

**City Council Minutes
September 16, 2025**

**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. Members present were Aldermen Bruce Gorman, Megan Loberg-Simmering, Mike Allison, Rick Sonnemaker and Neil Conklin. Aldermen Andrew Gain was absent. Also, present were Mayor Rick Snyder, Treasurer Melissa Riley, City Secretary Tracy Ciesler, Attorney Jason Brokaw, Zoning Administrator Tom Walker 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 Sonnemaker and seconded by Alderman Loberg-Simmering to approve the agenda. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Allison, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Conklin, 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 Sonnemaker to accept the Warrant List and the Accounts Payable. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Allison, yes; Conklin, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. The Regular City Council meeting minutes of September 2, 2025, were presented. A motion was made by Alderman Loberg-Simmering and seconded by Alderman Gorman to approve the September 2, 2025, regular City Council meeting minutes. VOTES: Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

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IV. HEARING OF CITIZENS

1. A Ward 1 resident informed the council that citizens were leaving their garbage cans in the street after the pickup time. The city compliance officer has sent letters to some people involved, but the problem is still happening. The city will investigate further.

V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Water Department

1. Water Department Monthly Report. The Water Collector Angela Henderson gave the August water collector's report along with a request for a sewer adjustment because of a leak. Additionally, the water collector reminded the council that there would be a 2% increase in water charges and rates starting October 31, 2025.

New monthly service charges:

Service Charge for Water in town - \$7.50
Service Charge for Sewer in town - \$7.50
Total \$15.00

Service Charge for Water out-of-town - \$9.50
Service Charge for Sewer out-of-town - \$7.50
Total \$17.00

New monthly Rates:

Rates for Water in town - \$9.26 per 1000 gallons.
Rates for Sewer in town - \$6.82 per 1000 gallons.
Total \$16.08

Rates for Water out-of-town - \$11.60 per 1000 gallons.
Rates for Sewer out-of-town - \$6.82 per 1000 gallons.
Total \$18.42

Menard Rural Water Coop rates will be \$9.01 per 1000 gallons.

A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Conklin to approve the Water Collectors Report with the adjustment. VOTES: Loberg-Simmering, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes, Conklin, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

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2. Water Superintendent's Monthly Report, oral and written, was presented by the water superintendent Brad Hermes. The department fixed water leaks, jetted sewer lines out, flushed hydrants out, fixed meters, etc. Also, the department committed to a Softener A rebuild later this fall, and the purchase of a new brine tank for the water treatment plant.

Additionally, the department met with engineers from Klinger & Associates to discuss sewer lagoon/plant operations and extending a water main.

New water well #11, will be flushed twice then samples will be sent in for testing.

B. Street Department

1. Street Department Monthly Report was given by Supervisor Brian Whitehurst. The department did the usual bag and brush pickup, mowing, weed eating and spraying.

Also, performed road patching across the city including some alleys, -finished an oiled road program and finalized the MFT report, -attended an IDOT training course on the administrative duties of townships and road commissioners, -performed tree work by removing three large trees, -assisted with the Circus at Hurie Park.

2. Also, purchased new equipment within budget expectations.

C. Zoning Department

1. Consideration of Resolution 2025-01 Authorizing a Redevelopment Agreement for the Provision of TIF Assistance for the Paw Kamp Redevelopment Project. During September 2, 2025, city council an application was made for TIF funding for a new business to be started at 219 N 6th Street in Petersburg. During that meeting grants for \$42,7000.00 were authorized, contingent on approval from Moran Economic Development, which administers the TIF program.

Since that time, a redevelopment agreement was developed by Moran Economic Development, which is the core of Resolution 2025-01.

After a review a motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by

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Alderman Conklin to approve Resolution 2025-01 Authorizing a Redevelopment Agreement for the Provision of TIF Assistance for the Paw Kamp Redevelopment Project. VOTES: Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

2. Update to the Shed issue at Rutledge and 10th Street. During September 2, 2025, city council meeting the location of a shed was identified to be non-compliant with city ordinances. Zoning Administrator Walker and other city officials met with the property owner to resolve the issue. Administrator Walker gave the council the action plan to bring the shed into compliance with ordinances.

VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Mayor

1. Vote on New Name for Park. After discussion it was decided to ask middle school kids to provide names for the park and the winner would be given a gift certificate for \$50 as a prize.

2. The city's Christmas party will be on the 23rd.

3. The mayor gave general information on several potential events/situations. No decisions were necessary at this time.

4. Under new business - The council will need to have a Police/Personnel meeting next Monday at 7:00pm.

B. Treasurer's Report

1. Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Riley. There was a question on a Jaycee Park account that Treasurer Riley and Former Treasurer Frick will research and provide answers next meeting. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Loberg-Simmering to approve the Treasurer's Report. VOTES: Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

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2. Ordinance 2025-05 - Appropriations Ordinance.

A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Allison to approve Ordinance 2025-05 - Appropriations Ordinance.

VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED. Note - a copy is available at city hall.

III. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Conklin 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 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


John Ramage
City Clerk

Approved October 7, 2025