

City Council Minutes
March 4, 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 7:00 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, City Clerk John Ramage, and Attorney Jason Brokaw.

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 Gain 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 Gorman and seconded by Alderman Conklin to approve payment of the bills as listed on the Warrant List and Accounts Payable. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. The February 18, 2025 minutes were presented. A motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Gain to approve the February 18, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes. VOTES: Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, abstained. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

IV. HEARING OF CITIZENS

None.

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V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Police

1. Police Dept. Monthly Report - Chief Mike Nichols and Assistant Chief Royce Shamhart gave the Police Report for the Month of February 2025. Chief Nichols announced that he would return to full duty on March 17th. The Department was kind of slow consistent with prior Februarys. However, the Department arrested two individuals that were attempting to perform a "jackpotting" scheme on an ATM at a local bank. Those individuals were persons of interest in 3 or 4 other jurisdictions in Central Illinois.

B. Fire

1 Fire Dept. Monthly Report - Chief Eric Hubner gave the Fire Report for the Month of February 2025. The Fire Department has been busier than usual these first two months of the year.

2. More repairs are needed for Engine 1 and the city still has a loaner Engine provided by the company doing the repairs.

3. Chief Heubner, Capt. Price, Firefighters Honkala and Fagan participated in the Rapid Intervention Team training at the Old Middle School in Petersburg. The class was instructed by the Illinois Fire Service Institute from Champaign. There were thirty-five participants from six different departments.

4. Hose and ladder testing will be performed on Saturday April 19th, from 8:00am to 5:00pm. Tentatively this will be on 3rd Street going northward from highway 123, to where 3rd and 4th streets come together. This will require 3rd Street to be closed for the testing.

5. PFD conducted a walk-through preplan at the City Water plant on February 25th, under the direction of Kyle Honkala.

C. Zoning

None.

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VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report

1. The mayor noted that the bids for Asbestos Remediation at the old middle school were in, and that since opening the bids was not on the agenda, we would do the required voting at the next regular meeting of the council. There was some discussion on items that would need to be contained in any agreement.
2. A local company is asking the city if we would like to buy their building. The council was asked if they had any interest; more information was needed prior to any decision could be made.
3. There will be a public meeting Thursday evening from 6:30 - 8:00 to discuss what to do with the old middle school property after the demolition takes place. The meeting will be at the 1st and 3rd building on the square.
4. There were discussions regarding a PORTA student who wished to honor veterans in the community. This individual will be invited to brain-storm details with the council.

B. Treasurer

None

VI. STANDING COMMITTEES' REPORT

None

A. Building and Grounds

B. Fire

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C. Parks and Playgrounds

D. Personnel

E. Streets

F. Water/Sewer

G. Police

H. Finance

VII. SPECIAL COMMITTEES' REPORT

None

X. Old Business


1. Attorney Jason Brokaw gave an update on an ongoing asbestos case. No action is needed at this time.

X. NEW BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Gain and seconded by Alderman Conklin to adjourn the meeting. VOTES: Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED. Meeting Adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Ramage, City Clerk

Approved: March 18, 2025