to review plans. Milano & Grunloh will be providing a cost estimate.

Commissioner Slingerland reported Filter #3 at the Water plant is awaiting State permit. The north wastewater treatment facility needs a pump replacement. The estimated cost is \$8,000-\$10,000 including installation. The current pump is not in working order. The Sewer Department needs to replace the M&W mower. Council will possibly bid the purchase.

Commissioner Frailey reported David Lorton has been hired in the Electric Department. Truck 5 needs repair of seals and cylinder. Mayor Rippetoe suggested contacting Feller's for repair.

Commissioner Williams reported the Gilbert Park Concession stand is finished. An Eagle Scout project is being planned for the National Road kiosk area.

Council moved into Executive Session for the Purposes of Discussing Personnel Matters 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, (c) (1). Commissioner Slingerland moved to enter into Executive Session. Commissioner Frailey seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Upon returning to Open Session Commissioner Frailey motioned to approve the use of a training agreement. Commissioner Williams seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The agreement commits an employee to three years employment with the City of Altamont to avoid repayment of training costs.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
September 28, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.**

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Tom Denton – Future Halloween Parade Plans.*
 - B. *Approve Masonic Lodge Halloween Parade October 31, 2015 at 1:00 pm*
 - C. *Jon Becker – Open Burning Regulations.*
 - D. *Approve Resolution 2015-09-08; Inducement Resolution in Reference to Establishment of Tax Increment Financing District (TIF).*
 - E. *Approve Resolution 2015-09-09; Feasibility Resolution in Reference to Establishment of Tax Increment Financing District (TIF).*
 - F. *Approve Ordinance 574-15; Establishing TIF Interested Parties Registry & Rules.*
 - G. *Presentation of Feasibility/Eligibility Study TIF & Business District by Moran Economic Development.*
 - H. *Approve Placing Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Feasibility Study on File.*
 - I. *Approve Proceeding with Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Plan.*

- J. *Approve Resolution 2015-09-10; Authorizing Sale of Surplus Real Estate (306 North Ninth Street)*
- K. *Approve Haier Plumbing & Heating Pay Request #9 in the Amount of \$247,737.42.*
- L. *Approve Contract Extension Request of Haier Plumbing & Heating to November 15, 2015 for South Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements.*
- M. *Approve Upgrade of Meter Reading Devices, Installation & Support, Not to Exceed \$20,000.*
- N. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: September 25, 2015- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
September 28, 2015

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on September 28, 2015, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Nathan Scholes; and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present –Alvin Oliver; Terry Hahn, Sewer Dept Supervisor; Nick Burrus, Milano & Grunloh; Ken Guinn; Dallas & Jennie Kendall; April Zacha; Susan Kaufman; Henry Verdeyen; Jon Becker; Tom Denton; Keith Moran; Gale Warner and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

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

Tom Denton addressed the Council concerning future plans for the Masonic Lodge sponsored Halloween parade. Organizers are working to increase band participation. He requested the City Council to consider monetary support, which would be used to either pay the bands to participate or offer cash competition awards.

On a motion by Commissioner Slingerland the Council approved the Masonic Lodge request to conduct a Halloween Parade, October 31, 2015 at 1:00 pm. Commissioner Scholes seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Keith Moran, Moran Economic Development presented information regarding the proposed Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District and Business District.

Resolution 2015-09-08; Inducement Resolution in Reference to Establishment of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District was approved on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Scholes. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The Resolution provides for expending funds from the general fund to develop the TIF District and recovering funds from the first TIF revenue proceeds.

Resolution 2015-09-09; Feasibility Resolution in Reference to Establishment of Tax Increment Financing District (TIF) was approved on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Scholes. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Ordinance 574-15; Establishing TIF Interested Parties Registry and Rules was approved on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted

as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Keith Moran presented the feasibility/eligibility study for the TIF District and Business District. He explained the completion target date is December 31, 2015. Funds received into the TIF District can be used for infrastructure improvements, a façade program and other chosen improvements within the district.

