

**City Council Minutes**  
**November 4, 2025**

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Snyder called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

A. Members present were Aldermen Bruce Gorman, Megan Loberg-Simmering, Andrew Gain, Rick Sonnemaker, Mike Allison, and Neil Conklin. Others present were Mayor Rick Snyder, Treasurer Melissa Riley, Attorney Jason Brokaw(7:12pm), and City Clerk John Ramage.

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 Sonnemaker and seconded by Alderman Gain to approve the agenda. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Conklin, 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 Conklin to accept the Warrant List and the Accounts Payable. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. The Regular meeting minutes of October 21, 2025, were presented. A motion was made by Alderman Sonnemaker and seconded by Alderman Loberg-Simmering to approve the October 21, 2025, regular City Council meeting minutes. VOTES: Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

C. The minutes of the Executive Session of the city council on October 21, 2025, were presented. A motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Gain to approve the October 21, 2025, minutes of Executive Session of October 21, 2025. VOTES:

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Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes, Conklin, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**IV. HEARING OF CITIZENS**

1. Brie Allison, representing the Menard County Tourism Board, would like to do a circus days festival on June 20, 2026, on the square. The event would be child-oriented and provide a historic look at the circuses of the city. Sheridan and Douglas streets would be closed from 11:00am to 4:00pm. By a show of hands all aldermen approved of the event.

**V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**A. Police**

1. Police Department Monthly Report was given by Assistant Chief Royce Shamhart. In October the department had 170 calls for assistance, which is average. Three major events occurred in the city and there were no problems associated with them.

2. Assistant Chief Shamhart gave status on a police personnel situation and the possibility of sending another candidate to the police academy.

3. The department will be getting a new squad car tomorrow and it will be sent to receive the necessary police upgrades.

**B. Fire Department**

1. Fire Department Monthly Report was given by Chief Eric Hubner. The department (PFD) had 15 calls for service in October with seven calls being medical in nature.

2. The FEMA, Assistance for Firefighters Grant (AFG) for approximately \$159,000 was put on hold because of the government shutdown.

3. The department held CPR/AED training for members recertification.

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4. The department hosted the PORTA football team for a team breakfast prior to their first-round playoff game.

5. October was fire prevention month, and the department has been visiting schools and day care facilities in the area to educate the students.

6. Chief Hubner brought up the fire burn ban that the city has in effect. He recommended that the city continue the ban for now and the council agreed.

**C. Zoning Department**

1. TIF Application for Kevin Thomas - Edward Jones building.

Kevin and Nancy Thomas applied for grants to replace the windows on the Edward Jones Building at 325 S 6<sup>th</sup> Street. The windows run approximately 70ft in length and are about 8ft in height with a project cost estimated to be \$36,422.00. After discussion a motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Gorman to approve \$8100.00 for the interior portion and \$6000.00 for the exterior portion, for a grant totaling \$14,100.00, for the replacement of the windows.

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

**VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**A. Mayor**

1. Menard County Animal Control Agreement and Quarterly Report

Menard County Animal Control sent their quarterly report and a request for payment of \$4,454.84 to the city for contracted work. After discussion it was noted that city officials have tried to meet with county officials to resolve two issues of concern and have been unable to get a meeting for a resolution. The council agreed to withhold payment until a meeting can be scheduled.

2. Employee Health Insurance Quotes. Mayor Snyder gave status on efforts to get health insurance quotes for city employees.

3. Auditor Letter to Council. Auditor Michael Feriozzi, CPA, has completed his audit of the city's financial statements and provided a report. The council discussed the report and made plans to address issues soon, making note that one issue will be resolved later in

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this city council meeting. A motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Gorman to approve/accept the Auditor's Letter/Report. VOTES: Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

4. The mayor found an inexpensive way to patch a tear in the astro-turf at Jaycee Park.

**C. Treasurer**

1. Close Jaycee Park Fund Account. Treasurer Riley reported back regarding a question about the Jaycee Park Fund account that was brought up during the last city council meeting. The account in question has \$1965.83 plus interest which will be transferred to the general accounts - Parks account line item, with a vote next session.

2. Payback Sewer Department from Water Department. In June 2024 there was a transfer of \$342,000.00 from the Sewer Dept. to the Water Department to support a grant. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Sonnemaker to approve the transfer of \$342,000.00 from the water fund account back to the sewer fund account. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**VII OLD BUSINESS**

1. Name change from South City Park to Petersburg Nature Park. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Conklin to approve the name change of South City Park, to Petersburg Nature Park. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Alderman Gain and seconded by Alderman Gorman to adjourn the meeting. VOTES: Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED. Meeting Adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
John Ramage  
City Clerk

Approved: November 18, 2025