

**City Council Minutes  
May 16, 2023**

**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. APPOINTMENT AND SWEARING IN OF TREASURER AND ALDERMAN**

A. Appointment of David Frick as Treasurer and Swearing in of Treasurer David Frick and Alderman Heidi Hiser.

**III. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

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

B. An Omnibus motion was made by Alderman Gain and seconded by Alderman Sonnemaker to approve the listed minutes as presented. VOTES: Hiser, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

C. Chemical and Salt Bid Vote. The Salt and Chemical bids were

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reviewed. Hawkins sent in the wrong city bid to us and the next day corrected it. A motion made by Alderman Allison seconded by Alderman Gorman to accept the bid of Water Solutions for Chemicals FY 2023-2024. Hiser, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED. Salt bid-A motion made by Alderman Gorman second by Alderman Gain to approve Gunther Salt bid FY 2023-2024. VOTES: Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes, Hiser, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**IV. HEARING OF CITIZENS**

- A. Alice Farmer and Carol Muller and a group of citizens had comments on the Pride Festival June 24, 2023.

**V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**A. Water**

- A. Water Collector's Report. Georgia Ed gave the Collector's Report for the month of April 2023. We sold 297,000 gal. more than last year, which is 6700 gal more for April and a total of \$116,065.00 revenue for 2023. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Gain to accept the Collector's Report, adjustments and agreement as presented. VOTES: Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.
- B. Water Superintendent's Report. Dave Troxell gave the Superintendent's Report. The Plant treated 8,100,000gals of potable water; the Sewer Plant took in 3,950,000 gal of sewage and discharged 8,100,000 gals of sewage. The well is in the ground and we're laying the pipe to the plant. The pump test came up with 12,014 g/m. Should be online in a couple of months.

**B. Street**

1. Ralph is on vacation for 3 weeks. Have a part time person mowing. Solved issue with the white truck. Going to start doing sidewalks.

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**C. Zoning**

None

**VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**A. Mayor's Report**

1. Personnel Committee recommendation for Street Hire. Discussion on appointing Brian Whitehurst as Street Superintendent. The Mayor appointed Brian Whitehurst Street Superintendent effective June 1, 2023 at a starting rate of \$22.00 per hour. A motion made by Alderman Sonnemaker seconded by Alderman Allison to approve the Mayor's appointment of Brian Whitehurst to Street Superintendent effective June 1, 2023 at a starting rate of \$22.00 per hour. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**B. Treasurer**

1. Treasurer's Report. A motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Sonnemaker to approve the Treasurer's Report for April 2023. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.
2. Set Finance Committee Meeting. June 6, 2023 7:30 p.m.

**VI. STANDING COMMITTEES' REPORT**

None

**A. Building and Grounds**

**B. Fire**

**C. Parks and Playgrounds**

**D. Personnel**

**E. Streets**

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**F. Water/Sewer**

**G. Police**

**H. Finance**

**VII. SPECIAL COMMITTEES' REPORT**

None

**X. Old Business**

- A. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Gain to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. VOTES: Hiser, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.
- B. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Allison to resume Regular Session. VOTES: Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes, Hiser, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion about setting up ordinances for Short Term Rental such as Air B&B.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Alderman Gain and seconded by Alderman Hiser to adjourn the meeting. VOTES: Hiser, yes; Grosboll, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED. Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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Kenneth Ortman, City Clerk

Approved: June 6, 2023