

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
January 12, 2026 - 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 Payment to Altamont Lodge 533 Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, Pursuant to TIF Agreement (Ordinance 824-25) in the Amount of \$5,000.*
 - B. *Approve Payment to Andrews Eats LLC Pursuant to TIF Agreement. (Ordinance 833-25) in the Amount of \$24,000.*
 - C.
 - D. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: January 09, 2026- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
January 12, 2026

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on January 12, 2026, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Kathryn Huntley; Commissioner Zain Parker. Also present –Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief; Mark Workman; Phil Devore; James & Vennia Petty and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

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

Chief Heiens presented the December 2025 Police Activity Report and the Annual 2025 report. Calls for traffic and criminal arrests increased. Chief Heiens attributed this to having more police officers.

Phil Devore expressed his concerns of renting the location of 600 South Main to food trucks. He explained doing so would greatly affect their already struggling food business. He wanted to know why the City Council would bring in competition to established business owners. Mayor Walker explained the goal is to offer more services to the public, not competition. Mark Workman asked how the food trucks sales would be monitored for paying sales tax. Vienna Petty also expressed concerns. She explained most of the Open Door Diner lunch business was take out, which will be in direct competition and bringing in a large number of competitors will hurt current businesses. Commissioner Polk asked at what point is the Council a dictatorship or a capitalist. Mayor Walker stated they would be selective in the type of food offered to avoid direct competition.

Council Approved Payment to Altamont Lodge 533 Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, Pursuant to TIF Agreement (Ordinance 824-25) in the Amount of \$5,000. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Huntley seconded. Members voted as follows: Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Huntley; Commissioner White, ineligible; Commissioner Parker, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Payment to Andrews Eats LLC Pursuant to TIF Agreement (Ordinance 833-25) in the Amount of \$24,000. Commissioner Huntley motioned for approval. Commissioner Parker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Huntley; Commissioner White, ineligible; Commissioner Parker, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Commissioner Parker reported the December 26 outage was corrected in a timely manner. The north feeder project is 1/3 done.

Commissioner Polk reported Division Street ditch cleaning has been scheduled. The Ewing Street ditch cleaning is an IDOT project. The concrete, which served as the floor of the Dairy Bar (600 S Main) will be removed by City crews. The sidewalk replacement resulting from the water main replacement, will have an increased cost for retaining walls at effected driveways on South Main St.

Commissioner White reported the reservoir is down 28". Filter #2 media change has been completed and is working well. He signed a 47 year agreement with the University of Illinois for lake level monitoring at the reservoir. This comes at no cost to the City. He will have a zoom meeting with the U of I to discuss help with the water quality issues. The water main replacement project is scheduled for

completion in March or April 2026. He was approached by a company bidding work on I70, who is looking for a minimum of 5 surface acres of clay dirt. They discussed digging a pond 8 foot deep to compliment the existing reservoir. Engineers would have to design a flow plan from the pond into the current reservoir. Other opportunities to the project may include buying scrap concrete that could be repurposed as rip rap; additional clay could be used at the north sewer lagoon for the berm rebuilding; and asphalt millings may be available at no cost. Commissioner Polk asked what value interstate ponds have and the reservoir property is valuable. He would not be in favor of using it for a pond.

Commissioner Huntley reported there has not been an announcement of OSLAD grant awards.

Mayor Walker reported he signed another contract for sale of a lot at South Point Subdivision. The owner of Feed the Crave has submitted a TIF request for \$50,000 on a \$103,000 project to construct a permanent building from connex containers. No decision has been made. He is planning to meet with each Commissioner to discuss 2026 plans for their departments.

Clerk Stephen reported documents are being prepared for closing of 102 West Washington. White markings on the streets of Oak, Ash, Edwards & South Oaks Subdivision are for Frontier fiber optic installation. She asked about an adjustment to the contracted amount of the 600 S Main demolition. After the contract was awarded, the City asked the contractor to not remove the grease trap, as was indicated in the original bid advertisement and contract. She also stated the lines had not been capped as was detailed in the contract and would not be necessary now that the concrete will be removed. Commissioner White suggested the contractor be asked for a credit on the original contract price.

Clerk Stephen had been asked by the realtor selling property at 202 North Sixth Street, if the City would be interested in purchasing the property. The owner had the property surveyed. The survey indicated the building was not constructed on railroad property. Members expressed no interest in purchasing the property.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

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

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
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2. ENGINEER REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Schuetzenfest Committee Members.*
 - B. *Approve Payment to Bannister Properties LLC, Pursuant to TIF Agreement (Ordinance 840-25) in the Amount of \$5,000.*
 - C. *Approve Payment to H & K Excavating for Demolition of 600 South Main St in the Amount of \$23,157.50.*
 - D. *Approve Payment of Pay Request #7 in the Amount of \$331,352.72 to Kieffer Bros Construction for Water Main Installation (DCEO Grant Agreement 19-242036)*
 - E. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Setting Price for Sale or Lease of Property 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(7) and Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).*
 - F. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: January 23, 2026- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
January 26, 2026

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on January 26, 2026, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Kathryn Huntley; Commissioner Zain Parker. Also present –Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers; Val Behl; Darren Beccue; Larry Taylor and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

The Omnibus Vote Agenda comprised of prior meeting minutes and payment of bills, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Huntley and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Huntley; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. (Attachment 1) Commissioner Polk was not present at this time.

Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers presented the project update. Water Main Replacement – a change order and pay estimate is being prepared. Two weeks of work should complete the project. Interstate Underpass – permit is being finalized. OSLAD Grant – the City of Altamont was not selected for funding.

Larry Taylor provided a report of the IMEA updates. MISO called for a curtailment of power and asked the generators be ran during the recent cold weather. Large computer locations are drawing more power than anticipated. New MISO rules have been handed down to run generators four times a year to prove adequacy. Generator #4 will soon be dedicated, which will provide more capacity credits to the City of Altamont. This will also mean during testing all four generators will have to run. IMEA President, Kevin Gaden, is retiring March 30, 2026. His replacement is the CWLP President, which will be a smooth transition. During the recent energy efficiency meeting, it was pointed out that Altamont has \$6,000 which needs to be committed prior to April 30th or it will be redirected to the rate stabilization fund to be used during the hot months of the year.

Commissioner Polk entered the meeting during Larry Taylor's presentation.

Val Behl and Darren Beccue addressed the Council on behalf of the Schuetzenfest Committee. The Committee is exploring the idea of moving the annual Schuetzenfest from the Effingham County Fairgrounds into the downtown for a one day event. They asked the Council to consider a street closing of Adams from Third to Second and Second from Adams to the alley on September 26th. The Committee would sell wrist bands for \$5.00. The bars of Luke's and Whistle Stop would sell the alcohol. Bands would perform on the Whistle Stop outdoor area. All activities would be outside. The Education Foundation could change from a kickball to corn hole tournament. They also requested consideration of allowing the band to play until midnight. They will report to the Council at the February 23rd meeting. The Council will check with the insurance company for requirements.

Council Approved Payment to Bannister Properties LLC, Pursuant to TIF Agreement (Ordinance 840-25) in the Amount of \$5,000. Commissioner Huntley motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner White, ineligible; Commissioner Parker, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Payment to H&K Excavating for Demolition of 600 South Main Street in the Amount of \$23,157.50. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Parker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner White,

yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. A concession of \$842.50 deduction was provide by the contractor because Council determined removal of the grease trap was not needed.

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

Commissioner Parker reported the cold weather and high electric usage caused expanding & contracting of utility lines resulting in the January 23rd outage. IMEA requested the generators be ran on January 24th and they are on standby for more requests this week.

Commissioner Polk reported the Street Department worked on snow removal Sunday and have the streets in good shape. There is not currently enough salt to treat every street in town. Suppliers are not able to fulfill all the requests at this time. They repaired a water main break on Saturday. Concrete removal has started at 600 South Main Street. The drainage area at Ewing and Rt 40 has been cleaned by IDOT.

Commissioner White reported a water main break at Monroe and Ninth was repaired. The water main at Schmidt Park was compromised when a T started breaking during the cut and cap of the main. Kieffer Bros Construction and City employees did a great job, working until midnight. The job supported the need for a portable light tower that could be utilized by many departments. He is continuing work with the U of I concerning investigation of the water condition Jasmine event. A digital reactor was purchased for the water and sewer departments to analyze water for phosphorus and total nitrate. The reservoir is down 30 inches.

Commissioner Huntley reported the parks and cemetery are quiet.

Mayor Walker revealed a recognition sign to be displayed on the new Schmidt Park restrooms. It lists those involved in raising funds for construction of the restrooms. He is working on the food truck regulations, forms and applications.

Clerk Stephen provided the FYE 2025 audit. The audit firm will not be making a Council presentation this year. No concerns were expressed in their findings. She stated a draft ordinance for food trucks was available for Council review.

Council moved into Executive Session for the Purpose of Setting Price for Sale or Lease of Property 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(7) and Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) on a motion by Commissioner Polk. Commissioner Huntley seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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 - A. *Approve Roadside Fundraiser Request; American Legion Post 512, Poppy Day April 17, 2026 with April 24, 2026 Rain Date.*
 - B. *Approve Purchase of Grid Bee GS-9 Mixer for Water Tower, Not to Exceed \$12,000.*
 - C. *Discuss Ordinance Regulating Mobile Food Service Establishments.*
 - D. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: February 06, 2026- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
February 09, 2026

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on February 09, 2026, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Kathryn Huntley; Commissioner Zain Parker. Also present –Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Marie Adamick, Effingham Daily News; Gale Warner; Richard Frailey; Alan Heiens, Altamont Chief of Police and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

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

Chief Heiens presented the January 2026 Police Activity Report. Commissioner Huntley requested the electronic speed limit indicator signs on Division Street. Chief Heiens explained the signs cannot be operable during extreme cold weather. Gale Warner asked if the speed could be lowered to 15 mph on Main Street near the grocery store and some other City streets. He also reported a stop sign on Grant is not being complied with by motorists. It was suggested the Main Street speed limit be posted near Lincoln and Main.

