

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
January 11, 2016 - 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 Request to Conduct Poppy Drive Roadside Fundraiser May 06, 2016 and May 13, 2016 Rain Date.*
  - B. *Approve Employee Policy Regarding Cellular & Wireless Devices in the Workplace.*
  - C.
  - D. *Executive Session For the Purpose of Discussing Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2 (c ) (1)*
  - E.
  - F.
  - G.
  - H. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: January 08, 2016- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**January 11, 2016**

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on January 11, 2016, 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; Ken Ginn; Alvin Oliver; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief; Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

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

Alan Heiens, Altamont Chief of Police presented the December 2015 police activity report.

Council approved a request by the VFW to conduct a Poppy Day roadside fundraiser May 06, 2016 with May 13, 2016 rain date. 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.

An Employee Policy Regarding Cellular & Wireless Devices in the Workplace was approved on a motion 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. The policy is made a part of the personnel manual.

Commissioner Slingerland reported a camera was utilized to investigate a sinkhole on the north side of the city. It appears a lateral is in need of repair. A letter of notification has been sent to the customer. He met with representatives of TWM Engineering firm, touring the water treatment plant. He recommended utilizing them for clarifier repairs. Mayor Rippetoe would like to meet with them prior to any commitments. Annual wastewater treatment plant reports indicated South wastewater plant influent 110,691,000 and effluent 93,126,000 gallons. The north wastewater plant influent of 52,680,000 and effluent of 53,339,000 gallons.

Commissioner Frailey reported street light upgrades have been completed. Tree trimming is planned for the upcoming weeks.

Commissioner Williams reported Illinois Rural Water Association camera was utilized at a storm sewer sink hole location near South St. Clair. It was determined there is no immediate emergency at this time. A used stump grinder is being tested. He recommended hiring a new employee for the public works department.

Commissioner Scholes reported park pavilion rentals are increasing. The Garden Club has moved the fall festival to August 27<sup>th</sup>, due to a conflict with other activities. The ten and under baseball league has expanded to the spring season. Future bidding of the mowing contract was

discussed. New ideas included City employees mowing the Municipal Building and the new contract including the section east and west of Main Street along the railroad and addressing maintenance of the outfield fence at Gilbert Park.

Clerk Stephen reported a contractor was consulted regarding repairs to the Municipal Building roof. He indicated a coating would only have a three year life. He recommended a replacement. The cost would be driven by how much insulation was required. Council directed to have the company assist in preparing bid specs for a replacement.

Ken Ginn expressed his appreciation of the recycling program. He suggested a notice be placed in the paper requesting boxes be broken down so the dumpsters will accommodate more product. He had also noticed glass had been placed in the containers, which is not an accepted recycling product.

Alvin Oliver conveyed his appreciation for the stump grinding near his residence.

Nick Burrus of Milano & Grunloh provided preliminary drawings of the Second Street resurfacing project. He explained ADA ramps are required at Washington & Adams. He is awaiting confirmation from IDOT of the ADA requirement at the southwest location of the Second and Washington intersection. He stated the street crown was determined to be 3 ½ % - 6%. IDOT specifications are 2%-4%. He recommended the milled product be put in the more shallow locations of the street. There is currently 10-11 inches of oil and aggregate. The Council will need to decide if the curb and gutter will be 4" or 6". Mayor Rippetoe suggested leaving the curbs at 4". Jefferson & Second St intersection will need a water inlet installed. The estimated cost is \$120,000.

Council entered into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2 (c ) (1). Motion was made 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.

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.

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
January 25, 2016 - 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 Request by Altamont High School Student Council to Conduct Run for Linzi 5K on April 9, 2016.*
  - B. *Approve Pay Request to Korte & Luitijohan in the Amount of \$42,110.00 for Completion of Water Department Filter #3.*
  - C. *Approve Pledge to Effingham County CEO Program; Three Year Commitment, \$1000 Annually.*
  - D. *Approve Pay Request #11 to Haier Plumbing in the Amount of \$210,910.74 for Improvements to the South Wastewater Treatment Plant.*
  - E. *Approve Purchase of Vermeer SC252 Stump Grinder from Vermeer Midwest in the Amount of \$12,995.00.*
  - F. *Approve Advertising of 2016 Mowing Bids.*
  - G. *Discuss Vacating Alley Between 303 West Cumberland Road and 416 South Fourth Street.*

H. *Executive Session For the Purpose of Discussing Lease of Property 5  
ILCS 120/2 (c ) (5)*

I. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: January 22, 2016- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

## CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING

January 25, 2016

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on January 25, 2016, 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 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. (Attachment 1)

Council approved a request by the Altamont High School Student Council to conduct a Run for Linzi 5K on April 9, 2016. Motion for approval 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.

Pay Request to Korte & Luitjohan in the amount of \$42,110.00 for Completion of Water Department Filter #3 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.

Council approved a Pledge to Effingham County CEO Program for a Three Year Commitment, Annual cost of \$1,000. Motion for approval was made 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.

Pay Request #11 to Haier Plumbing and Heating in the Amount of \$210,910.74 for Improvements to the South Wastewater Treatment Plant was approved. Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, no; Commissioner Williams, yes and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved the Purchase of a Vermeer SC252 Stump Grinder from Vermeer Midwest for an Amount not to Exceed \$13,000.00 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. Council determined the purchase would be shared by Departments as follows: Electric \$5,000, Street & Alley (General Fund) \$5,000, Cemetery remaining balance.

Council approved advertising for 2016 Mowing Bids 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. Changes to the contract included removing the Electric Department generation plant and previous pole yard locations. They will be mowed by City employees.

Spraying along fences at Gilbert Park and the ball diamond warning tracks by a person with spray license will be added.

Council discussed vacating an alley between 303 West Cumberland Road and 416 South Fourth Street, as requested by the property owner of 303 West Cumberland Road. The requestor will be required to obtain a property survey and an agreement from the owners of 416 South Fourth to relinquish their half of the alleyway.

Commissioner Slingerland reported new pump motors were installed at the north wastewater treatment plant.

Commissioner Frailey reported Altamont hosted an IMUA generator maintenance training.

Commissioner Williams reported an advertisement will soon be published for a new full time employee in the Street and Alley Department.

Commissioner Scholes reported he is planning a baseball leader meeting.

Mayor Rippetoe reported he and Commissioner Scholes traveled to visit a new convenience store in another community. The community had offered monies from a TIF fund to assist the development. The location included alcohol sales. Council members discussed rescinding the current ruling of liquor sales in convenience store locations.

A representative of Connor and Connor Engineers, Robinson, IL toured the water and sewer locations. Mayor Rippetoe stated they would be well suited to work for Altamont as they presently service southern Illinois communities of similar size, such as Teutopolis, Fairfield, Newton and Robinson.

Nick Burrus of Milano & Grunloh explained to the Council that a historical variance may be applied for to eliminate the requirement for an ADA approach at the southwest corner of the Washington and Second Street intersection. The area is included in plans for the Second Street improvement project. He stated a decision would need to be made regarding the curb size on Second Street from Jefferson to Madison. The current 6" gutter could be reduced to 4". Commissioner Williams suggested keeping the 6" curb and correct the street to match. Cost estimates of each scenario will be prepared.

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

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
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ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
February 08, 2016 - 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 Advertising of Bids for Municipal Building Roof Replacement.*
  - B. *Approve an Engineering Firm for Water and Wastewater Projects.*
  - C. *Discuss Cost of Grave Openings at Union Cemetery.*
  - D.
  - E.
  - F. *Executive Session For the Purpose of Discussing Lease of Property 5  
ILCS 120/2 (c ) (5)*
  - G. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: February 05, 2016- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**February 08, 2016**

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on February 08, 2016, 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 – Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief; Nick Burrus, Milano & Grunloh; 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 Scholes and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. (Attachment 1)

Alan Heiens, Police Chief, presented the January 2016 Police Activity Report.

Council approved advertising for bids for Municipal Building Roof Replacement. 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 discussed the choices of engineering firms to utilize for water and wastewater projects. The three firms discussed were TWM of Swansea, Connor & Connor of Robinson and Milano & Grunloh of Effingham. Mayor Rippetoe stated Connor & Connor have provided services for Teutopolis, Robinson & Dieterich. They also have licensed operators for water and wastewater if the need would arise. Milano & Grunloh have the same license classifications, with a good rating for obtaining grant funds. Commissioner Slingerland suggested selecting the firm with the best reputation for grant awards. Commissioner Frailey stated a full Council should be present for the final decision. Matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Commissioner Scholes reported Ty Moore, increased his fee for opening and closing of graves at Union Cemetery from \$400 to \$450. The City currently charges an additional \$25.00 to retain for follow up grave maintenance, while some cemeteries currently charge an additional \$100 - \$250. Council members had no objection to remaining at a \$25.00 additional fee.

Commissioner Slingerland reported for the new fiscal year he would like to plan for an upgrade to the south wastewater lift station. Additional business expansions south of I70 may create an overload to the existing wastewater line. He would also like to have an account established in the Sewer fund for emergency repairs. The Water Department will need to conduct a water tower inspection, cleaning and flushing. Clarifier repairs should be investigated.

Commissioner Frailey reported engineers have been contacted to assist in determining the needs for a business expansion near Rt 40 and Main Street, as the line is nearing overload status. LED street lighting has been installed along Tenth Street. A lighting grant request is being submitted for new LED Christmas lighting to replace older, damaged decorations. Electric service will be redirected near Southmore Heights to protect the subdivision from future outages.

Commissioner Scholes reported park pavilion reservations have started. Park tables have been marked for repair. Louie Robbins will be managing use of the batters building.

Mayor Rippetoe reported agreements are pending with Bean Development for demolition of the existing mobile homes. If no agreement is reached next week, the City will proceed with court action.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
February 22, 2016 - 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. *Open Bids for Zero Turn Mower.*
  - B. *Approve Bid for Zero Turn Mower.*
  - C. *Open Bids for Contract Mowing.*
  - D. *Approve Bid(s) for Contract Mowing.*
  - E. *Approve American Legion Roadside Poppy Day Fundraiser Request, April 08, 2016, Rain Date April 22, 2016.*
  - F. *Approve Obtaining Outside Legal Counsel for Enforcement of Ordinance Regarding Standards for the Construction of Utility Facilities within the Public Ways.*
  - G. *Discuss Selection of Engineering Firm for Water/Wastewater Projects.*
  - H. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: February 19, 2016- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

## CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING

February 22, 2016

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on February 22, 2016, 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 – Dallas & Jennie Kendall; Roy Long; Matt Holste; Justin Osteen; Terry Hahn, Sewer Dept. Supr.; Kevin Whitten, Water Dept. Supr.; Donna Whitten; 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 Williams, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. (Attachment 1)

Bids were opened for the purchase of a zero turn mower. Bids submitted were as follows:

Dittamore Implement – Simplicity Cobalt 26/61 26 HP 61” deck	\$7,240.00
Dittamore Implement – Simplicity Citation XT 27 HP 61” deck	\$5,685.00
Wildbur’s Outdoor Power – Bob-Cat Pro-Cat 25.5 HP 61” deck	\$7,999.20
Wildbur’s Outdoor Power – Bob-Cat Predator 31 HP 61” deck	\$8,479.20

Commissioner Slingerland motioned to approve the purchase from Wildbur’s Outdoor Power a Bob-Cat Predator zero turn mower in the amount of \$8,479.20. Commissioner Frailey seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Council members determined they preferred purchasing from a local business and the Bob Cat warranty was of higher quality.

