

**City Council Minutes  
February 18, 2020**

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rick Snyder called the City Council to order at 7:02 p.m.

**II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

A. Members present were Mayor Rick Snyder, Aldermen Kevin Molohon, Andrew Gain, Rick Sonnemaker, and Mike Allison. Also present were City Clerk Ken Ortman and City Attorney Chris Sherer. Alderman Nathan Grosboll, Bruce Gorman and Treasurer David Frick 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 Molohon to approve the agenda as Presented. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Molohon, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, 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 Sonnemaker to approve payment of the bills as listed on the Warrant List and Accounts Payable. VOTES: Molohon, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. A motion was made by Alderman Molohon and seconded by Alderman Allison to approve the minutes of February 4, 2020 Regular Meeting. VOTES: Molohon, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

C. A motion was made by Alderman Allison seconded by Alderman Gain to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2020 Executive Session. VOTES: Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Molohon, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**IV. HEARING OF CITIZENS**

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A. Jesse Mathews - Proving Ground Pro Wrestling March 7, 2020 Charity Event at the Petersburg Firehouse. Request to use the Petersburg Firehouse for the Charity Event. A motion made by Alderman Sonnemaker seconded by Alderman Allison to approve the use of the Firehouse for the Proving Ground Pro Wrestling Event March 7, 2020. VOTES: Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Molohon, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**A. Water**

1. Water Collectors Report - Water Collector Georgia Ed presented the Water Collectors Report. Revenues are down for the second month of the year. The State Park had another major leak and is seeking an adjustment for the sewer charges. A motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Sonnemaker to approve the Water Collectors Report and adjustment as presented. VOTES: Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Molohon, yes; Gain, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

2. Final water bills for the displaced residences of the Old School Apartments. After the fire some of the residents' water heaters were spewing water and most of the meters were under debris or could not be read. A motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Allison to waive the final water bill for the apartments effected by the fire at the Old School Apartments. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Molohon, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

3. The Mayor presented the Water Superintendents' report. Used of 400,000 gallons to fight the apartment fire.

4. Chautauqua Association presented a proposal of the City taking over possession of the water mains that belong to them. The Council will discuss the issue with Water Superintendent Dave Troxell.

**B. Street**

1. The mayor presented the Street Superintendents' Report.

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**VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**A. Mayor's Report**

1. Employee Cannabis Policy & Procedure. Discussion on the State Sited Policy and Procedures for Cannabis Use By Employees. The Mayor handed out a Policy and Procedures pamphlet provided by the State of Illinois.

2. Kevin Thomas has a new renter in Waterworths' old location for liquor and gaming. The Mayor wants to know if we should provide a liquor and gaming license for them.

3. A question was proposed by the Superintendent Matt Brew about the School Bus Barn Building to be used for Hemp/Cannabis Storage. They have someone interested in purchasing the building for that purpose.

Alderman Grosboll arrived at 7:31 p.m.

Alderman Gorman arrived at 7:45 p.m.

4. Library Board Appointment. The Mayor proposed the Appointment of Brian Whitehurst to the Petersburg Library Board. A motion made by Alderman Grosboll seconded by Alderman Allison to appoint Brian Whitehurst to the Petersburg Library Board. VOTES: Molohon, yes; Grosboll, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

5. A question from a person from Chicago requested to be able to bring metal detectors to the parks and scan for metals.

6 IMPG is having a seminar in Springfield on Cyber Liability April 29 and 30th If you would like to go let Tracy know.

**B. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasures report was presented. A motion made by Alderman Molohon seconded by Alderman Gain to approve the Treasures Report. VOTES: Molohon, yes; Grosboll, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**VI. STANDING COMMITTEES' REPORT**

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None

VII. SPECIAL COMMITTEES' REPORT

None

X. Old Business

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1. The Mayor had a meeting with all the departments about the fire at the Old School Apartments and when it can be demolished.
2. Discussion on City Wide Clean up this year.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Gain and seconded by Alderman Allison to adjourn the meeting. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Molohon, yes; Grosboll, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED. Meeting Adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kenneth Ortman, City Clerk

Approved: March 3, 2020