

**City Council Minutes
July 21, 2009**

**REGULAR MEETING at City Hall
Petersburg, Illinois**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor John Stiltz called the City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Members present were Mayor John Stiltz, Aldermen Wes Boensel, Kevin Molohon, Perry Wilson, Ken Ortman and Stacey Frick, Treasurer David Frick and City Clerk Sue Freeland. Alderman Ray Jordan was absent due to illness.

Mayor Stiltz led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

A motion was made by Alderman Ortman and seconded by Alderman Molohon to approve the agenda as amended. VOTES: Boensel, yes; Molohon, yes; Ortman, yes; Wilson, yes; Frick, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED.

III. CITY CLERK

The City Clerk presented the warrant list. A motion was made by Alderman Boensel and seconded by Alderman Frick to approve payment of the bills as listed on the Accounts Payable and Warrant List as presented. VOTES: Molohon, yes; Ortman, yes; Wilson, yes; Frick, yes; Boensel, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Alderman Ortman and seconded by Alderman Frick to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 7, 2009 as presented. VOTES: Ortman, yes; Wilson, yes; Frick, yes; Boensel, yes; Molohon, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Alderman Boensel and seconded by Alderman Frick to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of July 7, 2009 as amended. VOTES: Wilson, yes; Frick, yes; Boensel, yes; Molohon, yes; Ortman, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED.

IV. HEARING OF CITIZENS

Betty Winchester, from the Petersburg Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Council. She updated the Council on the plans for Harvest Fest, and requested street closures for September 20, 2009. A motion was made by Alderman Molohon and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve the street closures as requested by the Chamber of Commerce for Harvest Fest on September 20, 2009. VOTES: Wilson, yes; Frick, yes; Boensel, yes; Molohon, yes; Ortman, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED.

V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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A. Water

Water Collector Georgia Ed presented the Water Collector's report. A motion was made by Alderman Boensel and seconded by Alderman Ortman to accept the Water Collector's report for June 2009 as presented and approve the adjustments as requested. VOTES: Frick, yes; Boensel, yes; Molohon, yes; Ortman, yes; Wilson, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Water Superintendent Roger Davis presented the Water Department report and updated the Council on the water treatment plant repairs from a lightning strike.

The Council discussed whether to participate in the Illinois Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network (ILWARN). A motion was made by Alderman Ortman and seconded by Alderman Boensel to authorize Mayor Stiltz and Attorney Swartz to execute the Illinois Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network contract. VOTES: Boensel, yes; Molohon, yes; Ortman, yes; Wilson, yes; Frick, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. Streets

The Council reviewed the Street Department report.

C. Police

The Council reviewed the Police Department report.

D. Zoning

Zoning Administrator Jim Schoenherr presented the Zoning Department report.

A motion was made by Alderman Ortman and seconded by Alderman Boensel to approve the Zoning Board of Appeals recommendation and grant the variance request of TJ Zimmerman, 221 E. Washington St, to allow the front of the garage to extend 3 feet into the side yard. VOTES: Molohon, yes; Ortman, yes; Wilson, yes; Frick, yes; Boensel, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED.

E. Fire

Chief Matt Heubner presented the Fire Department report. He informed the Council that the Fire Department's Softball Tournament will September 11-12, 2009.

Discussion was held on revising the policy on the procedure for activating the storm sirens.

VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report

The Halloween Safehouse was discussed. Mayor Stiltz asked if the Council would consider turning it over to one of the city's civic groups. By consensus of the Council, Zoning Administrator Schoenherr, who is a member

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of the Kiwanis, will talk with the Kiwanis about taking over the Safehouse.

B. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer David Frick presented the Treasurer's report. A motion was made by Alderman Ortman and seconded by Alderman Boensel to accept the Treasurer's report of June 2009 as presented. VOTES: Wilson, yes; Frick, yes; Boensel, yes; Molohon, yes; Ortman, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED.

VII. STANDING COMMITTEES' REPORT

A. Finance: No report

B. Judiciary: No report

C. Streets: No report

D. Police: No report

E. Health: No report

F. Fire: No report

G. Buildings and Grounds: No report

H. Parks and Playgrounds: A motion was made by Alderman Ortman and seconded by Alderman Molohon to accept the minutes of the Parks & Playgrounds Committee meeting of July 16, 2009 as presented. VOTES: Wilson, yes; Frick, yes; Boensel, yes; Molohon, yes; Ortman, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED.

By consensus of the Council, a decision on advertising signs at the ball parks was tabled.

I. Water and Sewer: No report

J. Personnel: No report

VIII. SPECIAL COMMITTEES' REPORT

A. Tree City: A motion was made by Alderman Ortman and seconded by Alderman Boensel to accept the minutes of the Tree Committee from June 8, 2009 as presented. VOTES: Frick, yes; Boensel, yes; Molohon, yes; Ortman, yes; Wilson, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. Library: No report

C. Plan Commission: No report

D. Zoning Board of Appeals: No report

E. Revolving Loan Committee: No report

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F. E.L. Masters Board: No report.

F. Community Development: No report

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Stiltz presented 2 drafts for amending the current sign ordinance for the Council to review.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Boensel informed the Council that this would be his last meeting as he is moving out of town.

XI. HEARING OF CITIZENS

None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Frick and seconded by Alderman Boensel to adjourn. VOTES: Ortman, yes; Boensel, yes; Frick, yes; Molohon, yes; Wilson, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED, and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Freeland, City Clerk
Approved: August 4, 2009