

**City Council Minutes  
April 16, 2024**

**REGULAR MEETING at City Hall  
Petersburg, Illinois**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rick Snyder called the City Council to order at 7:04 p.m.

**II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

A. Members present were Mayor Rick Snyder, Aldermen Neil Conklin, Tia Baugher, Andrew Gain, Bruce Gorman, and Mike Allison. Also present were Deputy City Clerk Tracy Ciesler, Treasurer David Frick, and City Attorney Jason Brokaw. Alderman Rick Sonnemaker and City Clerk Ken Ortman were 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 Gain and seconded by Alderman Allison to approve the agenda as presented. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**III. CITY CLERK**

A. The Deputy 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; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Sonnemaker arrived at 7:07 p.m.

B. A motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Conklin to approve the minutes of April 2, 2024 Regular Meeting. VOTES: Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, abstain; Allison, abstain; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

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**IV. HEARING OF CITIZENS**

- A. Brie Allison requesting street closure for the Drinkin with Lincoln 5K run/walk and festival May 18, 2024. By council censuses they have no issues. This will be put on the agenda on the 5/7/24 meeting for an official vote to allow the street closures.

**V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**A. Water**

1. Water Collector - Georgia Ed gave the Collector's Report. The Dept. sold 31,800 gal more than this month last year, which made \$2,222.00 more than this month last year but the YTD total is \$40,500 down from this time last year. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Gain to approve the Water Collector's Report and adjustments as presented. VOTES: Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes, Conklin, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.
2. Water Superintendent's Report - Korrie Davis gave the Superintendent's Report. The Dept. treated 7.3 million gals or potable water and 9.8 million gals of sewage. IRWA came in and did a sludge test or the sewer lagoon. They are saying that it is certain that the lagoon will need to be dredged. Brent with our Engineering Firm wants to come in May 15, 2024 and discuss the issue.

**B. Street**

1. Street Superintendent's Report - Brian Whitehurst gave the Superintendent's Report. Third Street ditch digging has started for proper drainage. Installed lights at Hurie Park and the Girls Diamond, Met with T&C Woman's Club about the bathroom at Jaycee Park. T&C Woman's Club wants to use the power at Jaycee Park for their Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

**C. Zoning**

1. Zoning Administrator - Mayor Snyder has accepted the resignation of Zoning Administrator Duey Blair as he has moved to Springfield and would like to bring the name of Tom Walker

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forward as his replacement for the Alderman to consider. He will be sworn in at the May 7, 2024 meeting. Tom gave a brief description of his background. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Gain to accept Tom Walker to the position of Zoning Administrator effective May 7, 2024. VOTES: Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

2. Lucky's TIF Application - Needing to install a mop sink for their business totaling \$16000.00. A motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Gorman to approve a onetime TIF Grant of \$5000.00 for Luck's on the Square for the remodel and adding a mop sink to be paid out of the 2025/2026 budget year. VOTES: Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.
3. Riverbank Lodge TIF - Riverbank Lodge is asking for a TIF Grant for a retaining wall totaling \$10,635.00 on the North side of their building to holdback soil from window casings. After discussion a motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Gain to approve a TIF Grant of \$3500.00 for the Riverbank Lodge retaining wall contingent on clearance from our TIF advisory company on the viability of the project. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**A. Mayor's Report**

1. Menard County Animal Control Report - Mayor Snyder read the Quarterly Report from the Menard County Animal Control.
2. Jaycee Park Hours - Discussion on hours for the Jaycee Park bathrooms and park use.

**B. Treasurer**

1. Treasurer's Report - Treasurer David Frick presented the Treasurers report. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Gain to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. VOTES: Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

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2. ORDINANCE 2024-06 AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS OF SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF PETERSBURG FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30,2024. A MOTION MADE BY Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Gorman to approve ORDINANCE 2024-06 AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS OF SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF PETERSBURG FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30,2024. VOTES: Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes, Conklin, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.
  
3. Set Budget Meeting for 7:00 p.m. All Departments will present their budget for FY2025.

**Mayor's Report (continued)**

1. Executive Session - A motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Gorman to adjourn to Executive Session for Litigation (5ILCS 120/2(c)(11) and Collective Bargaining with FOP.
  
2. Regular Session - A motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Baugher to resume Regular Session. VOTES: Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.
  
3. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Allison to retain Tressler LLP as Legal Council for Cook County Asbestos Case 21-L-13106. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**VI. STANDING COMMITTEES' REPORT**

None

**A. Building and Grounds**

**B. Fire**

**C. Parks and Playgrounds**

**D. Personnel**

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**F. Water/Sewer**

**G. Police**

**H. Finance**

**VII. SPECIAL COMMITTEES' REPORT**

None

**X. Old Business**

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**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Alderman Gain and seconded by Alderman Allison to adjourn the meeting. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED. Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Kenneth Ortman, City Clerk

Approved: May 7, 2024