Council approved placing the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Feasibility Study on File. Commissioner Scholes motioned for approval. Commissioner Slingerland seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved proceeding with the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Plan on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Scholes. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Jon Becker addressed the Council concerning changes to the open burning regulations. He stated he was opposed to open burning, but understood the need for prescribed burning. He indicated the Altamont Fire Department would like to be involved in any prescribed burning.

Council approved Resolution 2015-09-10; Authorizing Sale of Surplus Real Estate (306 North Ninth Street). Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Frailey seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Pay Request #9 to Haier Plumbing and Heating in the Amount of \$247,737.42 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Haier Plumbing & Heating requested a contract extension to November 15, 2015 for South Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements. Commissioner Slingerland motioned to not approve the extension. Commissioner Scholes seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved an upgrade to meter reading devices, installation and support not to exceed \$20,000. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Frailey seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Dallas Kendall asked the Council for a progress report of the Jefferson Street flooding issue. Mayor Rippetoe stated a tractor and mower rental had been found. All options to have the waterway mowed are being explored.

Kenneth Ginn asked if the sidewalk grant would soon be completed. Nick Burrus commented Maureen Kastle of IDOT will seek a solution to continuing the project with contract labor or ending the project work as of December 31, 2015 without forfeiting previously received grant funds. However, she encouraged continuing the work.

Alvin Oliver suggested when mobile home parks change ownership that rules be forced upon the new owners. He congratulated Commissioner Williams on the Union Cemetery improvements. He informed the Council of a classified ad regarding a business searching for a 3000 SF building.

Commissioner Slingerland reported the north wastewater treatment plant needs a replacement pump. The estimated cost and installation is \$9,500. A quote will be presented at the next meeting for Council vote. The last cell of the south wastewater treatment plant is almost full, installation of solar covers can follow.

Commissioner Frailey reported Ash trees infected with the Emerald Ash Borer have been removed from Schmidt Park.

Commissioner Williams reported he has spoken with University of Illinois seeking information on an ash tree treatment. New signs are being made for Klitzing/Heritage Park. Diamond A in Gilbert Park has only 50% lighting. He would like to have the lights checked during the winter.

Mayor Rippetoe reported sidewalks on the Safe Routes to Schools project have been poured to Whitler Lane. A new sinkhole has developed as a result of a break in the 11 feet deep storm sewer. A repair solution is needed for the storm sewer area which has repeated faults.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
October 12, 2015 - 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. *Announce Change of Designation of Commissioners Departments.*
 - B. *Jim Rossel, Haier Plumbing & Heating, Contract Extension Request for South Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements.*
 - C. *Approve Contract Extension Request of Haier Plumbing & Heating to November 15, 2015 for South Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements.*
 - D. *Presentation of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Plan by Moran Economic Development.*
 - E. *Approve Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Plan.*
 - F. *Approve Mailing Tax Increment Financing (TIF) plan and Feasibility Study to all Affected Taxing Districts.*
 - G. *Approve Ordinance 575-15; Establishing Date For a Public Hearing For the City of Altamont Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and Project.*
 - H. *Presentation of Blight Analysis and Business Development District Plan by Moran Economic Development.*
 - I. *Approves Resolution 2015-10-11; Authorizing Public Hearing Date for City Council Consideration of the Business District Redevelopment Plan..*

- J. *Approve Purchase of North Wastewater Treatment Plant Replacement Pump in the Amount of \$9433.00 from Vandevanter Engineering.*
- K. *Approve Bid Advertising for Replacement Mower.*
- L. *Approve Altamont Christian Church Street Closing Request to Conduct Trunk or Treat on October 31, 2015 6:00 – 8:00 pm*
- M. *Nancy Huels; Measures to Control Feline Population.*
- N. *Altamont Liquor License Proprietors.*
- O. *Approve Proposal of Roger Clark Welding for Installation of Water Department Filter #3 Stainless Trough in the Amount of \$23,900.*
- P. *Approve Pay Request #10, Haier Plumbing & Heating for South Wastewater Plant Improvements in the Amount of \$270,910.74.*
- Q. *Approve Roadside Fundraiser for Lion's Club Candy Day, October 16, 2015.*
- R. *Executive Session for the Purposes of Legal Matters 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11) and Personnel Matters 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, (c) (1)..*
- S. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: October 09, 2015- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
October 12, 2015

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on October 12, 2015, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Nathan Scholes; and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present – Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

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

Police Chief Alan Heiens presented the September 2015 police activity report.

