

City Council Minutes
March 18, 2025

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council
City Hall
Petersburg, Illinois

I. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Snyder

II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

A. Members present were Aldermen Bruce Gorman, Tia Baugher, Neil Conklin, Mike Allison, and Andrew Gain. Alderman Rick Sonnemaker was absent. Also present were Mayor Snyder, Treasurer David Frick, 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 Gain and seconded by Alderman Allison to approve the agenda. VOTES: 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. After a review, a motion was made by Alderman Gain and seconded by Alderman Baugher to approve payment of the bills as listed on the Warrant List and Accounts Payable. VOTES: Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. The minutes for March 4, 2025, were presented. A motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Conklin to approve the March 4, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes. VOTES: Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

IV. HEARING OF CITIZENS

1, Menard County Jaycee's - Doggy Easter Egg Hunt. Jason Dick

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asked if it was acceptable to use the city dog park for the Jaycee's doggy easter egg hunt on Sunday April 13th, 2:00 to 4:00pm. After limited discussion, a motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Allison to approve the use of the dog park for the Jaycee's annual doggy easter egg hunt. VOTES: Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Gorman, yes, Conklin, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

In addition, Menard County is having their annual recycling day on April 5th at the courthouse. The point of contact for this event is Anne Smith.

2. Rise - High Speed Internet in Town - Cancelled per Rise. There will be a meeting on March 27, 1:00pm at city hall, with Rise, to discuss what would be needed for Rise to bring in their High-Speed Internet to the city.

3. Lacey Greer presented a case for the ordinances to be changed to allow ducks to be raised in the city, in a manor like chickens. After discussion, a motion made by Alderman Allison seconded by Alderman Baugher to allow ducks to be raised in the city. VOTES: Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED, however, since this item was not on the agenda, a formal motion and vote will be scheduled for the next regular meeting of the city council.

V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Water

1. Water Collector's Monthly Report was given by Mayor Snyder, since Collector Georgia Ed could not be at the meeting. The mayor reviewed revenue from water, sewer and miscellaneous charges and fees. Additionally, one water adjustment was proposed, because of a leak. After a review, a motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Gain to approve the report and associated adjustment. VOTES: Allison, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

2. Water Superintendent's Monthly Report, oral and written, was given

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by mayor Snyder, because of an issue at the water plant. There were a relatively large number of leaks with which the department had to respond.

The department provided a CAP response letter with photos to IEPA.

Water well #11 and associated pipe and casings have had several rounds of disinfection treatment. More treatment will be required.

Additionally, the department provided routine maintenance to items in the sewer and water treatment plants.

B. Street

1. Street Department Monthly Report was given by Brian Whitehurst. A lot of street cleanup has taken place, including Bag & Brush pickup, leaf removal and street sweeping, tree work and cleanup.

2. The department has provided maintenance on the skid steer and backhoe bucket, with the skid steer having to eventually be taken to Luby Equipment for some work.

3. The department has started its Dropbox cleanout program.

4. Adams, Antle, and Owens streets are ready for oil and chip.

5. The Motor Fuel Tax for 2025 was approved.

6. The new employee appears to be working well for the department. Alderman Gain noted a citizen gave very positive comments about the new employee.

7. Alderman Baugher asked about getting "No Parking" signs on a street near Jaycee Park, in response to a citizen request. Brian will investigate. Also, Alderman Gorman alerted Brian to where a large pothole exists.

8. The Street Department assisted the Water Dept. with mowing the sewage lagoon hills.

9. The council discussed responsibilities when one department borrows equipment from another department and the equipment gets damaged.

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VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report

1. Discussion for a City-Wide Clean-up. Details were discussed and agreed upon, but these details have been overcome by events. So, Brian will check again with A-Team and report to the council at the next regular meeting.

2. Municipal Aggregation Renewal.

The city of Petersburg is a member of Central Illinois Municipal Aggregation (CIMA) which is a group of municipalities that band together to get locked-in and lower energy prices from suppliers. Our present contract ends in June 2025; and usually, these contracts run for three to four years. A company that works with CIMA, The Stone River Group, is anticipating that costs will drop in the future and suggests a one-year contract instead of the usual 3 or 4-year contract, which will save money for CIMA.

A motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Gorman to sign the one-year contract proposed by The Stone River Group and that the Mayor will sign for the city. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

3. Vote on Asbestos Abatement Bid which was presented during the last regular city council meeting.

A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Gain to approve the proposal from Triple A Asbestos to remove the asbestos in the old middle school, subject to legal review to ensure the contract includes required text. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

4. Mike Feriozzi - Audit Engagement Letter for FY 25 Services.

A motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Conklin to accept Mike Feriozzi's engagement letter.

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

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B. Treasurer

1. The Treasurer's Report was given by David Frick. After discussions, a motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Allison to accept the Treasurer Report.
VOTES: Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Gorman, yes, Conklin, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

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

None

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X. NEW BUSINESS

1. There were general questions about upcoming health insurance decisions.
2. There were general questions about the meeting at the 1st & 3rd, which discussed the future of the land, after the demolition of the old middle school located at 7th and Jackson Street.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Gain and seconded by Alderman Baugher to adjourn the meeting. VOTES: Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED. Meeting Adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Ramage, City Clerk

Approved: April 1, 2025