

**City Council Minutes  
January 4, 2023**

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rick Snyder called the City Council to order at 7:04 p.m.

**II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

A. Members present were Mayor Rick Snyder, Aldermen Heidi Hiser, Nathan Grosboll, Andrew Gain, Bruce Gorman, Rick Sonnemaker, and Mike Allison. Also present were City Clerk Ken Ortman, Treasurer David Frick, 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 Gorman and seconded by Alderman Gain to approve the agenda as presented. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Grosboll, 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. A motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Sonnemaker to approve payment of the bills as listed on the Warrant List and Accounts Payable. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Grosboll, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. A motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Allison to approve the minutes of December 20, 2022 Regular Meeting. VOTES: Hiser, yes; Grosboll, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**IV. HEARING OF CITIZENS**

None

**V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

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**A. Police**

1. Chief Mike Nichols gave the Police Department report for December 2022. The activity numbers have been staying very low. Officers Dosier and Farley back with us from Officer Training. Dosier is on his own and Farley will be on his own by the end of January. After 18 months the new truck is finally here. Equipment is ordered and will be outfitted and then put into service.
2. Then Mayor will set up a meeting with the bank to finalize the loan for the new truck.
3. Discussion about the Brown Ford and the Blue pickup truck. The Ford will be used as an administrative vehicle and the Blue Pickup will be sold/transferred to the Water Department.

**B. Fire**

1. Asst. Chief Chris Henderson gave the Fire Department Report for the month of December 2022. They had 20 total calls for the month. 319 calls fy 2022. Down from 2021.
2. Matt Price was promoted to Lieutenant. Jordan Nichols is moving to Arensville, IL and will resign from the Fire Dept effective January 1, 2023.
3. Waiting on the used fire truck that we agreed to purchase. The department we are buying it from had a truck break down so they put ours back into service. They should have their new one around March and we will have the used one inspected before we take possession.

**VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**A. Mayor's Report**

1. Ordinance 2023-01 **AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE OFFICE OF CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.** A MOTION MADE BY Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Allison to approve Ordinance 2023-01 **AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE OFFICE OF CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.** VOTES: Grosboll, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.
2. Ordinance 2023-02 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATED TO FINES FOR REPEAT OFFENDERS.** A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman

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Sonnemaker to approve Ordinance 2023-02 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATED TO FINES FOR REPEAT OFFENDERS.** VOTES: Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Grosboll, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

3. Resolution 2023-01 **A RESOLUTION ENDORSING ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES' HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PLAN.** A MOTION MADE BY Alderman Allison seconded by Alderman Hiser to approve Resolution 2023-01 **A RESOLUTION ENDORSING ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES' HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PLAN.** VOTES: Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Grosboll, yes; Gain, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.
4. Sale of City Owned Lots. Discussion was held in regards to the City owned lots on east Sheridan St. 11-14-268-005. By consensus of the Council the Mayor can proceed to sell the lots.

**B. Treasurer's Report**

None

**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**

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**VII. SPECIAL COMMITTEES' REPORT**

1. Tree Committee. The Mayor would like to appoint Brian Whitehurst to the Chairman of the Tree Committee. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Gain to approve Brian Whitehurst as Chairman of the Tree Committee. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Grosboll, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.
2. A 200 year old White Oak or Maple Oak Tree at the Governors Mansion is dying and they are offering propagations of the tree to the City. The Mayor said the City would take 4 or 5 propagations from it.

**X. Old Business**

1. Discussion on the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement from the County on the ARPA Funds for the City of Petersburg's Well Project.
2. Discussion of the use of the Petersburg Poultry Plant.
3. Discussion of railings on the west side of the square.
4. Discussion on Thurber Towing Business.


**X. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Alderman Allison and seconded by Alderman Gorman to adjourn the meeting. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Grosboll, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED. Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kenneth Ortman, City Clerk

Approved: January 17, 2023