

City Council Minutes
March 24, 2026

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING at City Hall
Petersburg, Illinois

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rick Snyder called the Finance Committee to order at 7:00p.m.

II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1.Those present were Mayor Rick Snyder, Treasurer Melissa Riley, Aldermen Neil Conklin, Megan Loberg-Simmering, Bruce Gorman, Rick Sonnemaker, and Mike Allison. City Clerk John Ramage was also present.

III. Budget Discussion

1.Treasurer Riley started the meeting and began with the library budget as proposed by Caroline Winkelmann. Council members went over the proposed budget which was very similar to last year's. There was an agreement on what would be included in the library budget. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Conklin to approve the draft budget for the library. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Note: the library will have a Grand Reopening on Wednesday April 15th from 6:00 to 8:00, after a remodeling.

2.Next Brad Hermes presented the proposed Water Department budget. Council members went over the proposed budget with Brad Mermes. It was noted that there was incorrect data on the bottom of page 15 that Treasurer Riley would investigate. Then the council went over the Sewer budget with Brad Hermes.

A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Conklin to approve the Water and Sewer budgets pending understanding of the issue on page 15 and the inclusion of the personnel pay portion of the budget. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

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3.The next budget meeting will be on April 14th at 7:00pm.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1.The mayor met with the Illinois Dept of Natural Resources (IDNR), and they talked about removing a dam that they had installed in the past, because of erosion and other issues. The mayor outlined the proposed responsibilities for the city. In the future the IDNR expects to have one or two open meetings to let citizens know what they are doing and how it will benefit them.

2.Alderman Gorman would like to continue discussion on starting a "Public Works" department that would take over the functions of the city's Water/Sewer and Streets department.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

A. motion was made by Alderman Allison and seconded by Alderman Loberg-Simmering to adjourn the meeting. VOTES: Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting Adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melissa Riley - City Treasurer

Approved: April 7, 2026,

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