Travis Voelker spoke on behalf of liquor license proprietors in and surrounding the City of Altamont. He expressed concerns regarding a police officer stopping their patrons solely by vehicle recognition for possible DUI fines. They are now filing a formal complaint against the officer. Other present reported experiences of their patrons and stated it is hurting their business. Mayor Rippetoe stated the employee matters are discussed by the Council in closed session.

Mayor Rippetoe announced Commissioner Nathan Scholes will be preside over Parks & Cemetery and Commissioner Jason Williams has been reassigned to Street & Alley Department.

Jim Rossel, Haier Plumbing & Heating, spoke to the Council requesting a forty eight day extension to the wastewater improvement project. He stated delays beyond his control included wet weather conditions and delayed delivery of the solar covers.

Commissioner Slingerland motioned to table Contract Extension Request of Haier Plumbing & Heating to November 15, 2015 for South Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Nancy Huels addressed the Council with recommendations to control feral-nuisance cats within the City of Altamont. She stated trapping and removing all cats from an area is not a solution. Cats should however, be trapped, neutered or spade, and returned to the area. She suggested the City hire a professional trapper. She will provide the necessary veterinary services free of charge. Written procedures for the City to adopt will be researched for future presentation.

Keith Moran, Moran Economic Development, presented the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Plan. 275 parcels are included in the area consisting primarily of commercial property.

Council approved the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Plan on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Scholes. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved mailing Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Plan and Feasibility Study to all affected taxing bodies. Commissioner Scholes motioned for approval. Commissioner Williams seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Ordinance 575-15; Establishing a Date for a Public Hearing for the City of Altamont Tax Increment Financing Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and Project was approved on a motion by Commissioner Scholes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Keith Moran, Moran Economic Development, presented a blight analysis and business development district plan. He explained the current business district only includes two parcels of land for an interested developer. Funds raised could be rebated to the developer and can fund new construction.

Resolution 2015-10-11; Authorizing Public Hearing Date for City Council Consideration of the Business District Redevelopment Plan was approved on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Scholes. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. (Attachment 2)

Purchase of a replacement pump for the north wastewater treatment plant in the amount of \$9,433.00 from Vandevanter Engineering was approved on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland. Commissioner Frailey seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Commissioner Slingerland approved bid advertising for a replacement mower. Commissioner Frailey seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

A proposal from Roger Clark Welding for Installation of Water Department Filter #3 Stainless Trough in the amount of \$23,900 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland. Motion seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Pay Request #10, Haier Plumbing and Heating for South Wastewater Plant Improvements in the amount of \$270,910.74 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland. Motion

seconded by Commissioner Scholes. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Roadside Fundraiser request for Lion's Club Candy Day, October 16, 2015, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Scholes. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

A street closing request by the Altamont Christian Church to conduct a Trunk or Treat, October 31, 2015 from 6:00-8:00 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Second Street from Main to Washington will be closed during requested hours.

Alvin Oliver reminded the Council he has a tree stump needing removed. He would like to plant a new tree. He asked for a comparison of TIF district versus enterprise zone.

Gale Warner questioned a rumor concerning the City bidding equipment/auto repairs. He expressed concern of business and tax payer monies going out of town.

Commissioner Slingerland reported the transducer at the water tower has failed. The approximate replacement cost is \$3,000.

Commissioner Frailey reported Electric Department employees are attending training.

Commissioner Williams reported some ditches have been cleared.

Commissioner Scholes had nothing to report at this time.

