

City Council Minutes
March 18, 2026

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 7:00 p.m.

II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

A. Those present were Mayor Rick Snyder, Aldermen Bruce Gorman, Megan Loberg-Simmering, Mike Allison, Rick Sonnemaker, Andrew Gain (7:27), and Neil Conklin. Also, others present were Treasurer Melissa Riley, City Secretary Tract Ceisler 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 Gorman and seconded by Alderman Loberg-Simmering to approve the agenda. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, 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 Lober-Simmering and seconded by Alderman Gorman to accept the Warrant List and the Accounts Payable. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Allison, yes; Conklin, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. The City Clerk presented the minutes of the regular city council meeting of March 3, 2026, A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Loberg-Simmering to approve the March 3, 2026, minutes. VOTES: Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

C. The City Clerk presented the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of March 10, 2026, A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded

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by Alderman Allison to approve the March 10, 2026, Finance Committee minutes. VOTES: Loberg-Simmering, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes, Conklin, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

IV. HEARING OF CITIZENS

1. Brie Allison - Circus Days Festival & Drinkin with Lincoln 5K. On behalf of the Petersburg Chamber of Commerce, Brie Allison explained that the Drinkin with Lincoln event will be on June 6th this year, with the 5K race being from 8:00 - 9:00am and the rest of the event from 10:00am - 4:00pm. Street closures will be the same as last years. There will be food vendors and a couple of bands.

Next, Brie explained that the Circus Days Festival would be on June 20th with the parade starting at 11:00, which will require street closures. Also, the Shriners will bring a large tent and have clowns and other entertainment with the event ending at 5:00pm.

A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Sonnemaker to approve the Circus Days Festival & Drinkin with Lincoln 5K. VOTES: Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

A motion made by Alderman Loberg-Simmering seconded by Alderman Gorman to add the Circus Days Festival to the city's list of festivals. VOTES: Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Note: the city-wide garage sale will be on April 18th, starting at 8:00am.

V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Water Department

1. Water Department Monthly Report. The Water Collector, Angela Henderson gave the February 2026 water collector's report along with

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a request for a sewer adjustments because of a leak. The total revenues for February 2026 were \$123,408.36. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Sonnemaker to approve the Water Collectors Report including the sewer adjustment. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

2. Water Superintendent's Monthly Report was written form, for the council. The department responded to ten water leaks, four emergency locates, two sewer backups, and installed two new service pits and meters. Additionally, the department repaired a four-inch main in Chandlerville and repaired a master water meter at Chataqua. There was a short discussion on whether to charge the city of Chandlerville for the water main work, and it was decided not to charge them in this case.

New water well #11 has been granted a final operating permit as of January 29, 2026. The well will be brought online after an update to the SCADA system is made. Monday March 30th the department will have a large SCADA upgrade at the Water Treatment Plant (WTP). The internet will be upgraded to Starlink to get more speed.

The three water towers were inspected recently and minor issues were fixed. The department will get bids on cleaning the towers.

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, tree trimming and cleaning drop boxes, including grading parts of Monroe and Adams streets to expose the drop boxes. Additionally, the department performed five repairs and cleanings on storm drains and a sewer lid(manhole) around the city. Also, the department: - performed maintenance tasks, including replacing the broom on the Bobcat street sweeper, worked on the white Dodge replacing rear axle seals and repairing the ABS system, -prepared the budget paperwork for the upcoming year, -prepared the Motor Fuel Tax program list of streets to be resurfaced and delivered the list to the engineers.

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C. Fire Department

1.Ordinance 2026-02. This ordinance documents the disposal of fire department equipment that has failed testing or exceeded the expiration date. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Gain to approve the 2026-02 Ordinance. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Mayor

1.Bid for LOCiS 8. The LOCiS software is used by the water/sewer departments and by the Treasurer to manage accounts for the city. The current version used by the city is L7 which is nearing the end of support. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Gain to approve the purchase of the LOCiS 8 software package including the training. VOTES: Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

2.Auditor Engagement Letters. The auditor for the city, Michael Feriozzi, CPA, presented three letters to the mayor and city council, in relation to his audit and non-audit duties. The letters define services, cost breakdowns and a schedule for his activities. Audit reports will be issued around August 31, 2026. A motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Gorman to accept the Auditor Engagement letters. VOTES: Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes, Conklin, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

3.Introduction of Zoning Administration Candidate. After an introduction, a motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Loberg-Simmering to approve Marina Bacon as the new Zoning Administrator. VOTES: Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

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B.Treasurer's Report

1.Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Melissa Riley which included that the General Fund has \$2,379,143.65 on hand as of February/2026. A motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Sonnemaker to approve the Treasurer's Report. VOTES: Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

2.Set Next Budget Meeting. The next budget meeting will be for the Library and Water/Sewer Departments and will be on Wednesday March 24th at 7:00pm. Another budget meeting has been scheduled for April 14th at 7:00pm, for the remaining departments.

VII.OLD BUSINESS

1.Reminder that a meeting with Jaren Industries will take place on Wednesday March 25th, at 7:00pm, regarding the old grade school demolition contract.

2.Alderman Sonnemaker announced that upon further inspection, the damaged asphalt at the firehouse can be solved with limited patching and not total replacement.

VIII.NEW BUSINESS

1.One of the large garage doors at city hall has broken and will need to be fixed.

2.One of the police cars will need major engine repairs.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Loberg-Simmering 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 8:40p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Ramage", positioned above a horizontal line.

John Ramage
City Clerk

Approved April 7, 2026,

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