Bids were opened for the 2016 contract mowing. Bids submitted were as follows:

	Althoff Ltd	Precision Lawn Care
Group 1 – Union Cemetery	\$3240.00	\$575.00
Group 2 – Parks	\$2900.00	\$680.00
Group 3 – Municipal Building/Frog Pond/etc	\$ 305.00	\$140.00

Commissioner Scholes motioned to award the 2016 mowing contract to Precision Lawn Care. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved the American Legion Roadside Poppy Day Fundraiser Request for April 08, 2016 and a rain date of April 22, 2016 on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland.

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

Council approved Obtaining Outside Legal Counsel for Enforcement of Ordinance Regarding Standards for the Construction of Utility Facilities within the Public Ways. Commissioner Williams motioned to hire Andy Martone as outside legal counsel. Commissioner Slingerland seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner

Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council discussed selection of an engineering firm for water and wastewater projects. Kevin Whitten, Water Department Supervisor, addressed the Council asking the Council to reconsider changing engineers. He stated Curry & Associates have been engineers for water projects for over 35 years, providing technical support and information on a regular basis. Mike Curry, owner of Curry & Associates, is well respected by the Illinois EPA. He explained the importance of having a firm knowledgeable in surface water. Terry Hahn, Wastewater Supervisor, commented that Curry's are proficient in the water industry. Council determined to continue utilizing Curry & Associates for daily operations. However, when a major project is considered, other engineering firms should be contacted. Commissioner Slingerland recommended Kevin Whitten proceed in seeking estimates for 2016 water tower cleaning and inspection.

Commissioner Slingerland reported after the recent heavy rains the wastewater lift station alarms activated. Terry Hahn checked sewer lines and found them at full capacity.

Commissioner Frailey reported electric infrastructure was installed for the future Cobblestone Hotel.

Commissioner Williams reported February 26<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to submit applications for the public works position. Weather permitting, repairs to the shoulder of Rt 128 near Wurl Lane will begin soon. The culvert, being provided by the City, for Cobblestone Hotel has arrived. It will be installed by the project manager.

Commissioner Scholes reported he signed off on the Eagle Scout kiosk project. Park tables have been inspected and marked for repair or replacement, the estimated repair cost is \$200 per table. The Vandalia Correctional Center has expressed interest in utilizing Gilbert Park for an employee softball tournament during the summer of 2016.

Dallas Kendall provided pictures of the railroad culvert opening located south of West Jefferson. There is debris blocking water flow. He asked if a controlled burn could be done by the City to remove mowed debris. He questioned if anything had been resolved with the railroad to correct the flooding situation. Mayor Rippetoe explained that an additional culvert has the potential to cause flooding to properties south of the railroad. Roy Long asked if the cutting of trees behind the former Wholesale property was going to continue in an effort to open the waterway. He reminded Council members this has been a problem for 40 years. Mayor Rippetoe stated the work is still on the list, but the department was one person short at this time.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
March 14, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Agenda**

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:  
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings  
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2. POLICE REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
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6. AGENDA ITEMS
  - A. *Larry Taylor – IMEA Report.*
  - B. *Deb Schultz – Addition of Concrete Area to Dairy Bar.*
  - C. *Approve Special Liquor License for Wright Mansion Wine Tasting Event:  
September 17, 2016, 10:00 am – 9:00 pm.*
  - D. *Discuss Net Metering Policy.*
  - E.
  - F.
  - G. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: March 11, 2016- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

## CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING

March 14, 2016

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on March 14, 2016, 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 –Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief; Larry Taylor; Wes Mueller; Craig Pals; Jim Zacha; Alvin Schultz; 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 Scholes. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. (Attachment 1)

Altamont Police Chief, Alan Heiens, presented the February 2016 Police Activity Report.

Larry Taylor reported the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency has a new solar project in operation in St Charles, the Trimble County plant had reduced operating expenses this year, the Prairie State plant gained improvements this year. The IMEA budget will increase electric costs by 1%, as a result of reduced electric sales in the past year. The Energy Efficiency Program will be funded again this year. The monies remaining in the program at the end of this year will be returned to the Association for the rate stabilization fund.

Alvin Schultz, owner of Dairy Bar, requested the Council approve a 24' x 28' concrete pad to be added to the north side of the existing Dairy Bar. The area would be used for picnic table seating. He explained the new area would be safer than tables placed in front of the customer parking area. The matter will be presented for Council vote at the next meeting.

On a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Scholes the Council approved a Special Liquor License for the Wright Mansion Wine Tasting Event to be held September 17, 2016. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Commissioner Frailey explained a request has been made for connection of a renewable energy device to the City of Altamont electric system. A Net Metering Policy and Interconnection Policy was provided to the Council for review. The policies would protect the City's system. Craig Pals of Tick-Tock Energy asked the Council to consider some changes to the policy, energy credits rollover are customarily zeroed out annually, rather than quarterly; offer a one to one credit, rather than cost incurred; and to consider changing the individual evaluation limit from 10 kW to 40 kW. Both policies will be presented later in ordinance form for passage.

Jim Zacha requested the Council review the policy for oiling alleys. Currently only business alleys are oiled using City Motor Fuel funds. Mr. Zacha explained their garage faces the alley is used by 13 residents; eight of them on a daily basis. Commissioner Williams explained the elimination of residential alleys was a cost saving measure.

Wes Mueller, Irwin Telescopic Seating, stated he was present to familiarize himself with the City Council. He stated the Seating Company is exploring a potential expansion.

Nick Burrus, Milano & Grunloh, mentioned the City can file for a hardship with the ICC to reduce the City's repair costs regarding required improvements to the Jackson Street railroad crossing.

Commissioner Slingerland reported the water tower will be drained on April 4<sup>th</sup> for cleaning and maintenance. The estimated cost is less than \$1800. Discolored water may be experienced during the week.

Commissioner Frailey reported repairs were made to the digger and bucket trucks. During the February 24<sup>th</sup> outage the employees did a great job handling the repairs. Thank you to all the crews.

Commissioner Williams reported as soon as weather permits, the Rt 128 shoulder, near Wurl Lane, will be repaired. Nick Holland has been hired to fill a vacancy in the Street & Alley Department.

Commissioner Scholes reported Dave Burrow, Burrow Turf Care, has been providing guidance for a Gilbert Park field maintenance plan. A Schmidt Park picnic table replacement schedule has been put into place. Mayor Rippetoe suggested consulting with the construction trades class to assist in the picnic table replacements/rebuilds.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
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202 NORTH SECOND ST  
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March 28, 2016 - 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 Resolution for 2016 Maintenance of Streets.*
  - B. *Approve Pay Request #2 to Korte Luitjohan, Filter #3 in Amount of \$6,990.00*
  - C. *Approve 24x28 Concrete Addition to Dairy Bar.*
  - D. *Approve Ordinance 584-16; Establishing Standards for Net Metering and Electric Interconnection Policy.*
  - E. *Approve Request for Lion’s Club Roadside Fundraiser, June 4, 2016.*
  - F. *Discuss Control of Feral Cats.*
  - G. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: March 24, 2016- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

## CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING

March 28, 2016

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on March 28, 2016, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Nathan Scholes; and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present –Wes Mueller; Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Todd Slingerland was absent.

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

Council approved a Resolution for 2016 Maintenance of Streets. Commissioner Williams motioned for approval. Commissioner Scholes seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The cost is estimated at \$63,300.

Pay Request #2 to Korte Luitijohan in the Amount of \$6,990 for repairs to Filter #3 at the water treatment plant was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Commissioner Scholes motioned to approve a Request by Alvin & Deb Schultz to install a 24x28 Concrete Addition to the Dairy Bar with the condition a minimum four foot wide transition from the concrete pad to the walking path be included. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The pad will provide for outside customer seating on the north end of the existing building.

Ordinance 584-16; Establishing Standards for Net Metering and Electric Interconnection Policy was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Scholes. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved the Lion's Club Roadside Fundraiser Request for June 4, 2016. Commissioner Frailey motioned for approval. Commissioner Williams seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council discussed the control of feral cat population within the City. Copies of ordinances from other communities were provided for review. Commissioner Scholes explained the purpose of such an ordinance is to decrease the number of feral cats. However, controlling of loose running feline pets will also be included in the restrictions. The City will consider hiring of a professional trapper to start the feral elimination. All captures will be taken to veterinarian Nancy Huels, where they will be neutered, spayed and relocated. Fines will be in place for those individuals feeding the feral cats. Mayor Rippetoe agreed to hiring a trapper.

Commissioner Frailey reported street lights will be installed on LaJean Drive.

Commissioner Williams reported Nick Holland has been hired in the Street Department. There have been many water leaks requiring repair at Gilbert Park.

Commissioner Scholes reported he will be doing an inventory of headstones needing repair at Union Cemetery. Annual cleanup at Union will be Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8am- noon. Some tractor ruts have developed near the Gilbert Park tower site. They will be repaired when dry weather allows. The restrooms near the tower site need to be removed.

Wes Mueller, Irwin Telescopic Seating, addressed the Council asking for available assistance for their planned expansion. Ownership of the entrance off Highway 40 to Gilbert Park and Irwin Telescopic needs to be confirmed.

