MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 13 OCTOBER 2026

26C-0404 – CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Renner called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Chambers at 101 Green Street on 13 October 2026.

26C-0405 – ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following members were present: Gates, Johnson, Petitgout, Tegtmeyer, Westemeier, Renner. Absent: Wienen.

26C-0406 – ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Mayor Renner announced a quorum of board members present to conduct city business.

26C-0407 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

26C-0408 – REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

None.

26C-0409 – CITIZENS COMMENTS

No comments.

CONSENT AGENDA CA26-19

26C-0410 - APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

26C- 0411 - APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY SPECIAL OLYMPICS ILLINOIS FOR THE OPENING CEREMONY AND PARADE EVENTS AND WAIVE CLEANUP FEE FOR THE 46th ANNUAL SPECIAL OLYMPICS WINTER GAMES

Motion: Tegtmeyer moved, seconded by Petitgout, to approve Consent Agenda, CA26-19.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Johnson, Petitgout, Tegtmeyer, Westemeier, Gates, Renner
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Wienen

NEW BUSINESS

26C-0412 –FIRST READING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE IMLRMA MINIMUM/MAXIMUM PREMIUM AGREEMENT

Motion: Westemeier moved, seconded by Johnson, to approve the first reading and waive the second reading of An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of the IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Premium Agreement, 26C-0412.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Petitgout, Tegtmeyer, Westemeier, Gates, Johnson, Renner
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Wienen

26C-0413 – PRESENTATION BY WIPFLI OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2026

Josh Faviere, a senior manager with Wipfli, presented the annual financial report for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2026. Faviere explained that Wipfli offered a clean, unmodified opinion on modified cash basis financial statements and a clean, unmodified opinion on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and other matters with a finding for improper segregation of duties with bank reconciliation reviews, a common finding in smaller municipalities.

Faviere also shared:

- The city's cash was full collateralized at year-end.
- Net pension liability/asset improved to an asset of $1.0 million as a result of significant investment returns.
- $920,000 was paid on long-term debt in 2026 with $847,000 due in 2027.

Faviere provided a five-year comparison of water and sewer revenue and suggested studying the rates going forward as the operating revenue is less than the operating expenses.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Tegtmeyer asked about the finding for improper segregation of duties with bank reconciliation reviews. Faviere explained it is quite common to have that particular issue in a small municipality. Petitgout noted that the city has not increased water and sewer rates for several years and asked about the rate study. Oldenburg said the study is wrapping up and a meeting is planned for next week to go through the findings.

26C-0414 – WARRANTS

Motion: Gates moved, seconded by Johnson, to approve the warrants, 26C-0414.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Westemeier, Gates, Johnson, Petitgout, Tegtmeyer, Renner
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Wienen

The motion carried.

26C-0415 - ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Grateful for volunteers – Gates pointed out the city has a lot of citizens who volunteer to help with the various fall festivals and he appreciates everyone who steps up.

Sidewalk work – Gates and Westemeier said they are happy to see sidewalk replacements taking place.

26C-0416 – CITY ADMINISTRATORS' REPORT

Street and sidewalks – Oldenburg said the Ridge Street sidewalk project should be complete soon and South Hickory Street work is now underway. Paving is expected to begin in the next couple weeks.

Election petitions - Those wishing to run for seats in the April 2027 Consolidated Election can take out papers beginning Tuesday, Aug. 25. Wards 1, 3, 4 and at-large are up for election as is the city clerk position. Wards 1, 4 and at-large are four-year terms, while Ward 3 and city clerk are two-year unexpired terms. Papers can be filed between Nov. 16-23.

26C-0417 – MAYOR'S REPORT

Thanks to volunteers and organizations – The mayor thanked all the volunteers who assist with the fall events and the organizations that plan them.

26C-0418 – ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Johnson moved, seconded by Gates, to adjourn, 26C-0418.

Roll Call: AYES: Gates, Johnson, Petitgout, Tegtmeyer, Westemeier, Renner
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Wienen

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hillary Dickerson
City Clerk