

City Council Minutes
October 17, 2023

REGULAR MEETING at City Hall
Petersburg, Illinois

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rick Snyder called the City Council to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

A. Members present were Mayor Rick Snyder, Aldermen Heidi Hiser, Andrew Gain, Bruce Gorman, Rick Sonnemaker, and Mike Allison. Also present were City Clerk Ken Ortman, Treasurer David Frick, and City Attorney Jason Brokaw. Alderman Nathan Grosboll was absent.

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 Allison to approve the agenda as presented. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

III. CITY CLERK

A. The City Clerk presented the Warrant List and Accounts Payable. A motion was made by Alderman *Gain* and seconded by Alderman *Sonnemaker* to approve payment of the bills as listed on the Warrant List and Accounts Payable. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. A motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Allison to approve the minutes of October 3, 2023 Regular Meeting and the Executive Session minutes of October 3, 2023 as corrected. VOTES: Hiser, yes; Grosboll, yes; Gain, abstain; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

C. Resolution 2023-07 Disposition of Executive Session Minutes. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Gain to approve Resolution 2023-07 **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES.** VOTES: Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes, Hiser, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

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IV. HEARING OF CITIZENS

None

V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Water

1. Water Collector's Report. Georgia Ed gave the Collectors Report for the month of September 2023. We sold about 29,800 gallons less than last year. The charges were \$4475 less that last year. But for the YTD charges we are still above last year by \$24,654. She did have two Payment Agreements to be approved and no adjustments. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Hiser to approve the Collectors Report and Payment Adjustments as presented. VOTES: Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.
2. Water Superintendent Report for September 2023. Korrie Davis gave the monthly report. Treated 9,045,000 gallons of potable water. Discharged 4,500,000 gallons of sewage. General maintenance around town. Hydro Kinetics inspected valves at the plant and they are in good shape. Petersburg Plumbing and Excavation will be coming in to finish the piping from the well to the plant. We can trench the conduit for the wiring. Discussed a memo from the City Engineers about Well #11, Berkley Place Water Main Extension, Pinecrest Water Main Extension, and Sewer Lift Station on 4th Street.

B. Street

1. Street Superintendent Brian Whitehurst gave the Street Department Report for Sept/Oct. Worked on trimming trees and taking some big ones down. Routine duties around town. Met with City Engineers about 2024 MFT Project.
2. Ordinance 2023-14 - **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF PETERSBURG, ILLINOIS.** A motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Sonnemaker to approve Ordinance 2023-14 - **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF PETERSBURG,**

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ILLINOIS. VOTES: Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Gain, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

C. Zoning

1. Ordinance 2023-12 - Air b&b. Discussion held on the proposed Ordinance. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Allison to approve **Ordinance 2023-12 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING SHORT-TERM RENTALS IN THE CITY OF PETERSBURG, ILLINOIS.** VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.
2. Ordinance 2023-13 - Reclassifying of Properties. Discussion held on the proposed Ordinance. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Gain to approve **Ordinance 2023-13 AN ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING THE PROPERTIES LOCATED; PIN: 12-18-103-013 (Common address: unavailable); PIN: 12-18-100-042 (Common address: unavailable) AND PIN: 11-13-200-035 (Common address: unavailable); FROM A R3 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO B-1, BUSINESS DISTRICT.** VOTES: Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report

1. OSLAD Jaycee Park Project. Discussion on approval of Public Notice for Sealed Bids for the JayCee Park playground equipment. A motion by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Gain to advertise for bids for playground equipment for JayCee Park. VOTES: Hiser, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Grosboll arrived at 7:42 p.m.

2. Madison Street Bus Parking. Council held a lengthy discussion about the bus parking to drop off and pick up kids from the Middle School off Madison Street. Members from the School Board were present for the discussion. A motion made by Alderman Grosboll seconded by Alderman Sonnemaker for the PORTA School

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Administration to have a plan set up to adjust for the Buses to pick up and drop off kids in front of the school on Monroe Street by January 8, 2024. VOTES: Grosboll, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes, Hiser, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

3. Menard County Animal Control Report. MCAC presented their report for the 3rd quarter of 2023 read by Mayor Snyder.

B. Treasurer

1. Treasurer David Frick presented the Treasurer's Report for September 2023. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Allison to approve the Treasurer's Report. VOTES: Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Grosboll, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.
2. The Treasurer presented the annual report published in the Petersburg Observer FY 2023.

VI. STANDING COMMITTEES' REPORT

None

A. Building and Grounds

B. Fire

C. Parks and Playgrounds

D. Personnel

E. Streets

F. Water/Sewer

G. Police

H. Finance

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VII. SPECIAL COMMITTEES' REPORT

None

X. Old Business

1. Rehab parking space on 7th street. Discussion held.


X. NEW BUSINESS

1. The Mayor will bring a name, Megan Simmering, to be placed on the Library Board next month.
2. The 911 Board wants to get a 20kw Generator and a propane tank at the Washington St water tower for the radio equipment and tornado siren. The Mayor will get more information on the subject.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Gain to adjourn the meeting. VOTES: Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Grosboll, yes; Gain, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED. Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Kenneth Ortman, City Clerk

Approved: November 7, 2023