

**City Council Minutes**  
**December 16, 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 7:04 p.m.

**II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

A. Members present were Aldermen Bruce Gorman, Megan Loberg-Simmering, Mike Allison, Rick Sonnemaker, Andrew Gain, and Neil Conklin. Also, present were Mayor Rick Snyder, Treasurer Melissa Riley, Attorney Jason Brokaw, 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 Gorman 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 Conklin and seconded by Alderman Gorman to accept the Warrant List and the Accounts Payable. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Conklin, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. The Regular City Council meeting minutes of December 2, 2025, were presented. A motion was made by Alderman Loberg-Simmering and seconded by Alderman Gorman to approve the December 2, 2025, regular City Council meeting minutes. VOTES: Conklin, abstain; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, abstain; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

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C. The Police/Personnel meeting minutes of November 24, 2025, were presented. A motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Gain to approve the November 24, 2025, Police/Personnel meeting minutes. VOTES: Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes, Conklin, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**IV. HEARING OF CITIZENS**

1. None present.

**V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**A. Water Department**

1. Water Department Monthly Report. The Water Collector, Angela Henderson gave the November water collector's report along with a request for a payment agreement. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Conklin to approve the Water Collectors Report and the payment agreement. VOTES: Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

2. Water Superintendent's Monthly Report, oral and written, was presented by Mayor Snyder for the Water Superintendent. In December service calls included nine water leaks, four emergency JULIE's, five calls for sewer line blockage or jetting, the replacement of 50 feet of 8" sewer line, meter checks, and more.

In November 8,193,400 gallons of water were pumped for use.

New water well #11 has passed all chemical constituent requirements, However, due to the length of time it took to get final testing, the IEPA is requiring a re-disinfect of the well and two negative coliform tests. The disinfection and testing will begin once the "A" water softener at the plant has been cleared for use.

The rebuilding of a softener A is partially complete and work is on-going.

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The Water Superintendent would like to have a meeting with the water/sewer committee in January to discuss a water main extension, sewer rehabilitation, and or constructing a new sewer plant. Brad will set up the meeting.

**B. Street Department**

1. Street Department Monthly Report was given by Supervisor Brian Whitehurst. The department did the usual bag and brush pickup, leaf pickup, cleaning of drop boxes, snowplow and snowplowing maintenance. The department planted trees at 6<sup>th</sup> and Monroe St. and JC park. The department assisted the water department with a large sewer repair, and they assisted with the 'Light up the Square'.

2. The department brought forth a Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Resolution to be sent to the Ill Dept. of Transportation for \$133,000 to be used in the city for road maintenance. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Gain to approve the resolution for the use of the Motor Fuel Tax. VOTES: Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

3. Sale of the Red Ford Street Dept. Truck as surplus. It was recognized that this would require an ordinance that will be brought forward at the next council meeting.

**VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**A. Mayor**

1. Vote on Employee Yearly Bonus. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Gain to approve the annual bonus of \$150.00 for each full-time employee. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

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2. Agreement between City and Petersburg United Methodist Church. A motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Loberg-Simmering to approve the agreement between the city and the Petersburg United Methodist Church about installing a waterline to the site of the future church. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

3. Pet Wash - Extension on Finishing Project Timeline as stated on TIF Application. A motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Conklin to approve the extension of the TIF project completion date, to June 30, 2026, for the Pet Wash being developed by Adam and Amber Helmkamp. VOTES: Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

4. Move City Council Dates from 3.17.26 and 11.3.26 to different dates. A new law prohibits city council meetings on election days; therefore, two city council meetings must be rescheduled. After discussion the council agreed to move the meetings to the following Wednesday, after the formerly scheduled days.

5. The employee Christmas lunch will be on Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:30pm at the old Mom's and Pop's.

**B.Treasurer's Report**

1. Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Riley. A brief discussion was held on what all was included in the report, including the closure of the Jaycee Park Fund Account. A motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Allison to approve the Treasurer's Report including the closure of the Jaycee Park Fund Account. VOTES: Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes, Conklin, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

2. Ordinance 2025-07 - Tax Levy

A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Conklin to approve the general tax levy as presented. VOTES: Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

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3. Ordinance 2025-08 - Road District 8 Tax Levy.

(Ordinance number changed from 2025-06 to 2025-08)

A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Conklin to approve the Road District 8 tax levy which amounts to \$58,000.00 for road maintenance materials and supplies. VOTES: Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

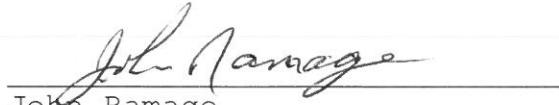
**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Update of Demolition Bid Package. The Request for Bid (RFP) to demolish the old grade school. Alderman Gain and Mayor Snyder led the effort and after much discussion the council and mayor agreed to go forward with the RFP.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Alderman Gain and seconded by Alderman Allison to adjourn the meeting. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED. Meeting Adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
John Ramage  
City Clerk

Approved January 6, 2026