

City Council Minutes
July 7, 2020

REGULAR MEETING at City Hall
Petersburg, Illinois

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rick Snyder called the City Council to order at 7.02 p.m.

II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

A. Members present were Mayor Rick Snyder, Aldermen Kevin Molohon, Andrew Gain, Bruce Gorman, Rick Sonnemaker, and Mike Allison. Also present were City Clerk Ken Ortman, Treasurer David Frick, and City Attorney John Galaba. Alderman Nathan Grosboll 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 Gain and seconded by Alderman Sonnemaker to approve the agenda as presented. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Molohon, 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. A motion was made by Alderman Molohon and seconded by Alderman Gain to approve payment of the bills as listed on the Warrant List and Accounts Payable. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Molohon, yes; Gain, 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 June 16, 2020 Regular Meeting. VOTES: Molohon, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

C. A motion was made by Alderman Gain and seconded by Alderman Sonnemaker to approve the minutes of June 9, 2020 Finance Meeting. VOTES: Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, abstain, Molohon, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

D. A motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Gain to approve the minutes of June 23, 2020 Special Meeting. VOTES: Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Molohon, yes.

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Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

E. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Gain to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2020 Finance Committee meeting. VOTES: Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Molohon, yes; Gain, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

IV. HEARING OF CITIZENS

None

V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Police

The Mayor read through the Police Report.

B. Fire

Fire Chief Pat Rebbe gave the Fire Department Report. They ran 20 calls for the month of June. Ten were medical standby calls from the Firehouse. Since Phase 4 they have started to go to medical calls.

VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report

1. Everett Cade Property - Everett Cade has moved to Havana and wants to sell his property, 11-14-424-001 206 N 5th Street. It is right next to the Street Department. His asking price was \$2500.00. A motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Sonnemaker to accept the bid from Everett Cade to buy his property 11-14-424-001 206 N 5th Street. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Molohon, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

2. Donation from Petefish, Skiles Bank - The City Received a \$1000.00 Check from the bank for their 150 Anniversary of the bank.

3. Selling of Bulldozer D-7 - The Street Department would like to

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sell the D-7 Bulldozer. It has preformed its reason for getting it and we should have something that is smaller. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Gain to take bids on the Bulldozer to sell it on contention of a release date by the state. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Molohon, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

4. The Water Department needs a small tractor for use at the water plant. Dave got bids from Bobcat \$17,000.00 Kubota \$12,450.00, and Slone John Deer \$12,540.00. A motion made by Alderman Molohon seconded by Alderman Gain to purchase the tractor from Slone's John Deer for \$12,540.00. VOTES: Molohon, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

5. Remove the sidewalk on west side of 9th street between Rutledge and Stevenson. Discussion was held. A motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Allison to abandoned the sidewalk on the west side of 9th street between Rutledge and Stephenson. VOTES: Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes, Molohon, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

6. Water Shutoff's for July - Discussion on the water shutoff's for July. A motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Allison to resume late fees and shutoffs for the August Billing Cycle. VOTES: Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes, Molohon, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

7. Discussion on the easements for Douglass street bridge project. Federal requirements are saying they need to negotiate the easements for the drainage at the bridge project. It will end up costing about \$6400.00.

8. The mayor would like to use the money donated by Petefish Bank to start the new web page for the City through Immense Impact, LLC. By consensus the council will allow this.

9. New Street Hire - A motion made by Alderman Sonnemaker seconded by Alderman Gain that the Personnel Committee recommends to the Full Council to hire Brian Whitehurst as a Street Department Employee at the starting rate of \$13.50 per hour with a \$.50 raise after 6 months probation period. VOTES: Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Molohon, yes; Gain, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

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B. Treasurer's Report

The Treasures spoke on the Budget. The money coming from the Business Tax District was not added to the budget at the last Budget Meeting so the gap between Receipts and Expenses has narrowed by \$70,000. He requests he be able to send the budget to our Auditor to look over. On consensus the Council will approve this.

VII. 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

VIII. SPECIAL COMMITTEES' REPORT

None

X. Old Business

1. Discussion of the B-1 extension down 6th street to the north.
2. Discussion of lights out on the Stop light.
3. Discussion on the City Wide Pickup.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None

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X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Allison and seconded by Alderman Gain to adjourn the meeting. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Molohon, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED. Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Ortman, City Clerk

Approved: July 21, 2020