Commissioner Slingerland motioned to enter into Executive Session for the Purposes of Legal Matters 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11) and Personnel Matters 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, (c)(1). Motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
October 26, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.**

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Approve Ordinance SP-1432; 310 North Tenth St, Construction of two Duplexes*
 - B. *Approve Ordinance VA-1432; 310 North Tenth St, Rear Yard Setback.*
 - C. *Approve Walk/Run Request November 28, 2015 at 9:00 am Benefiting a Mission Trip of Reach Global Crisis Response.*
 - D. *Approve Roadside Fundraiser Request; Marine Corps League M & M Day, November 6, 2015.*
 - E.
 - F. *Executive Session for the Purposes of Legal Matters 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11)*
 - G.
 - H. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: October 23, 2015- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
October 26, 2015

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on October 26, 2015, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Nathan Scholes; and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present – Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

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

Ordinance SP-1432; regarding 310 North Tenth Street, Construction of Two Duplexes was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Scholes. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Ordinance VA-1432; 310 North Tenth Street, Rear Yard Setback was approved on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The variance allows for rear yard setback to be modified from 25 feet to 12 feet on the west property line.

Council approved a Walk/Run Request for November 28, 2105 at 9:00 am Benefiting a Mission Trip of Reach Global Crisis Response. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved a Roadside Rundraiser Request for Marine Corps League M & M Day on November 6, 2015. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Williams seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Nick Burrus of Milano & Grunloh reported IDOT has stated the City must attempt to finish the Safe Routes to Schools sidewalk project. Extensions will be awarded by IDOT at the end of the current project deadline.

Commissioner Slingerland reported the south wastewater treatment plant project needs cleanup, the road has a middle crown, the previous lagoon area has drainage concerns.

Commissioner Frailey reported the electric line from the south substation to Grant Street is cleaned out and the line will be retired.

Commissioner Williams reported ditch cleaning has been done along the railroad from Tenth Street to Jefferson. A Union Pacific track manager has verbally agreed to clean along the tracks from Main Street to East Meadows.

Commissioner Scholes reported he had a meeting with Nancy Huels concerning Alley Cat Allies to assist in creating an ordinance and procedures to control the feline population.

Clerk Stephen informed the Council several complaints have been received regarding the demolition of a house on West Madison. Work has stopped, leaving debris and an unsafe structure. Council suggested a fence be placed around the complete structure and that demolition be completed soon.

Council entered into Executive Session for the Purpose of Legal Matters 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11). Motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

Commissioner Slingerland asked if the need still existed for Township mutual aid to mow drainage areas. Mayor Rippetoe stated there are still areas that need attention.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
November 09, 2015 - 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. *Open Bids for Sale of 2005 Chevy Impala.*
 - B. *Approve Accepting Bid for Sale of 2005 Chevy Impala.*
 - C. *Approve Payment of Balance of Pay Request #10 to Haier Plumbing & Heating for Improvements to South Wastewater Treatment Plant in the Amount of \$52,970.86.*
 - D. *Approve Contract Extension Request of Haier Plumbing & Heating to November 15, 2015 for South Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements.*
 - E. *Award Bid to Korte Luitjohan in the Amount of \$49,100 for Water Department Filter #3 Underdrain and Media Replacement.*
 - F. *Approve Resolution 2015-11-11; Urging Illinois State Leaders to Release Non-General Fund Revenues Payable to Local Governments.*
 - G. *Approve Ordinance 576-15; Authorizing Execution of the IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement.*

H. *Approve Payoff of Loan to First Baptist Church in the Amount of \$19,313.48.*

I. *Approve Resolution 2015-11-12; Replat of Lots A & B, Carriage Inn Subdivision, First Addition. (Ramz Properties)*

J. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: November 06, 2015- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
November 09, 2015

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on November 09, 2015, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Nathan Scholes; and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present – Ken Ginn; LeRoy Tucker; Dallas & Jennie Kendall; Roy Long; Dallas Fairley; David Miller and Boy Scout Troop 140; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief; Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Jason Williams was absent.

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

In honor of Veterans Day and the attendance of Boy Scout Troop 140, those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Altamont Police Chief, Alan Heiens, presented the October 2015 Police Activity Report.

Dallas Fairley addressed the Council regarding replacement of the sidewalk to include handicap accessibility along Main Street in front of the American Legion Post. He indicated the Post is willing to do their part of the replacement. Commissioner Slingerland stated 16 feet of sidewalk needs replaced. It was indicated the customary cooperative effort is for the City employees to install the sidewalk and the property owner pay for the concrete. Mayor Rippetoe explained the two issues are time and approaching cool weather. Dallas Fairley stated there is no time pressure. Mayor Rippetoe agreed to honoring the customary agreement if the Post would purchase the concrete.

