City Council Minutes
August 4, 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 7:09 p.m.

II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

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

B. The City Clerk presented the regular meeting minutes of the 7.21.26 city council meeting. After a review, a motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Loberg-Simmering to accept the 7.21.26 city council meeting minutes. VOTES: Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, Abstain; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

IV. HEARING OF CITIZENS

1.None wanted to speak.

V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Police Department

1.The Police Department Monthly Report was given by Chief Mike Nichols. The department responded to 210 calls for assistance and provided additional information on arrests.

A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Sonnemaker to move to an executive session. VOTES: Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED. The council moved to executive session at 7:16pm. Audio was collected on WS700824.

The council returned from executive session at 7:25pm.
There was no action taken because of the executive session.

B. Fire Department

1.Fire Department Monthly Report. The department had six calls for service. Three medical calls, a smoke scare, and a building fire (mutual aid Greenview) and a call that was cancelled in route.
-An Air Cascade was repaired.
-The Foreign Fire Tax Board approved the expenditure of funds to have the firehouse professionally power washed.
-The annual pancake and sausage breakfast will take place on September 19th, the same day as the Harvest Fest, from 7am - 10am.

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VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Mayor

1.Letter of Intent from IDOT. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) provided a letter of intent to enter into an agreement with Petersburg, to improve state routes through the city. The north/south portion extends from the bridge over the C&IM railroad on the north and to just north of North Shore Drive south of Petersburg. The east/west portion starts at the stoplight on Illinois 97, eastward to the bridge, then eastward to Curtis Blacktop Road. Work is anticipated to begin in 2027. The mayor and council discussed the details of the agreement and were in general agreement but would need more details to sign the agreement. More to come on this issue.

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; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED. Meeting Adjourned at 8:21p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Ramage
City Clerk

Approved August 18, 2026,

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Audio WS700825