Clerk Stephen reported a mobile home removal option has been found for the units on North Eighth Street. Council asked for details to be clarified. Bids were opened earlier in the day for the Municipal Building roof replacement. One bid was received in the amount of \$54,250 with other options adding to the cost. The bid will be presented for approval at the next scheduled meeting.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
April 11, 2016 - 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 Irwin Telescopic Mission Possible Walk/Run, May 21, 2016.*
  - B. *Approve Mid State Construction & Roofing Bid for Municipal Building Roof Replacement in the Amount of \$54,250.00.*
  - C. *Approve Ordinance 585-16; Regulating Cats.*
  - D. *Approve Utilizing McGinnis Trapping Service to Assist with Cat Regulation.*
  - E. *Select Nominee for American Legion Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.*
  - F. *Approve Purchase of Mixer for Water Department Clarifier from Philadelphia Mixing Solutions in the Amount of \$12,637.00*
  - G. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matter 5 ILCS 120/2 (c ) (1).*
  - H. *Action as a Result of Executive Session.*
  - I. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: April 08, 2016- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

## CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING

April 11, 2016

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on April 11, 2016, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Nathan Scholes; and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present –Wes Mueller; Kay Krohn; Nick Burrus, Milano & Grunloh; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills, was approved on a motion by Commissioner 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. (Attachment 1)

Altamont Police Chief Alan Heiens presented the March 2016 Police Activity Report.

Council approved request by Irwin Telescopic Seating to conduct a Mission Possible Walk/Run May 21, 2016. 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 approved a bid from Mid State Construction & Roofing for Municipal Building roof replacement in the amount of \$54,250.00. Commissioner Williams motioned for approval. Commissioner Scholes seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Two additional options offered on the bid were not approved.

Kay Krohn spoke to the Council concerning the regulation of cats. She was concerned about containing cats to the owners property and euthanizing of those captured. She explained the purpose cats provide in eliminating the rodent population. Commissioner Scholes assured her the cats would not be euthanized, but rather neutered, spayed and relocated with desiring caregivers.

Council approved Ordinance 585-16; Regulating Cats 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.

Council approved utilizing McGinnis Trapping Service to assist with the cat regulations. 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. The cost will be \$150 one time set up fee and \$25.00 per cat collected.

Council selected Doug Holman, Altamont K-9 Officer, as the Nominee for the American Legion Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award.

Council tabled purchase of a mixer for the Water Department clarifier from Philadelphia Mixing Solutions in the amount of \$12,637.00 to obtain additional information. Commissioner Slingerland stated the mixer has been repeatedly repaired by Water Department employees and

the large clarifier is barely operational due to the aged mixer. Mayor Rippetoe suggested making the small clarifier a working unit until funds can be established for other repairs. Commissioner Slingerland explained the small clarifier will produce a lower quality water and strain the filters.

Commissioner Slingerland reported three expensive projects need to be addressed in the Water Department – rebuilding filter #1, clarifier repairs, painting of the water tower and replacement of lines in North Main Street area. Currently there are no funds to pay for such repairs. The last water rate increase was 2008. He recommended the price per gallon be increased to 1 cent, minimum charge for residential increase by \$2.00 and larger meters minimum increase by \$20.00. He advised the increased revenue be earmarked for improvements only.

Commissioner Frailey reported infrastructure is being installed for two new developments.

Commissioner Williams reported the Route 128 spur is scheduled for resurfacing in the next 2-4 years. He encouraged the City to enter into an agreement with the IDOT to coat the shoulders.

Commissioner Scholes thanked Mike & Sue Hoffmeister and Jerry & Mona Jones for their help in cleaning at Union Cemetery and the Altamont Youth Sports Commission for Gilbert Park cleanup. He will be meeting with Shane Smith to discuss straightening of stones at Union Cemetery.

Kay Krohn asked for repairs to a sidewalk culvert that is broken at her residence.

Nick Burrus stated the Jackson Street Railroad crossing work has begun, still waiting on a railroad agreement. Second Street is awaiting a Council decision on the design. It is anticipated the ITEP program will be re-released, making monies available for downtown ADA sidewalk compliance and other projects.

Commissioner Slingerland motioned to enter into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2 (c ) (1). 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.

Upon returning to open session, Commissioner Williams motioned to appoint Police Officer Doug Holman to Corporal and increase his pay 25 cents. Commissioner Slingerland seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

The meeting was adjourned 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.

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
April 25, 2016 - 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 Controlled Structure Burning Request for Altamont Fire Department for Training.*
  - B. *Approve Mosquito Larviciding Agreement with Effingham County Health Department, \$845.00.*
  - C. *Approve Ordinance VA 1447A; 5 E Cumberland Road, Parking Aisle.*
  - D. *Approve Ordinance VA 1447B; 5 E Cumberland Road, Sign Variance..*
  - E. *Approve Purchase of Mixer for Water Department Clarifier from Philadelphia Mixing Solutions in the Amount of \$12,637.00*
  - F. *Approve Donation to Altamont FFA Supporting the Ag Greenhouse.*
  - G. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matter 5 ILCS 120/2 (c ) (1).*
  - H. *Action as a Result of Executive Session.*
  - I. **ADJOURN**

POSTED: April 22, 2016- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

## CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING

April 25, 2016

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on April 25, 2016, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Nathan Scholes; and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present –Janice Jones; Karen Kistler; Joan Beard; Shane Frederking; Nick Burrus, Milano & Grunloh; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

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

Council approved a Controlled Structure Burn Request for the Altamont Fire Department on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland. Motion was 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 residence at 901 South Main will be used for fire department training under the supervision of the University of Illinois Fire Service Institute.

Council approved a Mosquito Larviciding Agreement with Effingham County Health Department in the Amount of \$845.00. Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Slingerland. Motion was 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 1447A; 5 East Cumberland Road, Parking Isle 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. The Ordinance allows for a one-way parking isle to be modified from 18 feet to 14 feet on the east side of the planned commercial building.

Ordinance 1447B; 5 East Cumberland Road, Sign Variance 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 Ordinance allows for maximum sign square footage to increase from 100 to 400 square feet. Ordinance 1447A & 1447B are improvements for the Mid-Illinois Medical Care Associates.

The Purchase of a Mixer for the Water Department Clarifier from Philadelphia Mixing Solutions in the Amount of \$12,637.00 was approved on a motion 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 tabled a vote approving a donation to the Altamont FFA in support of the Ag Greenhouse. They requested an FFA/school representative be present to answer questions concerning the project. Commissioner Scholes explained the school system had approved the

curriculum without funding. Commissioners Frailey and Williams would like a staff member to be present. Mayor Rippetoe was reluctant to provide tax dollars to another taxing body.

Commissioner Slingerland provided the water tower inspection report. He indicated some maintenance is recommended in the near future, while other maintenance will wait until the tower is painted. The older clarifier is being used until repairs are completed to the larger clarifier. Supervisor Kevin Whitten has submitted his intention to retire after 35 years of service. Commissioner Slingerland publicly expressed his appreciation for Kevin's dedication to the City. He reported the land purchased from the First Baptist Church can remain as hay production land or other uses. The land is currently assessed at \$490 and would be taxed at \$35 per year if the City claimed the parcel as production land. Mayor Rippetoe suggested the City advertise for bids to rent the land. However, with the limitation of chemical use, it cannot be used for row crop production.

Commissioner Frailey reported the Cobblestone Hotel has been connected to the electric system. Progress continues for the Mid Illinois Medical Care Associates building.

Commissioner Williams reported City wide cleanup is this week.

Commissioner Scholes reported he would be meeting with Carol Tillman and other Garden Club members to discuss lighting along the Schmidt Park walking path. A request has been made to replace the mower used for dragging the infields. Jordan McGinnis has started the ferret trapping, which has raised some ownership issues. Feeding of the cats is hindering the trapping efforts.

Janice Jones addressed the Council concerning ordinance violations in her neighborhood. She cited a dismantled pool liner, deteriorating wood and building items, a growing collection of equipment, tires, trailers and metal scraps. They asked the Council about an ordinance regulating such items. Mayor Rippetoe explained the procedure to enforce such violations. Karen Kistler asked about unlicensed, inoperable vehicles. Joan Pruden asked if the refuse pile east of Whitler Lane along Lake Drive could be cleaned. Commissioner Frailey stated the ordinance violations should be enforced. Mayor Rippetoe agreed and stated several violation letters had been sent offering an extended time so that residents could use City wide cleanup to assist in becoming compliant. Those who ignore the deadline will be turned over to an attorney for legal action.

Shane Frederking addressed the Council promoting the Construction Trades Education Curriculum (CTEC). Studies have found a shortage of workforce in the construction trades industry. He explained the program and requested financial and/or positive reinforcement support for CTEC. Twenty senior students from area schools will be enrolled in the program next year. Graduates will be trained to start working in several trades.

Nick Burrus stated IDOT is launching the ITEP grant program via federal funding. The funds can be used for street scape programs, lighting, sidewalks, drainage, and other projects. The City would be required to provide 20% of the project cost. CDAP grants are due August 15<sup>th</sup>, a project to consider would be manhole lining which is a 75/25 cost share.

Commissioner Slingerland motioned to enter into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2 (c ) (1). 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.

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.

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
May 09, 2016 - 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 587-16; Legal Counsel Appointment.*
  - B. *Approve Ordinance 588-16; Appointment Ordinance.*
  - C. *Approve Ordinance 589-16; Easement, 101 North Main.*
  - D. *Approve Masonic Lodge Request to Conduct Memorial Day Parade May 30, 2015 at 10:00 am.*
  - E. *Approve 2016 Membership in The Alliance, Dues of \$5,000.*
  - F. *Approve MFT Bid – CA6; Jared Nelson Trucking \$3,945.00.*
  - G. *Approve Support to Construction Trades Education Curriculum (CTEC).*
  - H. *Discuss Water Rate Increase.*

I. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Legal Matters 5 ILCS 120/2 (c ) (11) and Business Matters 120/2 (c ) (6).*

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

K. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: May 06, 2016- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

## CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING

May 09, 2016

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on May 09, 2016, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Nathan Scholes; and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present –Bob Denton; Torrey Denton; West Mueller; Nick Burrus, Milano & Grunloh; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner 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 April 2016 Police Activity Report.

Ordinance 587-16; Legal Counsel Appointment; 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. Taylor Law was appointed legal counsel.

Ordinance 588-16; Appointment Ordinance, 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. All appointments remain same.

Ordinance 589-16; Granting Easement at 101 North Main Street 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. The easement provides right of way encroachment for an existing building.

Council approved a request from the Masonic Lodge to Conduct a Memorial Day Parade May 30, 2016 at 10:00 am. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Scholes seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Commissioner Scholes motioned to not continue membership in The Alliance and not to pay dues in the amount of \$5,000. Commissioner Slingerland seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Motor Fuel Bid by Jared Nelson Trucking providing CA6 in the amount of \$3945.00 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Williams. 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.

Commissioner Scholes motioned to approve Support to Construction Trades Education Curriculum (CTEC) in the amount of \$1,500 in addition to a three year commitment.

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

Council discussed water rate increases. Mayor Rippetoe stated he would prefer increasing the minimum only, but not increase the per gallon rate. Commissioner Slingerland disputed stating the low users realize the largest increase. A \$10.00 minimum increase would strap fixed income customers. Commissioner Frailey stated he would be in favor of a \$2.00 minimum increase and a per gallon increase. Mayor Rippetoe stated he prefers cutting costs as opposed to raising rates and recommended annual gradual rate increases. Commissioner Scholes requested expenses be evaluated for justification of the rate increase.

