

**City Council Minutes**  
**June 17, 2025**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting of the City Council, at City Hall.**  
**Petersburg, Illinois**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The City Council was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Snyder

**II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

A. Members present were Aldermen Bruce Gorman, Megan Loberg-Simmering (7:05), Andy Gain, and Rick Sonnemaker, Mike Allison. Alderman Conkin was absent. Also present were Mayor Snyder, Treasurer Riley, City Clerk Ramage, Attorney Brokaw (7:19), and Zoning Administrator Walker (7:20).

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 Sonnemaker to approve the agenda. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, 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. After a review, a motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Gain to accept the Warrant List and the Accounts Payable. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. The minutes for June 3, 2025, the city council meeting was presented. A motion was made by Alderman Sonnemaker and seconded by Alderman Gain to approve the June 3, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes. VOTES: Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**IV. HEARING OF CITIZENS**

None.

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**V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**A. Water**

1. Water Collector's Report. The Water Collector, Georgia Ed, gave the May water and sewer report and compared it to last year's May report. Additionally, there were eight requests for sewer adjustments, which were for filling pools and one leak. After limited discussion, a motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Gain to approve the water report with the requested sewer adjustments. VOTES: Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

2. The Water Superintendent's Monthly Report, oral and written, was read by the mayor, since the superintendent was not available. The department collected "Water Bacti's" and Sewer samples and these were taken to labs for analysis. The department submitted an Ion Exchange report and submitted DMR's to the EPA. Also, all hydrants were flushed at the lake. One leak was fixed, and a sewer jetted. The Water Plant treated 10,239,000 gallons of water and the Sewer Plant treated 9,388,000 gallons of sewage.

**B. Street**

1. Street Superintendent's Monthly Report, oral and written. Brian Whitehurst gave the Street Superintendent's Monthly Report.

-The department started the Antle Street patching project with 30 tons of patch.

-Owen Street has been prepped and is ready for the MFT oiled road program.

-Performed the final dirt work and seeding around the Jaycee Park restroom.

-Tree work - removed four large ROW trees.

-Performed Dropbox cleanings, trimmed brush from corners, alleys, and signs.

-Performed over 100 hours of mowing since May.

-Installed a garbage can and a no feeding the wildlife sign at Hurie Park.

The Superintendent asked the council about the American flags along highway 97 and other parts of the city. The concern was that the

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flags get dirty or torn quickly and need to be replaced with the cost of replacement being around \$40 per flag. The sentiment was to keep the flags up along the down-town parts of the city but reduce flag locations in the other parts of the city.

2.Treatment of Ash Trees around the City. Brian brought forward an estimate from Archer Creek Landscaping regarding the treatment of seven selected trees for Emerald Ash Borers. The sentiment from the Aldermen was that the city needs to continue with the treatments.

3.Discussion on Summer Brush Pick-up. After discussion, a motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Gain to change the trash pickup service to be on one day for the summer months of July, August, and September. That day would be the first Monday of the month. VOTES: Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**A.Mayor**

1.Ordinance 2025-04 Vacating the South 72 Feet of the Alley in Block 6 of John Bennet's 1<sup>st</sup> Addition to Petersburg. This is the transfer of ownership from the city to Michael Bayless, of a portion of the alleyway going northward from Douglas Street. 9<sup>th</sup> Street is to the east of this alley.

A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Allison to amend the ordinance by reducing the cost from \$350 to \$275 for the requestor. VOTES: Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, abstain. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Next, a motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Allison to approve the vacating of the alley identified, above, as amended. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, abstain; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

2.Ribbon Cutting of Petersburg Acupuncture & Herbal Medicine on Saturday June 21 at 2pm. The mayor asked the council to provide representation from the city for ribbon cutting.

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3.Update to road work on IL97. The mayor provided an update for the road work being performed by the state. The rest of the roadwork on IL97-IL123, in the city, has been delayed. The completion of this effort is expected to extend into 2027, at the earliest.

4.There was a conversation on the progress at Jaycee Park and operational ideas regarding it.

5.There was a conversation on the OSHA requirement to have physicals for folks working for the city, prior to starting work.

**B.Treasurer's Report**

1.Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Melissa Riley presented the report and after discussion a motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Gorman to approve the Treasurer's Report.

VOTES: Gorman, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

2.Set Next Budget Meeting. Treasurer Riley set the date for the next meeting to be July 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:05, right after the city council meeting.

**III. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Gain to adjourn the meeting. VOTES: Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED. Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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John Ramage, City Clerk

Approved: July 1, 2025