CITY OF COUNTRYSIDE

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Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting of the City Council

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

7:30 PM

City Hall

City Council Members

Mayor, Sean R. McDermott
City Clerk, Elizabeth Kmet

Aldermen Scott Musillami, Tom Frohlich John Von Drasek, Mark Benson, John Finn, and Alderwoman Bolt

1. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor McDermott. Alderwoman Bolt led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call: City Clerk Kmet called the roll of those physically present as follows:

Present: Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderwoman Bolt, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, and Alderman Benson

Also Present: Mayor McDermott, City Clerk Kmet, City Administrator Paul, Assistant City Administrator Schutter, Police Chief Klimek, Deputy Clerk Cordova, City Attorney Hess, and City Engineer Sledz

2. OMNIBUS AGENDA

2.a. Approval of City Council Meeting minutes of August 12, 2026.

2.b. Approval of the statement of bills submitted for payment through September 9, 2026: $2,296,767.39.

Motion was made by Alderman Musillami, seconded by Alderman Finn that this matter be APPROVED as presented; motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderwoman Bolt, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, and Alderman Benson

Nay: 0

3. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

4. MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor McDermott

4.a. Consideration of the appointment of Jack Benton to fill the remaining term of Treasurer.

Motion was made by Alderman Musillami seconded by Alderman Bolt that this matter be APPROVED as presented; motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderwoman Bolt, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, and Alderman Benson

Nay: 0

Mayor McDermott proceeded to swear in Jack Benton as the new Treasurer until the end of the term. Pictures were also taken.

4.b. Consideration of a block party request from the Center for Independence for August 7, 2026 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Motion was made by Alderman Benson, seconded by Alderman Musillami that this matter be APPROVED as presented; motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: **6** Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderwoman Bolt, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, and Alderman Benson

Nay: **0**

4.c. Consideration of a special event permit request from Harley Davidson for July 25, 2026 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Motion was made by Alderman Finn, seconded by Alderman Von Drasek that this matter be APPROVED as presented; motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: **6** Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderwoman Bolt, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, and Alderman Benson

Nay: **0**

4.d. Consideration of a special event liquor license for Tapville Mobile Truck for Harley Davidson's special event on September 10, 2026.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Bolt, seconded by Alderman Frohlich that this matter be APPROVED as presented; motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: **6** Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderwoman Bolt, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, and Alderman Benson

Nay: **0**

4.e. Consideration of a special event liquor license for Tapville Mobile Truck for Harley Davidson's special event on September 24, 2026.

Motion was made by Alderman Von Drasek, seconded by Alderman Finn that this matter be APPROVED as presented; motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: **6** Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderwoman Bolt, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, and Alderman Benson

Nay: **0**

4.f. Consideration of a special event liquor license for Harley Davidson's special event on September 19, 2026.

Motion was made by Alderman Finn, seconded by Alderman Frohlich that this matter be APPROVED as presented; motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: **6** Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderwoman Bolt, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, and Alderman Benson

Nay: **0**

4.g. Consideration of an Ordinance granting a Class B liquor license to Slager's on 66 located at 6542 Joliet Road.

Motion was made by Alderman Von Drasek, seconded by Alderwoman Bolt that this matter be APPROVED as presented; motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: **6** Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderwoman Bolt, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, and Alderman Benson

Nay: **0**

City Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as Ordinance 26-17-O.

4.h. Consideration of a fee waiver request from BuckleDown, Imperial Oak, and Caraway's Bar for special event liquor licenses for The Bluegrass Fest on September 12, 2026.

Motion was made by Alderman Benson, seconded by Alderman Musillami that this matter be APPROVED as presented; motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: **6** Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderwoman Bolt, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, and Alderman Benson

Nay: **0**

Mayor McDermott mentioned this Friday we are having our 9/11 Patriots event at 10:00 am. It is the 25-year anniversary.

We also have the Bluegrass Festival on Saturday from 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

5. CITY CLERK'S REPORT – City Clerk Kmet – No report

6. TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer Benton – No report

7. COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND, IF SO DETERMINED, ACTION UPON:

7.a. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Alderman Von Drasek**

Alderman Von Drasek just wanted to let everyone know that the old city hall is gone.

7.b. **FINANCE COMMITTEE – Alderman Finn**

Consideration to waive the formal bidding process for the purchase of a Dodge Durango police vehicle, including the trade-in of a 2020 Ford Police Interceptor, from Jack Phelan Dodge for $43,220.