David Miller discussed an Eagle Scout project of enhancements to the National Road kiosk. The possibility of a cover and paved approach were mentioned. He requested financial assistance for materials needed. An improvement plan will be presented at a later date.

Roy Long asked for a progress report of the drainage solution from Tenth to Jefferson along the railroad tracks. Mayor Rippetoe stated some ditch cleaning had been done, but more is planned. No progress with the railroad for an additional culvert has been made. However, a railroad employee has agreed the ditch needs cleaned out.

Bids for the sale of the 2005 Chevy Impala were opened. Bids received: Cody Hartke \$520.00; Gary Purcell \$501.13; and Terry Hahn \$200.00. Council approved acceptance of the high bid of \$520.00 on a motion by Commissioner Scholes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved payment of the balance of pay request #10 to Haier Plumbing & Heating in the amount of \$52,970.86. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Scholes seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved a contract extension request of Haier Plumbing & Heating to November 15, 2015 for improvements to the south wastewater treatment plant. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Scholes. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, no; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

A bid was awarded to Korte Luitjohan in the amount of \$49,100 for water department filter #3 underdrain and media replacement. Motion to approve by Commissioner Slingerland. Seconded by Commissioner Scholes. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Resolution 2015-11-11; Urging Illinois State Leaders to Release Non-General Fund Revenues Payable to Local Governments was approved on a motion by Commissioner Scholes. Seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Ordinance 576-15; Authorizing Execution of the IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement was approved on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland. Seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The annual premium for insurance coverage under the min/max plan is \$145,880.00.

The payoff of First Baptist Church loan to in the amount of \$19,313.48 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Scholes. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The loan purchases acreage for use by the Sewer Department.

Resolution 2015-11-12; Replat of Lots A & B, Carriage Lane Subdivision, First Addition (Ramz Properties) was approved on a motion by Commissioner Scholes. Seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Commissioner Slingerland reported a walk thru at the south wastewater treatment plant was conducted. Discrepancies of the project were pointed out and a punch list of items was discussed. Filter #3 at the water plant has been taken out of service and is ready for rebuilding. Filter #1 and the clarifier may need repairs next year.

Commissioner Frailey reported Colton Woolsey has been hired in the Electric Department. Plans for IMEA to instruct OSHA annual training are being considered. An abandoned line to Route 40 is being removed. Commissioner Frailey asked if quotes should be sought for a pole saw. Mayor Rippetoe suggested using the current saw as a test of equipment to be utilized.

Commissioner Scholes reported building of Ho Ho Land at Schmidt Park has begun. There are several new displays this year.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
November 23, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.**

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Announce Estimated Tax Levy FYE 2016.*
 - B. *Approve 2016 Holiday Schedule.*
 - C. *Approve Resolution 2015-11-13; Establishing Meetings for 2016.*
 - D. *Approve VA-1433; 1206 South Main Street, Sign Regulation.*
 - E. *Approve Ordinance VA-1434; 4 West Carriage Lane, Side Lot Setback.*
 - F.
 - G.
 - H. *Executive Session for the Purposes of Discussing Personnel Matters 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, (c) (1).*
 - I.
 - J. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: November 20, 2015- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
November 23, 2015

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on November 23, 2015, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Nathan Scholes; and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present – Nick Burrus, Milano & Grunloh; Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

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

Mayor Rippetoe announced the 2016 estimated tax levy of \$424,498, an abatement of \$232,498 and final levy of \$192,000, resulting in a 4.58% increase.

The 2016 holiday schedule was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Scholes. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. No additional holidays were included.

Resolution 2015-11-13 Establishing Meetings for 2016 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Scholes and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Meetings remain at 6:00 on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

Ordinance VA-1433; 1206 South Main Street, Sign Regulation was approved on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Scholes. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The variance provides an increase of sign height from 20 feet to 31 feet.