Commissioner Slingerland reported during the Saturday outage the north wastewater treatment plant generator did not activate. The control panel was replaced at a cost of \$2,000.

Commissioner Frailey reported a utility pole broke north of the City limits creating a power outage.

Commissioner Williams reported Streets Department has been removing diseased trees on Third and Edwards Streets. Plans are being developed to correct drainage area issues.

Commissioner Scholes reported the request for a replacement mower at Gilbert Park will not be necessary as repairs were made to the existing mower.

Mayor Rippetoe stated he was impressed with Electric Department employees cooperation during the storm. After electric service was restored, they assisted in repairing a water leak.

Torrey Denton, 15 Lincoln Drive, addressed the Council concerning a recent sewage basement backup in his home. Terry Hahn, Sewer Dept Supr had recommended a check valve be installed. However, Mr. Denton did not agree he should pay for a problem that was not his and it was not acceptable for his home to suffer this damage during a large rain. Mayor Rippetoe explained the sewer line is an old system. However, the City does not have the funds to replace all sewer lines.

Nick Burrus, Milano & Grunloh, presented preliminary specifications for Second Street improvements. The street will be roto milled, sidewalks will be reconstructed ADA compliant and curb and gutters will be replaced. Mayor Rippetoe stated removal of three trees should be contracted. Nick Burrus reported the ITEP request deadline is one month away. If interested, Council should obtain an estimated project cost and pass a resolution committing funds for City's portion of project. Jackson Street railroad crossing is awaiting an agreement.

Mayor Rippetoe stated he examined the Jefferson Street flooding area. The possibility of creating a swale drainage area to direct the water may relieve some of the flooding.

Commissioner Frailey motioned to entered into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Legal Matters 5 ILCS 120/2 (c ) (11) and Business Matters 120/2 (c ) (6). Commissioner Scholes seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Upon returning to Open Session, Commissioner Slingerland motioned to request payment of application fee from the bank whom fiber optic is being installed for and if no payment is received to proceed in court to enforce City right of way protection ordinance. 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.

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.

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
May 23, 2016 - 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 Bid Advertisement for Second Street Improvements. Bid Date June 24, 2016.*
  - B. *Approve MFT Bid – Street Oiling; Larry Heuerman \$33,423.97.*
  - C. *Approve Ordinance 590-16; Annexing Certain Territory; 8745 N 300<sup>th</sup>.*
  - D. *Approve Ordinance 591-16; Authorizing Execution of a Contract for Private Development Pursuant to Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (Mid-Illinois Medical Care Associates)*
  - E. *Terry Hahn - Discuss Repairs to Wastewater South Lift Station.*
  - F. *Discuss Water Rate Increase.*
  - G.
  - H. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matter 5 ILCS 120/2 (c ) (1).*
  - I. *Action as a Result of Executive Session.*
  - J. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: May 20, 2016- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

## CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING

May 23, 2016

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on May 23, 2016, 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 –Torrey Denton; West Mueller; Nick Burrus, Milano & Grunloh; Terry Hahn, Sewer Dept. Supr.; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief; 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 Scholes and seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. (Attachment 1)

Council approved Bid Advertisement for Second Street Improvements with bid opening date of June 24, 2016. 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; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Ordinance 590-16; Annexing Certain Territory; 8745 N 300<sup>th</sup> St 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; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The location is the current Sporty's Liquor Store.

Ordinance 591-16; Authorizing Execution of a Contract for Private Development Pursuant to Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (Mid-Illinois Medical Care Associates) was approved on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Scholes.

Terry Hahn, Sewer Department Supervisor, addressed the Council with his request to upgrade the electrical controls of the south lift station. The current controls are 50 plus years old containing antiquated mercury switches, repair parts are no longer available. He would like to have the controls above ground for easier access. Mayor Rippetoe suggested a quote be obtained to put the south lift station along with north plant repairs in the new budget.

Council discussed a water rate increase. Commissioner Slingerland recommended increasing minimum usage from \$14 to \$16 and increase the per gallon rate from .008 to 1 cent per gallon. A detail of the cost per gallon to produce water was provided, reflecting a cost of 0.0067 per gallon. The net income is not sufficient for system repairs and improvements. Commissioner Slingerland recommended money be set aside for upcoming repairs to water tower, filters and clarifier. However, he is favorable to a gradual increase. Mayor Rippetoe stated he would like to see small increases for the next three years. An ordinance will be presented at the next meeting for approval of a one year rate increase. The water department financial condition will be reviewed again for a rate adjustment.

Commissioner Slingerland reported the water department is investigating the use of polymers to lower chemical costs.

Commissioner Frailey reported two Electric Department employees attended forestry training, service to the new medical facility is complete along with two new residences.

Commissioner Scholes reported dead trees will soon be removed from Gilbert Park.

Wes Mueller, Irwin Telescopic Seating, informed the Council that expansion to the Altamont facility was approved by their corporate office. Transportation modifications are the next step.

Torrey Denton asked if a resolution for the sewer back up at his residence had been determined. Mayor Rippetoe explained the City cannot work on his private system. Mr. Denton asked that his problem be given improvement priority. He understood the best improvement for his system was the installation of a personal residential lift pump. Terry Hahn stated he knew previous owners experienced similar problems.

Nick Burrus, Milano & Grunloh, stated Second Street improvements have been submitted to IDOT for approval. Jackson Street railroad crossing project is waiting on ICC determination. Safe Routes to Schools deadline is only 1 ½ months away. A commitment resolution for ITEP grant application will need to be passed at the next meeting, for a project to be started in approximately two years.

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

No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

Mayor Rippetoe stated ½ of lights at Gilbert Park Diamond A are not working. The sonatubes along LaJean Drive need to be cut off. He requested the Park Department provide porta-pots for the June 11th & 12<sup>th</sup> Inferno Tournament at a cost of \$300-\$400. The tournament is expected to bring 1000 people to the park.

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.

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
June 13, 2016 - 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 Appointment of Amanda Spade to Altamont Library Board and Library Board Treasurer.*
  - B. *Approve Ordinance 592-16; Amending Water Rates*
  - C. *Approve Ordinance 593-16; Ascertaining Prevailing Wage Rate.*
  - D. *Approve Ordinance 594-16; Amending Liquor Control Ordinance.*
  - E. *Approve Payment to Mid-State Roofing in the Amount of \$54,250.00, Municipal Building Roof Replacement.*
  - F. *Discuss Video Gaming Parlor Request.*
  - G. *Discuss Engineering Firm for Clarifier Repairs and Grant Research.*

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

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

J. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: June 10, 2016- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**June 13, 2016**

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on June 13, 2016, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Nathan Scholes; and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present –Wes Mueller; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Todd Slingerland was absent.

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

Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief, provided the May 2016 Police Activity Report.

On a motion by Commissioner Scholes, Council approved appointment of Amanda Spade to the Altamont Library Board and to serve as Library Treasurer. Commissioner Frailey seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Ordinance 592-16; Amending Water Rates was approved on a motion by Commissioner Williams. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Scholes. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Water rates will increase from .008 to 1 cent per gallon, along with increases to minimum usage fees, effective June 20, 2016 usage.

Ordinance 593-16; Ascertainning Prevailing Wage Rate was approved on a motion by Commissioner Scholes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Ordinance 594-16; Amending Liquor Control Ordinance was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Scholes. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Sunday liquor sales hours were changed from noon to midnight to 6am to midnight, created an additional Class A license and repealed the restriction of sales in or near an establishment which sells fuel.

Payment to Mid-State Roofing in the amount of \$54,250.00 for Municipal Building Roof Replacement was approved on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council discussed a request to operate a video gaming parlor. Patrons could be served a limited number of drinks and have food available. Council members were not favorable to the business in the proposed location of 1011 South Main. Purchasing investors will be sought.

Council discussed selecting an engineering firm to assist in grant research and the project of Water Department clarifier repairs. Due to the grant writing experience, and the local attention received Council members selected the firm Milano and Grunloh to proceed on the clarifier repair project.

Commissioner Frailey reported bulbs were replaced on Diamond A at Gilbert Park. He stated a ball park lighting upgrade would save electric expenses. An IMEA grant will be researched.

Commissioner Williams reported IDOT is ready to inspect Hwy 128 repairs. Street & Alley Department continues to search for summer help. Safe Routes to Schools project needs completion and street oiling preparation will soon begin. He proposed a fourth full time employee in Street and Alley to allow two work teams. Mayor suggested contracting some work.

Commissioner Scholes reported a child received burns from a metal slide in Schmidt Park. He contacted the insurance risk management coordinator who recommended removal of all metal slides. Prior recommendations have been received to remove restrooms located at the south end of Gilbert Park, plans should continue. The batter's building is closed until a meeting can be held with the team coaches to discuss responsibility and care of the building.

Mayor Rippetoe reported the Hob Nob Market is moving their venue from Effingham to the Fairgrounds. It will be held September 9-10, hosting 150 vendors. They are seeking community involvement and will market local attractions.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
June 27, 2016 - 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 595-16; Repealing Ordinance 591-16; Authorizing Execution of Contract for Private Development Pursuant to Redevelopment Plan for TIF Area. (Mid-Illinois Medical Care Associates)*
  - B. *Approve Ordinance 596-16; Authorizing Execution of Contract for Private Development Pursuant to Redevelopment Plan for TIF Area (Opilka Realty)*
  - C. *Approve Ordinance 597-16; Authorizing Execution of Contract for Private Development Pursuant to Redevelopment for TIF Area (Irwin Seating).*
  - D. *Approve Contract for Hay Production on 8 ½ Acres at South Wastewater Treatment Plant.*
  - E. *Approve Generator Trade Agreement with D & M Electrical to Upgrade Municipal Building Generator.*
  - F. *Approve Ordinance SP-1456; Day Care Home Occupation, 402 Clover Street.*
  - G. *Approve Ordinance AM-1457; Rezoning 8745 N 300<sup>th</sup> St from SR-1 to B-3.*

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

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

J. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: June 24, 2016- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**June 27, 2016**

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on June 27, 2016, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Nathan Scholes; and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present –Wes Mueller; Andrew & Aimee Lowry; Catherine Zumwalt; Nick Burrus, Milano & Grunloh; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioner Richard Frailey was absent.

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

Ordinance 595-16; Repealing Ordinance 591-16; Authorizing Execution of Contract for Private Development Pursuant to Redevelopment Plan for TIF Area. (Mid-Illinois Medical Care Associates) was approved on a motion by Commissioner Scholes and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Developer required a name change.

