

**City Council Minutes  
September 6, 2022**

**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 Kevin Molohon, 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 Nate 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; Molohon, 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; Molohon, yes; Grosboll, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. A motion was made by Alderman Sonnemaker and seconded by Alderman Allison to approve the minutes of August 16, 2022 Regular Meeting. VOTES: Molohon, yes; Grosboll, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

C. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Gain to approve the minutes of the Personnel/Police Committee Meeting and Personnel/Police Committee Executive Session Meeting of August 24, 2022. VOTES: Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Molohon, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

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D. A motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Sonnemaker to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of August 24, 2022.

Alderman Grosboll arrived at 7:07 p.m.

VOTES: Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Molohon, yes; Grosboll, abstain. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

E. Anyone wishing to run for a City Council in the three Wards for Alderman and a two year unexpired term for Treasurer can pick up petitions in my office beginning Sept 20 which is the first day to circulate petitions. The filing period is December 12 to 19, 2022.

**III. HEARING OF CITIZENS**

A. Abby Simmons Jaycee's Halloween Parade. Asking for permission to close roads on 7<sup>th</sup> street from Taylor to Jackson from 4 to 6 p.m. October 22, 2022 for the Annual Jaycee Halloween Parade. A motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Allison to approve the street closures for the Jaycee Halloween Parade. VOTES: Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Molohon, yes; Grosboll, yes; Gain, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. Brie Allison Harvest Fest. Discussion by Bri Allison in regards to closing the streets for Harvest Fest on September 17, 2022. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Gain for the road closure for the Harvest Fest set up for Sept 17, 2022. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Molohon, yes; Grosboll, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**A. Police**

1. Police Chief Mike Nichols gave the Police Report for October

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2022. Things seem to be about the same as last month. The AC is out on the 2019 Durango cost is about \$1200 to fix and we will hold off till the start of next summer. A question from Alderman Molohon wanting to know what it takes to change a yield sign to a stop sign and add some stop signs in other intersections.

2. Chief has over 322.5 hours of comp and vacation time some of it since 2020 and is requesting a fringe payout of 80 hours to get his 2020 vacation off the books. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Grosboll to pay out the 80 hour accrued time for Chief Nichols. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Molohon, yes; Grosboll, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.
3. Vagrancy Ordinance. Discussion on creating a Vagrancy Ordinance for the City.

**B. Fire**

1. Fire Chief Pat Rebbe gave the Fire Department Monthly Report for October. The Dept. had 16 calls for the month.
2. Cass Communications installed fiber at the firehouse. They will be changing to VOIP internet and phone soon which will save the dept. a lot of money each month.
3. We will be holding the Pancake and Sausage Breakfast for Harvestfest Sept. 17, 2022 from 7 to 10 a.m.
4. Discussion about trying for a grant for a fire truck.

**VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**A. Mayor's Report**

1. Discussion on 12<sup>th</sup> and Madison yield to stop sign.
2. Discussion on Adams Street Stop Sign.
3. City Wide Clean-up. October 6,7,8 2022 \$25.00 a truck load. Everything needs to be brought down to the street Department and the City will coordinate with A-Team Disposal to get it hauled away.

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4. Discussion held on Halloween Party Downtown Bars Oct 29. The area bars would like to hold a Halloween Party through the downtown area for adults and kids and maybe closing the intersection of Douglas and 7<sup>th</sup> street.
  
5. City Hall new Phone System. City Hall has been having issues with the Phones. This system was here before City Hall moved here. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Gain to Change our phone system from ATT to CassComm VOIP. VOTES: Molohon, yes; Grosboll, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**B. Treasurer's Report**

None

**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**

**VII. SPECIAL COMMITTEES' REPORT**

None

**X. Old Business**

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1. Discussion of The work the T&C Womans Club are doing to the JC Park. They are putting in new playground equipment and the City will install a bathroom.
2. Discussion on test well at the Water Plant

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Alderman Gain and seconded by Alderman Allison to adjourn the meeting. VOTES: Grosboll, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes, Molohon, yes. Mayor Snyder declared the MOTION CARRIED. Meeting Adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Kenneth Ortman, City Clerk

Approved: September 20, 2022