

**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

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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 provided 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.

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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.

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 - 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.*

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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