

**City Council Minutes  
April 5, 2022**

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rick Snyder called the City Council to order at 7:06 p.m.

**II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

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

**III. CITY CLERK**

A. The City Clerk presented the Warrant List for April 5, 2022 and Accounts Payable for March 15, 2022 and April 5, 2022. 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; Molohon, yes; Grosboll, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. A motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Gain to approve the minutes of March 15, 2022 Regular Meeting. VOTES: Molohon, yes; Grosboll, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

C. A motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Gain to approve the minutes of March 15, 2022 Regular Meeting Executive Session. VOTES: Grosboll, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Gorman, yes; Molohon, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

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D. A motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Gorman to go into Executive Session to hold a semi-annual review of the closed Executive Session Minutes. VOTES: Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Gorman, yes; Molohon, yes; Grosboll, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED. Council adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Alderman Sonnemaker arrived at 7:12 during Executive Session.

E. A motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Gorman to resume Regular Session at 7:15 p.m. VOTES: Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Molohon, yes; Grosboll, yes; Gain, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**IV. HEARING OF CITIZENS**

- A. M. J. Martin Truth Tabernacle Church Fundraiser. Mr. Martin spoke on holding tier annual Fundraiser "Save our Children" at the Stop Light May 7<sup>th</sup> 9 to 2. With a rain date May 21<sup>st</sup>. A motion made by Alderman Grosboll seconded by Alderman Allison to approve the Truth Tabernacle Fundraiser to hold their fundraiser at the Stop Light May 7<sup>th</sup> 9 to 2 with a rain date May 21<sup>st</sup>. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Molohon, yes; Grosboll, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.
- B. Tina Williams-Elevate. She spoke about a person advertising alternative energy supply.
- C. Cindy Sinclair-Property on Washington St. Discussion of the junk and trash and safety issues on this property. Sherry Olson also spoke on the subject.

**V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**A. Police**

1. Assistant Chief Mike Nichols gave the Department Report for March 2022.
2. Chief Jones wife passed away. Visitation is from 10 to noon

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Friday April 8<sup>th</sup> 2022 at Hurley Funeral Home with Service just after.

3. Posted on the MTU's Job Board for Asst Chief Position and another Full Time Officer.

**B. Fire**

1. The Mayor presented the Fire Department Report for March 2022.
2. The Emergency Siren at the SW site is shot. Dave Troxell will look for a replacement.

**C. Zoning**

1. **Ordinance 2022-01 AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ESTABLISH A PRIVATE PARKING LOT AND GARAGE AT 621 NORTH 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET IN THE CITY OF PETERSBURG, ILLINOIS.** A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Gain to approve the Recommendation of the Zoning Board to approve **Ordinance 2022-01 AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ESTABLISH A PRIVATE PARKING LOT AND GARAGE AT 621 NORTH 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET IN THE CITY OF PETERSBURG, ILLINOIS.** VOTES: Gorman, yes; Molohon, yes; Grosboll, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.
2. TIFF Façade Application for 118 N 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Brenten Engel presented a Façade Improvement Grant Application for 118 N 7<sup>th</sup> St. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Allison to approve the Façade Improvement Grant Application for 118 N. 7<sup>th</sup> St. Petersburg, IL in the amount of \$6000.00.
3. Shawn McKinney presented a Tax Increment Financing Assistance Application for Terror on the Square for installation of a Sprinkler System to help bring the building up to Fire Life Safety Codes. The Council will place this application on hold to discuss after the Council has established the Budget for 2023.

**VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**A. Mayor's Report**

1. Appointment of Police Chief. The Mayor has brought forth a name and would like to get Council approval to appoint Michael

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Nichols as Police Chief Effective May 1, 2022. A motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Sonnemaker to approve the appointment of Michael Nichols as Police Chief for the City of Petersburg effective May 1, 2022. VOTES: Grosboll, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes, Molohon, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

2. Library Board Appointment. The Mayor brought forth the name of Anne Gorman to be appointed to the Library Board. A motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Grosboll to approve the appointment of Anne Gorman to the Library Board. VOTES: Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Molohon, yes; Grosboll, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.
3. Mowing Contract Discussion. Alan Gardner asked with the high price of gas if he could use the Cities fuel when he mows for the City. Discussion held indicated the Council was not in favor of allowing Alan use of the Cities supply of gas when he mows.

**B. Treasurer's Report**

None

**VI. STANDING COMMITTEES' REPORT**

None

**A. Building and Grounds**

**B. Fire**

**C. Parks and Playgrounds**

**D. Personnel**

**E. Streets**

**F. Water/Sewer**

**G. Police**

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**H. Finance**

**VII. SPECIAL COMMITTEES' REPORT**

None

**X. Old Business**

1. Rural Water Update. Discussion from a meeting with Rural Water's Wayne Jones about what Petersburg would be willing to take over.
2. Streets for Road Project Discussion. The Mayor asked the Alderman if they had any streets in their wards that they thought needed fixing this year.
3. Aggregate Electric Rate. Discussion on the current price for electricity from our aggregate Constellation.
4. City Trash Pickup. Area wide has been sold to Green For Life. They have started billing for City pick up. The Mayor will get a quote for A-Team Disposal.
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**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; Molohon, yes; Grosboll, yes; Gain, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED. Meeting Adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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Kenneth Ortman, City Clerk

Approved: April 19, 2022