Gale Warner asked why the concrete at 600 South Main was not removed by the contractor who demolished the building. Mayor Walker explained the intention was to expose the condition of the concrete and see if it could be used. It was discovered the existing concrete was not salvageable, so it is being removed. A smaller concrete pad will be poured for food trucks.

Council Approved a Roadside Fundraiser Request by the American Legion Post 512 for Poppy Day April 17, 2026 with April 24, 2026 rain date. Commissioner Parker motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Purchase of Grid Bee GS-9 Mixer for the Water Tower, Not to Exceed \$12,000. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Huntley seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. The motor is not functioning on the existing unit. During the installation a water tower inspection will be performed and an updated fall arrest system will be installed.

Council discussed in length a draft of an Ordinance Regulating Mobile Food Service Establishments. The draft was interpreted to regulate mobile vendors located within the City limits. Commissioner Polk asked if the cookouts often held on the triangle would be included. The draft only covers mobile food units. He asked if property owners had to provide a site plan and suggested the bias be taken out by the ordinance. Commissioner White asked for clarification of a clause in the indemnification agreement. It was suggested if the vendor was on private property, the property owner sign the application giving permission.

Commissioner Polk reported the Street Department will continue to remove concrete at 600 South Main. Division Street drainage will be addressed as soon as weather clears.

Commissioner Parker reported an outage at Zink Apartments was repaired after the primary failed.

Commissioner White reported the last concrete pour at Division and Main will be tomorrow. At Bond & Division it was discovered two sanitary service lines were connected. To correct this illegal connection, a new sanitary main will be installed with an estimated cost of \$19,500, not including engineering fees. All property owners have agreed to pay the \$200 tap fee.

Commissioner Huntley reported letters to ball teams will soon be going out to pay the annual ball diamond use fee. The high school is selling picnic tables. They will be contacted about making repairs to the existing park picnic tables. She, Commissioner White and Wes Bell attended the Effingham County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee meeting. It is a collaboration of many entities for disaster preparedness.

Mayor Walker reported establishing the food truck procedures is currently his main focus, so it can be in place by spring. He will be attending the Schuetzenfest meeting on February 15th to learn more about their future plans. Another South Point perspective buyer has shown interest in purchasing a lot. Deb's Catering will soon start their rebuild with the assistance of TIF funding.

Clerk Stephen reported a second South Point lot was closed on. She is working with Feed the Crave to find TIF eligibility, as new construction is not eligible. She will be meeting with Attorney Willenborg on the recodification review. In reference to the Schuetzenfest relocating to the downtown area, the City's insurance company was contacted and maximum insurance coverage would need to be provided by the Schuetzenfest Committee, all bars and vendors involved. The City liquor ordinance would need modified to allow to go containers and open liquor on city streets or city property.

Clerk Stephen announced to those present, she has informed the Council to begin a search for her successor. She has plans to retire in the future, but will train her replacement for one year if necessary.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

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6. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Schuetzenfest Committee Members.*
 - B. *Approve Ordinance VA-1820; 107 & 109 West Washington Ave, Rear Yard Intrusion.*
 - C. *Approve Ordinance 851-26; Authorizing Execution of Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the City of Altamont Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (Deb's Catering)*
 - D. *Approve Ordinance; 852-26; Authorizing First Amendment to Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the City of Altamont Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (RDM Designs Custom Cabinetry)*
 - E. *Approve Ordinance 853-26; Authorizing Execution of Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the City of Altamont Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (7124 Properties LLC aka A&H Auto Repair & Sales)*
 - F. *Approve Advertising 2026 Mowing Bids*
 - G. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: February 20, 2026- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
February 23, 2026

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on February 23, 2026, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Kathryn Huntley; Commissioner Zain Parker. Also present –Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Richard Frailey; Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers; Charles Pagel, Mike Klitzing and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

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

Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers updated Council on projects. The main street water line replacement project is complete. There is a one year guarantee. Seeding and mulching will start when spring weather allows. ITEP grant will be bid let in July for fall construction. The Bond & Division Street sanitary replacement has been sent to IEPA, should receive word in next two weeks. Rocket Road will be staked for gutter installation.

Charles Pagel commented the standing water in front of Altamont Foods still remains. He understood the issue would be addressed when the water line replacement was done in the area. Commissioner Polk explained, drainage was not part of the water line replacement project.

Schuetzenfest Committee members were not present to speak.

Council Approved a Roadside Fundraiser Request by the American Legion Post 512 for Poppy Day April 17, 2026 with April 24, 2026 rain date. Commissioner Parker motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Ordinance VA-1820; 107 & 109 West Washington Ave Rear Yard Intrusion. Mike Klitzing, property owner, was present to explain he would like to build a deck on the back side of the duplex three foot from the property line, attached to the structure. The structure was built prior to zoning. White motioned for approval. Commissioner Huntley seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Ordinance 851-26; Authorizing Execution of Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the City of Altamont Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (Deb's Catering). Commissioner Huntley motioned for approval. Commissioner Parker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner White, ineligible; Commissioner Parker, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. TIF will provide 50% return on TIF real estate taxes for ten years.

Council Approved Ordinance; 852-26; Authorizing First Amendment to Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the City of Altamont Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (RDM Designs Custom Cabinetry) Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Huntley seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes;

Commissioner White, ineligible; Commissioner Parker, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. The project deadline is extended to August 30, 2026.

Council Approved Ordinance 853-26; Authorizing Execution of Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the City of Altamont Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (7124 Properties LLC aka A&H Auto Repair & Sales) Commissioner Parker motioned for approval. Commissioner Huntley seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, recused; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner White, ineligible; Commissioner Parker, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. TIF Provides \$25,000 at the completion of the renovation project.

Council Approved Advertising 2026 Mowing Bids on a motion by Commissioner Huntley. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. Bids are due in the City office 10:00 am March 19, 2026.

Commissioner Huntley reported the Schmidt Park Welcome to Altamont sign will not have the outer panels replaced. The individual organization signs are being held by the City. She will be asking the school for volunteers for help with park and cemetery cleanup.

Commissioner White reported the reservoir is down 28.5 inches. Filter media is being ordered for the last unit change. The water main project concrete and valve replacements are completed.

Commissioner Parker reported a line at Zink Apartments needs buried. City is waiting on an easement. A capacity bank failed at East Meadows. Neshap testing will be scheduled. He met with Larry Taylor and is looking forward to a trip to the IMEA headquarters.

Commissioner Polk reported concrete removal at 600 South Main will soon be completed. Snow plow repairs have been done.

Mayor Walker reported establishing the food truck procedures has a goal of May 1st.

Clerk Stephen reported the asbestos testing has been done at 102 West Washington. The ownership of old bank records store at the location was discussed.

Commissioner Polk presented a drawing of planned addition to the Altamont Grade School. The addition may require moving of electric and sanitary main utilities. The school has proposed installing two lines of conduit to be used in the event the current electric service would fail. The 9 foot deep sanitary main will be 5-7 feet away from the building. Commissioners will discuss with the respective department supervisors.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

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 - A. *Schuetzenfest Committee.*
 - B. *Approve Roadside Fundraiser Request; Altamont VFW Post 7676 Poppy Day May 8, 2026, May 15, 2026 Rain Date.*
 - C. *Approve Ordinance 854-26; Authorizing Execution of a Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the City of Altamont, Illinois Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (Splechter Enterprises LLC)*
 - D. *Approve Ordinance 855-26-; Amending Solar Avoided Cost Rate.*
 - E. *Approve Employee Assistance Program 1 Year Renewal with Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center.*
 - F. *Discuss Ordinance Regulating Mobile Food Service Establishments.*
 - G. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: March 06, 2026- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
March 09, 2026

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on March 09, 2026, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Kathryn Huntley; Commissioner Zain Parker. Also present –Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Marie Adamick, Effingham Daily New; Richard Frailey; Val Behl & Darren Beccue, Schuetzenfest Committee; Charles Pagel; Alan Heiens, Altamont Chief of Police 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 Parker and seconded by Commissioner Huntley. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. (Attachment 1)

Chief Heiens presented the February 2026 Altamont Police Activity Report.

Schuetzenfest Committee members, Val Behl and Darren Beccue spoke about plans to hold the Schuetzenfest on Adams and Second Streets. The hours are planned noon-11:30 pm on Saturday Sept 26, 2026. Their committee is declining in attendance and they believe a downtown location would save work hours and the future of the Schuetzenfest. They mentioned possibly shuttling attendees to the event site from a parking location. Jon Becker will assist in providing security. They would encourage downtown businesses and organizations to participate for financial benefit. Mayor Walker commented on a concern of patrons wandering beyond the site with open liquor. The possibility of a barrier between the rail road tracks and event site was discussed. Commissioner White stated it would be a good idea for crowd control. There will be a Schuetzenfest Committee meeting on Wednesday to discuss detailed plans. They will report back to the City Council. Council approval is needed in the near future.

Council Approved a Roadside Fundraiser Request by the Altamont VFW Post 7676 Poppy Day May 08, 2026 with May 15, 2026 rain date. Commissioner Huntley motioned for approval. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

No action was taken for Ordinance 854-26; TIF Agreement, as corrections are needed to the agreement.

Council Approved Ordinance 855-26; Amending the Solar Avoided Cost Rate. Commissioner Parker motioned for approval. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. The rate refunded for solar production will increase from 0.0371 to 0.0720 per Kwh.

Council Approved Extension of the Employee Assistance Program for 1 Year with Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Huntley seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council heard from Clerk Stephen answers to questions posed to Attorney, Tracy Willenborg, regarding a new ordinance regulating mobile food service establishments. The first revision regulates food trucks throughout the City, with many regulations falling within the zoning code. Such regulations include areas allowed and parking requirements. Per the zoning code food trucks would be allowed in

commercial zoned areas only. Council suggested if the property location does not belong to the food truck operator, the property owner would provide a signature of approval. If the food truck owner is not operating or maintaining the area, nuisance enforcements would apply. Council would like to add a provision for minimum hours of operation. Changes will be provided to Attorney Willenborg for a second draft.

