City Council Minutes
August 18, 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 7:04 p.m.

II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

A. Those present were Mayor Rick Snyder, Aldermen Bruce Gorman, Megan Loberg-Simmering, Mike Allison, Andrew Gain, Rick Sonnemaker, and Neil Conklin. Also, others present were Treasurer Melissa Riley, Attorney Jason Brokaw (7:10), 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 Gain and seconded by Alderman Allison to approve the agenda. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, 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 Loberg-Simmering to accept the Warrant List and the Accounts Payable, via an omnibus vote. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. The City Clerk will present the regular meeting minutes of 8.4.26. After a review, a motion was made by Alderman Loberg-Simmering and seconded by Alderman Gorman to accept the regular meeting minutes of 8.4.26. VOTES: Conklin, Abstain; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

IV. HEARING OF CITIZENS

1.None wanted to speak.

V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Water Department

1.Water Department Monthly Report. The Water Collector, Angela Henderson gave the July 2026 water collector's report along with requests for two sewer adjustments because of pool fillings. Total revenues for July 2026 were $133,415.49. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Conklin to approve the Water Collectors Report including the two sewer adjustments. VOTES: Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, 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 but was unable to attend the meeting because of a family medical emergency. The department responded to two water leaks, a meter pit repair, two water turn on/offs, three sewer repairs, an emergency JULIE locate, and other normal functions required of the department.
-The department started the flushing program in July, and it will continue into September.
-Received final approved construction permit from the IEPA for the water main extension for the new site of the United Methodist Church. The department plans to start the main extension in the next couple of weeks.
-The water treatment plant (WTP) was struck by lightning on 8/12/26. The strike took out all three well drives and multiple electronic SCADA controls. The department was able to get a loaner drive and get up and going with one well. The total extent of the damage is still unknown, and the plant is being run manually.
-The water department will be tapping three new service lines for the new building being built behind the Ayerco Convenience Center.

3.Vote on a raise for a person in the water department.
A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Gain to approve a pay raise for the individual who had passed a job related, state test. VOTES: Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes;

Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

4.Vote on Purchase of a truck for the Water Department. The truck is a 2021 Ford F-250 Service Truck with extras, which costs $27,000. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Conklin to approve the purchase of the truck. VOTES: Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

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.
-The department painted parking lines on the square.
-Oiled roads and spread rock per the MFT oiled road program.
-Patched city streets.
-Helped cleanup efforts at the city orchard.
-Helped the Garden Club with cleanup at the gazebo triangle.
-Used the mini-excavator to mow difficult areas.
-Preparing the downtown area for Harvest Fest.

VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Mayor

1.Update on Vicious Dog in Town. Mayor Snyder gave a report on his visit to the county board meeting.

2.Discussion on Ampion Solar. The Ampion Community Solar project offered an agreement to the city regarding solar energy. The council did not see an advantage for the city at this time.

3. Vote on Aldermen's laptops. The laptops used in the city council meetings are aged and have reliability issues. After discussion a motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Allison to approve the replacement of the laptops used by the aldermen with a cost of $1,230. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder

declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B.Treasurer's Report

1.Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Melissa Riley which included that the General Fund has $2,267,101.36 on hand as of July 31, 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.

2.Discussion and Vote on Jaycee Park Account.
A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Conklin to approve the closing of the city's Women's Club account ending in 3984, which is associated with the Jaycee Park account. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

VII.OLD BUSINESS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Gain to adjourn the meeting. VOTES: Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED. Meeting Adjourned at 8:16p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Ramage
City Clerk

Approved September 1, 2026,

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