

**City Council Minutes
December 5, 2023**

**REGULAR MEETING at City Hall
Petersburg, Illinois**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rick Snyder called the City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

A. Members present were Mayor Rick Snyder, Aldermen Heidi Hiser, Tia Baugher, Bruce Gorman, Rick Sonnemaker, and Mike Allison. Also present were City Clerk Ken Ortman, Treasurer David Frick, and City Attorney Jason Brokaw. Alderman Andrew Gain was absent.

B. Mayor Snyder led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

C. A motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Allison to approve the agenda as presented. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Baugher, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

III. CITY CLERK

A. The City Clerk presented the Warrant List and Accounts Payable. A motion was made by Alderman Allison and seconded by Alderman Gorman to approve payment of the bills as listed on the Warrant List and Accounts Payable. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Baugher, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. A motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Sonnemaker to approve the minutes of November 21, 2023 Regular Meeting. VOTES: Hiser, yes; Baugher, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

IV. HEARING OF CITIZENS

A. Heather Rothington spoke on the reason the Minutes of Regular Meetings have not been put on the web site since July 21, 2023.

V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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A. Police

1. Police Department Report. Asst. Chief Royce Shamhart gave the Monthly Report. Handled 125 Calls for service. Body Cam Grant has been applied for. New Officer is on the payroll but missed the Power Test Run by 9 seconds. He gets to take it again in two days.

B. Fire

1. Fire Department Report. Chief Pat Rebbe gave the Report. Had 28 calls for service. Lt. Price has put in for a grant for Thermo Imaging Camers. Update on the Truck from FDNY.

C. Street

1. Resolution 2023-08 MFT. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Hiser to approve Resolution 2023-08 **Illinois Department of Transportation Motor Fuel Tax Estimate of Costs FY 2024**. VOTES: Baugher, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes, Hiser, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report

1. Vote on renewal of Aetna Dental. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Hiser to approve the Aenta Dental quote. VOTES: Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Baugher, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.
2. Vote on renewal of Health Alliance Insurance. A motion made by Alderman Allison seconded by Alderman Sonnemaker to approve the Health Alliance quote. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Baugher, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.
3. Vote on renewal of Hartford Life. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Allison to approve the Health Alliance quote. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Baugher,

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yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

4. Permit for Bus Parking on Madison. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Hiser to approve the temporary use of Madison street to park buses for loading and unloading of kids at the Petersburg Elementary School. After discussion Alderman Gorman and Hiser withdrew their motion.
5. Christmas Holiday Dates, because Christmas is on a Monday will be changed to December 22 and 25. Same with New Years, December 29 and January 1, 2024.
6. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Allison to adjourn to Executive Session. VOTES: Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Baugher, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.
7. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Allison to resume to Regular Session. VOTES: Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Baugher, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.
8. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Allison to authorize the Mayor to use his discretion on issuing Christmas and Year End bonuses. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Baugher, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.
9. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Hiser to hold the City Christmas party on Dec. 21, 2023 1:00 P.M. at Los Rancheros Mexican Restaurant. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Baugher, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.
10. Resolution 2023-09 **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS REAK ESTATE**. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Allison to adopt Resolution 2023-09 **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS REAK ESTATE**. VOTES: Hiser, yes; Baugher, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. Treasurer

1. City Levies - A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by

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Alderman Sonnemaker to approve the estimated Corporate Property Tax Levies for the City of Petersburg for 2023 payable in 2024. VOTES: Baugher, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes, Hiser, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

2. Road District #8 Levies - A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Sonnemaker to approve the estimated Road District #8 Property Tax Levies for the City of Petersburg for 2023 payable in 2024. VOTES: Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Baugher, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

VI. STANDING COMMITTEES' REPORT

None

A. Building and Grounds

B. Fire

C. Parks and Playgrounds

D. Personnel

E. Streets

F. Water/Sewer

G. Police

H. Finance

VII. SPECIAL COMMITTEES' REPORT

None

X. Old Business

1. Discussion on the 911 board had question on help on the upgrade for the Emergency Generator for the Washington Street Radio Building.

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X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion on purchasing a spare pump for the Sewer Plant.
2. Discussion on setting up a Cannabis Ordinance.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Allison and seconded by Alderman Hiser to adjourn the meeting. VOTES: Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Baugher, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED. Meeting Adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Kenneth Ortman, City Clerk

Approved: December 19, 2023