Ordinance 596-16; Authorizing Execution of Contract for Private Development Pursuant to Redevelopment Plan for TIF Area (Opilka Realty) was approved on a motion by Commissioner Scholes and seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Ordinance 597-16; Authorizing Execution of Contract for Private Development Pursuant to Redevelopment for TIF (Irwin Seating) was approved on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Scholes. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

A Contract for Hay Production on 8 ½ acres at South Wastewater Treatment Plant was approved on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The contract was entered into with Alex Conner at a lease price of \$75.00 per acre.

Commissioner Slingerland motioned to approve a generator trade agreement with D&M Electrical to upgrade the Municipal Building generator. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The current 30kw generator is not capable of operating the air conditioner units. A 50kw generator will be installed, providing appropriate service to continue using the Municipal Building as an adequate cooling center.

Ordinance SP-1456; Day Care Home Occupation, 402 Clover Street was approved on a motion by Commissioner Scholes and seconded by Commissioner Slingerland. Members voted as

follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Catherine Zumwalt is approved to operate a home day care.

Ordinance AM-1457; Rezoning 8745 N 300<sup>th</sup> St from SR-1 to B-3 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The property was recently annexed into City limits. Annexations are automatically zoned SR-1, which is not represent use of the property.

Commissioner Slingerland reported a proposal has been received to replace the South Wastewater lift station control panel at a cost of less than \$22,000. Quote will be presented for approval at next meeting.

Commissioner Williams reported one person has been hired for seasonal help in Street & Alley Department, still seeking another hire. A cypress tree has been removed from Schmidt Park.

Commissioner Scholes reported the batters building is now re-opened.

Andrew Lowry told the Council of his plumbing issues requiring him to replace 50 feet of clay tile and the tap. He questioned who owned the tap. Mayor Rippetoe explained it is the home owners responsibility. He also mentioned flooding problems at 7<sup>th</sup> & Madison. Mayor Rippetoe and Commissioner Williams explained some of the plans they have to remove drainage hindrances.

Wes Mueller informed the Council Irwin Telescopic Seating plans to complete their building expansion in October 2016.

Nick Burrus, Milano & Grunloh, reported the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street improvement plans are at IDOT for review. He recommended the City continue striving to complete Safe Routes to Schools by the deadline.

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

Upon returning to open session, Commissioner Slingerland motioned to appoint Vaughn Voelker to Water Department Supervisor, increase his wages to \$20.20 per hour after Kevin Whittens retirement and give a 3% wage increase for all eligible employees. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

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

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
July 11, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Agenda**

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:  
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings  
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. POLICE REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
  - A. *Present Appropriation FYE 2017.*
  - B. *Approve Resolution 2016-07-01; Effingham County Fair Parade.*
  - C. *Dave Antrim – Business Opportunity*
  - D. *Approve Pay Estimate 12;\$60,000 to Haier Plumbing & Heating, South Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements.*
  - E. *Approve Vandevanter Engineering Proposal for Replacement of South Wastewater Lift Station Control Panel, \$21,891.00.*
  - F. *Discuss Sidewalk & Drainage Improvements 1<sup>st</sup> Block of West Lincoln.*
  - G.
  - H.
  - I. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: July 08, 2016- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 11, 2016**

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on July 11, 2016, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Jason Williams; and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present –Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief; Nick Burrus, Milano & Grunloh; Dallas & Virginia Kendall; Chad (last name unknown); and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioners Richard Frailey and Nathan Scholes 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 Slingerland. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. (Attachment 1)

Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief, presented the June 2016 Police Activity Report.

The estimated annual appropriation for fiscal year ending 2017 was presented in the amount of \$5,629,687. A public hearing is set for 5:45 pm July 25, 2016.

Resolution 2016-07-01; Effingham County Fair Parade was approved on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Chad, representative for Dave Antrim, presented a business design to the Council. The property owner of 102 North Third is considering a new business offering smoothies of alcoholic and non-alcoholic nature, deli sandwiches, and video gaming. Such a business would necessitate the City Council to amend the current liquor ordinance by creating an additional liquor license.

Council tabled the approval to pay estimate 12 in the amount of \$60,000 to Haier Plumbing and Heating. Commissioner Slingerland stated the former basin area still has water ponding.

Vandevanter Engineering Proposal for Replacement of South Wastewater Lift Station Control Panel in the amount of \$21,891.00 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Drainage and the absence of a sidewalk section along the north side of the Altamont Living Museum was discussed. A small patch of asphalt providing access to the handicap ramp is prohibiting the drainage.

The Kendall's requested the 4'-5' growth in the ditch south of their residence be mowed. Mayor Rippetoe suggested contracting a brush mower that would chop as well as mow. He also explain the City is considering cutting the Jefferson St curbing and designing a swail to carry water to the railroad drainage area.

Commissioner Slingerland, as public comment, urged the Altamont City Council to take action banning the practice of Sharia Law. He has met with Effingham County Board and contacted Senator McCarter and Representative Cavaletto regarding Sharia Law.

Nick Burrus reported Second Street resurfacing project is progressing. Home owners should be contacted about tree removal plans in the area. Mayor Rippetoe and Commissioner Williams concurred replacement trees should be offered. A resolution committing Motor Fuel Funds will be prepared for Council approval. An extension letter request of the Safe Routes to Schools sidewalk project will be submitted. Survey letters for grant application are effective for one more year. New survey forms have been created by DCEO requiring owner's signature. An inspection of the Water Department clear well was discussed. He suggested placing extension rings on the sewer manholes to detour ground water infiltration.

Commissioner Slingerland reported a new gear box for the clarifier mixer should be included in clarifier upgrade project costs. He suggested a camera be rented to examine sewer line at Main and Lincoln and along Division Street from Main to Third.

Commissioner Williams reported the County patching proved to be effective. He recommended purchasing a dura patch machine within the next two years.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY OF ALTAMONT  
PUBLIC HEARING  
July 25, 2016 – 5:45 p.m.  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS**

*Present 2017 Appropriation Ordinance*

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**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
July 25, 2016 - 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 598-16; Appropriation Fiscal Year Ending 2017.*
  - B. *Approve Ordinance SP-1461; 10 N Whitler Lane, Home Occupation of Auto Detailing Business.*
  - C. *Approve Ordinance VA-1462; 1 South Fourth St, Front & Side Yard Setbacks for Construction of Deck.*
  - D. *Approve 5K Walk/Run in Memory of Amelia Shepard Benefiting City of Altamont Playground Equipment, October 8, 2016.*

E. *Approve Resolution Committing \$71,250 Motor Fuel Funds for North Second Street Improvements, Washington to Madison.*

F. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: July 22, 2016- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 25, 2016**

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on July 25, 2016, 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 –Nick Burrus, Milano & Grunloh; Bryan Baker & Deb W.; and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. Commissioners Todd Slingerland and Nathan Scholes 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)

Ordinance 598-16; Appropriation Fiscal Year Ending 2017 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.

Ordinance SP-1461; 10 N Whitler Lane, Home Occupation of Auto Detailing Business 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.

Ordinance VA-1462; 1 South Fourth Street, Front & Side Yard Setbacks for Construction of a Deck as 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.

Council approved a 5K Walk/Run in Memory of Amelia Shepard Benefiting City of Altamont Playground Equipment, October 8, 2016. Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Frailey and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved a Resolution Committing \$71,250 Motor Fuel Funds for North Second Street Improvements, Washington to Madison. Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Commissioner Frailey reported storm cleanup continued. However, work was delayed due to excessive temperatures.

Commissioner Williams reported the Safe Routes to Schools project is progressing nicely.

Mayor Rippetoe reported the police department was recently involved in a drug raid. The Police Department has requested implementing a towing fee.

Nick Burrus, reported on all projects.

Clerk Stephen requested to create a Facebook page for the City. The page will be utilized to keep the public informed during emergency situations. A community calendar will be incorporated, by where residents and groups can request events be entered onto the calendar. Members present were favorable to a new information source.

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..

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
August 08, 2016 - 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 Wright Mansion Wine Tasting Event to be Held in Heritage Park, September 17, 2016 and Provide a Special Event Liquor License.*
  - B. *Approve Ordinance 599-16; Establishing Traffic Signs. (Establish No Parking Adjacent to Triangle & Stop Intersections in East Meadows Subdivision)*
  - C. *Approve Purchase of Gear Box Mixer from Philadelphia Mixers in the Amount of \$7,725.00.*
  - D. *Discuss Donation Request by Altamont High School Marching Band to Fund Washing DC Memorial Day 2017 Parade Entry.*
  - E. *Approve Partial Payment of Request #12 to Haier Plumbing for Improvements to South Wastewater Treatment Plant.*
  - F. *Executive Session for the Purposes of Discussing Legal Matters 5 ILCS 120/ (c ) (11) and Personnel Matter 5 ILCS 120/2 (c ) (1).*

G. *Action as Result of Executive Session.*

F. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: August 05, 2016- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 08, 2016**

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on August 08, 2016, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Nathan Scholes; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; Commissioner Jason Williams; and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present –Kenneth Ginn; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief; Nick Burrus, Milano & Grunloh; and Sarah Stephen.

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)

Chief Heiens presented the July 2016 Police Department Activity Report.

Council approved the Wright Mansion Wine Tasting Event to be held in Heritage Park September 17, 2016 and Provided a Special Event Liquor License. Motion for approval made 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 599-16; Establishing Traffic Signs (Establish No Parking Adjacent to Triangle & Stop Intersections in East Meadows Subdivision) 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, no; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Council determined provision would be made for portable grills to be placed on Washington Street when used during fund raising events.

Council discussed a donation request by Altamont High School Marching Band to fund Washington DC Memorial Day 2017 Parade Entry. Commissioner Slingerland suggested tabling the matter until a representative is present at a meeting. Commissioner Frailey questioned why a taxing body would donate to another taxing body. Commissioner Scholes stated the school may view the activity as being similar to the CEO program which the Council previously contributed to.

Commissioner Slingerland motioned to approve a partial payment of Request #12 in the amount of \$40,000 to Haier Plumbing for Improvements to South Wastewater Treatment Plant. 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. Unresolved issues included lack of drainage at location of previous lagoon and a replacement of the broken entrance gate. Mayor Rippetoe recommended requesting a \$1,000 allowance for the gate.

Commissioner Slingerland reported the Water Department is now operating with two employees. Terry Hahn, as stepped up to help. He suggested advertising for help as soon as possible.

Commissioner Frailey reported storm cleanup is now complete. Large trees were downed during the storm in the location south of Gilbert Park, creating blockage in the creek bed. The Electric Department is working to remove the fallen trees.

