

City Council Minutes

February 2, 2010

**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, Treasurer Dave Frick and City Clerk Sue Freeland. Alderman Stacey Frick 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 Jordan and seconded by Alderman K.Wilson to approve the agenda as amended. 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 Molohon 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 Jordan and seconded by Alderman P.Wilson to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of January 19, 2010 as presented. Votes: Ortman, yes; Jordan, yes; K.Wilson, yes; P.Wilson, yes; Molohon, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Freeland presented the Council with information on the Freedom of Information Act that she requested be put on the City's website. It included basic information on the FOIA, a suggested request form and a request for review form. The Council agreed by consensus to post the presented information.

IV. HEARING OF CITIZENS

Betty Winchester, owner of Estep & Assoc., addressed the Council. She is having window replaced and requested permission to block off 3 parking spaces, 2 spaces on 7th street and 1 on Douglas. The work will be done around the last of March-first of April and will take approximately one week. By consensus the Council granted permission for the request, and Mrs. Winchester will inform the City of the exact date the work will be done at a later date.

V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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A. Street

Street Superintendent Jim Nimmo presented the Street Department report.

B. Police

Police Chief Dan Martin presented the Police Department report.

C. Water

The Council reviewed the Water Department report.

D. Zoning

Zoning Administrator Jim Schoenherr presented the Zoning Department report.

E. Fire

Fire Chief Matt Heubner presented the Fire Department report.

Chief Heubner presented the Council with a request to purchase extrication equipment. Discussion was held on the need for this equipment. A motion was made by Alderman Ortman and seconded by Alderman Molohon to authorize the purchase of the extrication equipment as requested by the Fire Department at a cost of \$5575.00. VOTES: Molohon, yes; Ortman, yes; Jordan, yes; K.Wilson, no; P.Wilson, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED.

VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report

Discussion was held on having a retirement party for Nick and Vic Bell. A motion was made by Alderman Ortman to approve purchasing 2 plaques, up to \$50 each. Discussion was held on the purchase of a gift for the Bells. Alderman Ortman amended his motion to donate \$100 toward 2 gift cards, pending attorney approval. Alderman Molohon seconded the amended motion. VOTES: K.Wilson, yes; P.Wilson, yes; Molohon, yes; Ortman, yes; Jordan, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Stiltz presented a request from American Publishing for a PORTA Sports ad. No action taken.

A motion was made by Alderman Ortman and seconded by Alderman Molohon to add the Water Collector to the list of authorized users of the City's credit card. VOTES: P.Wilson, yes; Molohon, yes; Ortman, yes; Jordan, yes; K.Wilson, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. Treasurer's Report

None

VII. STANDING COMMITTEES' REPORT

A. Finance: A Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for March 9, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

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- 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. 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

Alderman Molohon questioned the status of the grant for the downtown square. Mayor Stiltz informed the Council that it is still forthcoming, it is in the Capitol spending bill with no release date.

X. NEW BUSINESS

None

XI. HEARING OF CITIZENS

None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Ortman and seconded by Alderman Jordan to adjourn. Votes: Molohon, yes; Ortman, yes; Jordan, yes; K.Wilson, yes; P.Wilson, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED, and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Sue Freeland, City Clerk

Approved: January 19, 2010