

City Council Minutes
March 3, 2026

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Aldersperson Megan Loberg-Simmering called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

A. Members present were Aldermen Bruce Gorman, Megan Loberg-Simmering, Mike Allison, Rick Sonnemaker and Neil Conklin and Andrew Gain. Also present were Attorney Jason Brokaw (7:07), City Sec. Tracy Ciesler and City Clerk John Ramage. Mayor Snyder and Treasurer Riley were absent.

B. Aldersperson Megan Loberg-Simmering 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 Gain to approve the agenda. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Allison, yes; Allison, yes. Aldersperson Megan Loberg-Simmering 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; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Aldersperson Megan Loberg-Simmering declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. The Regular meeting minutes of February 17, 2026, were presented. A motion was made by Alderman Sonnemaker and seconded by Alderman Gorman to approve the February 17, 2026, regular City Council meeting minutes. VOTES: Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Aldersperson Megan Loberg-Simmering declared the MOTION CARRIED.

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IV. HEARING OF CITIZENS

1. Nobody wanted to speak.

V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Police

1. Police Department Monthly Report was given by Chief Mike Nichols. In February the department had 185 calls for assistance, which is a large number at this time of year. The department is running smoothly. The Chief provided bids for the upgrading of body cameras and briefly discussed the bids with the council. Additional discussions will take place at the next meeting with the Chief.

1. Fire Department

1. Promoting of Crystal Honkala to a Lieutenant Position. Fire Chief Eric Hubner presided over the promotion of Crystal Honkala to a Lieutenant Position with the Fire Department. Many firefighters and citizens were there to witness and support the promotion of the first female, to the command staff of the Petersburg Fire Department.

2. Fire Department Monthly Report was given by Chief Eric Hubner. The department (PFD) had 20 calls for service in February with 8 calls being medical in nature. One call for motor vehicle accident; three calls were for smoke detector/smoke scare issues, one controlled burn call and one special type of incident/ refrigeration leak.

3. Maintenance activities include the servicing of all garage doors at the firehouse. There was a discussion on repairing the crumbling concrete/asphalt at the firehouse. More information will be developed.

4. Chief Hubner represented the city and the fire department at a Menard County Chief's meeting at Athens fire department. Additionally, Deputy Chief Henderson represented the city and fire

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department at the 911 board meeting on 02/16, at the courthouse.

5. Chief Hubner discussed burn bans that could be applied when the weather is very dry. The Chief and Council are in favor of supporting county-wide fire bans when needed, if it doesn't preclude the city from having a local ban when conditions are unique to the city. Chief Hubner will contact the county to discuss the issue.

6. Future events,

- voting will take place at the firehouse for the March 17th election,
- there will be an ISO review on April 6th,
- there will be hose testing on April 14th that requires street closure on 3rd Street from Rutledge to the corner of 3rd & 4th Street.

VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Mayor

1. Jacob Janssen - Snedeker Risk Management. The city's insurance company, Snedeker Risk Management, invited the council and other city officials to one of three regional client appreciation dinners and an associated informational meeting. In the past educational meetings have provided tips to reduce risk to the city and subsequent insurance premiums.

2. Treasurer

1. Set Budget Meeting. Treasurer Riley set the budget meeting for March 10th at 7:00pm, for the Police and Street departments. The budget meeting for the Library, Water and Fire Dept. meeting will be on March 24th at 7:00pm. The other departments meetings will be scheduled in the future.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Water Collector, Angela Henderson, brought forward information on updating the Locis software that the water/sewer and accounting departments use to manage accounts. After discussion the council agreed to update the software.

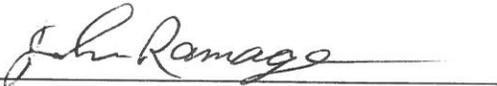
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2. Administrative Secretary Tracy Ciesler gave an update on bid information to fix the front of the city hall building. The estimated cost totaled \$23,500.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Gain to adjourn the meeting. VOTES: Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes, Conklin, yes. Alderperson Megan Loberg-Simmering declared the MOTION CARRIED. Meeting Adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Ramage
City Clerk

Approved: March 18, 2026,

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