

City Council Minutes
December 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, Stacey Frick, Ken Ortman, Treasurer Dave Frick and City Clerk Sue Freeland.

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 Frick to approve the agenda as amended. Votes: P.Wilson, yes; Molohon, yes; Ortman, yes; Jordan, yes; K.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 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; Frick, yes; P.Wilson, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Alderman P.Wilson and seconded by Alderman Frick to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of November 11, 2009 as amended. Votes: Ortman, yes; Jordan, yes; K.Wilson, yes; Frick, yes; P.Wilson, yes; Molohon, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Freeland discussed with the Council the changes in the Freedom of Information Act law. She informed them that she will ask Attorney Swartz for his direction in how to proceed with the changes.

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.

C. Water

The Council reviewed the Water Department report.

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D. Zoning

Zoning Administrator Jim Schoenheer presented the Zoning Department report.

A motion was made by Alderman P.Wilson and seconded by Alderman K.Wilson to accept the Zoning Board of Appeals' recommendation to grant a variance to C and C Rentals at 1103 N. 4th Street to allow construction of a detached garage with a 4 foot offset, and allow the garage to be built prior to building a residential structure. Votes: Frick, yes; P.Wilson, yes; Molohon, yes; Ortman, yes; Jordan, yes; K.Wilson, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED.

E. Fire

Fire Chief Matt Huebner asked for approval for a new fireman. A motion was made by Alderman P.Wilson and seconded by Alderman Ortman to approve Patrick E. Rebbe as a fireman. Votes: P.Wilson, yes; Molohon, yes; Ortman, yes; Jordan, yes; K.Wilson, yes; Frick, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED.

VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report

A motion was made by Alderman Jordan and seconded by Alderman Frick to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel and collective bargaining issues. Votes: K.Wilson, yes; Frick, yes; P.Wilson, yes; Molohon, yes; Ortman, yes; Jordan, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED, and the Council entered Executive Session at 7:25 p.m.

A motion was made by Alderman Ortman and seconded by Alderman Jordan to resume the regular Council meeting. Votes: P.Wilson, yes; Molohon, yes; Ortman, yes; Jordan, yes; K.Wilson, yes; Frick, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED, and the regular Council meeting resumed at 8:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Alderman Ortman and seconded by Alderman Molohon to retain attorney Jill Leka to represent the City in collective bargaining. Votes: Ortman, yes; Jordan, yes; K.Wilson, yes; Frick, yes; P.Wilson, yes; Molohon, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Alderman P.Wilson and seconded by Alderman Jordan to approve passage of Ordinance 2009-09 "An Ordinance to Authorize the Sale of City Property by Bid". Votes: Molohon, yes; Ortman, yes; Jordan, yes; K.Wilson, yes; Frick, yes; P.Wilson, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Alderman P.Wilson and seconded by Alderman K.Wilson to authorize a \$100.00 bonus for full-time City employees and a \$50.00 bonus for part-time employees. Votes: Ortman, yes; Jordan, yes; K.Wilson, yes; Frick, yes; P.Wilson, yes; Molohon, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED.

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A motion was made by Alderman Ortman and seconded by Alderman P.Wilson to authorize an Employee Appreciation party to be held at 3:00 p.m. on December 23, 2009, at a cost not to exceed \$100.00. Votes: Jordan, yes; K.Wilson, yes; Frick, yes; P.Wilson, yes; Molohon, yes; Ortman, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Frick discussed the tax levy. An increase of 1.3% over last year was agreed upon by consensus of the Council.

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. 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

None

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X. NEW BUSINESS

None

XI. HEARING OF CITIZENS

None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Frick and seconded by Alderman Wilson to adjourn. Votes: Molohon, yes; Ortman, yes; Jordan, yes; K.Wilson, yes; Frick, yes; P.Wilson, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED, and the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Freeland, City Clerk

Approved: December 15, 2009