Commissioner Parker reported some pole changes have been accomplished.

Commissioner White reported he has been in contact with an aquatic specialist to continue the attempt to avoid blue green algae in the upcoming year. Landscaping of the water main replacement area will start as weather permits. The reservoir is one inch over the spillway. Two new employees have been hired.

Commissioner Huntley reported she represented for the City at the Altamont High School job fair. The high school Be a Tiffany program will be providing hours to clean at Schmidt Park and Union Cemetery.

Mayor Walker had nothing to report.

Commissioner Polk reported the concrete removal at Schmidt Park is almost complete. New concrete will be poured in the next couple weeks. Division Street drainage will be accomplished as soon as possible on both sides of the street. Cold weather hindered the fall leaf pickup causing more leaves to remain in the ditches and limiting drainage. He announced the March 23 meeting will be his last as Street Commissioner as he is resigning from City Council following the meeting.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

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

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
March 23, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.**

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. ENGINEER REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMSs
 - A. *Approve Ordinance 854-26; Authorizing Execution of a Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the City of Altamont, Illinois Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (Splechter Enterprises LLC d/b/a Feed the Crave Coffee & Roastery)*
 - B. *Award 2026 Mowing Bids.*
 - C. *Approve Construction of Concrete Parking Area at Schmidt Park by H&K Concrete Construction in the Amount of \$24,675.00.*
 - D. *Approve Resolution 2026-03-01; A Resolution in Support of Municipal Housing Authority.*
 - E. *Approve Change Order #1 for an Increase Amount of \$24,864.69; Kieffer Bros Construction, Water Main Installation Project (DCEO Grant Agreement-19-242036)*
 - F. *Approve Pay Request #8 in the Amount of \$169,016.52 to Kieffer Bros Construction for Water Main Installation (DCEO Grant Agreement 19-242036).*
 - G. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matter 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).*
 - H. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: March 20, 2026- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
March 23, 2026

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on March 23, 2026, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Mike Walker; Commissioner Tayler Polk; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Kathryn Huntley; Commissioner Zain Parker. Also present –Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Richard Frailey; Bill & Connie Durbin; Matt Holste, Justin Osteen; Jon Berg; Jeremy Clow; Charles Pagel; Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

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

Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers, presented the project report. He anticipates 30-45 days for landscaping of the water main replacement areas to start. Council will be presented a sewer extension project on North Bond Street, for approval at the next meeting.

Council Approved Ordinance 854-26; Authorizing Execution of a Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the City of Altamont, Illinois Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (Splechter Enterprises LLC d/b/a Feed the Crave Coffee & Roastery). Commissioner Huntley motioned for approval. Commissioner Parker seconded. Members voted as follows: Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner White, ineligible; Commissioner Parker, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. \$5,800 will be awarded to Sphlecter upon completion of the structure.

2026 Mowing bids were presented. Commissioner Huntley motioned to award group 4&5 to Jon Berg Mowing and Groups 1, 2 & 3 to Precision Lawn Care. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. Groups are as follows: 1-Union Cemetery, 2-Gilbert Park, 3-Schmidt & Klitzing Parks, 4-Frog Pond, Municipal Building, East Meadows properties, 5-North & South sanitary lagoons.

Council Approved Construction of Concrete Parking Area at Schmidt Park by H&K Concrete Construction in the Amount of \$24,675.00. Commissioner Parker motioned for approval. Commissioner Huntley seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Resolution 2026-03-01; In Support of Municipal Housing Authority. Commissioner Polk motioned for approval. Commissioner Huntley seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Change Order #1 for an Increase Amount of \$24,864.69; Kieffer Bros Construction, Water Main Installation Project (DCEO Grant Agreement 19-242036). Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Polk seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. A majority of the changes were due to individual driveways and sidewalks from the railroad to Rt 40.

Council Approved Pay Request #8 in the Amount of \$169,016.52 to Kieffer Bros Construction for Water Main Installation (DCEO Grant Agreement 19-242036). Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Parker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Polk, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Commissioner Parker reported an outage was corrected. He will be discussing a quote for electric changes needed for the Altamont Grade School addition. Parts are being sought to repair street lights around Klitzing Park

Commissioner White reported two water department employees, James Winter & Jennifer Holland, achieved their Class C water operator certification. The water department has more water certifications than in the past. R&H will be starting the installation of a sewer line extension between Division & Washington on North Bond.

Commissioner Huntley reported Union Cemetery cleanup was completed Saturday. Students who helped did a great job.

Commissioner Polk reported concrete will soon be poured at Schmidt Park. April 27th is City wide cleanup. He stated this would be his last meeting as City Commissioner. He said it has been a pleasure serving the community the last seven years.

Mayor Walker reminded those present the Council is accepting letters of interest to fill the vacancy left by Tayler Polk.

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

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

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

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
April 13, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.**

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. POLICE REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Approve Roadside Fundraiser Request; Lions Club Tootsie Pop Day, May 02, 2026, Rain Date May 16, 2026.*
 - B. *Approve Street Closure for Memorial Day Parade, May 25, 2026. Sponsored by Altamont Masonic Lodge.*
 - C. *Approve Resolution 2026 Street Maintenance Program.*
 - D. *Approve Ordinance 855-26; Regulating Mobile Food Service Establishments.*
 - E. *Approve Sanitary Sewer Extension Bond St, Estimated Cost \$19,500.00*
 - F. *Approve Payment to H&K Construction – Concrete at Schmidt Park in the Amount of \$24,675.00.*
 - G. *Approve Payment to H&K Construction – South Point Drainage Gutters in the Amount of \$20,245.00.*
 - H. *Approve FYE 2026 Audit Services by CliftonLarsonAllen LLP in the Amount of \$73,500.00 to Include Special Audit.*

- I. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Selection of Filling Commissioner Vacancy. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(3).*
- J. *Approve Appointment to Fill Council Vacancy.*
- K. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: April 10, 2026- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
April 13, 2026

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on April 13, 2026, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Mike Walker; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Kathryn Huntley; Commissioner Zain Parker. Also present – Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; Richard Frailey; Bill & Connie Durbin; Charles Pagel; Jason Kersey; Gale Warner; Dan Milleville; Alan Heiens, Altamont Police Chief and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk. One Commissioner vacancy.

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

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

Gale Warner questioned who the alley behind 1st Mid Illinois Bank was patched only on the south side. He commented it needs more work.

Connie Durbin addressed the Council regarding the trash pickup service. She stated if the trash can blows over or the contents fall as the truck is dumping, the workers leave the trash on the ground. She recalled the company stated at a meeting, there would be two people in the garbage truck to take care of the City.

Council entered into Executive Session for the Purpose of Selection of Filling Commissioner Vacancy 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(3) on a motion by Huntley and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes, Mayor Walker, yes.

Upon returning to regular session, Commissioner Parker motioned to appoint Larry Taylor to fill the current commissioner vacancy. Commissioner Huntley seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes, Mayor Walker, yes. Taylor will take the oath at the next regular meeting.

Council Approved Roadside Fundraiser Request for Lions Club Tootsie Pop Day, May 02, 2026, Rain Date May 16, 2026. Commissioner Huntley motioned for approval. Commissioner Parker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes, Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved a Street Closure for the Memorial Day Parade, May 25, 2026, Sponsored by Altamont Masonic Lodge. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Huntley

seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes, Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Resolution for 2026 Street Maintenance Program on a motion by Commissioner Parker. Commissioner Huntley seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes, Mayor Walker, yes. Estimated cost is \$125,000 from Motor Fuel Funds.

Council Approved Sanitary Sewer Extension on Bond Street, Estimated Cost \$19,500.00. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Huntley seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes, Mayor Walker, yes. Commissioner White stated the current sanitary, which failed, was found to be a common line, which is not IEPA allowed.

Council Approved Payment to H&K Construction for Installation of Concrete at Schmidt Park in the Amount of \$24,675.00. Commissioner Huntley motioned for approval. Commissioner Parker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes, Mayor Walker, yes. The concrete is planned for parking of food truck vendors.

Council Approved Payment to H&K Construction for South Point Drainage Gutters in the Amount of \$20,245.00. Commissioner Parker motioned for approval. Commissioner Huntley seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, ineligible to vote; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes, Mayor Walker, yes. Gutters were installed along Rocket Road.

Council Approved FYE 2026 Audit Services by CliftonLarsonAllen LLP in the Amount of \$73,500.00 to Include Special Audit. Commissioner Huntley motioned for approval. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes, Mayor Walker, yes. Clerk Stephen explained the amount of federal funding expended for the water main replacement project requires and single audit, which adds \$10,000 to the audit cost.

Commissioner Parker reported Electric Department will be completing electric service in South Point Subdivision and then install electric service for potential food trucks and Schmidt Park.

Commissioner White reported he has been talking to the University of Illinois to assist the water department in avoiding another Jasmine event. The U of I quoted a 2.5 year contract in the amount of \$126,776. He reminded Council the City is still in need of a storm siren. The Altamont Fire Department has found an interim step, but the current siren is difficult to hear everywhere in town. He suggested using TIF or general fund monies for the purchase. The best location of Rt 40 and Main appears to be the best location. Kieffer Bros Construction has a two

person crew working on landscaping the water main installation areas. He asked residents to not mow the grass, when it first appears. It needs to grow tall to be well established.

Commissioner Huntley reported Gilbert Park is in full baseball swing. Altamont High School students are picking up leaves at Gilbert Park. Missing bases and equipment need to be replaced. The City is seeking summer help for parks and cemetery maintenance. Applications can be obtained at the City office or online at www.altamontil.net.

