

**City Council Minutes
September 5, 2023**

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rick Snyder called the City Council to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

A. Members present were Mayor Rick Snyder, Aldermen Heidi Hiser, Nathan Grosboll, Andrew Gain, Rick Sonnemaker, and Mike Allison. Also present were City Clerk Ken Ortman, Treasurer David Frick, and City Attorney Jason Brokaw. Alderman Bruce Gorman was absent.

B. Mayor Snyder led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Alderman Gorman arrived at 7:05 p.m.

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; Grosboll, 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 for 8.15.23 and 9.5.23. A motion was made by Alderman Allison and seconded by Alderman Sonnemaker to approve payment of the bills as listed on the Warrant List and Accounts Payables. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Grosboll, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. A motion was made by Alderman Gain and seconded by Alderman Sonnemaker to approve the minutes of August 15, 2023 Regular Meeting. VOTES: Hiser, yes; Grosboll, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, abstain; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

IV. HEARING OF CITIZEN

A. Shelby Albrecht was not available to talk on the Town and Country Women's Club 5K race.

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- B. Abby Simons spoke on the Jaycee's Halloween Parade October 21, 2023 from 4 to 6 p.m. running south on 7th street from Alliance Community Bank to the south side of the Court House and Jackson Street. Rain date will be October 28th, 2023. A motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Gorman to allow for the closing of the requested streets for the Jaycee Halloween Parade. VOTES: Grosboll, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes, Hiser, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.
- C. Alice Larnerd asked if the City would be interested in setting up a Farmers Market 2 Saturday's a month. She would be willing to handle all the details of arranging. The Council had positive enthusiasm for it.

V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Police

1. Assistant Chief Royce Shamhart gave the Police Department Report for August. The Dept had 85 traffic stops with 17 citations with some drug arrests. New Squad car is purchased from Bob Ridings in Taylorville, IL. Taser grant money received and used to upgrade 3 computers. Officer Farley is going to the Menard County Sheriff's Office his last day is 9.5.23.

B. Fire

1. Chief Pat Rebbe gave the Fire Department for the Month of August 2023. The Department had 21 calls for the month of August. They have a person who applied to be a Volunteer Fire Fighter. Joshua Glossop who works for Agility Telecom in Springfield. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Grosboll to approve Joshua Glossop as a Probationary Fireman for the City of Petersburg. VOTES: Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Grosboll, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

C. Zoning

1. Discussion on the China Ocean request for info on Façade

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Program.

VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report

1. The Mayor presented the proposed Ordinance for regulating short term rentals for the Council to look over. It will go before the Planning Commission for a Public Hearing set by the Zoning Administrator at a later date.
2. Trick or Treat dates and hours. Discussion held on suggested date and hours. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Gain to approve the dates of 30th and 31st between the hours of 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. for Trick of Treating in Petersburg. VOTES: Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Grosboll, yes; Gain, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.
3. Feeding of Feral Cats Ordinance. Discussion on the proposal presented by Menard Animal Control and MAP. City Attorney will draft Ordinance from the suggestions and present to Council at a later date.
4. September 19 to the 23rd the Mayor will be helping with a 510 mile bike ride across the state to help Gold Star Mission provide Scholarships to carry on the Names or Fallen Military Service Members. A Chairman needs to be appointed as he will not be here. A motion made by Alderman Sonnemaker seconded by Alderman Gain to appoint Alderman Hiser as chairman for the September 19th meeting. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Hiser, yes; Grosboll, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. Treasurer

1. Bank Account Approval. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Gain to approve a new City Bank Account for The Jaycee Park Revitalization Grant with authorizing signatures of Mayor Rick Snyder, Treasurer David Frick, and Clerk Kenneth Ortman and discontinue the use of the existing City Jaycee Park Revitalization Grant Account Signed by Mayor Rick Snyder and Treasurer David Frick. VOTES: Gorman, yes;

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Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

VII. 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

VIII. SPECIAL COMMITTEES' REPORT

None

IX. Old Business

1. Mayor proposes a committee to discuss issues with The Façade Look of Buildings around the square. The Mayor appointed Donald Tolman, Alderman Heidi Hiser, Alderman Bruce Gorman and Administrative Assistant Tracy Ciesler to the Committee and wanted to know the status or any meetings held.
2. Discussion on Old Junior High tear down.
3. Bus Pickup Parking at the Grade School.

X. NEW BUSINESS

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XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Gain and seconded by Alderman Gorman 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 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kenneth Ortman, City Clerk

Approved: September 19, 2023