

**City Council Minutes**  
**April 21, 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 7:17 p.m.

**II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

A. Those present were Mayor Rick Snyder, Aldermen Bruce Gorman, Megan Loberg-Simmering, Mike Allison, Rick Sonnemaker, Andrew Gain, and Neil Conklin. Also, others present were Treasurer Melissa Riley, Attorney Jason Brokaw, City Secretary Tract Ceisler, Zoning Admin. Marina Bacon 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 Gain and seconded by Alderman Gorman to approve the agenda. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Allison, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Conklin, 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 Conklin to accept the Warrant List and the Accounts Payable, via an omnibus vote. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Allison, yes; Conklin, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. The City Clerk presented the minutes of the regular city council meeting of April 7, 2026, A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Gain to approve the April 7, 2026, minutes. VOTES: Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

C. The City Clerk presented the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of April 14, 2026, A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded

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by Alderman Allison to approve the April 14, 2026, Finance Committee minutes. VOTES: Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, Abstain, Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes, Conklin, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**IV. HEARING OF CITIZENS**

1.No one wanted to speak.

**V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**A. Water Department**

1.Water Department Monthly Report. The Water Collector, Angela Henderson, gave the March 2026 water collector's report along with a request for two sewer adjustments because of leaks, along with a payment agreement. Total revenues for March 2026 were \$119,395.08. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Loberg-Simmering to approve the Water Collectors Report including the two sewer adjustments and payment agreement. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

2. Water Superintendent's Monthly Report, oral and written. Superintendent Brad Hermes reported that the department responded to four water leaks, four jetting out of sewers, eight turning on/off water, and fixing water softener issues.

3.The Water Treatment Plant (WTP) has been making SCADA updates to the plant control panel. In conjunction with these updates, the internet service was transitioned from Casscomm to the STARLINK satellite system which allowed a much faster connection. This allowed the elimination of two dedicated ATT landlines, which cost approximately \$800 per month.

4.The department is currently changing the Lake lift station communication system to eliminate the phone lines and convert it into an internet-based calling system.

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5. Had a new manhole installed in the alley between Rutledge and Stephenson Streets, to allow the 8-inch sewer main to be jetted to remove blockages.
6. Hired out the installation of a 3" sewer main at a house on S 9<sup>th</sup> street.

**B. Street Department**

1. Street Department Monthly Report was given by Supervisor Brian Whitehurst. The department did the usual bag and brush pickup, leaf pickup, tree trimming and cleaning drop boxes.

2. Started work in the parks. - garbage removal from South Park, Hurie Park, Dog Park, Girls Diamonds, Vet Park.  
-dog stations cleaned and stocked.

South Park - removed a new bench from the water twice, patched the road with millings, put new swings on swing set, observed where some vandalism occurred.

Girls Diamonds - put a new bench in the dugout, leaf removal, rolled and mowed the field, put new swings on swing set.

Hurie Park - found water on bathroom and concession floors and made plumbing repairs, performed leaf removal, put new swings on swing sets, observed where some vandalism occurred.

3. Performed grade work at 9<sup>th</sup> and Monroe, repaired a sinkhole from a storm drain on Owen Ave in the housing area, assisted Ameran with a new sidewalk at 6<sup>th</sup> and Harris, ground up stumps in two locations, performed an emergency tree removal on Jefferson.

4. Performed maintenance - new tires, fluid and filter for the skid steer. Vac Truck - new hose reel fabricated and installed, minor welding on hose hinge, obtained new radiator and ready to install, obtained a quote for a new air-duct system, Langley Automotive adjusted brakes.

5. Preparing Andreasen Drive for oil & chip.

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6. Moving sand to be used for back fill, for the old grade school demo.
7. Will get two people for summer help, to start June 1<sup>st</sup>.
8. The council was notified that a tenant living in the high-rise had two large dogs that he allowed to defecate on city property a couple of times a day, which was producing a sanitary issue. The tenant refuses to pick up the waste and becomes uncooperative when asked to take care of the issue. Advice/instruction were provided.
9. Traffic signs at the trailer park. Residents in the trailer park were concerned that people were driving too fast through that area and that a speed limit sign or speed bump would be in order. A lot of discussion occurred, and the speed limit sign and speed bump options were ruled out because of state laws. A speed "hump" option was not adopted because of the narrow roads and snowplow considerations. Attorney Brokaw will investigate some other options, and the police department will provide more of a presence in the area.

**VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**A. Mayor**

1. Vote on payment for Old School demolition project. While the exact cost of the demolition of the old grade school is unknown, the expected cost is approximately \$190,000. The resources to pay for the project could come from a combination of funds from the TIF funds, funds from the Business District and General Fund, as well as money from a bank loan. After a lot of good discussion a motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Conklin to approve payment of the demolition project from a combination of money from the TIF fund and the Business District fund, which will amount to approximately \$190,000.00 VOTES: Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

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B.Treasurer's Report

1.Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Melissa Riley which included that the General Fund has \$2,219,488.21 on hand as of March/2026. A motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Allison to approve the Treasurer's Report. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

2.Set Next Budget Meeting. The next budget meeting will be on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

VII.OLD BUSINESS

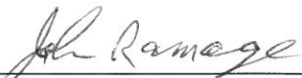
1. City Secretary Tract Ceisler asked if she could order the parts for the city hall building that had been previously approved. The response was, "yes".

VIII.NEW BUSINESS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Conklin to adjourn the meeting. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED. Meeting Adjourned at 8:50p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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John Ramage  
City Clerk

Approved May 5, 2026,

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