

City Council Minutes  
December 2, 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, Andrew Gain, Rick Sonnemaker. Others present were Mayor Rick Snyder, Treasurer Melissa Riley, Attorney Jason Brokaw, and City Clerk John Ramage. Mike Allison, and Neil Conklin 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. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Gain, yes; Loberg-Simmering, 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 Gain and seconded by Alderman Loberg-Simmering to accept the Warrant List and the Accounts Payable. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. The Regular meeting minutes of November 18, 2025, were presented. A motion was made by Alderman Sonnemaker and seconded by Alderman Loberg-Simmering to approve the November 18, 2025, regular City Council meeting minutes. VOTES: Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

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IV. HEARING OF CITIZENS

1. None present.

V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Police

1. Police Department Monthly Report was given by Chief Mike Nichols. In November the department had 137 calls for assistance, which is average for this time of year.
2. Chief Nichols gave status on traffic incidents related to the snowstorm.

1. Fire Department

1. Fire Department Monthly Report was given by Chief Eric Hubner. The department (PFD) had 11 calls for service in November with five calls being medical in nature. Part of the reduced number of calls is the department has changed to way callouts are being made. Only serious issues are now automatic callouts. This should make the department more efficient while still serving the community.
2. The FEMA, Assistance for Firefighters Grant (AFG) for new SCBA's is no longer on hold because of the government shutdown. The department will send in the required paperwork this week.
3. The annual inspection for Truck 1 was completed on 11/19/25 and no critical issues were found on the apparatus.
4. The department participated in the Angel Tree program once again this year. The department provided Christmas gifts for seven children this year.
5. The Impact Life Blood Center's "Bloodmobile" will utilize the firehouse parking lot on December 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12pm - 3pm. This is a good opportunity to donate blood locally.
6. Chief Hubner brought some firehouse improvements that need to be made.

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C. Zoning Department

1. No report.

VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Mayor

1. Menard County Animal Control Agreement. Mayor Snyder spoke with the county about the Menard County Animal Control Agreement, and the city will provide written input to the agreement.
2. Discussion on City Ordinances concerning dogs and cats. Mayor Snyder would like to include cats in the ordinance that controls animals in the city. This will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.
3. Annual Property Tax Levy Discussion. By statute the city is to turn in an estimated amount prior to adoption. Treasurer Riley provided discussion paperwork with a proposed total of \$480,000, which is below a 5% increase threshold. The council had lengthy discussions regarding the estimate and will vote on the issue next council meeting.

2. Treasurer

1. Close CIEG Fund Account. Treasurer Riley reported that \$6049.08 was in the account as of October 31<sup>st</sup>. The CIEG account is a multi-jurisdiction drug taskforce account that is no longer active. After discussion a motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Gain transfer the money out of the CIEG Fund Account and into the Police new equipment fund and then close the CIEG Fund Account.  
VOTES: Gain, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

2. Vote on Payback Sewer Dept from Water Dept. In June 2024 there was a transfer of approximately \$300,000.00 from the Sewer Dept. to the Water Department to support a grant. On December 2, 2025,

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the council voted to repay this money by a unanimous vote. However, upon further review by the city Auditor the payback needed modification. Therefore, a motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Gain to approve the transfer of \$300,000 from the Grant Fund account to the Sewer account and to transfer \$186,000 from the Grant Fund account to the Water account. VOTES: Gain, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

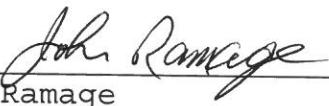
**VII OLD BUSINESS**

1. Christmas bonus. After discussion a motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Gain to approve a bonus of \$150 per full-time person for city employees. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED. This will have another vote next meeting.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Alderman Gain and seconded by Alderman Loberg-Simmering to adjourn the meeting. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED. Meeting Adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
John Ramage  
City Clerk

Approved: December 16, 2025