CITY OF COUNTRYSIDE

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Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting of the City Council

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

7:30 PM

City Hall

City Council Members

Mayor, Sean R. McDermott
City Clerk, Elizabeth Kmet
City Treasurer, Jack Benton

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

1. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor McDermott. Mayor McDermott 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 Musillami, Alderman Benson, and Alderman Von Drasek

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

2. OMNIBUS AGENDA

2.a. Approval of City Council Meeting minutes of September 23, 2026.

2.b. Approval of the statement of bills submitted for payment through October 14, 2026: $690,285.21.

Motion was made by Alderman Musillami, 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 Musillami, Alderman Benson and Alderman Von Drasek

Nay: 0

3. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

4. MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor McDermott

4.a. Consideration of a fee waiver request from Beds Plus for a liquor license and a raffle license for their Soup & Bread Event on Sunday, February 7, 2027.

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 Musillami, Alderman Benson and Alderman Von Drasek

Nay: 0

4.b. Consideration of a special event liquor license for Beds Plus for the Soup & Bread Event on Sunday, February 7, 2027.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Bolt, 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 Musillami, Alderman Benson and Alderman Von Drasek

Nay: 0

4.c. Consideration of an Ordinance amending the liquor code to increase the number of Class B liquor licenses by one.

Motion was made by Alderman Von Drasek, 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 Musillami, Alderman Benson and Alderman Von Drasek

Nay: 0

City Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as Ordinance 26-19-O.

4.d. Consideration of granting a Class B liquor license for Noto Event Center, Inc. located at 6420 Joliet Road.

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

Nay: 0

4.e. Consideration of an Ordinance amending the liquor code to increase the number of Class S-B liquor licenses by one.

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

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

Nay: 0

City Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as Ordinance 26-20-O.

4.f. Consideration of granting a Class S-B liquor license for Noto on 66, Inc. located at 6420 Joliet Road.

Motion was made by Alderman Musillami, 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 Musillami, Alderman Benson and Alderman Von Drasek

Nay: 0

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

7.b. **FINANCE COMMITTEE – Alderman Finn – No report**

7.c. **HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE – Alderman Musillami - 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 – Alderwoman Bolt**

Alderwoman Bolt wanted to invite everyone to come out to the Srejma-Michalek Memorial Park Commemoration on Saturday, October 24, 2026 starting at 10:30 am. Alderwoman Bolt wanted to give a special thanks to everyone for their help.

7.g. **SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE – Alderman Musillami**

Alderman Musillami asked City Administrator Paul how the bees were doing. Ms. Paul said they are not looking that good this year. Mr. Musillami asked if we harvested any honey this year. Ms. Paul said that Maintenance Technician Murray said we might be able to get some honey out of the back hives.

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

City Administrator Paul gave an update on Srejma-Michalek Park and Larry Robb Park. The City is hopeful that we can open Srejma-Michalek Park this weekend. As of today, they are working on the fences at the Larry Robb Park.

10. STAFF REPORTS

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

Consideration to purchase two (2) StarChase GPS vehicle mounted launcher systems for $17,448.

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

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

Nay: **0**

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

Consideration of awarding a contract to Neri Brothers Construction, Inc. in the amount of $158,063.00 for the 2026 Drainage Improvements Project.

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 Musillami, Alderman Benson and Alderman Von Drasek

Nay: **0**

Consideration of engineer's pay estimate number 5 and final in the amount $41,745.94 to Nardulli Construction Company, Inc. of Chicago for the 2025 Street Rehabilitation 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 Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderwoman Bolt, Alderman Musillami, Alderman Benson and Alderman Von Drasek

Nay: **0**

Consideration of engineer's pay estimate number 6 in the amount of $20,424.72 to Schwartz Construction Group Inc., of Countryside, IL for the proposed Larry Robb Park.

Alderman Von Drasek asked City Administrator Paul if we would be able to get trees planted this fall at Larry Robb Park. City Administrator Paul said that she asked Superintendent of Public Works a few months ago. Mr. Serna said that Public Works has planted quite a few trees already and she would ask Mr. Serna again.

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 Musillami, Alderman Benson and Alderman Von Drasek

Nay: **0**

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

12. MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

To discuss the purchase and sale of real estate under Section 2(c)(5).

Mayor McDermott asked for a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss the purchase and sale of real estate under Section 2(c)(5).

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

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

Nay: 0

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Alderwoman Bolt, seconded by Alderman Finn to adjourn the meeting; motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Mayor McDermott declared the meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

APPROVED:

Respectfully Submitted,

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Elizabeth Kmet, City Clerk

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