

CITY OF COUNTRYSIDE

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Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting of the City Council

Wednesday, September 23, 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. Alderman Finn 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, and Alderman Benson

Absent: Alderman Von Drasek

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

2. OMNIBUS AGENDA

2.a. Approval of City Council Meeting minutes of September 9, 2026.

2.b. Approval of the statement of bills submitted for payment through September 23, 2026: \$1,407,625.43.

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

Aye: 5 Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderwoman Bolt, Alderman Musillami, and Alderman Benson

Nay: 0

3. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

4. MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor McDermott

4.a. Swearing in of Ted Vernon to the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals.

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

Aye: 5 Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderwoman Bolt, Alderman Musillami, and Alderman Benson

Nay: 0

Mayor McDermott proceeded to swear in Ted Vernon as the new member of the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals and pictures were taken.

4.b. Consideration of a special event liquor license for Harley Davidson's special event on October 3, 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: **5** Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderwoman Bolt, Alderman Musillami, and Alderman Benson

Nay: **0**

- 4.c. Consideration of a special event liquor license for Harley Davidson's special event on October 24, 2026.

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

Aye: **5** Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderwoman Bolt, 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 October 29, 2026.

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

Aye: **5** Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderwoman Bolt, Alderman Musillami, and Alderman Benson

Nay: **0**

- 4.e. Consideration to update the Finance Committee by adding Alderwoman Bolt.

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

Aye: **5** Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderwoman Bolt, Alderman Musillami, and Alderman Benson

Nay: **0**

- 4.f. Consideration to update the Human Resources Committee by moving Alderman Musillami to Chairman.

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

Aye: **5** Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderwoman Bolt, Alderman Musillami, and Alderman Benson

Nay: **0**

- 4.f. Consideration to update the Human Resources Committee by adding Alderwoman

Bolt.

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

Aye: **5** Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderwoman Bolt, Alderman Musillami, and Alderman Benson

Nay: **0**

- 4.g. Consideration to update the Special Events Committee by adding Alderwoman Bolt as Chairwoman.

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

Aye: **5** Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderwoman Bolt, Alderman Musillami, and Alderman Benson

Nay: **0**

- 4.g. Consideration to update the Special Events Committee by removing Alderman Musillami.

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

Aye: **5** Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderwoman Bolt, Alderman Musillami, and Alderman Benson

Nay: **0**

- 4.h. Consideration to update the Sustainability Committee by adding Alderman Benson.

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

Aye: **5** Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderwoman Bolt, Alderman Musillami, and Alderman Benson

Nay: **0**

5. DEPUTY CLERK'S REPORT – Deputy Clerk Cordova

- 5.a. Presentation of the updated City website.

Deputy Clerk Cordova said in April 2023 the City website was maintained by Kahoots, which was our old website designer. We moved to Revize, but at that time staff declined the updated version. They wanted to keep the same look of the old website but with a new website program. In the end the website was not functional.

The only way we could update the website was with a work order.

I worked with Revize and now we have a new website, which is completely editable by the City staff. I would like to thank the Police Department for the video they made. It highlights all of the major parts of the City. I also worked with all the other departments to see what quick links they wanted. Ms. Cordova went over all the other parts of the website. Once you login it is also going to be viewable on a cell phone. The new website will go live next week.

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 Finn

Consideration to approve a payment in Lieu of Tax (PILOT fee) Agreement between the City and Countryside IL Fitness LLC/Pinnacle Service Brands Holdings LLC (Planet Fitness).

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

Aye: **5** Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderwoman Bolt, Alderman Musillami, and Alderman Benson

Nay: **0**

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

7.c. HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE – Alderman Musillami - No report

7.d. INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE – Alderman Benson

Consideration to enter into an agreement with Novotny Engineers to update the City-Wide GIS Water Main Atlas in the amount of \$26,000.

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

Aye: **5** Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderwoman Bolt, Alderman Musillami, and Alderman Benson

Nay: **0**

Consideration of a Master License Agreement for Fiber Optic installation.

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

Aye: 5 Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderwoman Bolt, Alderman Musillami, and Alderman Benson

Nay: 0

Consideration of bulk salt purchase from Morton in the amount of \$85.17 a ton through the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Program.

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

Aye: 5 Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderwoman Bolt, Alderman Musillami, and Alderman Benson

Nay: 0

Consideration to purchase a Q820M Commercial Quik Track M Series in the amount of \$10,290.18 from Shorewood Home and Auto for the Public Works Department.

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

Aye: 5 Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderwoman Bolt, Alderman Musillami, and Alderman Benson

Nay: 0

Consideration to purchase a X758 Signature Series tractor and attachments from Shorewood Home and Auto in the amount of \$34,730.88.

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

Aye: 5 Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderwoman Bolt, Alderman Musillami, and Alderman Benson

Nay: 0

7.e. PLAN COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – City Attorney Peck

Consideration of an Ordinance granting a variance to increase the allowable height requirement for freestanding letters on an awning at 1023 W. 55th Street – Case #PZV26-0004 (Stephen Coslik, Woodmont Countryside Academy LLC).

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

Aye: 5 Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderwoman Bolt, Alderman Musillami, and Alderman Benson

Nay: 0

City Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as Ordinance 26-18-O.

7.f. SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE – Alderwoman Bolt – No report

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

7.h. FLAGG CREEK ADVISORY BOARD – Alderman Frohlich

Consideration to approve the profit sharing distribution for fiscal year 2026 in the amount of \$202,317.00.

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

Aye: 5 Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderwoman Bolt, Alderman Musillami, and Alderman Benson

Nay: 0

8. LEGAL REPORT – City Attorney Peck - No report

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – City Administrator Paul

Consideration of pay estimate number 3 from Dale, Inc. in the amount of \$43,864.38.

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

Aye: 5 Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderwoman Bolt, Alderman Musillami, and Alderman Benson

Nay: 0

City Administrator Paul wanted to mention that Matt Murray has gone overboard on decorating the front of the building. He used many of our native plantings in the back to decorate the front.

10. STAFF REPORTS

10.a. Chief of Police – Chief Klimek – No report

10.b. City Engineer – Lukasz Sledz – No report

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: 5 Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Benson, Alderman Finn, Alderman Musillami, and Alderwoman Bolt

Nay: 0

Mayor McDermott declared the meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

APPROVED:

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Kmet, City Clerk

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