Commissioner Williams reported street oiling preparation will begin after the Safe Route to Schools sidewalk project is completed. The American Legion sidewalk request is scheduled after street oiling.

Commissioner Scholes reported a new youth fall baseball league is being organized. The Garden Club Fall festival is being moved to September. Repairs to the steps of the scorers booth are being discussed. Hofnet has been contacted regarding camera installation at Gilbert Park. All parks need mulch under the playground equipment. Weeds need sprayed before mulch can be applied. It was suggested Precision Law Care apply weed killer. Commissioner Slingerland mentioned September 11<sup>th</sup>, the American Legion is planning a flag retirement day.

Nick Burrus, Milano & Grunloh, stated Second Street Improvement project is out for bid. A letter has been received from the ICC approving release of funds to assist the City in Jackson St railroad approach improvements. He asked if a proposal was needed for the water plant filter. Mayor Rippetoe requested Milano & Grunloh provide a proposal.

Mayor Rippetoe asked if Ramsey Welding had been contacted to contract mowing along the railroad. Commissioner Williams will contact them.

Commissioner Frailey motioned to enter into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Legal Matters 5 ILCS 120/ (c ) (11) and Personnel Matter 5 ILCS 120/2 (c ) (1). Commissioner Williams 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.

Council discussed placing a utility lien on a property and beginning condemnation process of an empty property within the City limits.

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; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
August 22, 2016 - 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. *Hope Wheeler, Clifton, Larson & Allen FYE 2016 Audit Presentation.*
  - B. *Approve Request by American Legion Post 512 to Perform Controlled Burn Disposing of Unserviceable Flags, Lion's Club Addition of Schmidt Park, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm.*
  - C. *Approve Engineering Services Agreement for Motor Fuel Funds with Milano & Grunloh for Improvements to Second Street Washington to Madison.*
  - D. *Approve Bid Award to AJ Walker Construction for Improvements to Second Street Washington to Madison in the Amount of \$144,701.35.*
  - E. *Approve Final Payment of Request #12 to Haier Plumbing for Improvements to South Wastewater Treatment Plant in the Amount of \$20,000.*
  - F. *Approve Project Authorizations to Milano & Grunloh for Water Department*
    - (a) *Rehabilitation Filter #1 in the Amount of \$5,000;*
    - (b) *Clear well Inspection \$50.00;*
    - (c) *NPDES Permit Renewal \$1500.00*
  - G. *Discuss Employee Residency Requirements.*
  - H. *Executive Session for the Purposes of Discussing Business Matters 5 ILCS 120/2 (c ) (6).*

I. *Approve Lease Agreement with KNR Wireless to Allow Water Tower Attachment.*

J. *Action as Result of Executive Session.*

K. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: August 19, 2016- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 22, 2016**

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on August 22, 2016, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Nathan Scholes; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present –Ross Cornett; Adam Huston; Brad Miller; Roy Long; Dallas & Jennie Kendall; Hope Wheeler, CLA; Terry Hahn, Sewer Dept. Supr.; Nick Burrus, Milano & Grunloh; and Sarah Stephen. 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 Scholes. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. (Attachment 1)

Hope Wheeler, CLA, presented the FYE 2016 Audit. No discrepancies were reported. Any variances in revenue, expenses and capital gains were explained.

Council approved a request by American Legion Post 512 to Perform Controlled Burn Disposing of Unserviceable Flags, Lion's Club Addition of Schmidt Park, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm was approved on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland. Commissioner Scholes seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council awarded bid to AJ Walker Construction for Improvements to Second Street Washington to Madison in the Amount of \$144,701.35. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Frailey seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Commissioner Slingerland motioned to approve the following project authorizations to Milano & Grunloh for Water Department projects:

- (a) Rehabilitation Filter #1 in the Amount of \$5,000;
- (b) Clear well Inspection \$50.00;
- (c) NPDES Permit Renewal \$1500.00

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

Council approved Engineering Services Agreement for Motor Fuel Funds with Milano & Grunloh for Improvements to Second Street Washington to Madison on a motion by Commissioner Scholes. Commissioner Frailey seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Commissioner Slingerland stated he strongly feels beginning in 2017 newly hired City employees should reside within City limits or be a user of a utility system. New hires outside City limits would be given six months to relocate. Commissioner Scholes stated the talent pool and ability to attract job candidates is limited with such residency restrictions. Commissioner

Slingerland suggested that if young people know positions are available to residents, it may persuade them to stay in the area. He felt a resident employee pays back what they are paid. Mayor Rippetoe stated the limits and low starting wage would make an already tough hiring task even tougher. Matter will be presented for vote at the next regular meeting.

Commissioner Slingerland thanked Terry Hahn for helping in the Water Department. Lloyd Wendling has been hired to fill a position at the Water Department. Applications received will be reviewed later this week. Terry Hahn stated Haier Plumbing has placed dirt in the low areas at the south wastewater treatment plant, but water is still standing. However, by contract this would be considered warranty work. He is satisfied with the gate at this time.

Commissioner Slingerland motioned to not pay Haier Plumbing the final payment of \$20,000. Commissioner Scholes seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Commissioner Frailey reported electric service has been installed in preparation for the Wright Mansion Wine Tasting event. Despite an equipment breakdown, a pole replacement near Aker Drive was performed with a two hour outage.

Commissioner Scholes reported Heritage Park needs some weed kill and mulch before the wine tasting event. Bats have been removed from Gilbert Park.

Ross Cornett of HofNet Communications addressed the Council requesting they respect the relationship his company has had with the City by ensuring HofNet services will not be blocked by another provider. He urged the Council to make an educated decision and treat all companies fairly. He asked if a spectral analysis was performed. The Mayor affirmed the analysis had been done.

Dalles & Jennie Kendall asked when the drainage area adjacent to the railroad along West Jefferson Street would be mowed. They requested the swail, as discussed at previous meetings not be installed. They fear it will only create standing water on their property. Mayor Rippetoe stated plans have not yet been finalized to contract the ditch mowing.

Roy Long asked if there is still a plan to clean drainage areas from Route 40 to Jefferson St. Mayor Rippetoe stated he plans to continue the clearing in hopes to move water under the double tracks. A new railroad track manager has been assigned to the area, City is anticipating more Union Pacific Railroad cooperation.

Nick Burrus, Milano & Grunloh, stated the Jackson Street crossing plans have been received. Project will soon go out for bid.

Commissioner Slingerland stated the stairwell at 1 West Washington is retaining water, creating a dangerous, unhealthy situation. He suggested a letter be sent to the property owner.

Commissioner Scholes motioned to enter into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Business Matters 5 ILCS 120/2 (c ) (6). Commissioner Frailey seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Upon returning to open session, Commissioner Slingerland motioned to table approval of Lease Agreement with KNR Wireless until further information can be obtained. Commissioner

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
September 12, 2016 - 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. *Discuss Parking Adjacent to Triangle; Main St, Second St & Washington Street.*
  - B. *Approve Roadside Fundraiser Request from Effingham Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive, September 16, 2016.*
  - C. *Approve Masonic Lodge Halloween Parade October 29, 2016 at 3:00 pm.*
  - D. *Approve Street Closing; Second Street from Adams south to alley beginning noon October 8, 2016 to 1 am October 9, 2016 for Whistle Stop Saloon Grand Opening.*
  - E. *Appoint Council Member to Enterprise Zone Board.*
  - F. *Approve Ordinance VA-1467; 4 West Carriage Lane, Sign Variance.*
  - G. *Approve Updated Lease Agreement with HofNet Communications for Tower Lease.*
  - H. *Approve Lease Agreement with KNR Wireless to Allow Water Tower Attachment.*

I. *Approve Final Payment of Request #12 to Haier Plumbing for Improvements to South Wastewater Treatment Plant in the Amount of \$20,000.*

J. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: September 09, 2016- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**September 12, 2016**

The Council of the City of Altamont met in a regular session at 6:00 pm on September 12, 2016, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Nathan Scholes; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present –Ross Cornett; Alvin Oliver; Kenny Schumacher; Ken Ginn; Carol Clarkson; Mark Workman; Gerald White Jr; Penny White; Benton White; Gale Warner; Chris Horste; Nick Burrus, Milano & Grunloh; and City Clerk Sarah Stephen.

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

Gale Warner expressed his dislike of using weed killer around objects in the park to avoid trimming. Commissioner Scholes explained the spraying was done in preparation of the Wine Tasting and Fall Festival events.

Alvin Oliver mentioned the area in Union Cemetery adjacent to the railroad, the north side of the utility building and around the lighted sign need maintenance attention. He asked if monies held by the Cemetery Board of Managers could be utilized for use in some maintenance projects.

Gerald White Jr addressed the Council regarding the recent removal of parking adjacent to the Triangle. On behalf of himself and Carol Clarkson he requested the parking be returned as a convenience to senior citizens as well as other business patrons driving trucks pulling trailers. Ross Cornett agreed trucks pulling campers now have nowhere to park. He suggested vacating two parking spaces at the southeast corner of the intersection of Main & Washington in order to open visibility when pulling onto Main from East Washington. He stated when fundraising events are held on the Triangle, all parking will be taken. He suggested reducing the speed limit for safety concerns. The loss of business is a large impact to the City's revenue. Carol Clarkson stated the Clarkson Furniture delivery truck would be parked off of Second Street when not utilized for loading. Alvin Oliver commented that since the change he has witnessed drivers from the north making u turns in Main Street attempting to park in front of S&W. He stated if safety is a concern action should be taken regarding South Edwards Street near the school and the speed at the south entrance of the City.

Kenny Schumacher asked if the alley off Tenth Street to the drainage ditch could be re-opened providing him access to mow the ditch.

Council approved Roadside Fundraiser request of the Effingham Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive on September 16, 2016. Commissioner Frailey motioned for approval. Commissioner Slingerland seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Slingerland Council approved the Masonic Lodge Halloween Parade, October 29, 2016 at 3:00 pm. Commissioner Williams seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved a Street Closing; Second Street from Adams south to alley beginning noon October 8, 2016 to 1 am October 9, 2016 for Whistle Stop Saloon Grand Opening. Commissioner Williams motioned for approval. Commissioner Slingerland seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Slingerland, Nathan Scholes was appointed to represent the City Council on the Enterprise Zone Board. Commissioner Frailey seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Ordinance VA-1467; 4 West Carriage Lane, Sign Variance was approved on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Variance allows for a larger sign to be constructed for the Cobblestone Hotel.

