

**City Council Minutes
November 21, 2023**

**REGULAR MEETING at City Hall
Petersburg, Illinois**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rick Snyder called the City Council to order at 7:05 p.m.

Tia Baugher was sworn in as First Ward Alderman.

II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

A. Members present were Mayor Rick Snyder, Aldermen Heidi Hiser, Tia Baugher, Bruce Gorman, Rick Sonnemaker, and Mike Allison. Also present were City Clerk Ken Ortman, Treasurer David Frick, and City Attorney Jason Brokaw. Alderman Andrew Gain was absent.

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 Allison to approve the agenda as presented. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Baugher, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

III. CITY CLERK

A. City Clerk presented the Warrant List and Accounts Payable. A motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Sonnemaker to approve payment of the bills as listed on the Warrant List and Accounts Payable. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Baugher, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. A motion was made by Alderman Sonnemaker and seconded by Alderman Gorman to approve the minutes of November 7, 2023 Regular Meeting. VOTES: Hiser, yes; Baugher, abstain; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

C. A motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Sonnemaker to approve the minutes of November 14, 2023 Personnel/Police Committee Meeting. VOTES: Baugher, abstain; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes, Hiser, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

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IV. HEARING OF CITIZENS

- A. The Mayor gave a brief history of the events in regards to the Madison Street Bus Issue.

Alderman Gain arrived at 7:22 p.m.

- B. Roseanne Nance & Jennifer Ryterski - Pioneer Triathlon. In Play Productions is requesting Street closures for the Pioneer Triathlon to be held on Saturday May 11, 2024 from 8:30 a.m. to Noon. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Hiser to approve Pioneer Triathlon and provide the support required. VOTES: Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Baugher, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.
- C. Drew Atwater - Frisbee Golf. Drew Atwater presented a plan to coordinate between the School Board and the City installation of a Frisbee Golf Course at PORTA High School. By consensus of the Council would be willing to help.
- D. Ashley Lounsberry - School Bus Plan. The Council and Citizens had a lengthy discussion on moving the bus drop off and pick up back to Monroe Street.

V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Water

1. Water Collectors Report. Georgia gave the Collectors Report for October 2023. The Department has sold 90,500 gal more than last year, for a monthly increase of \$18015.00 and YTD of \$26,470.00 more. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Gain to accept the Water Collectors Report disregarding the payment agreement. VOTES: Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.
2. Water Superintendents Report. Korrie gave the Water Superintendents Report for the month of October. Treated 8,579,000 gals of potable water, treated 5,529,000 gals of sewage. Petersburg Plumbing still waiting on the valve-vault for the new well 11. Pulled sewer aerator from wet well and took to

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Springfield Electric for repair.

B. Street

1. Street Superintendents Report. Brian gave the Street Superintendents Report for October 2023. Removed 4 trees around the city. Replaced the Sewer Lagoon Roof. Truck maintenance. Flagger Training 3 of the 4 Street Employees are certified plus two Water employees. Installed drain box at the new High School Culvert on the NW side. Some citizens mentioned to Brian about sledding this winter. The City would block off the streets back in the 60's so he will look into it.

C. Zoning

None

D. Police

1. Police/Personnel Committee Recommendations. Asst. Chief Shamhart spoke on an applicant for Patrol Officer. John (Jack) Kaitschuk had interviewed for the position on November 14, 2023. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Allison to approve the hiring of John Kaitschuk as a Police Officer with hire date convenient to the Department. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.
2. Asst. Chief would like to get an ordinance for position of cannabis. He will pass a copy of one from Springfield to the Police Committee to get together to discuss and tweek and then pass on to the City Attorney.

VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report

1. Sale of Property on Harris Street. The Mayor had an inquiry about the lot at 102 W Harris St. Parcel ID 11-14-230-001 from Danny Reiser. A motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Hiser to sell the City lot 102 W. Harris St.

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Petersburg, IL Parcel ID 11-14-230-001 appraised at \$5500.00 to Danny Reiser for \$5500.00. His intention is to build a house. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

2. Discussion on JayCee Park Bids and vote. Bids for playground equipment were opened on November 14. Two bids received, both were over budget.
3. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Hiser to reject the two bids received for the JayCee Park Playground Equipment Project. VOTES: Hiser, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.
4. A motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Hiser to wave the bidding process for the JayCee Park Playground Project. VOTES: Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes, Hiser, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.
5. A motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Hiser to allow the City to purchase the Playground Equipment for the JayCee Park Project as outlined in the OSLAD Grant. VOTES: Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Baugher, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. Treasurer

1. Treasurer David Frick presented the Treasurer's Report. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Gain to accept the Treasurer's Report. VOTES: Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Grosboll, yes; Gain, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

VI. STANDING COMMITTEES' REPORT

None

A. Building and Grounds

B. Fire

C. Parks and Playgrounds

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D. Personnel

E. Streets

F. Water/Sewer

G. Police

H. Finance

VII. SPECIAL COMMITTEES' REPORT

None

X. Old Business

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1. Discussion by the City Attorney in regards to the new law effective January 1, 2024 Paid Leave for All Workers Act.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Gain to adjourn the meeting. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED. Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Ortman, City Clerk

Approved: December 5, 2023