Mayor Walker reported he anticipated food truck details to be established by May 1st. The East Division Street ditch cleaning is being accomplished. At the corner of Main & Rt 40 the I70 construction company, Charles Williams, is renting the location.

Clerk Stephen reported Barb Kilzer and Ashley Golden have been hired to train for City Treasurer and City Clerk respectively in plans of Clerk Stephen's approaching retirement. 23 FOIA requests were received in three days. All responses were answered within the time limits. The Schuetzenfest Committee notified the City office they will not be requesting street closing for the event. Rather, the Whistle Stop and Luke's Bar and Grill will host attendees within their properties. Competitive games are planned along with the traditional king and queen contest.

Commissioner Huntley motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes, Mayor Walker, yes.

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

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

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
April 27, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.**

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. ENGINEER REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMSs
 - A. *Oath of New Commissioner, Larry Taylor.*
 - B. *Presentation by St. Paul ELCA Regarding Placement of a Blessing Box.*
 - C. *Approve Ordinance VA-1830; Side Yard Intrusion at 120 Frontage Road.*
 - D. *Approve Ordinance SP-1829; Adjacent Property Access Way at 11 Do It Drive.*
 - E. *Approve Payment to Kieffer Bros Construction, Water Main Replacement in the Amount of \$169,016.52 (DCEO Grant Agreement 19-242036) \$57,361.14 Grant Funded, \$111,655.38 Paid with TIF Funds.*
 - F. *Approve Payment to Milano & Grunloh Engineers in the Amount of \$21,686.05. (DCEO Grant Agreement 19-242036)*
 - G. *Approve Change Order #2 - 60 Day Contract Extension of Kieffer Bros Construction, Water Main Replacement Project*
 - H. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: April 24, 2026- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
April 27, 2026

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on April 27, 2026 in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Michael Walker; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Zain Parker; Commissioner Kathryn Huntley. Also present - Mark Hoskins, Altamont News; members of St Paul ELCA: Jeff Simpson, Penney Beccue, Sharon Harper; Rob Bushue, BK Resources; Nate Thompson, ILMO Products; Kevin Miner, ILMO Products; Barb Kilzer; Ashley Golden; Charles Pagel; Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers and Sarah Stephen City Clerk. Commissioner Larry Taylor was absent.

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

Clerk Stephen introduced Ashley Golden and Barbara Kilzer who are in training for City Clerk and City Treasurer respectively. They will replace Clerk, Sarah Stephen, at the time of her retirement.

Lee Beckman reported landscaping is the only item remaining of the water main replacement project. He reminded Council of the one-year guarantee following the last day of Kieffer's work. The ITEP letting is scheduled for July 2026. Constructing a street south of I70 at the underpass on the former railroad will not proceed until the I70 construction is completed.

Larry Taylor could not be present to receive the oath of office.

Penney Beccue spoke on behalf of St. Paul ELCA Lutheran Church. She stated a project memorializing former Altamont resident, Kenny Jones is being planned. They are searching for a location to establish a blessing box which would provide food and supplies such as non-perishable foods, baby items and blankets to those in need. The preferred location would need to be accessible and safe. They would restock and maintain the blessing box. The Council had favorable comments of the project. A location will be sought.

Council Approved Ordinance VA1830; Side Yard Intrusion at 120 Frontage Road. Commissioner Parker motioned for approval. Commissioner Huntley seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. Rob Bushue and explained a nitrogen tank would be located on the west side of the building. The tanks will be protected by 6" concrete bollards. The contents are not harmful to the atmosphere. If future additional safety is necessary, BK Resources will increase precautions.

Council Approved Ordinance SP-1829; Adjacent Property Access Way at 11 Do It Drive. Commissioner Huntley motioned for approval. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. The addition will provide a safer patron delivery to Neeley's Tumbling entrance.

Council Approved Payment to Kieffer Bros Construction, Water Main Replacement in the Amount of \$169,016.52 (DCEO Grant Agreement 19-242036) \$57,361.14 Grant Funded, \$111,655.38 Paid with TIF Funds. Commissioner Huntley motioned for approval. Commissioner Parker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, ineligible; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. Commissioner White explained the TIF payment portion includes sidewalk and driveway costs not covered by grant funding.

Council Approved Payment to Milano & Grunloh Engineers in the Amount of \$21,686.05 (DCEO Grant Agreement 19-242036) on a motion by Commissioner White. Commissioner Parker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Change Order #2 – 60 Day Contract Extension of Kieffer Bros Construction, Water Main Replacement Project. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Huntley seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Commissioner Parker reported electric installation is completed in South Point Subdivision. Food truck electric service will be ready when the sewer work is completed. Parts have been ordered to repair the broken lights at Klitzing Park.

Commissioner White reported Bond Street sanitary main extension is completed and all homes are connected. Crews have been performing system maintenance.

Commissioner Huntley reported equipment has been ordered for Gilbert Park. She acknowledged her appreciation to those who helped with cleaning and spring cleanup. She is resigning her commissioner position. May 11th will be her last council meeting. She stated she enjoyed her time on the board, but an opportunity for her family has arisen that will not allow her to remain in office.

Mayor Walker reported more lots are under contract, making a total of five lots sold in South Point Subdivision. He is planning a Schmidt Park restroom dedication in May. The first food truck is planned to be in place mid-May. New picnic tables and benches have been purchased at a discount from Altamont Lutheran Interparish School for Schmidt Park.

Clerk Stephen provided contact information to Council members encouraging them to contact legislators to oppose the preemption of local housing, land use and zoning authority and reduction of LGDF funding to municipalities.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

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

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that the City of Altamont, Effingham County, Illinois, will hold a public hearing to review the 10-year status report of the Altamont Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Redevelopment Project Area # 1, as required by the Illinois Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act (65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d)). This hearing will be held on May 11, 2026, at 5:30 PM at Altamont City Hall, 202 N. 2nd St., Altamont, Illinois 62411.

The purpose of this hearing is to present and receive public comment on the 10-Year TIF Status Report, which provides an analysis of the progress made toward achieving the objectives outlined in the original redevelopment plan.

At the public hearing, all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard regarding the report and the future of the TIF redevelopment project area.

A copy of the 10-Year TIF Status Report is available for public inspection at Altamont City Hall, 202 N. 2nd St., Altamont, Illinois 62411 or by contacting Luke Eastin, SCIRPDC at 618-548-4234 or leastin@scirpdc.com.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing to Luke Eastin, SCIRPDC, 120 S. Delmar Ave., Suite A, Salem, Illinois 62881 or by email at leastin@scirpdc.com.

**PUBLIC HEARING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
May 11, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.
TIF 1 – 10 Year Status Report**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
May 11, 2026 - 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. *Oath of New Commissioner, Larry Taylor.*
 - B. *United States 250th Anniversary Flag Presentation by Effingham DAR.*
 - C. *Approve Ordinance 855-26; Annual Appointment Ordinance.*
 - D. *Approve Ordinance 856-26; Legal Counsel Appointment.*
 - E. *Approve Ordinance 857-26; Authorizing the Lease of Real Estate (Ground Lease) Relating to Operation of Mobile Food Service Establishment.*
 - F. *Approve Ordinance 858-26; Authorizing Purchase of Real Property for Utility Purposes (Diamond Development Co. – Electric Easement).*
 - G. *Approve Ordinance 859-26; Amending Net Metering Policy and Terms and Conditions for Interconnection (Solar Energy).*

H. *Approve Motor Fuel Supplemental Resolution for 2022 Division Street Project.*

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

J. *Action as Result of Executive Session.*

K. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: May 08, 2026- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

Public Hearing Minutes
Altamont TIF # 1 10-Year Report
Monday, May 11, 2026

The public hearing regarding the 10-Year TIF Report for Altamont TIF # 1 was called to order by Mayor Michael Walker at 5:30 PM on Monday, May 11, 2026.

Mayor Walker stated that the purpose of the hearing was to present and receive public comments on the 10-Year TIF Report for Altamont TIF # 1 and introduced Luke Eastin, Executive Director of the South Central Illinois Regional Planning and Development Commission, to explain the findings of the Report.

Eastin presented an overview of the report, including:

- An overview of how the TIF district was established
- Original redevelopment goals and objectives
- Summary of public and private investments
- Infrastructure and redevelopment projects completed
- Changes in equalized assessed valuation (EAV)
- Economic Impact
- Current fund balance
- Status of redevelopment agreements

Some of the key discussion points focused on the growth in the TIF # 1 area EAV over the last 10 years, as well as detail regarding the completed and ongoing TIF funding projects within the TIF # 1 project area.

The floor was then opened for questions. After some clarifications of the information provided, the public hearing was adjourned at 5:47 PM.

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
May 11, 2026

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on May 11, 2026 in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Michael Walker; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Zain Parker; Commissioner Kathryn Huntley; Commissioner Larry Taylor. Also present - members of Daughters of American Revolution; Charles Pagel; Jason Kersey; Dan Milleville; Ellie Buennemeyer; Benedict Seitz; Rich Frailey; Gale Warner; Altamont Police Chief, Alan Heiens; Altamont Officer, Matthew Loy and Sarah Stephen City Clerk.

Susan Oliver of the Daughters of American Revolution presented the Mayor with a United States 250th Anniversary Flag to be flown in the City. The flag was obtained thru a National Society Grant.

City Clerk, Sarah Stephen, administered the Oath of Office to Larry Taylor, who is filling a vacant commissioner position.

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

Chief, Alan Heiens, presented the April 2026 Police Activity Report. He introduced, Office Matthew Loy to the Council. Officer Loy recently graduated the Police Academy. Commissioner White explained to Chief Heiens how common it is to see erratic northbound drivers violating the stop sign at Division & Main. Discussions suggested installing a flashing stop sign.

Council Approved Ordinance 855-26; Annual Appointment Ordinance on a motion by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner Taylor, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. Current supervisors and officers were re-appointed to the same positions.