Ordinance VA-1434; 4 West Carriage Lane, Side Lot Setback was approved on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Variance provides the west lot line setback to be modified from 20 feet to 10 feet.

Commissioner Slingerland had nothing to report.

Commissioner Frailey requested an employee cell phone policy be explored. He felt such a policy would be a safety precaution on the job site.

Commissioner Williams reported he has been searching for a solution to the issue of the soft shoulder along Rt 128 near Wurl Lane. The Illinois Department of Transportation will not be repairing the shoulder, due to a historical agreement. It is however, the City of Altamont responsibility. A construction repair would require concrete installation. A maintenance repair would involve removing existing surface and replacing with patch mix. The later would cost \$2000-\$3000. Utilizing the County's durapatcher would reinforce a maintenance repair.

Commissioner Scholes reported a request has been received to repair the grape arbor in Nori's Yard (Frog Pond Park). He felt this would be a good group project for Scouts or 4-H. He discussed The Alliance group and future visions for Altamont.

Mayor Rippetoe reported Kenny Schumacher has offered to maintain the north & south waterway between North Tenth Street and the farm field. He will need help from the City to clear alleyway approaches.

Commissioner Scholes motioned to entered into Executive Session for the Purposes of Discussing Personnel Matters 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, (c) (1). Commissioner Slingerland seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
December 14, 2015 - 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 577-15; FYE 2016 Tax Levy.*
 - B. *Approve Ordinance 578-15; Abating Water Bond 2015 Tax Levy.*
 - C. *Approve Ordinance 579-15; Abating Electric Bond 2015 Tax Levy.*
 - D. *Approve Agreement with Korte & Luitjohan Contractors – Water Department Filter #3.*
 - E. *Approve Memorandum of Agreement between City of Altamont and Effingham Regional Incubator Network.*
 - F. *Approve IEPA Loan Agreement for South Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements, in the Amount of \$3,925,317.64 at the Rate of 1.9950% for the term of 20 years*
 - G. *Discuss Employee Cell Phone Use Policy.*

H. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Purchase or Lease of Property 5 ILCS 120, Section 2 (c) (5) and Possible Litigation 5 ILCS 120, 2 (c) (11).*

I.

J. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: December 11, 2015- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
December 14, 2015

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on December 14, 2015, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Nathan Scholes; and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present – Nick Burrus, Milano & Grunloh; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief; Dave Frederking; Alvin Oliver; Ken Ginn; Alvin & Deb Schultz; Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

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

Altamont Police Chief Alan Heiens presented the November 2015 Police Activity Report.

Ordinance 577-15; Levying Taxes for Fiscal Year Ending 2016 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Scholes and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The total levy amount is \$424,498 or \$192,000 after abatements.

Ordinance 578-15; Abating Water Bond 2015 Tax Levy was approved on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Ordinance 579-15; Abating Electric Bond 2015 Tax Levy was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Scholes. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved Agreement with Korte & Luitjohan Contractors – Water Department Filter #3. Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Altamont and Effingham Regional Incubator Network. Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Scholes. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Memorandum provides that \$25.00 of monthly rental payments will be paid to Effingham Regional Incubator Network.

Council approved an IEPA Loan Agreement for the South Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements in the Amount of \$3,925,317.64 at the Rate of 1.9950% for 20 years. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Williams seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council reviewed a draft of an employee cell phone use policy. No changes were suggested. A final draft will be presented at a later date for approval.

Mr. Ginn complimented the City on the new LED street lights along Main Street.

Commissioner Slingerland reported that of the 3.9 million dollar loan more than ½ million was paid to Curry & Associates Engineers. He recommended searching for new engineers and encouraged Council members to review the packets provided by other firms. He also recommended bids or quotes be submitted for the various annual inspections. All the stainless steel has been installed in Filter #3 the project should be completed by mid-January. He met with Mound Township and they do not have an extension mower.

Commissioner Frailey reported the Electric Department has been working on replacing existing street lighting with energy saving LED lights. He attended a meeting with Kevin Gaden of IMEA. The energy cost adjustment was one topic discussed. He asked if a stump grinder had been located.

