

**City Council Minutes  
October 3, 2023**

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rick Snyder called the City Council to order at 7:02 p.m.

**II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

A. Members present were Mayor Rick Snyder, Aldermen Heidi Hiser, Andrew Gain, Bruce Gorman, Rick Sonnemaker. Also present were City Clerk Ken Ortman, Treasurer David Frick, and City Attorney Jason Brokaw. Alderman Nathan Grosboll and Mike Allison were 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 Gain and seconded by Alderman Gorman to approve the agenda as presented. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Gain, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

D. A motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Sonnemaker to amend the agenda to move the City Clerk Executive Session to the end of the meeting. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Gain, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**III. CITY CLERK**

A. City Clerk presented the Warrant List and Accounts Payable. A motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Gain to approve payment of the bills as listed on the Warrant List and Accounts Payable. VOTES: Hiser, yes; Gain, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, 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 September 19, 2023 Regular Meeting. VOTES: Hiser, yes; Gain, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

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IV. HEARING OF CITIZENS

None

V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Police

1. Monthly Report - Chief Nichols gave the report for the month of September.

B. Fire

1. Monthly Report - Chief Rebbe gave the report for the month of September.

C. Zoning

None

VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report

1. Dam Removal Update - IDNR is starting the Permit process to itself to authorize the removal of the Sangamon River Dam.
2. Snedeker Risk Management/ICRMT Insurance Renewal - Mayor Snyder presented the Annual renewal packet for our Liability Insurance for City Property. Insurance went up about 6% from last year. A motion made by Alderman Sonnemaker seconded by Alderman Gorman to accept the Liability Insurance proposal from Snedeker Risk Management using the 50/50 payment process. VOTES: Gain, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.
3. Street Closure for Adult Halloween Party - Discussion on closing streets for a Adult Halloween Party on the square October 28, 2023. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Hiser to approve the street closure's for the October 28, 2023 Adult Halloween Party. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Gain, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

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4. Rise Broadband Fiber Discussion - Mayor Snyder provided information from Rise Broadband who is wanting to install Fiber Cable to provide Internet access for City Residents.

**B. Treasurer**

1. Auditor Update - City Auditor requested the Mayor let the Council know of his request for feedback information.

**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 about the T&C Woman's Club and the Joint Account for the JayCee Park grant money.
2. Madison Street School Bus Parking - Discussion with The Council and PORTA Superintendent Shannon Duling in regards to the bus parking on the south side of the school on Madison Street.

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3. Business Wheelchair Ramp - Discussion on the wheelchair ramp at the Rehabilitation & Performance building 210 S 7<sup>th</sup>.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

1. The Masters Home Committee wants to install an information sign on the Edgar Lee Masters Property.

**XI. EXECUTAVE SESSION**

1. A motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Sonnemaker adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Executive Session Minutes and for a Personnel issue under Section 2(c)(1). VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Gain, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.
2. A motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Gorman to resume Regular Session. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Gain, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Alderman Gain and seconded by Alderman Gorman to adjourn the meeting. VOTES: Hiser, yes; Gain, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED. Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Kenneth Ortman, City Clerk

Approved: October 17, 2023