

CITY OF COUNTRYSIDE

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Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting of the City Council

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

7:30 PM

City Hall

City Council Members

Mayor, Sean R. McDermott
City Clerk, Elizabeth Kmet
Treasurer, Courtney Bolt

Aldermen Thomas Mikolyzk, Scott Musillami, Tom Frohlich
John Von Drasek, Mark Benson and John Finn

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

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

2. OMNIBUS AGENDA

- a. Approval of City Council Meeting minutes of November 12, 2025.
- b. Approval of the statement of bills submitted for payment through December 10, 2025: \$1,308,210.46.

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

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

Nay: 0

3. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Thomas Jerbis, 9550 W. 56th Street has a concern about Helping Hand. The lights in the parking lot shine right into his bedroom. Mr. Jerbis has spoken to Helping Hand and Helping Hand told him that they have met the City's requirements. In FOIA's Mr. Jerbis looked at Helping Hand agreed to put their lights on timers, which they have not done. Mr. Jerbis asked the City if there is something they can do about this problem.

Mayor McDermott said he will take a look at what the requirements are between Helping Hand and the City and have another conversation with them. Then we'll report back to you.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

- a. Consideration of an Ordinance decreasing the Class B liquor licenses by one.

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 Benson, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderman Mikolyzk, and Alderman Musillami

Nay: 0

City Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as Ordinance 25-37-O.

- b. Announcement of St. Patrick's Day Grand Marshal Pat Rogers and Parade beneficiaries St. Cletus Food Pantry and Troop 19.

Mayor McDermott said that the St. Patrick's Day parade is right around the corner. The Mayor is happy to report that Pat Rogers will be serving as the Grand Marshall. Mr. Rogers is a past Lyons Township Supervisor and a Circuit Court Judge.

The funds that we raise from the parade will go to St. Cletus Food Pantry and Troop 19.

Alderman Finn agreed to serve as Parade Chairman again.

5. CITY CLERK'S REPORT – no report

6. TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer Bolt

- a. Consideration to contribute the statutory minimum required employer contribution in the amount of \$505,300 to the Countryside Police Pension Fund.

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

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

Nay: 0

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

- a. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Alderman Von Drasek – no report**
- b. **FINANCE COMMITTEE – Alderman Finn**

Consideration of an Ordinance abating taxes levied for tax year 2025 on all outstanding series of general obligation bonds for the City of Countryside, Cook County, Illinois.

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

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

Nay: 0

City Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as Ordinance 25-38-O.

- c. **HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE – Alderman Mikolyzk – No report**
- d. **INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE – Alderman Benson**

Consideration to purchase an ArcGIS System for Countryside's Water Department in the amount of \$9,975 from Novotny Engineering.

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

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

Nay: 0

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

Consideration of an Ordinance granting a variance for the height of a fence in the front yard at 9925 W. 57th Street – Case #PZV25-0005 (Rasdip Singh & Jennene Fields).

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 Benson, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderman Mikolyzk, and Alderman Musillami

Nay: 0

City Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as Ordinance 25-39-O.

- f. **SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE – Alderman Musillami – no report**
- g. **SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE – Alderman Musillami – no report**
- h. **FLAGG CREEK ADVISORY BOARD – Alderman Frohlich**

- 1. Consideration to ratify an agreement with Timothy J. Trompeter – Architect PLLC in the amount of \$13,550 for the completion of architectural and interior design for the clubhouse remodel project.

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 Benson, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderman Mikolyzk, and Alderman Musillami

Nay: 0

2. Consideration to enter into a contract with Herman & McCarrin Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$196,477 to complete the clubhouse renovation as specified in the architect's final design and plans.

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

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

Nay: 0

8. LEGAL REPORT – no report

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- a. Consideration of a 2-year advertising agreement with Good Karma Brands (ESPN Radio) in the total amount of \$241,520.

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

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

Nay: 0

10. STAFF REPORTS

- a. **Chief of Police – Chief Klimek - no report**

- b. **City Engineer – Lukasz Sledz**

1. Consideration of engineer's pay estimate number 1 in the amount of \$124,697.07 to Schwartz Construction Group Inc, 7023 Willow Springs Road, Suite 103, Countryside, IL 60525 for the proposed Larry Robb Park.

City Administrator Paul wants to amend the motion due to the fact that the park was supposed to be completed by the end of November. Ms. Paul suggested holding the check until we receive a schedule from Schwartz. The Mayor agreed with the amendments.

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 Benson, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderman Mikolyzk, and Alderman Musillami

Nay: 0

2. Consideration of engineer's pay estimate number 3 in the amount of \$192,168.12 to Nardulli Construction Company, Inc., 3735 N. Pontiac Avenue, Chicago, IL 60634 for the 2025 Street Rehabilitation project.

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 Benson, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderman Mikolyzk, and Alderman Musillami

Nay: 0

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

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Alderman Von Drasek, seconded by Alderman Benson that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Mayor McDermott declared the meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

APPROVED:

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Kmet, City Clerk

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