Motion was made by Alderman Frohlich, seconded by Alderman Finn that this matter be APPROVED as presented; motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: **6** Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderwoman Bolt, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, and Alderman Benson

Nay: **0**

Consideration to waive the formal bidding process to purchase and install emergency equipment for a new Dodge Durango police vehicle through MPC Communications for $21,947.66.

Motion was made by Alderman Frohlich, seconded by Alderman Von Drasek that this matter be APPROVED as presented; motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: **6** Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderwoman Bolt, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, and Alderman Benson

Nay: **0**

7.c. **HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE – No report**

7.d. **INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE – Alderman Benson – No report**

7.e. **PLAN COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – City Attorney Hess – No report**

7.f. **SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE – Alderman Musillami – No report**

7.g. **SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE – Alderman Musillami – No report**

7.h. **FLAGG CREEK ADVISORY BOARD – Alderman Frohlich – No report**

8. LEGAL REPORT – City Attorney Hess - No report

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – City Administrator Paul

Request approval of emergency purchase order no. 0021501 to Pace Systems, Inc. in the amount of $20,000 to replace the Genetec Server.

Motion was made by Alderman Benson, seconded by Alderwoman Bolt that this matter be APPROVED as presented; motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: **6** Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Benson, Alderman Finn, Alderman Musillami, and Alderwoman Bolt

Nay: **0**

Request approval of emergency purchase order no.0021498 to Gasvoda & Associates, Inc. in the amount of $15,200 to replace the screen and controller for the lift station.

Motion was made by Alderman Von Drasek, seconded by Alderwoman Bolt that this matter be APPROVED as presented; motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: **6** Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Benson, Alderman Finn, Alderman Musillami, and Alderwoman Bolt

Nay: **0**

10. STAFF REPORTS

10.a. **Chief of Police – Chief Klimek**

Chief Klimek requested to table the one item that is on the agenda for tonight for the two (2) speed radar signs from All Traffic Solutions for $10,037.32.

Mayor McDermott asked for a motion to table this item.

Motion was made by Alderman Von Drasek, seconded by Alderman Benson that this matter be TABLED as presented; motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: **6** Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderwoman Bolt, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, and Alderman Benson

Nay: **0**

10.b. **City Engineer – Lukasz Sledz**

Consideration of engineer's pay estimate number 5 in the amount of $78,350.54 to Schwartz Construction Group Inc., of Countryside, IL for the proposed Larry Robb Park.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Bolt, seconded by Alderman Von Drasek that this matter be APPROVED as presented; motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: **6** Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Benson, Alderman Finn, Alderman Musillami, and Alderwoman Bolt

Nay: **0**

Consideration of engineer's pay estimate number 3 in the amount of $142,268.20 to Martam Construction Inc., of Elgin, IL for the 55th Street Water Main Relocation Project.

Motion was made by Alderman Finn, seconded by Alderman Frohlich that this matter be APPROVED as presented; motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: **6** Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Benson, Alderman Finn, Alderman Musillami, and Alderwoman Bolt

Nay: **0**

Consideration of engineer's pay estimate number 1 in the amount of $151,767.72 to Maneval Construction Inc., of Ingleside, IL for the Srejma-Michalek Park Renovation Project.

Motion was made by Alderman Von Drasek, seconded by Alderwoman Bolt that this matter be APPROVED as presented; motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: **6** Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Benson, Alderman Finn, Alderman Musillami, and Alderwoman Bolt

Nay: **0**

11. MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

To discuss litigation under Section 2(c)(11).

Mayor McDermott asked to entertain a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss litigation under Section 2(c)(11).

Motion was made by Alderman Von Drasek, seconded by Alderman Benson to move into executive session. motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: **6** Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Benson, Alderman Finn, Alderman Musillami, and Alderwoman Bolt

Nay: **0**

12. BUSINESS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND, IF SO DETERMINED, ACTION UPON: - None

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Alderman Von Drasek, seconded by Alderman Benson to adjourn the meeting; motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: **6** Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Benson, Alderman Finn, Alderman Musillami, and Alderwoman Bolt

Nay: **0**

Mayor McDermott declared the meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

APPROVED:

Respectfully Submitted,

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Elizabeth Kmet, City Clerk

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