Council Approved Ordinance 856-26; Legal Counsel Appointment. Commissioner Parker motioned for approval. Commissioner Huntley seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner Taylor, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. Taylor Law Office will serve as legal counsel.

Council Approved Ordinance 857-26; Authorizing the Lease of Real Estate (Ground Lease) Relating to Operation of Mobile Food Service Establishment. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Huntley seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner Taylor, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. Food trucks entering into the agreement will be renting one of three spaces

at Schmidt Park, along Main Street. Mayor Walker stated Licken My Chicken Pullin My Pork will be in place in mid-May.

Council Approved Ordinance 858-26; Authorizing Purchase of Real Property for Utility Purposes (Diamond Development Co. – Electric Easement) Commissioner Parker motioned for approval. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner Taylor, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. Zink Apartments experienced an electric outage caused by failing underground service located under the parking lot between the apartment buildings. Relocation of the service along the north, west and south sides of the west building is necessary for installation of a new underground service line.

Council Approved Ordinance 859-26; Amending Net Metering Policy and Terms and Conditions for Interconnection (Solar Energy) was approved on a motion by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner Taylor, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. The amendment calls for property owners to comply with national codes and to meet safety aspects by installing voltage shutoff measures. A \$200 application fee for solar units 25kw or less and \$600 for solar units over 25kw was implemented.

Council Approved Motor Fuel Supplemental Resolution for 2022 Division Street Project. Commissioner Taylor motioned for approval. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner Taylor, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. The resolution satisfies IDOT documentation of a completed project on West Division and Third Streets.

Commissioner Parker reported electric installation for food mobile food trucks will be completed today.

Commissioner White reported correction of a driveway issue at 203 South Main Street will be discussed with Keiffer Bros. The final filter is operational at the water plant. He is working with Pam Jacobs, Effingham County Emergency Management Coordinator, to develop an emergency disaster plan for the City. The National Weather Service is creating QR codes to be placed in specific locations throughout the City. The code would provide local weather reporting. He spoke with Luke Easton concerning utilizing TIF funds for a tornado siren. Luke indicated the project is 100% TIF eligible. There is currently no available Rural Development funding.

Commissioner Huntley had nothing to report. She expressed her appreciation for the support received during her term in office. This is her last meeting upon resignation.

Commissioner Taylor reported city wide cleanup was completed thanks to the dedicated crews working in sometimes unfavorable weather conditions.

Mayor Walker reported an additional mobile food truck vendor has expressed interest in the Schmidt Park area. South Point Subdivision has closed on three lots, with two lots pending. Feed the Crave anticipates delivery of connex containers on May 18th to begin their building

construction. RDM Cabinetry is progressing with the remodel of 1 West Washington Ave. The school system is interested in joining efforts to improve a Gilbert Park ladies softball field. Lion's Club is planning to repair the Schmidt Park Lion's Club pavilion with a new roof, end caps and lighting.

Clerk Stephen asked what the plans were for the Schmidt Park welcome sign replacement. The Garden Club may remove the bed if it is not replaced. Mayor Walker stated the sign will be replaced. She provided grant funding information to Council

Council Entered into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) on a motion by Commissioner Huntley and seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner Taylor, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Upon returning to open session Commissioner Taylor motion to approve a 4% wage increase for eligible City employees. Commissioner Huntley seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Huntley, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner Taylor, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. The increase is for non-union employees.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

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

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
May 26, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.**

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. ENGINEER REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Mayor Announce Change to Designation of Commissioner Departments.*
 - B. *Approve Ordinance 860-26; Authorizing Execution of Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the City of Altamont Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (Tyler L. Polk and Erich C. Schmidt, individually)*
 - C. *Approve Payment to R & H for Sewer Main Extension on Bond St in the Amount of \$17,923.80.*
 - D. *Approve Milano & Grunloh Engineers as Engineers to Assist with Water Main Replacement Design for Grant Application Purposes.*
 - E. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: May 22, 2026- 4:00 pm.

ELLIE BUENNEMEYER, DEPUTY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
May 26, 2026

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on May 26, 2026 in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Michael Walker; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Zain Parker; Commissioner Larry Taylor. Also present - Jason Kersey; Bill Durbin; John Mefford; Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers; Charles Pagel; and Ellie Buennemeyer Deputy Clerk. One Commissioner vacancy.

Mayor Walker announced the designation of commissioner departments as follows: Commissioner Larry Taylor will oversee the electric department. Commissioner Zain Parker will oversee parks and cemetery. Commissioner Terry White will continue to oversee water & sewer. The person appointed to the vacant Commissioner seat will oversee street and alleys

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

Lee Beckman reported that the landscaping project is close to being completed. Kieffer Bros. has been working on seeding and mulching. The City is eligible for the DCEO Public Infrastructure application in two census tracks. The city will need to decide as soon as possible to proceed with the application. The application is due in August. Residents in the targeted area can help the City obtain a grant for water main replacement by completing an income survey, which is required in the grant application. The surveys will be mailed out in upcoming weeks.

Council Approved Ordinance 860-26; Authorizing Execution of Contract for Private Development Pursuant to the City of Altamont Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (Tyler L. Polk and Erich C. Schmidt, individually). Commissioner Parker motioned for approval. Commissioner Taylor seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, ineligible; Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner Taylor, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Payment to R & H for Sewer Main Extension on Bond St in the Amount of \$17,923.80. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Taylor seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner Taylor, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Milano & Grunloh Engineers as Engineers to Assist with Water Main Replacement Design for Grant Application Purposes. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Parker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner Taylor, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Commissioner Taylor reported IMEA was invited by MISO to participate in a transmission line build program. Along with Dillon Meier he attended the IMEA conference in Springfield mid-May and heard that MISO believes there should be fewer brown outs this summer with the increased power. Tree trimming is continuing to be done by the electric department.

Commissioner Parker reported the new summer help Thomas Hyatt has started work this week. It was good to see several youth and members of the community churches help in placing flags at the cemetery over the weekend in preparation for Memorial Day. The street and ally department did a good job cleaning the streets in preparation for the parade on Memorial Day. Commissioners Taylor and White agreed.

Commissioner White reported the crew has been working on general maintenance and shore line maintenance this year for the fisherman.

Mayor Walker reported continued interest in the food truck spots and getting closer to having agreements in place. Four lots have sold in South Point with continued interest in another lot. This is good for Altamont.

Deputy Clerk Buennemeyer reported that the budget work sheets where in the council mail boxes for review.

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

Ellie Buennemeyer, Deputy Clerk

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

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
JUNE 08, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.**

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. POLICE REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Approve Special Use Liquor License, SP-68; Dr. Charles M. Wright Wine, Beer & Music Event; September 19, 2026, 9:00 am- 11:30 pm.*
 - B. *Approve FY 2026 GIS Intergovernmental Agreement Between Effingham County and City of Altamont.*
 - C. *Approve Grant Writing Agreement with South Central Illinois Regional Planning & Development for CDBG Water Main Replacement \$2,750.*
 - D. *Approve C&C Excavating to Improve Rocket Road, Cost of \$20,500 (TIF #2 Funded)*
 - E. *Approve Ordinance 861-26; Authorizing Execution of Release of Option for Purchase of Real Estate (FCC Limited Partnership)*
 - F. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Selection of Filling Commissioner Vacancy. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(3).*
 - G. *Approve Appointment to Fill Council Vacancy.*
 - H. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: June 05, 2026 - 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
June 08, 2026

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on June 08, 2026 in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Michael Walker; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Zain Parker; Commissioner Larry Taylor. Also present - Jason Kersey; Dan Milleville; Ellie Buennemeyer; Stan Mehl; Rich Frailey; Gale Warner; Altamont Police Chief, Alan Heiens; John Mefford and Sarah Stephen City Clerk. One Council vacancy exists.

Council moved into Executive Session for the Purpose of Selection of Filling Commissioner Vacancy, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(3). Commissioner Parker motioned for approval. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Taylor, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Upon returning to open session, Commissioner Taylor motioned to appoint John Mefford to fill the Council Vacancy. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Taylor, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. Mefford will oversee Street and Alley Department.

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

Chief, Alan Heiens, presented the May2026 Police Activity Report.

Stan Mehl stated he was impressed with the electric department during the recent storm.

Council Approved Special Use Liquor License SP-68; Dr. Charles M. Wright Wine, Beer & Music Event on a motion by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Taylor, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. The event will be held September 19, 2026.

Council Approved FY 2026 GIS Intergovernmental Agreement Between Effingham County and City of Altamont on a motion by Commissioner Taylor. Commissioner Parker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Taylor, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Grant Writing Agreement with South Central Illinois Regional Planning & Development for CDBG Water Main Replacement \$2,750. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Parker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Taylor, abstained; Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. A grant application will be submitted to replace water mains in the northwest section of the City. Income surveys will be sent to water customers. They will be a major part of the grant application.

Council Approved C&C Excavating to Improve Rocket Road, Cost of \$20,500 (TIF#2 Funded) Commissioner Parker motioned for approval. Commissioner Taylor seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Taylor, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner White, ineligible; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Ordinance 861-26; Authorizing Execution of Release of Option for Purchase of Real Estate (FCC Limited Partnership) was approved on a motion by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Parker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Taylor, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner White, ineligible; Mayor Walker, yes.

Commissioner Taylor reported electric crews have been trimming trees and maintaining service lines. He and Dillon Meier attended the IMEA annual conference in Springfield.

Commissioner White reported the reservoir is down 3 ½". Kieffer's are tardy in completing the landscaping. He should have their solution tomorrow. Global Technical Systems will provide a presentation at the next meeting regarding the implementation of a storm siren. The expected location is at the north end of Schmidt Park.

Commissioner Parker reported Gilbert Park has been a busy place. Summer help has been cleaning all the parks. A stump in the cemetery fence is being removed.