Ross Cornett addressed the Council concerning an updated lease agreement with his company, HofNet Communications. The original lease approved in 2002 expired 2014. Minor changes to the original contract were added and provided connections in exchange for tower connection were included. Mayor Rippetoe asked for an explanation of "reasonable distance" as stated in the contract. Ross explained the term was to protect current and future companies from interference. He offered explanations of the current service provided and the detriment that could occur to businesses involved if protections were not in place. Mayor Rippetoe assured Ross the HofNet contract would be presented for vote before another company and would honor the existing agreement. Commissioner Slingerland motioned to table any action at this time. Commissioner Scholes seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Commissioner Slingerland motioned to table action regarding a Lease Agreement with KNR Wireless. Commissioner Scholes seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Final Payment of Request #12 to Haier Plumbing for Improvements to South Wastewater Treatment Plant in the Amount of \$20,000 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Commissioner Slingerland reported Ryan Spade has been hired to fill a vacancy in the Water Department and will begin September 26, 2016. Ray Casselman has retired from the City effective September 7, 2016. The north wastewater treatment plant is in need of major repairs. The circuit boards for the flood water pumps are inoperable and out of date. The circuit board has been sent to a company for repair at an estimated cost of \$800.

Commissioner Frailey reported line improvements in the north east service area will take place this week creating intermittent outages.

Commissioner Williams reported a broken storm sewer was exposed on West Division Street. Line replacement will be needed from Main Street to Third Street. Improvements have begun on Second Street from Washington to Madison. The Safe Routes to Schools sidewalk project has all concrete work completed. Landscape repair along sidewalks and crossings will be completed in the next couple weeks.

Commissioner Scholes will be meeting the organizers of the Amelia Shepard memorial 5K. Proceeds are intended for park improvements.

Clerk Stephen reported the first distribution of TIF Funds has been received in the amount of \$26,810.46. An equivalent payment will be received when real estate distributions are made by the County.

Nick Burrus reported he met with Frontier, who agreed to moving of a utility pole near Second & Madison Streets. Bids advertising should soon be take place for the Jackson Street railroad crossing.

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 Williams, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
September 26, 2016 - 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. *Rescind Parking Restrictions Adjacent to Triangle; Main St, Second St & Washington Street.*
  - B. *Approve Ordinance VA-1470A; 9 Do-It Drive, Side Lot Setback.*
  - C. *Approve Ordinance VA-1470B; 9 Do-It Drive, Parking Space Reduction.*
  - D. *Approve Extension Request; Bean Development Ordinance Compliance.*
  - E. *Approve Peoples Bank & Trust Proposal for Banking Services.*
  - F. *Approve Updated Lease Agreement with HofNet Communications for Tower Lease.*
  - G. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: September 23, 2016- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**September 26, 2016**

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on September 26, 2016, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Nathan Scholes; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present –Ross Cornett; Alvin Oliver; Frederick Seagle; Ken Ginn; Allen Wolff; Alvin Schultz; Steve Swingler; Dan Kruger; Nick Burrus, Milano & Grunloh; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief; and City Clerk Sarah Stephen.

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

Altamont Chief of Police, Alan Heiens, presented the August 2016 Police Activity Report.

Many attendees of the meeting expressed their opinion of the removal of parking spaces adjacent to the Triangle, both opposing and supporting. Commissioner Slingerland stated the senior citizens appreciate parking along the Triangle and believed alternative measures should be researched. Commissioner Frailey commented the effected business owners should have been consulted before removing the parking; it is the Council's responsibility to correct the situation. Commissioner Slingerland motioned to Rescind Parking Restrictions Adjacent to Triangle on Main Street, Second Street and Washington Street. Commissioner Williams seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, no; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, no.

Ordinance VA-1470A; Side Yard Setback at 9 Do-It Drive was approved on a motion by Commissioner Scholes. Commissioner Slingerland seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The setback allows for the south lot line to be modified from 20 feet to 10 feet.

Steve Swinger, Swingler Construction, explained to the Council the hardship cost created by requiring additional concrete for the 8 or 9 parking spaces. The only parking needed for the business will be employees and company vehicles. Ordinance VA-1470B; 9 Do-It Drive, Parking Space Reduction was approved by Council on a motion by Commissioner Scholes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, no; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Passage of the ordinance denied the variance request to reduce the required number of parking spaces. Council determined the parking spaces should be installed for future building utilization.

Prior to a recent court appearance, an officer of Bean Development Corporation requested an extension of a previous agreement to December 31, 2016, allowing ample time to bring property

into compliance. Commissioner Slingerland motioned to not extend the ordinance compliance deadline to Bean Development. Commissioner Scholes seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved Peoples Bank & Trust Proposal for Banking Services on a motion by Commissioner Williams. Commissioner Frailey seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved an updated Lease Agreement with HofNet Communications for Tower Lease. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval. Commissioner Scholes seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Frederick Seagle addressed the Council concerning the area between the street and sidewalk. He questioned why placements of temporary signs are enforced, but residents are allowed to continually leave trash cans placed in the same area.

Alvin Oliver asked the Council to enforce property cleanup in the highly visible areas of both 4-way stops of Main Street.

Dan Kruger asked the Council to consider changing the parking design on the south side of Immanuel Lutheran School. Council explained the area mentioned is private property and he would have to discuss the matter with the school and Church.

Commissioner Slingerland reported a new employee, Ryan Spade, has been hired in the Water Department. The motherboard of a control has been sent for repair, which is a great cost savings. He recommended plans be made for improvements to the north wastewater treatment plant in the form of an engineering plan and grant search. The clear well, built in 1956, during a recent inspection, showed signs of infiltration.

Commissioner Frailey reported line maintenance near the old reservoir has been completed. The renovation should lessen the number of storm outages.

Commissioner Williams reported Second Street improvements are advancing well. West Division Street repair project is in the hands of the grant writer. It is expected the exposed storm drain will remain through the winter. It was recommended the north side of West Division remain no parking to benefit large trucks following street repairs.

Commissioner Scholes reported the Wright Mansion Wine Tasting and Garden Club Fall Festival events went well. Visitors of the wine tasting requested the event remain in Klitzing Park. Unfortunately, the number of house tours was affected by the event relocation. The Amelia Shepard Memorial Walk/Run, fundraiser for future park equipment, will be held October 8<sup>th</sup>.

Nick Burrus reported Second Street is scheduled for surface milling to begin October 4<sup>th</sup>, at which time the street will be closed to all traffic.

Clerk Stephen read a thank you from a Wright Mansion Committee member.

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 Williams, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
October 10, 2016 - 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 Altamont Christian Church Street Closing Request to Conduct Trunk or Treat on October 31, 2016, 5:00 – 8:30 pm. Second Street from Main to Washington.*
  - B. *Approve Grant Writing Services Agreement with South Central Illinois Regional Planning & Development in the Amount of \$2,500.*
  - C. *Approve Authorization for Mayor and City Clerk to Transfer Funds from 1<sup>st</sup> Mid Illinois Bank to Peoples Bank & Trust as Checking Account Conversion Develops.*
  - D. *Discuss Future Plans of Incubator Building.*
  - E. *Discuss Removal of Mobile Homes on City Owned Property.*
  - F. *Executive Session for the Purposes of Discussing Personnel Matters 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, (c ) (1).*
  - G. *Action as Result of Executive Session.*
  - H. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: October 07, 2016- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**October 10, 2016**

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on October 10, 2016, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Nathan Scholes; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present –Sam Gnuse; Nick Burrus, Milano & Grunloh; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief; and City Clerk Sarah Stephen. Commissioner Richard Frailey was absent.

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

Altamont Chief of Police, Alan Heiens, presented the September 2016 Police Activity Report.

Sam Gnuse brought to the Council's attention that 2021 will be another centennial year for the City of Altamont. He served as centennial chairman in the past and explained the importance of early planning.. He also asked the Council to reconsider past methods used during the leaf pickup program. He suggested the policy be review to allow scheduled burning or establish a more efficient pickup system.

Council approved Altamont Christian Church Street Closing Request to Conduct Trunk or Treat on October 31, 2016, 5:00 – 8:30 pm., Second Street from Main to Washington. Commissioner Scholes motioned for approval, Commissioner Williams seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved Grant Writing Services Agreement with South Central Illinois Regional Planning & Development in the Amount of \$2,500 on a motion by Commissioner Williams. Commissioner Slingerland seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The grant would provide funding for repairs to West Division Street from Main to Fourth.

Council Approved Authorization for Mayor and City Clerk to Transfer Funds from 1<sup>st</sup> Mid Illinois Bank to Peoples Bank & Trust as Checking Account Conversion Develops on a motion by Commissioner Slingerland and seconded by Commissioner Scholes. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Future plans for the Incubator Building were discussed. Commissioner Williams suggested a hard push advertising before considering actively selling the property. Use of a Facebook advertising was suggested.

Council discussed removal of mobile homes on property acquired by the City. Commissioner Slingerland suggested creating a park area after mobile homes are removed. A quote for removal is to be obtained.

Commissioner Slingerland reported vehicles used by the Sewer Department are requiring costly repairs. He suggested selling the Suburban and pickup truck to upgrade to newer universal vehicle. He spoke to an engineering firm who recommended the City plan for 2019 repairs, allowing adequate time to secure grant funding. Mayor Rippetoe stated some less expensive upgrades may be performed before 2019.

Commissioner Williams reported waterways are being cleared. Second Street is waiting on oiling, curbing, sidewalks and ADA compliance has been completed. He has spoken with Rich Gieseke regarding replacement tree planting. Mayor Rippetoe stated he would like to see trees abnormal to the area be considered for planting. Commissioner Williams stated he would like to have the Tree Board review the list of approved trees, update the list and recommend new planting and locations. New plantings are needed due to the removal of ailing Ash and Oak trees.

Commissioner Scholes stated the Amelia Shepard Memorial 5K was a success. When the final balances are tallied, park equipment will be selected.

Mayor Rippetoe reported he met with a developer of a potential apartment complex. A sizeable acreage is being sought for the development.

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

Upon returning to open session Commissioner Williams motioned to approve employee health insurance renewal age rated policy with Blue Cross Blue Shield. Commissioner Slingerland seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
October 24, 2016 - 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. *Larry Taylor – IMEA Report.*
  - B. *Approve Pay Request #1 in the Amount of \$110,888.59; AJ Walker Construction, Second Street Improvements.*
  - C. *Approve Residency Requirement for New Hires.*
  - D. *Approve Purchase of 2002 GMC Truck from Phil Schultz in the Amount of \$5,000 for Sewer Department.*
  - E. *Approve Resolution 2016-10-02; Authorizing Sale of Surplus Equipment.*
  - F.
  - G. *Executive Session for the Purposes of Discussing Personnel Matters 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, (c ) (1).*
  - H. *Action as Result of Executive Session.*
  - I. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: October 21, 2016- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**October 24, 2016**

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on October 24, 2016, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Nathan Scholes; Commissioner Todd Slingerland; and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present –Larry Taylor; Michael Tappendorf, Milano & Grunloh; Bruce Kessler; and City Clerk Sarah Stephen.

