

**Special City Council Minutes  
March 25, 2026**

**Minutes of Special Meeting of the City Council, at City Hall.  
Petersburg, Illinois**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rick Snyder called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

- A. Members present were Mayor Snyder, Aldermen Bruce Gorman, Megan Loberg-Simmering (7:07), Mike Allison, Rick Sonnemaker, Neil Conklin and Andrew Gain. Also, City Clerk John Ramage was present.
- B. The purpose of the meeting is to finalize contract terms between the City and Jaren Industries for the demolition of the old grade school at 207 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street in Petersburg, Illinois.

**III. HEARING OF CITIZENS**

- A. None of them wanted to speak.

**IV. CONTRACT TALKS WITH JAREN INDUSTRIES**

- A. Mayor Snyder started the meeting with the agreed upon responsibilities of Jaren Industries, Inc. Those include
- Confirming IEPA permits requirements and securing them, if necessary,
  - Filing notification of demolition with any applicable regulating agencies,
  - Acquiring Petersburg demolition permit(s). The city will waive permit costs,
  - Notify JULIE about the underground utilities' location,
  - Erect barriers around the job site and keep streets and sidewalks clear of debris,
  - Remove and set aside on pallets, some salvageable stacked limestone. The top three feet of limestone, approximately,
  - Demolishing and removing the 1-story masonry building, including the sidewalk that is attached to the building, leaving the curbs in place,
  - Bring in a Crusher to crush all concrete and brick to be used

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- as backfill, filling the hole to within 36 inches from the top,
- Transporting all debris generated by demolition and not used as backfill, to legal disposal facilities, with concrete and rebar disposed of at contractor expense,
  - Transporting all recyclable materials off-site. Clean concrete not used as backfill can be transported to a location within two miles,
  - The contractor will properly dispose of walls that have been identified as having lead paint upon their surface,
  - Establishing a rough grade to meet surrounding asphalt pavement and public ways,
  - Demolition of the buildings and removal of all non-recyclable trash,
  - Provide equipment and manpower to level and grade the backfill,
  - Complete the project within forty days from the start of the project, contingent on the weather or forces beyond the control of the city or contractor.


The city will provide dirt and hauling of dirt to be added on top of the crusher backfill. The city will set the elevations to be used by the contractor.

The city will pay \$134,000.00 for the demolition of the building and \$34,000.00 for the Crusher for a total of \$166,000.00 in total.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Alderman Gain and seconded by Alderman Gorman 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 7:50p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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John Ramage - City Clerk  
Approved: April 7, 2026,

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