

**City Council Minutes  
September 1, 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 Ray Jordan, Keith Wilson, Kevin Molohon, Perry Wilson, Ken Ortman, and City Clerk Sue Freeland. Alderman Stacey Frick and Treasurer David Frick were absent due to a family 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 Jordan and seconded by Alderman Molohon to approve the agenda as presented. Votes: P.Wilson, yes; Molohon, yes; Ortman, yes; Jordan, yes; K.Wilson, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**III. CITY CLERK**

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

A motion was made by Alderman K.Wilson and seconded by Alderman Jordan to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of August 18, 2009 as amended. Votes: Ortman, yes; Jordan, yes; K.Wilson, yes; P.Wilson, yes; Molohon, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Alderman Ortman and seconded by Alderman K.Wilson to approve the minutes from the Special meeting and Executive session of August 18, 2009 as presented. Votes: Jordan, yes; K.Wilson, yes; P.Wilson, yes; Molohon, yes; Ortman, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**IV. HEARING OF CITIZENS**

None

**V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**A. Police**

Police Chief Dan Martin presented the Police Department report.

**B. Street**

Street Superintendant Jim Nimmo presented the Street Department report.

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Discussion was held on placing a stop sign on 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Ron and Helen King supported the idea of placing the sign at Rutledge and 5<sup>th</sup>, due to the school bus stop and a nearby park. Elizabeth and Jason Sheppard also supported the idea. The police will continue to monitor the area. The Council will determine the need for the stop sign after further study.

Superintendent Nimmo informed the Council that R & H donated posts for the City parks' warning signs.

Alderman K. Wilson questioned the need for using tree services for tree removal and trimming instead of using City employees. The matter was referred to the Street Committee.

**C. Water**

Water Superintendent Roger Davis presented the Water Department report.

**D. Zoning**

Zoning Administrator Jim Schoenheer presented the Zoning Department report. He informed the Council that the Plan Commission met on September 1, 2009 to discuss the sign ordinance.

A motion was made by Alderman Jordan and seconded by Alderman K. Wilson to accept the Plan Commission's recommendation, and have the first reading and passage of Ordinance 2009-08 "An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Petersburg With Regards to Signs". Votes: Ortman, yes; Jordan, yes; K. Wilson, yes; P. Wilson, yes; Molohon, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**E. Fire**

Fire Chief Matt Huebner presented the Fire Department report He updated the Council on the Department's planned activities for September.

**VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**A. Mayor's Report**

None

**B. Treasurer's Report**

None

**VII. STANDING COMMITTEES' REPORT**

A. Finance: No report

B. Judiciary: No report

C. Streets: No report

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- D. Police: No report
- E. Health: No report
- F. Fire: No report
- G. Buildings and Grounds: No report
- H. Playgrounds and Parks: No report
- I. Water and Sewer: No report
- J. Personnel: No report.

**VIII. SPECIAL COMMITTEES' REPORT**

- A. Tree City: No report
- B. Library: No report
- C. Plan Commission: No report
- D. Zoning Board of Appeals: No report
- E. Revolving Loan Committee: No report
- F. E.L. Masters Board: No report.
- G. Community Development: No report

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mayor Stiltz informed the Council that the Rotary Club, Jaycees and the Prairie Palette will work with the City on the Halloween Safehouse.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**XI. HEARING OF CITIZENS**

Steve Dirks asked about what to do concerning someone riding a motorcycle on the sidewalk. The police will check it out.

Roger Gum informed the Council that the Fire Department may be losing some firemen. The Fire Committee and Fire Department will meet to discuss the issue.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Alderman P.Wilson and seconded by Alderman Molohon to adjourn. Votes: Jordan, yes; K.Wilson, yes; P.Wilson, yes; Molohon, yes; Ortman, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED, and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Sue Freeland, City Clerk

Approved: September 15, 2009