Mayor Walker reported he is searching options for a poly/vinyl replacement of the Schmidt Park welcome sign. Feed the Crave has containers on site for the building construction. It may be completed by fair week. The fifth lot has been sold at South Point Subdivision. Food truck vendors interested in Schmidt Park have been honoring prior commitments before establishing a truck in Altamont.

Clerk Stephen reported an invoice has been received from C&C Excavating for improvements to Rocket Road in the amount of \$20,500. An estimate to oil and seal Wildcat Way in South Point Subdivision has been received from Larry Heuerman in the amount of \$46,500. The improvement will need to be advertised for bid at a later date.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

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

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
June 22, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.**

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. ENGINEER REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Oath of New Commissioner, John Mefford.*
 - B. *Damon Simmons – DBS Sanitation Service.*
 - C. *Global Technical Systems; Storm Siren Presentation.*
 - D. *Approve CEFS Community Partnership Three Year Agreement.*
 - E. *Approve Installation of Illuminated Stop Sign at Intersection of Main & Division.*
 - F. *Approve Ordinance 862-26; Amending Ordinance 856-26 Legal Counsel Appointment Ordinance.*
 - G. *Approve Ordinance 863-26: Authorizing Purchase of Real Property for Drainage Purposes (Drainage Easement Moll)*
 - H. *Approve Payment for Upgrade of Itron Meter Reading System in the Amount of \$27,240.00.*

- I. *Approve Payment to C&C Excavating in the Amount of \$11,100.00 for Tree Removal and Storm Drain Installation at South Point Subdivision (Rocket Road)*
- J. *Approve Resolution 2026-06-02; Authorizing Execution of Agreement Between City of Altamont and Illinois Council of Police, May 01, 2026-April 30, 2029.*
- K. *Approve Resolution 2026-06-03; Effingham County Fair Parade August 02, 2026.*
- L. *Approve Change Order #3 - 60 Day Contract Extension of Kieffer Bros Construction, Water Main Replacement Project*
- M. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: June 19, 2026- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
June 22, 2026

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on June 22, 2026 in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Michael Walker; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Zain Parker; Commissioner Larry Taylor; Commissioner John Mefford. Also present - Jason Kersey; Ellie Buennemeyer; Rich Frailey; Charles Pagel; Bill Durbin; Adam Kremer, Milano & Grunloh Engineers; Damon Simmons, DBS; Steve Stortzum; Chris Overbeck, GTSI; Mark Hoskins, Leader Union News; and Sarah Stephen City Clerk.

Clerk Stephen administered the oath of office to Commissioner John Mefford.

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

Adam Kremer, Milano & Grunloh Engineers, provided project updates. The ITEP grant bid letting will be conducted in July. He asked the Council to consider reapplying for local project funding grant, the Mayor suggested to reapply. Mayor Walker determined the City would not reapply for the OSLAD grant, as support funding is no longer in place.

Damon Simmons, DBS Sanitation, addressed the Council concerning a potential buyer, Steve Stortzum, for the sanitation service. Mr. Stortzum is an owner of other businesses and would like to diversify. The current contract would be honored and Mr. Simmons and the current employees will remain working for the company. All services will remain the same. Under the current contract, change of ownership must be approved by the Altamont City Council. The matter will be presented for vote at the July 13th regular meeting.

Chris “Chopper” Overbeck of GTSI presented options for a 50ft tall outdoor rotating warning siren to be erected in Schmidt Park. The location will provide audible siren in a 6000 ft radius. The siren has six different tones for different types of warnings. The siren would be activated by the National Weather Service, Effingham County telecommunicators, or an Altamont Fire Department designee. Installation is estimated 10-12 weeks after order is placed. Council will determine parameters of a Rural Development grant. The estimated cost is \$33,590.00.

Council Approved CEFS Community Partnership Three Year Agreement on a motion by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Mefford. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Taylor, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Mefford, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. The agreement allows information regarding utility customers to be communicated to CEFS.

Council Approved Installation of Illuminated Stop Sign at the Intersection of Main & Division on a motion by Commissioner White. Commissioner Taylor seconded. Members voted as

follows: Commissioner Taylor, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Mefford, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. The cost is \$2,500-\$3,500.

Council Approved Ordinance 862-26; Amending Ordinance 856-26 Legal Counsel Appointment Ordinance. Commissioner Taylor motioned for approval. Commissioner Parker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Taylor, abstained; Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Mefford, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. The amendment provides clarification of attorney Tracy Willenborg's hourly fee.

Council Approved Ordinance 863-26; Authorizing Purchase of Real Property for Drainage Purposes (Drainage Easement Moll) Commissioner Taylor motioned for approval. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Taylor, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Mefford, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Payment for Upgrade of Itron Meter Reading System in the Amount of \$27,240.00 was approved on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Parker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Taylor, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Mefford, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Payment to C&C Excavating in the Amount of \$11,100.00 for Tree Removal and Storm Drain Installation at South Point Subdivision (Rocket Road). Commissioner Parker motioned for approval. Commissioner Mefford seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Taylor, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner White, ineligible; Commissioner Mefford, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Resolution 2026-06-02; Authorizing Execution of Agreement Between City of Altamont and Illinois Council of Police, May 01, 2026-May 30, 2029. Commissioner Taylor motioned for approval. Commissioner Mefford seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Taylor, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Mefford, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. The contract provides for wage increases to Police Department union members of \$2.00 per hour in 2026, \$1.50 per hour in years 2027 and 2028.

Council Approved Resolution 2026-06-03; Effingham County Fair Parade August 02, 2026 on a motion by Commissioner Mefford and seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Taylor, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Mefford, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Change Order #3 – 60 Day Contract Extension of Kieffer Bros Construction, Water Main Replacement Project. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Parker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Taylor, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Mefford, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Commissioner Taylor reported electric crew has been installing temporary connections in the new subdivision. He is meeting with BHMG on Wednesday regarding the south substation. Two outages occurred by trees on lines in an area difficult to maintain.

Commissioner Mefford had nothing to report.

Commissioner White reported he has a meeting scheduled with Curry & Associates to discuss retention tanks to improve chemical contact time. He will be discussing with Kieffer Bros an issue with sidewalk drainage at the Sarah Bush Lincoln location. Concerning the warning siren, he will be researching the \$10,000 Rural Development grant vs utilizing TIF Funds and any time delays involved. City wide cleanup fees increase will be considered for the upcoming year. The recent dumping fee alone exceeded \$17,000. He provided services information for those who had tornado damages.

Commissioner Parker reported Gilbert Park bleachers will soon have boards replaced.

Mayor Walker reported he met with owners of the new pet grooming business. He stated it is exciting to see new businesses revitalize vacant commercial buildings

Clerk Stephen reported a public hearing is scheduled for Friday June 26th 10:00 am to close the CDBG grant for the water main replacement project. It has been discovered the storage building along West Monroe has active termites. An estimate was received from ARAB to treat the building at the cost of \$4,000. Council had not express objections to proceeding with treatment.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

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**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
JULY 13, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.**

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. POLICE REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Announce Estimated Appropriation FYE 2027.*
 - B. *Approve Resolution 2026-06-04; Approving Ownership Change of Sanitation Service Company.*
 - C. *Approve Payment to C&C Excavating for Rocket Road Improvements, Cost of \$22,300 (TIF #2 Funded)*
 - D. *Approve Street Closure July 25, 2026, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, North Second Street, Madison to Monroe for First United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School.*
 - E. *Approve Client Authorization for Law Student Representation with Taylor Law Offices.*
 - F. *Approve Ordinance 864-26; Authorizing Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Altamont Community Unit School District 10 (Grade School Addition Electric Service)*
 - G. *Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1).*
 - H. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: July 10, 2026 - 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
July 13, 2026

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on July 13, 2026 in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Michael Walker; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Zain Parker; and Commissioner Larry Taylor;. Also present - Jason Kersey; Rich Frailey; Steve Stortzum; Tayler Polk; Mario Morales; William Walker; Mark Hoskins, Leader Union News; Chief Alan Heiens, and Sarah Stephen City Clerk. Commissioner John Mefford was absent.

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

Chief Heiens presented the June 2026 Police Activity Report.

William Walker requested a stop sign be placed at South Edwards & Johnson for Edwards Street traffic. He stated vehicles are moving at a high rate of speed and many children walk Edwards Street going to and from the schools. When parents are picking up children, the road becomes a one lane road. Commissioner Taylor said Chief Heiens could monitor the area. Mr. Walker also reported 206 South Edwards has a raised sidewalk caused by tree roots.

Mario Morales stated he would like to help the community. He commended the attendees for showing interest in the City.

Clerk Stephen announced the Estimated Appropriation for FYE 2027 in the amount of \$9,566,366. A major portion is for an anticipated water main replacement project in the northwest section of the City and the ITEP sidewalk project.

Council Approved Resolution 2026-06-04; Approving Change of Ownership of Sanitation Service Company on a motion by Commissioner White. Motion seconded by Commissioner Parker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Taylor, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. Steve Stortzum will be purchasing DBS.

Council Approved Payment to C&C Excavating for Rocket Road Improvements, Cost of \$22,300 (TIF #2 Funded) on a motion by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Parker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Taylor, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner White, ineligible; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved a Street Closure July 25, 2026, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, North Second Street, Madison to Monroe for First United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School. Commissioner Parker motioned for approval. Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Taylor, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved a Client Authorization for Law Student Representation with Taylor Law Offices on a motion by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Parker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Taylor, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Ordinance 864-26; Authorizing Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Altamont Community Unit School District 10 (Grade School Addition Electric Service) on a motion by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Parker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Taylor, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner White, ineligible; Mayor Walker, yes. The agreement provides the City will move the electric service in preparation for the grade school addition. The City's expenses in the amount of \$44,189.27 will be paid from TIF #1 funds.

