

**City Council Minutes  
June 6, 2023**

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rick Snyder called the City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. 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 Gorman 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. A motion was made by Alderman Sonnemaker and seconded by Alderman Gorman to approve the minutes of May 16, 2023 Regular Meeting, May 16, 2023 Regular Meeting Executive Session and May 16, 2023 Finance Committee by omnibus. VOTES: Hiser, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Grosboll arrived 7:05 p.m.

- B. The City Clerk presented the Warrant List and Accounts Payable. A motion was made by Alderman Allison 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; Grosboll, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

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**IV. HEARING OF CITIZENS**

- A. Charlie Angel asked that Police Patrols be increased around his neighborhood of 13<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln for loud noises and a person driving a 4 wheeler with loud pipes. Chief Nichols said he will ask officers to do a little better at patrolling that area.
  
- B. Doug Pope has been elected the President of the Menard County Tourism Council and if the City had questions or comments for the Tourism Council.

**V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**A. Police**

- 1. Police Chief Mike Nichols presented the Monthly Police Report. The Department has been very busy this month. The 2019 Durango was in an accident and has been fixed at Shermans and is now down at Nikles getting the A/C repaired. Asst Chief Shamhart went to Danville today and upgraded some of our firearms. The new Truck is back from accessory upgrades and is in use now. Discussion about Tazers, Body Cams.

**B. Fire**

- 1. Fire Chief Pat Rebbe presented the Monthly Fire Report. The Department had 26 calls for the Month. The VFW wants to use the Fire House for their Monthly Meeting since the VFW building is sold.

**C. Water**

- 1. Well Update. Dave Troxell was not here so there was no well update.

**D. Zoning**

- 1. Ordinance 2023-07 **AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX TERRITORY LOCATED IN THE NORTH EAST ¼ OF SECTION 13, T18N, R7W, OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATED IN MENARD COUNTY, ILLINOIS TO THE CITY OF PETERSBURG, ILLINOIS AND TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCES AND**

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**ZONING MAP THEREFORE.** A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Sonnemaker to approve Ordinance 2023-07 **AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX TERRITORY LOCATED IN THE NORTH EAST ¼ OF SECTION 13, T18N, R7W, OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATED IN MENARD COUNTY, ILLINOIS TO THE CITY OF PETERSBURG, ILLINOIS AND TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCES AND ZONING MAP THEREFORE.** VOTES: Grosboll, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

2. Discussion on empty lot on south side of square. The VFW is looking at the property at 112 E Jackson St. because of lot restrictions they would not have enough width to properly build on that lot. The City was discussing selling two feet of the 14' alley to the purchaser of that lot. Discussion held. The Building and Grounds Committee will hold a meeting to discuss. Meeting set for Monday June 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
3. TIF Application. Zoning Administrator handed out 9 TIF Applications for the property in the 300 block of E. Sangamon St. to be looked over and discussed at the next meeting.

**VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**A. Mayor's Report**

1. Street Closure. Discussion on a street closure for The Broadgauge on July 8, 2023 from 6-11 p.m. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Allison to close the streets in front of the Broadgauge July 8, 2023 from 6-11 p.m. VOTES: Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Grosboll, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.
2. Discussion on Food Trucks for the June 24, 2023 Festival. By consensus the council will allow food trucks for the festival.
3. Discussion on Air B&B ordinance. The Council will look over an ordinance from the City of Pekin, IL and discuss at a later date.
4. Discussion on Vacation Alley on Jackson St. on the South Side of the Square. The matter will be sent to the Building and Grounds Committee for further discussion.

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5. Executive Session. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Allison to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Personnel issues. VOTES: Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Grosboll, yes; Gain, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.
  
6. A motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Allison to resume Regular Session. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Grosboll, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**B. Treasurer**

1. Ordinance 2023-06 **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZINGCITY EXPENDITURES PENDING AND PRECEDING ADOPTION OF ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE**. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Sonnemaker to approve Ordinance 2023-06 **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZINGCITY EXPENDITURES PENDING AND PRECEDING ADOPTION OF ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE**. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Grosboll, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**VI. STANDING COMMITTEES' REPORT**

None

**A. Building and Grounds**

**B. Fire**

**C. Parks and Playgrounds**

**D. Personnel**

**E. Streets**

**F. Water/Sewer**

**G. Police**

**H. Finance**

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**VII. SPECIAL COMMITTEES' REPORT**

None

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1. Discussion by the Mayor, about contacting County Officials and other Menard County cities about entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement to combining bids for Oil and Chip products for our MFT Road Programs.
2. Mayor will talk to Police Dept about the loud noise ATV vehicles.

**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 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Kenneth Ortman, City Clerk

Approved: June 20, 2023