

City Council Minutes
July 1, 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, Andrew Gain, and Rick Sonnemaker. Aldermen Mike Allison and Conkin was absent. Also present were Mayor Snyder, Treasurer Riley, City Clerk Ramage, and Attorney Brokaw (7:12).

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 Gorman and seconded by Alderman Gain to approve the agenda. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Gain, yes; Loberg-Simmering, 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 Gain and seconded by Alderman Gorman to accept the Warrant List and the Accounts Payable. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Gain, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. The minutes for June 17, 2025, the city council meeting was presented. A motion was made by Alderman Sonnemaker and seconded by Alderman Gorman to approve the June 17, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes. VOTES: Gain, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

IV. HEARING OF CITIZENS

None.

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V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Police

1. Police Department Monthly Report. The monthly report was presented by Assistant Chief Royce Shamhart. The department responded to 146 "calls for service", with approximately 53 traffic stops, which indicates the department is out hustling and finding things. With the addition of the newer officers the department is at full strength and schedules are now set.

The department is going to provide some more DUI training in preparation for the holiday weekend. The department will be using a commonsense approach to fireworks and enforcing a quiet time of 10:00pm for the holiday weekend.

The department will order a new car soon, if the budget allows, so that they can get the car on the road by October - November, when the department transfers a vehicle to the Water department.

B. Fire

1. Fire Department Monthly Report. Chief Eric Hubner gave the monthly report for the department. There were 13 medical calls for service, and individual calls for a gas leak, smoke removal from a house, smoke detector activation, sprinkler system activation, a freight transport vehicle fire, power line down, and a motor vehicle accident. This is typical for June.

The department is taking bids for firehouse repairs and generator installation.

Captain Price and Firefighter Fagan attended the 3-day IFSI Fire College at the IFSI training facility located on the University of Illinois campus.

Engine #1 is running well currently; however, the Command #1 vehicle is now having starting issues. The department will get an estimate for repairs to the Command vehicle.

The department will send one or two people to Basic Op Certification class, which is a free certification put on by the state of Illinois.

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At this time the mayor requested the council move to an Executive session to discuss a personnel issue. A motion was made by Alderman Gain and seconded by Alderman Gorman to move to an Executive session. VOTES: Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED. Time - 7:29pm.

At 8:14pm the council returned from the Executive session. A motion was made by Alderman Gain and seconded by Alderman Gorman to return to the regular city council meeting. VOTES: Gain, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Loberg-Simmering, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Mayor

1. Discussion on Payment of Incurred Cost of Vacating Alley.
Per the audio recording, the agreed upon cost to the requestor for vacating of the alley identified in Ordinance 2025-04 is \$275.00.
2. Proposal for Replacing Windows in the City Hall building.
Preliminary planning to replace the windows in city hall was brought forward to the council. An additional discussion was held regarding fixing up the front of the building in addition to the windows. Potential funding could come from TIF accounts.

B. Treasurer's Report

1. Set Next Budget Meeting. Treasurer Riley set the date for the next meeting to be July 15th at 7:05, right after the city council meeting.

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III. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Sonnemaker and seconded by Alderman Gain to adjourn the meeting. VOTES: Loberg-Simmering, yes; Gain, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED. Meeting Adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Ramage, City Clerk

Approved: July 15, 2025