

**City Council Minutes  
January 21, 2025**

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council  
City Hall  
Petersburg, Illinois**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The City Council was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Snyder

**II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

A. Members present were Aldermen Bruce Gorman, Tia Baugher, Neil Conklin, Mike Allison, Rick Sonnemaker and Andrew Gain. Also present were Mayor Snyder, Treasurer Frick, City Clerk John Ramage, and City Attorney Jason Brokaw.

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 Gain and seconded by Alderman Gorman to approve the agenda. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**III. CITY CLERK**

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

B. The January 7, 2024 minutes were presented. A motion was made by Alderman Sonnemaker and seconded by Alderman Conklin to approve the January 7, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes. VOTES: Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, abstain; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**IV. HEARING OF CITIZENS**

A. Don Tallman gave an update to the asbestos abatement efforts at the old school at 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Jackson. An RFP will go out for the abatement portion of the effort for this property. After the abatement efforts which will be accomplished in warmer weather, a

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separate RFP will be sent out to get bids for the demolition of the old school.

B. Jesse Matthews brought forward the idea to have a fundraiser "Wrestling Show" at the Fire Department in the April - May time frame. The charity would be the "The 22" program, which is a Military Suicide Prevention Program. After discussion, a motion was made to approve a "Wrestling Show" at the Fire Department, with dates to be finalized in the future. VOTES: Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

C. Colleen Davis, a representative of Niemann Foods, Inc. presented a case for allowing County Market to have a liquor license to support a future gaming license in their establishment. After discussion, a motion made by Alderman Allison seconded by Alderman Gorman to approve the granting of a liquor license to County Market, in support of a gaming license, to be obtained in the future. VOTES: Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**A. Water**

1. Water Collector's Monthly Report was given by Georgia Ed. The December Report was given with several adjustments. After discussion, a motion made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Gain to approve the Water Report and adjustments.

VOTES: Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

2. Water Superintendent's Monthly Report. The new Water Superintendent, Brad Hermes, gave the report. The department is updating documentation for new EPA requirements. In addition, they are updating the Emergency Operating Plan. Additional projects are replacing some waste water line, to get the #11 well up and on-line. The two new employees are working out well.

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**B. Street**

1. Street Superintendent's Monthly Report, oral and written was given by Brian Whitehurst. Also, Brian talked about scheduling potential job interviews.

2. Motor Fuel Tax Reimbursement from Road District #8 Fund. This is in regard to 2016 flood of the Sangamon River, where the City took action to prevent flooding in low lying areas. This transaction is per agreement between the City and the State.

After discussion, a motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Conklin to approve the transfer of \$44,576.07 from the Road District #8 Fund to the Motor Fuel Tax account.

VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**C. Police**

1. Part Time Police Raise to \$24.00 per Hour

After discussion, a motion made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Conklin to approve a pay raise to \$24.00 per hour for part-time police, pending a review to determine if the Union needs to be notified. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**A. Mayor's Report**

1. Rise Broadband Fiber Optics.

The Mayor briefed the Council on a company that wants to provide fiber optics services in the community.

2. Appoint Chairperson for Council Meetings in February.

The Mayor will be on vacation in February, and Neil Conklin will be the temporary Chairman for the February meetings.

**B. Treasurer**

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1. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Frick gave the December Monthly Treasurer's Report.

A motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Gorman to approve the Treasurer's Report.

VOTES: Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, 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**

None

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None

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**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Alderman Gain and seconded by Alderman Gorman to adjourn the meeting. VOTES: Baugher, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED. Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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John Ramage, City Clerk

Approved: February 4, 2025