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

Larry Taylor reported updates of the Illinois Municipal Electric Association. He stated the electric industry is anticipating a large increase in the cost of power. However, the increase will not affect the City of Altamont unless a power shortage occurs. The two new power plants are performing near expectations.

Commissioner Williams motioned to approve 50% of the requested \$110,888.59 to AJ Walker Construction for improvements to Second Street. Commissioner Slingerland seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The balance of the 50% expected to be paid when grant funds are received from IDOT.

Commissioner Slingerland expressed his view favoring a requirement of employees residing within the City limits or within the City utility system, contributing back to the City. Commissioner Scholes stated people outside the City limits, having family ties and community based could not be hired. Commissioner Williams agreed with the spirit, but qualified applicants with established homes are not easily convinced to move into the area. Mayor Rippetoe suggested hires be reasonably located within a response time. Commissioner Slingerland motioned to establish a residency requirement effective January 1, 2017. Motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Slingerland motioned to approve the purchase of a 2002 GMC truck from Phil Schultz in the amount of \$5,0000 for the Sewer Department. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, no; Commissioner Frailey, no; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved Resolution 2016-10-02, Authorizing Sale of Surplus Equipment. Commissioner Slingerland motioned for approval.(attachment 2) Commissioner Scholes seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. A 1997 Chevrolet Suburban and 1993 Ford F150 Pickup will be sold at sealed bid.

Commissioner Slingerland reported Vaughn Voelker is pricing automatic hydrant flushing equipment. He expressed disappointment about the negative report concerning the clear well. He would like to approach TMW Engineering to discuss future upgrades to the north wastewater treatment facility.

Commissioner Frailey reported more tree trimming has been done. The three phase service for the new medical development has been completed.

Commissioner Williams reported Ramsey Welding will be mowing drainage areas. He is searching for a used tractor and bat wing mower for the City's use.

Commissioner Scholes reported the parks will be closing next week. The Boy Scout Troop has completed the National Road kiosk area at the entrance of Gilbert Park. The Amelia Shepard Memorial 5K Run raised \$5,000 for park equipment.

Mayor Rippetoe reported the inspection of the 60 year old clear well revealed too much infiltration. Repairs would be too costly. An emergency interconnect with EJ Water may be the answer to a backup water supply. South Central Illinois Regional Planning and Development have sent the grant application regarding repairs to West Division Street. He explained the cost breakdown with and without forgiveness, the availability of SCIRPD revolving loan funds, and use of TIFF funds for the project costs.

Bruce Kessler explained to the Council the Altamont Living Museum may be closing in January 2017, after 20 years of operation, due to rising utility costs. He requested the sidewalk adjacent to the north side of the Living Museum be replaced.

Council entered into Executive Session for the Purposes of Discussing Personnel Matters 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, (c ) (1) 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.

Upon returning to open session Commissioner Slingerland motioned to approve cost sharing of dependent health insurance – employees minimum share of dependent children \$85.04, City will pay 40% of dependent premium cost until children reach the age of 20 when the employee will pay 100% of the premium. Commissioner Scholes seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, 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 Scholes. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Slingerland, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
November 14, 2016 - 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 600-16; Authorizing Execution of a Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the Tax Increment Area; Deb's Catering.*
  - B. *Approve Open Burning Variance Request; Lynn Kull.*
  - C. *Approve Payment to Larry Heuerman for Street Oiling in the Amount of \$21,393.18.*
  - D. *Approve Balance of Pay Request #1 to AJ Walker Construction in the Amount of \$55,444.29; Second Street Improvements.*
  - E. *Approve Pay Request #2 to AJ Walker Construction in the amount of \$10,245.50; Second Street Improvements.*
  - F. *Approve Ordinance 601-16; Authorizing Execution of Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the Tax Increment Area; Wortman Holdings LLC.*
  - G. *Approve Ordinance 602-16; Authorizing Execution of Economic Incentive Agreement with Wortman Holdings LLC.*
  - H. *Dave Frederking; Discuss Residential Development.*
  - I. *Approve R&H Plumbing Removal of Mobile Homes, Garage, Infrastructure and Reshape Lot of Former Altamont Mobile Home Court, North Eighth Street, in the Amount of \$7,250.00.*

- J. *Approve Ordinance 603-16; Authorizing Execution of IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement in the Amount of \$144,670.68.*
- K. *Approve Lease Agreement with KNR Wireless to Allow Water Tower Attachment.*
- L. *Discuss Closing of CSX Edwards Street Pedestrian Crossing.*
- M. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: November 10, 2016- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**November 14, 2016**

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on November 14, 2016, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Jason Williams; Commissioner Richard Frailey; Commissioner Nathan Scholes; and Mayor Jason Rippetoe. Also present – Nick Burrus, Milano & Grunloh; Mike Hoffman, HofNet Communications; Ken Ginn; Dave Frederking; Kirk Hammer, Rob Schottman, & Nathan Dothager, KNR Wireless; Alvin Oliver; John Wortman; Alan Heiens; and City Clerk Sarah Stephen. Commissioner Todd Slingerland was absent.

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

Alan Heiens, Altamont Chief of Police, presented the October 2016 Police Activity Report.

Ordinance 601-16; Authorizing Execution of Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the Tax Increment Area; Wortman Holdings, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Scholes. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The ordinance provides 50% abatement of real estate taxes for the term of twenty years, to exceeding \$250,000.

Ordinance 602-16; Authorizing Execution of Economic Incentive Agreement with Wortman Holdings LLC was approved on a motion by Commissioner Scholes and seconded by Commissioner Frailey. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. The ordinance provides a net abatement of 1% business district sales tax for the term of 23 years.

Dave Frederking addressed the Council concerning an eight lot residential development located outside the south City limits. He requested Council consideration of utilizing the previous railroad area as an entrance to the development and connection to the existing Empire Drive. He stated gutters will not be necessary as ditches would be in existence. Options for various infrastructure, annexation and the possibility of establishing a TIF district were discussed.

Council approved lease agreement with KNR Wireless to allow a water tower attachment. Commissioner Williams motioned for approval. Commissioner Frailey seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Ordinance 600-16; Authorizing Execution of a Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the Tax Increment Area; Deb's Catering was approved on a motion by Commissioner Frailey. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Scholes. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes. Ordinance provides 50% real estate tax abatement for ten years.

Council discussed providing an open burning request to Lynn Kull. In a letter provided to the Council, Mr. Kull explained he was clearing a waterway benefiting the City and his personal property. Council tabled the request to allow coordination with the Altamont Fire Chief.

Council approved Payment to Larry Heuerman for Street Oiling in the Amount of \$21,393.18 on a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Scholes. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Nick Burrus, Milano & Grunloh, explained project changes and related costs of the Second Street Improvement Project. Upon hearing the explanations, Commissioner Williams motioned to approve balance of Pay Request #1 to AJ Walker Construction in the Amount of \$55,444.29. Commissioner Scholes seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved Pay Request #2 to AJ Walker Construction in the amount of \$10,245.50 for Second Street Improvements. Commissioner Williams motioned for approval. Commissioner Frailey seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council approved R&H Plumbing Removal of Mobile Homes, Garage, Infrastructure and Reshape Lot of Former Altamont Mobile Home Court, North Eighth Street, in the Amount of \$7,250.00 on a motion by Commissioner Scholes. Motion seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Ordinance 603-16; Authorizing Execution of IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement in the Amount of \$144,670.68 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Scholes and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Scholes, yes; Commissioner Frailey, yes; Commissioner Williams, yes; and Mayor Rippetoe, yes.

Council discussed closing of the CSX Edwards Street Pedestrian Crossing. CSX had contacted the City if there would be objections to CSX petitioning IDOT to permanently remove the pedestrian crossing. Council members expressed strong opposition to the closing. They determined if the crossing was closed, pedestrians would still use the crossing only increasing the element of danger.

Commissioner Frailey reported line clearance work continues.

Commissioner Williams reported the final walk thru of the Safe Routes to Schools and Second Street Improvement projects was conducted. An estimate of \$1600 was received from Phil Schultz to clean water retention area along CSX Railroad near Tenth Street.

Commissioner Scholes reported the Boy Scouts, led by Dave Miller has completed the National Road Kiosk display at the entrance of Gilbert Park.

Mayor Rippetoe reported he has met with a developer interested in constructing a 26 unit senior citizen residential complex.

Alvin Oliver requested the Council watch a residential pine tree in his neighborhood that is dying. He suggested the City work towards condemning dilapidated commercial buildings to allow for new commercial growth.

Nick Burrus, Milano & Grunloh Engineers, provided an update of the pending projects.

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

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
November 28, 2016 - 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 Utilizing TMW Engineering for North Wastewater Treatment Improvement Plans.*
  - B. *Approve Open Burning Variance Request; Lynn Kull.*
  - C. *Announce Estimated Tax Levy FYE 2017.*
  - D. *Approve Resolution 2016-11-03 Establishing 2017 Meetings*
  - E. *Approve 2017 Holiday Schedule.*
  - F. *Approve 2017 Employee Assistance Program, Annual Cost of \$24.00 Per Employee.*
  - G. *Approve Resolution 2016-11-04; Regulating Control of Travel Expenses Pursuant to PA 099-0604.*
  - H. *Approve Resolution 2016-11-05; Regulating Employee Sick Pay Pursuant to 099-0841.*
  - I.
  - J. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: November 23, 2016- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM  
202 NORTH SECOND ST  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS  
December 12, 2016 - 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 604-16; Amending FYE 2017 Appropriation.*
  - B. *Approve Ordinance 605-16; FYE 2017 Tax Levy.*
  - C. *Approve Omnibus Vote:  
Approve Ordinance 606-16; Abating Water Bond 2016 Tax Levy.  
Approve Ordinance 607-16; Abating Electric Bond 2016 Tax Levy.*
  - D. *Approve Ordinance 608-16; Authorizing Amendment to Contract for Private Development Pursuant to Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (Irwin Seating)*
  - E. *Approve Ordinance AM-1472; Rezoning 9 South Main & 13 South Main from B-2 to SR-2 Classification.*
  - F. *Approve Ordinance SP-1473; Special Use, 30 Unit Senior Residence Planned Development at 406 & 506 East Cumberland Road.*
  - G. *Alan Heiens; Incubator Building.*

H. *Approve Bid for Sale of 1997 GMC Suburban.*

I. *Approve Bod for Sale of 1993 Ford F150.*

J. *ADJOURN*

POSTED: December 09, 2016- 4:00 pm.

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SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK