

CITY OF COUNTRYSIDE

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Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting of the City Council

Wednesday, May 14, 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 Benson 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: Mayor McDermott, Alderman Finn, Alderman Benson, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, Alderman Mikolyzk, Alderman Frohlich, City Clerk Kmet, City Treasurer Bolt

Also Present: City Administrator Paul, Police Chief Klimek, City Attorney Peck, Asst. City Administrator Schutter, Deputy Clerk Cordova, Recording Secretary Prokop

Absent: City Engineer Hernandez

2. **OMNIBUS AGENDA**

a. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2025.

b. Approval of the Statement of Bills submitted for payment through May 14, 2025: \$803,439.09.

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

Nay: 0

3. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC - none**

4. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

a. Consideration of a \$2,500 donation to Countryside Rotary Club for the District 105 Capstone Celebration. The City has supported them for many years. Attorney Peck, President of the Rotary Club, described the event. Everyone from the City is welcome to attend the 8th Grade Capstone Celebration on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at the Local 150 Hall. The students write an essay which is read aloud by the students; their family/friends/teachers will be in attendance and hear the written words spoken. It is an appreciation of the teachers who will get to hear first-hand how they affected their students' lives. The Rotary Club purchases 5 laptops which are raffled off to the students. This is the first time many students have the chance to do public speaking; it is a celebration for students and teachers alike.

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

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

Nay: 0

b. Consideration of Reappointment of Dave Schutter to the Police Pension Board.

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

Aye: 6 Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, Alderman Frohlich,
Alderman Finn, Alderman Benson, Alderman Mikolyzk
Nay: 0

c. Consideration of Reappointment of Ronald Ward and Stephen Kehr to the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals.

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 Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, Alderman Frohlich,
Alderman Finn, Alderman Benson, Alderman Mikolyzk
Nay: 0

d. Consideration of Appointment of Claribel Quintana to the Board of Fire and Police Commission. The Mayor said she immediately expressed an interest in serving her community. We are very happy to have her join the Police Commission this evening. Her family is here this evening.

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 Musillami, Alderman Frohlich,
Alderman Finn, Alderman Benson, Alderman Mikolyzk
Nay: 0

e. Mayor McDermott administered the Oath of Office to David Schutter as a member of the Police Pension Board. Congratulations were extended and photos taken. The appropriate documentation was signed. Mr. Schutter thanked the Mayor and City Council for the honor.

f. Mayor McDermott administered the Oath of Office to Ronald Ward and Steve Kehr simultaneously as Commissioners of the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals. Congratulations were extended to both men and appropriate documentation signed.

g. Mayor McDermott administered the Oath of Office to Claribel Quintana as a Commissioner of the Fire and Police Commission. Congratulations were extended; photos taken and appropriate documentation signed.

h. Mayor McDermott called on the recently re-elected Aldermen of Wards 1, 2 and 3 to be officially sworn in. He administered the Oath of Office simultaneously to John Von Drasek, John Finn and Mark Benson as Aldermen of the City of Countryside. Congratulations were extended on their re-election; appropriate documentation signed; photos were taken with the Mayor.

5. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT - no report**

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT – no report**

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

a. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** –Alderman Von Drasek

FYI – Thanks to everyone, especially my wife and family – thanks to all the wives. Many thanks to our fabulous City Staff, who help with resident concerns, along with the Police Department and Public Works. You make our job easier. Thanks also to my Ward 2 residents who have been very supportive over the years. Thanks to fellow Council members as well.

b. **FINANCE COMMITTEE** – Alderman Finn

FYI – He echoed Alderman Von Drasek’s sentiments. Thanks to everyone especially residents who volunteer to be on Boards. There’s nothing like community service – thank you.

c. **HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE** – Alderman Mikolyzk --no report

d. **INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE** – Alderman Benson

FYI – Thanks to my colleagues for their support and the Ward 3 residents for having faith in me and City Staff - look forward to four more years. Thank you.

e. **PLAN COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** –Attorney Peck – no report

f. **SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE** – Alderman Musillami

1. Concerts in the Park are coming up quickly; we hope that the weather is good. We have an excellent line up for this event; look forward to seeing everyone there.

g. **SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE** – Alderman Musillami

1. We just completed the “No Mow Till Mother’s Day” – there were many participants. Congratulations to all the appointed and elected officials.

h. **FLAGG CREEK ADVISORY BOARD** – Alderman Frohlich – no report

8. LEGAL REPORT

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

a. Ms. Paul sought consideration to waive the formal bidding process and purchase Playground Equipment from NuToys in the amount of \$134,934 utilizing the SourceWell Purchasing Co-Op contracts – for the park located at 10701 – 5th Ave. Cut-off. The contract provides for an 8% discount to the City.

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

Aye:	6	Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderman Benson, Alderman Mikolyzk
Nay:	0	

10. STAFF REPORTS

a. Police Chief – no report

FYI – Chief Klimek invited residents to come out to the COP ON THE ROOF TOP fundraiser for Illinois special Olympics this Friday at Dunkin Donuts.

b. City Engineer (absent) – no report

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Musillami, seconded by Alderman Finn that this meeting be ADJOURNED. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Mayor McDermott declared the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

APPROVED:

Respectfully Submitted,

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ELIZABETH KMET, CITY CLERK