

City Council Minutes
April 15, 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 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Snyder.

II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

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

B. The minutes for April 1, 2025, were presented. A motion was made by Alderman Sonnemaker and seconded by Alderman Baugher to approve the April 1, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes. VOTES: Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

IV. HEARING OF CITIZENS

1. Samantha Weaver - Girls on the Run. Samantha proposed a "Girls on

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the Run" event, to be on April 30th from 3:30 to 5:00pm, that would require roadblocks, at the following intersections: Owens / Bluejay Road, Douglas / Bluejay Road, Douglas / 14th, 14th / Monroe Street. After discussion a motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Conklin to approve the run on the above time and date. VOTES: Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes, Conklin, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

2.MJ Martin - Truth Tabernacle Ave the Children Lollipop Fundraiser. MJ Martin proposed this event be on May 3rd or if it is rained out, on 24th from 9:00am to 1:00pm. After discussion a motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Gain to approve the stop light fundraiser on the above time and date. VOTES: Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

3.Laura Kuhl - Book Fair on the Square 8.23.25 Street Closure. This presentation was postponed until the next council meeting.

4.Brie Allison - Drinkin with Lincoln 5.17.25 Street Closure for Race and Festival. Brie with the Petersburg Chamber of Commerce proposed a Drinkin with Lincoln event to be held on May 17, 2025, from 10:00am to 4:00pm, this includes a 5K run and other entertainment. Brie provided a map of the route and details of this large event. After discussion a motion was made by Alderman Gain and seconded by Alderman Gorman to approve the Drinkin with Lincoln event on May 17th, from 10:00 to 4:00, including the 5K run and the attached street closures. VOTES: Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

5. Joel Gain proposed that the city vacate an alley that the city has not maintained for decades. The alley is between 9th and 10th streets on Douglas St. After discussion the council needed verification that utilities do not run through the alley prior to any action. The issue will be on the agenda for the next council meeting.

6.Dan Riser had several questions regarding disposal of materials and city/resident responsibilities.

V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Water

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1.The Water Collector's Monthly Report was given by Georgia Ed. After discussion a motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Gain to accept the Water Collector's Report and the associated request for adjustment, which was caused by a leak. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

2.The Water Superintendent's Monthly Report was given by Brad Hermes. The water treatment plant has had two recent instances where the computerized control system or SCADA control system has failed and caused a condition where the plant was unable to process water, for a short time. The Superintendent recommended purchasing spare parts for control portions of the system. The council was very receptive to the recommendation.

Water well #11 successfully passed Bacti/Coliform testing as the well gets closer to production.

The department completed repairs on an effluent pipe for the backwash process at the plant and cleaned the weir and basin.

Additionally, the department has made numerous service calls.

B. Street

1.The Street Superintendent's Monthly Report was given by Brian Whitehurst. The department has started mowing, the Dropbox cleaning program has been started and is on-going, water, plumbing and lights have been turned on at the Ball Parks, along with other spring activities. Brian is working on the MFT oiled road program and bids will go out soon.

C. Zoning

1.Prelude Daycare Annexation. In what was viewed as an administrative cleanup, Zoning Administrator Walker presented the petition for annexation, the Planning Commission minutes and finding of facts, related to the annexation of a single parcel that was overlooked in an earlier annexation. After discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Gain to approve the annexation and related Ordinance Number 2025-01. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

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2.Cafe Amulet TIF Application. Zoning Administrator Walker, presented the Tax Increment Financing Assistance Application form to the council for Café Amulet, located at 105 S 7th Street in Petersburg. After discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Allison and seconded by Alderman Sonnemaker to approve \$18,950.00 toward Project Amulet, at Café Amulet. VOTES: Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

3.Appointment of Cheryl Oleson to the Planning Committee. Zoning Administrator Walker nominated Cheryl Oleson to the Planning Commission. After discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Allison and seconded by Alderman Gain to approve Cheryl Oleson as a member of Planning Commission. VOTES: Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes, Conklin, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

4.Discuss and Approve Ordinance 2025-02 Amending Section 5-2 of the Code of Ordinances related to the keeping of Ducks. This ordinance allows the keeping of ducks in a similar manner and with similar restrictions as those previously adopted for rabbits and chickens. After discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Allison and seconded by Alderman Conklin to approve Ordinance 2025-02. VOTES: Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report

1.Recommendation of New Water Collector - Angela Henderson
A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Gain to approve Angela Henderson as the new Water Collector. VOTES: Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED. Both Georgia and Angela will be water collector until Georgia retires.

2.Recommendation of New Treasurer - Melissa Riley
A motion made by Alderman Sonnemaker and seconded by Alderman Baugher to approve Melissa Riley as the new Treasurer.
VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

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B. Treasurer

1. Treasurer's Report was provided by David Frick.
A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Allison to approve the Treasurer's Report. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, 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

1. There will be a 7:00pm budget meeting on April 29th.

X. NEW BUSINESS

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XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Gain and seconded by Alderman Baugher to adjourn the meeting. VOTES: Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED. Meeting Adjourned at 8:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Ramage, City Clerk

Approved: May 6, 2025