City Council Minutes
July 21, 2026

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Snyder called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

A. Those present were Mayor Rick Snyder, Aldermen Bruce Gorman, Megan Loberg-Simmering, Mike Allison, Rick Sonnemaker (7:16), and Neil Conklin. Andrew Gain was unavailable. Also, others present were Treasurer Melissa Riley, Attorney Jason Brokaw, City Secretary Tracy Ceisler 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 Allison and seconded by Alderman Gorman to approve the agenda. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, 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 accept the Warrant List and the Accounts Payable, via an omnibus vote. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. The City Clerk will present the regular meeting minutes of 7.7.26. After a review, a motion was made by Alderman Loberg-Simmering and seconded by Alderman Gorman to accept the regular meeting minutes of 7.7.26. VOTES: Conklin, Abstain; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Allison, yes; Gorman, yes; Mayor Snyder, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

IV. HEARING OF CITIZENS

1.Mike Claycomb, HOA President of Chautauqua Park, would like to investigate having a new contract with the city regarding the maintenance of waterlines, in the park. The water committee will investigate the situation and get back to Mike Claycomb and the council.

V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Water Department

1.Water Department Monthly Report. The Water Collector, Angela Henderson, was unavailable and the mayor gave the June 2026 water collector's report along with a request for six sewer adjustments because of pool fillings. Total revenues for June 2026 were $138,167.10. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Conklin to approve the Water Collectors Report including the six sewer adjustments. VOTES: Loberg-Simmering, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes, Conklin, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

2. Water Superintendent's Monthly Report, oral and written. Superintendent Brad Hermes provided the report.
The department responded to two water leaks, a meter pit repair, four water turn on/offs, three sewer repairs, eight emergency JULIE locates, 250' of new ¾ inch CTS water line installed with a curb stop, and other normal functions required of the department.
-The department started the flushing program in July, and it will continue into September.
-Plans are in place to have one of the Manganese Greensand water filters rebuilt this fall.
-The department finished the manhole layer of the Diamond mapping system for the sewer department.
- The department has started to replace all the chemical delivery tubing at the water plant.

3.Discussion from Water Sewer Committee Meeting 7.13.26.
Geoffrey Thompson from Klingner & Associates, provided an e-mail with detailed information regarding project funding and financial information for a proposed new sewer plant. After questions and

discussions, Geoffrey Thompson asked if the council was comfortable with him submitting this information to the IEPA to get the process going. The council gave a "head nod" to this.

B. Street Department

1.Street Department Monthly Report was given by Supervisor Brian Whitehurst. The department did the usual bag and brush pickup, leaf pickup, tree trimming/storm cleanup and cleaning drop boxes.
Graded some alleys in town,
graded East Lift Station Road,
graded and patched for the Motor Fuel Tax projects,
hauled dirt for the old school project,
spread rock on oiled/bleeding roads,
repaired the backhoe clam pins and a window,
replaced the storm drain on Taylor Street between 5th and 6th Streets.
Additionally, assisted with road closures for Circus Days.

VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Mayor

1.Status on some projects within the city. Regarding the old grade school project, the budget for dirt was $15k however, $17K was needed. Also, they had to peal up the blacktop and get it removed, which cost $9500. Therefore, the city will move $12K from the TIF account to pay for those expenses.

2.In talking to State officials, they plan to upgrade the highways going through town starting in May or June of next year. They consider it to be a large project which could take nine months to complete.

B.Treasurer's Report

1.Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Melissa Riley which included that the General Fund has $2,298,880.83 on hand as of June 15, 2026. A motion made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman

Conklin to approve the Treasurer's Report. VOTES: Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Loberg-Simmering to adjourn the meeting. VOTES: Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED. Meeting Adjourned at 8:26p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Ramage

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City Clerk

Approved August 4, 2026,

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