

**City Council Minutes
December 17, 2024**

**REGULAR MEETING
City Hall
Petersburg, Illinois**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rick Snyder called the City Council to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

A. Members present were Mayor Rick Snyder, Alderman Tia Baugher, Andrew Gain, Bruce Gorman, and Rick Sonnemaker. Also present were City Clerk Ken Ortman/John Ramage, Treasurer David Frick, and City Attorney Jason Brokaw. Alderman Conklin would arrive at 7:23 pm.

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 Gain and seconded by Alderman Gorman to approve the agenda as presented. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, 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 Gorman to approve payment of the bills as listed on the Warrant List and Accounts Payable. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. A motion was made by Alderman Sonnemaker and seconded by Alderman Gain to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of 12.3.24. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

C. A motion was made by Alderman Sonnemaker and seconded by Alderman Gain to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of 12.5.24, with a correction to a typo in the first sentence. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

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IV. HEARING OF CITIZENS

None

V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Water

A. Water collector's Monthly Report.

Collector Georgia Ed presented the monthly report with two water adjustments.

A Motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Gain to approve the Water Collector's report with the presented adjustments. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. Water Superintendent's Monthly Report, oral and written.

Discussion was held on options to meet State sewage requirements.

B. Street

A. Street Superintendent's Monthly Report by Brian Whitehurst. In addition, there was discussion on how to spend some Motor Fuel Tax money on oiling & chipping roads in 2025.

B. Motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Gain to approve Resolution 2024-05 - 2025 MFT Spending. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Conklin, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

C. Police

A. the Police/Personnel Committee's have recommended that the City hire Cheyenne Anderson as a Police Officer.

Motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Conklin to hire Cheyenne Anderson as a Police Officer for the City of Petersburg. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Conklin, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS

None

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A. Mayor's Report

A. Ordinance 2014-12 - Cass Comm Franchise Agreement
Motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Gain to address the payment of Video Service Provider Fee to the City of Petersburg, Illinois, per Ordinance 2014-12. VOTES: Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. Employee Health, Dental & Life Insurance Renewal.
The 2025 Health Alliance Mayor Medical renewal, for Petersburg employees, will have an increase in cost of approximately \$4000.00. The new cost will be \$15,708.83. After a discussion, a Motion was made by Alderman Gain and seconded by Alderman Gorman to accept the 2025 Health Alliance renewal.
VOTES: Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes, Conklin, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

C. Discussion and Appointment of Water Superintendent.
The City had interviewed Brad Hermies earlier and again last night, for the position of Water Superintendent. As a result of the interviews, the Mayor brought forth his name for consideration by the council. Motion was made by Alderman Gain and seconded by Alderman Conklin to approve Brad Hermies as the Water Superintendent, starting January 15, 2025. With the rate of pay as discusses and agreed upon. VOTES: Gain, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. Treasurer

A. Treasurer's Report

A brief discussion was held regarding the Treasurer's Report, then a Motion was made by Alderman Gain and seconded by Alderman Sonnemaker to accept the Treasures Report. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. Ordinance 2024-14 - Tax Levy

The total tax Levy is \$458,400.00. After discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Gain and seconded by Alderman Gorman to approve the ordinance. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

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C. Ordinance 2024-15 - Annual Tax Levy for Road and Bridge Purpose. (Road District 8). Road maintenance and supplies equal \$57,000.00. After discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Gain to approve the ordinance. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

City Clerk Note - Ordinance numbering for the Tax Levy Ordinance and Tax Levy for Road District 8 Ordinance, are reversed when compared to the agenda.

VII. Standing Council Committees

None.

VIII. Special Committees

IX. Old Business

A. Abatement Quote - Put out bid notices toward the end of February.

X. New Business

The Zoning Administrator noted that the City needs to update the International Building Code version that is called out in our command media. This issue will be added to the next Council agenda.

XI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Alderman Gain and seconded by Alderman Gorman to adjourn the meeting. VOTES: Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED. Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Ramage, City Clerk

Approved: January 7, 2025