Commissioner Taylor reported IMEA will be monitoring for the City to generate power to the grid. If the fourth generator is needed, the City will receive capacity credits. Energy Efficiency funds in the amount of \$18,392.00 and \$5,000 electric vehicle funds are available for electric upgrades. All funds should be used within two years. Customers upgrading to energy saving appliances or lights, may apply. A grant application is available on the IMEA website. The next two IMEA billings will be higher due to purchasing on the market. In April 2026 the average residential electric rate was 20.4 cents per kw. The City of Altamont is billing residents at 13.6 cents per kw, being lower than most. The electric department emergency phone system will be upgraded. Doug Brown, IMEA President & CEO is requesting to meet with the Council. Christopher Austin was recently hired in the electric department.

Commissioner Parker reported park benches have been repaired. On July 24th a free movie night is planned in Klitzing Park. The movie will be start at 9:00 pm.

Commissioner White reported Kieffer Bros Construction have 99.9% completed the Main Street water main replacement project.

Mayor Walker had nothing to report.

Clerk Stephen reported 42% of the water income surveys have been returned and ten letters of support received. The grant application for demolition of the building at 102 West Washington Avenue requires 15 letters of support from the community. David & Nita Miller documented names on the Veteran's Memorial. They can be seen on the City's website. A sign will be placed near the memorial with a QR code to scan for the names. The State Board of Elections calendar is out. Election petitions can be circulated beginning August 25th. Filing dates to the City Clerk are November 16 – November 23, 2026.

On a motion by Commissioner Parker, Council Entered Into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1). Commissioner White seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Taylor, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

No action as a result of Executive Session.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

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**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
July 27, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.**

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. ENGINEER REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Approve Ordinance 865-26; FYE 2027 Appropriation Ordinance.*
 - B. *Approve Roadside Fundraiser Request, Effingham Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive, September 18, 2026.*
 - C. *Approve Payment to Altamont Masonic Lodge #533 , Pursuant to TIF Agreement (Ordinance 824-25 & 850-25) in the Amount of \$4,000.00.*
 - D. *Approve Ordinance 866-26; Amending Appointment Ordinance 855-26.*
 - E. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: July 24, 2026- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
July 27, 2026

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on July 27, 2026 in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Michael Walker; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner Zain Parker; Commissioner John Mefford and Commissioner Larry Taylor;. Also present – Mark Hoskins, Leader Union News; Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers; Jason Kersey; Mark Workman; Darren Beccue; Val Behl; Pam Dammerman; Gale Warner; Charles Pagel; Ellie Buennemeyer, Deputy Clerk 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 Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Parker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Taylor, yes; Commissioner Mefford, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers reported Tuesday, July 28th at 8:00 am a final walkthrough will be conducted for the Main Street Water Main Replacement Project. The ITEP sidewalk grant is scheduled for a September 2026 bid letting and projected to be completed this year. It will be necessary to go door-to-door regarding surveys for the water main replacement grant, as only 41% of surveys have been submitted.

Darren Beccue and Val Behl addressed the Council regarding the upcoming Schuetzenfest plans. They requested closing of the alley behind Luke's Bar & Grill and The Whistle Stop from 11:00 am – midnight and for a cooking area and porta pots and for an extension of the band playing until midnight. They reported The Wurst 5K & Brat Trot will be organizing by Trenton Deadmond.

Council Approved Ordinance 865-26; FYE 2027 Appropriation on a motion by Commissioner White. Motion seconded by Commissioner Mefford. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Taylor, yes; Commissioner Mefford, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. The annual budge is established at \$9,557,721.

Council Approved a Roadside Fundraiser Request for the Effingham Knights of Columbus Tootsi Roll Drive, September 18, 2026 on a motion by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Taylor, yes; Commissioner Mefford, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Payment to Altamont Masonic Lodge #533, Pursuant to TIF Agreement (Ordinance 824-25 & 850-25) in the Amount of \$4,000.00. Commissioner Parker motioned for approval. Commissioner Mefford seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Taylor, yes; Commissioner Mefford, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner White, ineligible; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Ordinance 866-26; Amending Appointment Ordinance 855-26 on a motion by Commissioner Mefford and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows:

Commissioner Taylor, yes; Commissioner Mefford, yes; Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. The amendment provides Ryan Spade appointed as Water and Sewer Supervisor effective August 01, 2026, as a result of the retirement of Water Department Supervisor, Vaughn Voelker.

Commissioner Taylor the Electric Department has been connecting services and trimming trees. He is meeting with Dale Laue, School Board President regarding the grade school addition and moving the transformer. If the transformer would fail in its present location and had to be replaced it could take up to one week for power to be re-established at the grade school.

Commissioner Mefford had nothing to report.

Commissioner White reported due to Vaughn Voelker's July 31st retirement, Scott Winter will be the Sewer Plant Manager, Lloyd Wendling will be the Water Plant Manager, with Ryan Spade being the Supervisor over both Water and Sewer Departments. It will become necessary for a door-to-door survey by August 07th for income surveys to use for the northwest water main replacement grant application. Lighted stop sign for Main & Division Street intersection will be ordered in the amount of \$1,050 each.

Commissioner Parker reported the movie night at Klitzing Park had an attendance of 70 viewers. He expressed gratitude to Brad Miller for helping with the sound system. There are future movie nights planned.

Mayor Walker reported he has spoken with new school superintendent, Aaron Lock. Mr. Lock has a vision of bringing the school into more community involvement with volunteers and projects by different classes such as industrial arts.

Clerk Stephen reported Jon Becker, Altamont Fire Chief, has invited elected officials to meet Congressman Bost at the Altamont Fire Station on August 6th at 11:00 am. He is visiting the Fire Department as a result of a recent grant application for financial assistance in building a new fire house. An employee retirement lunch honoring Vaughn Voelker will be held July 31st. 42% of water income survey have been received. 51% is the needed goal for grant application completion.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
August 10, 2026 - 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 SP-1847; 208 Unit A North Tenth St, Special Use for Home Occupation of a Day Spa.*
 - B. *Approve Ordinance SP-1848; 104 North Third Street, Special Use for One Unit Dwelling.*
 - C. *Omnibus Vote for Schuetzenfest Activities*
Item No. 1 – Closing of Alley Behind Whistle Stop & Luke's Bar and Grill, September 26, 2026 from 11:00 am – midnight.
Item No. 2 – Extending Time for Live Music From 11:00 pm to Midnight, September 26, 2026.
 - D. *Approve Payment to Illinois Municipal Risk Management in the Amount of \$13,741.66 for 2026 Additional Min/Max Billing.*
 - E. *Approve Change Order #4, Water Main Replacement Project in the Increased Amount of \$18,587.78*

F. *Approve Pay Request #9 to Kieffer Bros Construction in the Amount of \$104,420.06 for Water Main Replacement Project.*

G. *Approve Street Closure Request August 29, 2026, 10:00am-10:00pm, Second Street Jackson Avenue to John Adams Avenue for Pagel Fest.*

H. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: August 07, 2026 - 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
August 10, 2026

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on August 10, 2026, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Michael Walker; Commissioner Zain Parker; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner John Mefford; Commissioner Larry Taylor. Also present – Wes Bell, Zoning Administrator; Jason Kersey; Fritz Richter; Karen Richter; Kathy Durbin; Sheri Barnett; Darlena Deleon; Bronwyn Wolff; Glenn Hushauer; Arianna Suckow; Jeff Suckow; Mark Hoskins, Leader Union News and Ellie Buennemeyer, Deputy Clerk.

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

Chief Alan Heiens presented the July 2026 Police Activity Report.

Bronwyn Wolff addressed the council and shared her business proposal for a Day Spa at 208 Unit A North Tenth St. Wes Bell, Zoning Administrator, read a formal Zoning Board statement of approval recommendations. Council Tabled Ordinance SP-1847; 208 Unit A North Tenth St, Special Use for Home Occupation of a Day Spa, until more research could be done, on a motion by Commissioner Taylor. Motion seconded by Commissioner Parker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Mefford, yes; Commissioner Taylor, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Adrianna Suckow addressed the council for approval to add a small apartment for a family member in the rear of her recently purchased building. There is adequate tenant parking with alley access at the back of the building. The front of the building will be used for her new small animal grooming business. Council Approved Ordinance SP-1848; 104 North Third Street, Special Use for One Unit Dwelling on a motion by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Mefford. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Mefford, yes; Commissioner Taylor, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. The approval includes a condition the dwelling will end two years from date of approval.

The Omnibus Vote for Schuetzenfest Activities Item No. 1 – Closing of Alley Behind Whistle Stop & Luke's Bar and Grill, September 26, 2026, from 11:00 am – midnight. Item No. 2 – Extending Time for Live Music From 11:00 pm to Midnight, September 26, 2026, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Mefford. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Mefford, yes; Commissioner Taylor, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved Payment to Illinois Municipal Risk Management in the Amount of \$13,741.66 for 2026 Additional Min/Max Billing on a motion by Commissioner Mefford and seconded by Commissioner White. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Mefford, yes; Commissioner Taylor, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Change Order #4, Water Main Replacement Project in the Increased Amount of \$18,587.78 was tabled on a motion by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Mefford. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Mefford, yes; Commissioner Taylor, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. The change order indicated additional acreage was seeded & mulched, beyond the contracted amount.

Council Approved Pay Request #9 to Kieffer Bros Construction in the Amount of \$104,420.06 for Water Main Replacement Project. Commissioner White motioned for approval. Commissioner Taylor seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Mefford, yes; Commissioner Taylor, yes; Mayor Walker, yes.

Council Approved a Street Closure Request for August 29, 2026, 10:00am-10:00pm, Second Street Jackson Avenue to John Adams Avenue for Pagel Fest on a motion by Commissioner Mefford and seconded by Commissioner Parker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner White, yes; Commissioner Mefford, yes; Commissioner Taylor, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. Charlie Pagel expressed the need for a street closure for the safety concerns of the increased number of attendees to the Pagel Fest. Over the last 40 years the Pagel fest has progressed to be a benefit with proceeds from this year's event going to a local family in need.

