

**City Council Minutes  
December 3, 2024**

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rick Snyder called the City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

A. Members present were Mayor Rick Snyder, Aldermen Neil Conklin, Tia Baugher, Andrew Gain, Bruce Gorman, Rick Sonnemaker, and Mike Allison. Also present were City Clerk Ken Ortman/John Ramage, Treasurer David Frick, and City Attorney.

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 ammended. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**III. CITY CLERK**

A. The 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: Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. A motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Conklin to approve the minutes of November 19, 2024 Regular Meeting. VOTES: Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**IV. HEARING OF CITIZENS**

None.

**V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

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**A. Fire Dept.**

1. Promotions - Probationary Firefighters Heubner, Thomas, Horn and Nale finished Basic Operations Firefighters certification, and were promoted to Firefighter. Firefighter Connor Fagan will be taking his national certification for his EMT license.
2. Recommendation of Joseph Kuhn for approval as a probationary firefighter. A motion was made by Alderman Allison and seconded by Alderman Baugher to accept Joseph Kuhn as a probationary firefighter. VOTES: Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.
3. Fire Dept. Monthly Report - Chief Eric Hubner spoke on a number of issues that the Department was experiencing, including an insurance issue regarding an accident experienced by a firefighter.

**B. Police Dept.**

1. Police Dept. Monthly Report - Sgt Dosier gave the report. Chief Nichols and Assistant Chief Shamhart attended a waiver review committee meeting to support an officer on the police force. A final disposition is pending.
2. An interview, to become a probationary officer was scheduled for Cheyenne Anderson, on December 5, 2024 at 7:30. Cheyenne has completed the Power Testing. The first class would start January 6, 2025.
3. Mayor Snyder requested the Police monitor the dump area for four wheelers that were creating problems.

**VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**A. Mayor's Report**

1. Christmas Bonus - A motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Conklin to provide a \$150.00 bonus for

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full-time employees that have worked within the last 30 days.  
VOTES: Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

2. Holiday Luncheon - after discussion motion was made by Alderman Gain and seconded by Alderman Gorman to provide a luncheon with costs up to \$22, at the Hand of Fate on December 23, 2024 at 1:00pm.  
VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, abstained. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**C. Treasurer's Report**

1. The Treasurer, Dave Frick discussed the Tax Levy for the City, noting an Ordinance will be need for it at the next council meeting. The Levy was set at 4.186%. The approved Ordinance will need to be taken to the County Clerk by December 31, 2024.
2. Line Item for Dale Naylor Pay - Dale agreed to go part-time and his pay would come out of multiple accounts because he will be working for these different departments.

**VI. STANDING COMMITTEES' REPORT**

None.

**A. Building and Grounds**

**B. Fire**

**C. Parks and Playgrounds**

**D. Personnel**

**E. Streets**

**F. Water/Sewer**

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G. Police

H. Finance

VII. SPECIAL COMMITTEES' REPORT

None.

X. Old Business

None.

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None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,



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John Ramage, City Clerk

Approved: December 17, 2024