

**City Council Minutes  
January 7, 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 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Snyder

**II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

A. Members present were Aldermen Bruce Gorman, Tia Baugher, Neil Conklin, Mike Allison, and Rick Sonnemaker. Alderman Gain was absent. 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 Gorman and seconded by Alderman Allison to approve the agenda. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, 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. After a review 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; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. The December 17, 2024 minutes were presented. A motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Conklin to approve the December 17, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes. VOTES: Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Allison, abstain; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**IV. HEARING OF CITIZENS**

None.

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**V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**A. Police**

1. Police Dept. Monthly Report - Assistant Chief Royce Shamhart gave the Police Report for the Month of December 2024. Also, two Officers started at the academy on January 6, 2025 and are expected to graduate April 25th.

2. Asst. Chief Shamhart discussed increasing salaries and hiring more part-time officers. The Department will develop a plan to be brought to the Council in the future.

**B. Fire**

1 Fire Dept. Monthly Report - Chief Eric Hubner gave the Fire Report for the Month of December 2024. The Department ran forty five calls for service last month, and three hundred and forty five calls last year which was close to an all time high.

2. The Department was awarded a grant through Firehouse Subs, for \$9500.00, to be used for two Rapid Intervention Packs.

3. Petersburg Fire Department and Havana Rural Fire will offer winter fire training for multiple fire departments, in conjunction with the Illinois Fire Service Institute, on the first weekend in March. This will include using the "old School" in Petersburg for hands-on training. Additionally, approximately sixteen hours of classroom training will take place. Additional information will be forthcoming as it is developed.

**C. Zoning**

None.

**VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

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**A. Mayor's Report**

1. The Mayor will be on vacation in February and a replacement will be needed. The Mayor will appoint if a volunteer doesn't come forward.
2. The Mayor detailed the employment situation for Dale Naler.
3. The heating has been restored to the northern part of the City Hall building.
4. The new Water Supervisor starts January 16<sup>th</sup>.
5. The cost for the City's Christmas party was approximately \$1000.00 for roughly 38 people.

**B. Treasurer**

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

None

X. Old Business

None

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1. A new version of the building code needs to be investigated and incorporated into the ordinances.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Conklin 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 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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John Ramage, City Clerk

Approved: January 21, 2025