Commissioner Taylor reported the work at the grade school has been extended until mid-September and when time comes a two-day school delay may have to happen. A task force with IMEA and first responders are working on an earthquake disaster plan.

Commissioner Mefford reported the city crew has completed the chip and oiling of the streets. The crew has been jetting out culverts, and this fall a culvert at Third and Jackson will be removed to improve drainage.

Commissioner White reported the lake is down 10 inches. Vaughn Voelker has fully retired and replacement Ryan Spade is doing well. EPA inspections are ongoing and so far, no issues. He has attended informational meetings to help keep Altamont in the running for the storm siren grant opportunity with other small communities.

Commissioner Parker reported that new flags have been placed at Gilbert Park. Equipment for Movie Night in the Park is coming in and details for the next movie night are being finalized.

Mayor Walker reported Congressman Bost was recently in town at the Altamont Fire Department Station to talk about funding for a new fire station.

Mayor Walker signed a Proclamation stating the City Council of the City of Altamont proclaims its strong support for the planning, funding and construction of a new fire facility, and encourage all departments and community members to support this vital investment in public safety.

Deputy Clerk Buennemeyer reported that 148 of 278 water income surveys have been submitted and 21 letters of support.

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

Ellie Buennemeyer, Deputy Clerk

**CITY OF ALTAMONT
PUBLIC HEARING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
August 24, 2026 – 5:45 p.m.**

*Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity
State Community Development Block Grant
Water Main Replacement Project
Performance Hearing*

Information of the City of Altamont's intent to apply for a Community Development Block Grant. The grant is administered by the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity for the State Community Development Block Grant program that provides funding to remediate blighted areas. The application will be specific to demolition of a dilapidated commercial building at 102 West Washington Avenue in the requested amount of \$257,000.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
August 24, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.**

Agenda

1. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
Item No. 1 – Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings
Item No. 2 – Approve Payment of Bills
2. ENGINEER REPORT
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. *Donna Rouleau, Leash Law.*
 - B. *Thomas Quick, Conxxus City Wide Fiber Optic Installation Plan.*
 - C. *Approve Ordinance SP-1847; 208 Unit A North Tenth St, Special Use for Home Occupation of a Day Spa.*
 - D. *Approve Ordinance 867-26; Amending Intergovernmental Agreement with Altamont Community Unit School District No. 10.*
 - E. *Approve Ordinance 868-26; Authorizing Second Amendment to Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (RDM Designs Custom Cabinetry)*
 - F. *Approve Ordinance 869-26; Authorizing First Amendment to Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (Lawrence Holste)*
 - G. *Discuss AirMedCareNetwork Employee Membership Options.*
 - H. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: August 21, 2026- 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

CITY OF ALTAMONT COUNCIL MEETING
August 24, 2026

The Council of the City of Altamont met in regular session at 6:00 pm on August 24, 2026, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Michael Walker; Commissioner Zain Parker; Commissioner Terry White; Commissioner John Mefford; Commissioner Larry Taylor. Also present –Jason Kersey; Thomas Quick, Conxxus; Donna & Mick Rouleau; Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineers; Ellie Buennemeyer, Deputy Clerk and Sarah Stephen, City Clerk.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance a moment of silence was held for former City Commissioner, Donald Wendling, who passed away August 19, 2026. Mr. Wendling held office for 23 years and was one of eight original board members to the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency.

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

Lee Beckman reported on projects. The watermain replacement project installation is completed. Commissioner White questioned the change order for seeding and mulching. Lee explained the square yards are difficult to estimate until the work is done and disturbed areas are identified. The contract provides a change order to the seeding and mulching. A meeting has been called to discuss the procedure.

Donna Rouleau addressed the Council concerning dogs in the City that are not on a leash or within a fenced yard. On numerous occasions she has been walking her service dogs and been approached by dogs who are not confined to the owner's yard. She has counted as many as five dogs in a six block radius. She asked the Council to take action on the leash law so those adhering to the law could enjoy walks in the City.

Thomas Quick, of Conxxus, explained the planned fiber optic installation planned by the company. The fiber will be 24"-36" deep with a pot so serve four homes. There is a restoration crew that will follow the construction crew. A joint meeting will be held with City personnel prior to installation. They will not request more JULIE locates than can be accomplished. Mayor Walker explained there is already ample fiber optic service in the City. Mr. Thomas stated when an infrastructure line, main or personal, is compromised by the installation, Conxxus will pay for repairs.

Council voted on Ordinance SP-1847; 208 Unit A North Tenth Street Special Use for Home Occupation of a Day Spa. Commissioner Parker motioned for approval. Commissioner Mefford seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Parker, no; Commissioner White, abstained; Commissioner Mefford, no; Commissioner Taylor, no; Mayor Walker, no. Commissioner Parker explained he is an advocate for rural health care. However, the location was not proper. He would be willing to help the requester find a suitable location in Altamont.

Commissioner White explained he abstained because he had previously requested a similar exception for the same location.

Council Approved Ordinance 876-26; Amending Intergovernmental Agreement with Altamont Community Unit School District No. 10. Commissioner Taylor motioned for approval. Commissioner Parker seconded. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner White, ineligible; Commissioner Mefford, yes; Commissioner Taylor, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. The agreement extends the deadline for City's installation of electric service to October 15, 2026.

Council Approved Ordinance 868-26; Authorizing Second Amendment to Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (RDM Designs Custom Cabinetry) on a motion by Commissioner Mefford and seconded by Commissioner Parker. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner White, ineligible; Commissioner Mefford, yes; Commissioner Taylor, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. The developer's obligation is extended from August 31, 2026 to October 31, 2026.

Council Approved Ordinance 869-26; Authorizing First Amendment to Redevelopment Plan for Tax Increment Area (Lawrence Holste) on a motion by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Mefford. Members voted as follows: Commissioner Parker, yes; Commissioner White, ineligible; Commissioner Mefford, yes; Commissioner Taylor, yes; Mayor Walker, yes. The developer's obligation is extended from October 31, 2026 to April 30, 2027.

Clerk Stephen explained a possible employee benefit of air ambulance membership. AirMedCare Network can be provided as an employee deduction membership or a group membership, with a minimum of 25 members. The cost of group membership is \$75.00 annually per member. All those living in the household will be eligible for the benefit. Council was asked to report any questions or concerns to Clerk Stephen. If there is an interest, the plan will be presented for Council approval at a later date.

Commissioner Taylor reported the Electric Department has been working at South Point Subdivision, Zink Apartments, tree trimming and a small outage was conducted today to remove a large tree from a line. The school project is being planned in cooperation with the schools off days and may require Saturday work by the Electric Department employees. IMUA has advanced lineman training classes. Wes Bell attended a webinar concerning the IMEA energy efficiency program. IDOT has determined an electric line over I70 will need relocated for the duration of the bridge project. A meeting will be held in early September to discuss the line move.

Commissioner Mefford reported the ditch between Kull Farms property and the solar plant is being cleaned. Flashing stop signs are installed at Main & Division. Crews helped with repair of a sink hole in the alley of 305 East Cumberland Road.

Commissioner White reported departments have been working on maintenance and cleanup. Clean up of the Bond Street sewer installation area is to be graded and seeded.

Commissioner Parker reported movie night at Klitzing Park was a success. Senior night will be held at Gilbert Park for softball teams.

Mayor Walker reported a meeting with Altamont School member is scheduled to discuss improvements to a field for girls' softball. New fences, regrading of the infield and other improvements are planned to meet the IHSA requirements.

Clerk Stephen reported the office is working to establish the Local Debt Recovery Program. Utility bills finalized that remain unpaid will be handed to the State of Illinois for collection. State income tax returns and gambling winnings will be garnished with funds collected delivered to the City. The debtor will pay a small collection fee. This program is of no monetary cost to the City. However, employee hours will be spent in training and preparation.

Those wanting to be on the 2027 ballot for a council position may pick up filing papers beginning at 8:00 am tomorrow. Completed petitions can be submitted during office hours beginning November 16, 2026 and ending November 23, 2026.

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

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
September 14, 2026 - 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 Street Closure October 10, 2026, noon – 6:00 for Fall Festival, North Second Street, Madison to Monroe.*
 - B. *Approve Ordinance VA-1854; 3 South Bond Street, Side Yard Intrusion.*
 - C. *Approve Request by Schuetzenfest to Conduct the Wurst 5K & Brat Trot, September 26, 2026 at 11:00 am.*
 - D. *Approve Payment to Larry Heuerman Trucking in the Amount of \$73,082.84 for Street Oiling.*
 - E. *Approve Bid Advertising of Sidewalk Replacement and Installation on North Third Street and West Lincoln Avenue.*
 - F. *Approve Intergovernmental Agreement – Illinois Office of Comptroller, Local Debt Recovery Program.*
 - G. *Approve AirMedCare Membership for Full and Part Time Employees, Annual Cost of \$75.00 Per Employee.*
 - H. *Approve Ordinance 870-26; Adopting a Revised Code of Ordinances for the City of Altamont.*
 - I. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: September 11, 2026 - 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
September 17, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.**

Agenda

1. AGENDA ITEMS

A. *Approve Resolution 2026-09-05; Resolution of Support; Grant Application
Demolition of 102 West Washington Avenue.*

B. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: September 15, 2026 - 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL ROOM
202 NORTH SECOND ST
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS
September 28, 2026 - 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. *Crystal Sphar-Finley; Noise Complaint.*
 - B. *Approve Grant Writing Agreement for CDBG Community Revitalization Grant; Demolition of 102 West Washington.*
 - C. *Presentation of 2025 Motor Fuel Compliance Review.*
 - D. *Approve Renewal of Blue Cross Blue Shield Employee Health Insurance with Tingley Insurance with 6.8% Increase.*
 - E. *Adjourn.*

POSTED: September 25, 2026 - 4:00 pm.

SARAH STEPHEN, CITY CLERK