

**City Council Minutes**  
**January 6, 2026**

**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 7:04 p.m.

**II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

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

B. The Regular meeting minutes of December 16, 2025, were presented. A motion was made by Alderman Allison and seconded by Alderman Gorman to approve the December 16, 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. None present.

V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Police

1. Police Department Monthly Report was given by Chief Mike Nichols. In December the department had 140 calls for assistance, which is average for this time of year.

1. Fire Department

1. Fire Department Monthly Report was given by Chief Eric Hubner. The department (PFD) had 25 calls for service in December with 13 calls being medical in nature. Additional calls were for a building fire, a gas leak, smoke detector/odor of smoke, power lines down, fire alarm activation, high levels of carbon monoxide.

2. The Petersburg Fire Department responded to 311 calls for service in 2025.

3. The Chief is obtaining quotes for a new door entry system for the firehouse. Additionally, the firehouse will have all exterior locks rekeyed.

C. Zoning Department

1. No report.

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VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Mayor

1. The mayor gave a status of the RFP for demolition of the old grade school building.
2. Appointment of New Tree Committee Chairman. The city won't appoint a new chairman tonight because the potential chairman would like to attend a meeting prior to taking the offer.
3. Don Shimkus and Purchase of Petersburg Beverage Company. There was a discussion on licensing issues and attorney Brokaw provided input.

2. Treasurer

1. No Report.

VII OLD BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Allison to adjourn the meeting. VOTES: Loberg-Simmering, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes, Conklin, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED. Meeting Adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
John Ramage  
City Clerk

Approved: January 20, 2026

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