Commissioner Williams reported leaf pickup is complete. The Street & Alley shop furnace was replaced with a used unit.

Commissioner Scholes reported Ho Ho Land is on display. The FFA & Boy Scouts plan to repair the arbor in Nori's Yard.

Commissioner Williams motioned to entered into Executive Session for the Purposes of Discussing Purchase or Lease of Property 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, (c) (5). Commissioner Slingerland seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Scholes. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Commissioner Williams was not present at this time.

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
December 28, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.**

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Approve Ordinance 580-15; Establishing a Business District, Approving Business District Plan, Authorizing Imposition and Collection of Sales Tax Within Such District and Approve Certain Actions in Connection With Establishment of Business District.*
 - B. *Approve Ordinance 581-15; Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and Redevelopment Project.*
 - C. *Approve Ordinance 582-15; Designating the Altamont Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area.*
 - D. *Approve Ordinance 583-15; Adopting Tax Increment Financing.*
 - E. *Approve 2016 Employee Assistance Program.*
 - F. *Approve Ordinance SP-1436; Special Use, 10 West John Adams.*
 - G. *Approve Payment to Roger Clark Welding in the Amount of \$23,900 for Installation of Stainless Steel Tank, Water Department Filter #3.*
 - H. *Approve Property Lease Commitment Regarding Altamont Dairy Bar.*
 - I.
 - J. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: December 23, 2015- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
December 28, 2015

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on December 28, 2015, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Nathan Scholes; and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present – Nick Burrus, Milano & Grunloh; Dave Frederking; Alvin Oliver; Matt Dammerman; April Luchtefeld; Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

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

Ordinance 580-15; Establishing a Business District, Approving Business District Plan, Authorizing Imposition and Collection of Sales Tax Within Such District and Approve Certain Actions in Connection With Establishment of Business District was approved on a motion by Commissioner Scholes and seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Ordinance 581-15; Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and Redevelopment Project was approved on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Scholes. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Ordinance 582-15; Designating the Altamont Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area was approved on a motion by Commissioner Scholes and seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Ordinance 583-15; Adopting Tax Increment Financing was approved on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved the 2016 Employee Assistance Program. Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Ordinance SP-1436; Special Use for 10 West John Adams was approved on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. April Luchtefeld, property owner, plans to operate a message therapy home occupation.

Council approved payment to Roger Clark Welding in the amount of \$23,900 for installation of stainless steel tank in filter #3 at the water treatment plant. Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Scholes. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council discussed a property lease commitment for the current Dairy Bar location. Commissioner Slingerland questioned the annual lease amount, which provides an option for an increase in the lease fee at each five year lease option. Commissioner Frailey questioned the term of a 40 year lease. Matt Dammerman, realtor representing the transaction, explained SBC loans require leased property have an agreement twice the loan term to allow for future loan extensions. Commissioner Williams motioned for approval of the Property Lease Commitment. Commissioner Frailey seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Commissioner Slingerland reported the water reservoir dam drain valve has been opened to release the full 12” capacity and 16” of water is flowing over the top of the dam. Filter #3 is being back flushed in preparation to be placed back on line. It is recommended that filter #1 be placed in the budget and plans for rebuilding the fall of 2016. He will be meeting with an engineering firm to discuss repairs to the water clarifier.

Commissioner Frailey reported South Edwards Street lighting will be upgraded to LED lights. The City will be hosting an IMEA generator maintenance training on January 20th.

Commissioner Williams reported Effingham County would assist in repairing the Rt 128 shoulder at a cost not to exceed \$2,000. The Illinois Rural Water Association will be on site in January to camera a collapsed storm drain near South St. Clair and possibly other areas. He recommended hiring a seasonal trainee for snow plowing.

Commissioner Scholes reported Ho Ho Land has had an increase in visitors. The Boy Scouts will be providing plans for improvements to the National Road kiosk and will be repairing the grape arbor in Nori’s Yard.

Clerk Stephen reported the Municipal Building roof is in need of repair and/or replacement. During the recent rains water leaked into the office area via an electric conduit. She was instructed to contact a roofing company for recommendations.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk