

CITY OF COUNTRYSIDE

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Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting of the City Council

Wednesday, May 28, 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, who 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 Musillami, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, City Clerk Kmet, City Treasurer Bolt
Also Present: City Administrator Paul, Police Chief Klimek, City Attorney Peck, Asst. City Administrator Schutter, Deputy Clerk Cordova, City Engineer Brandstedt, Recording Secretary Prokop
Absent: Alderman Benson, Alderman Mikolyzk

2. **OMNIBUS AGENDA**

- a. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2025.
- b. Approval of the Statement of Bills submitted for payment through May 28, 2025: \$165,386.09.

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

Aye: 4 Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn
Nay: 0
Absent: 2 Alderman Benson, Alderman Mikolyzk

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

4. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- a. Consideration of a Block Party request from Lisa Barbaro at 5311 S. Catherine Avenue on September 20, 2025 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

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: 4 Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn
Nay: 0
Absent: 2 Alderman Benson, Alderman Mikolyzk

- b. Mayor McDermott expressed his condolences on behalf of the City of Countryside to the Benson family on the loss of Sheila Benson's Mother, who passed away recently. She was a staunch resident who came to the St. Patrick's Day Parade regularly. She will be sorely missed; sincere condolences to the entire family.

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 – no report
- b. **FINANCE COMMITTEE** – Alderman Finn – no report
- c. **HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE** – Alderman Mikolyzk – (absent) no report
- d. **INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE** – Alderman Benson – (absent) – Ald. Musillami covering

1. Consideration to approve an Ordinance Amending Section 8-1-1 Adding International Existing Building Code Provisions.

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

Aye: 4 Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Alderman Benson, Alderman Mikolyzk

City Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as ORDINANCE 25-09-O.

2. Consideration to approve an Ordinance Amending Section 6-3-1 regarding Enumerated Nuisances – Emission of Light.

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: 4 Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Alderman Benson, Alderman Mikolyzk

City Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as ORDINANCE 25-10-O.

3. Consideration to approve an Ordinance amending Section 4-4-9 regarding Responsible Animal Care. Owners must clean up after their pets on public as well as private property. It also limits the number of pets per home to three, excluding litters.

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: 4 Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Alderman Benson, Alderman Mikolyzk

City Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as ORDINANCE 25-11-O.

4. Consideration to approve an Ordinance amending Section 8-1-4 regarding Building Regulations – Workmanship.

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: 4 Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Alderman Benson, Alderman Mikolyzk

City Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as ORDINANCE 25-12-O.

5. Consideration to approve an Ordinance amending Section 4-4-12 regarding keeping of pet chickens on Residential Lots. The number of chickens kept by residents will be increased from 4 to 6.

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: 4 Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Alderman Benson, Alderman Mikolyzk

City Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as ORDINANCE 25-13-O.

6. Consideration to approve an Ordinance adding Chapter 13 (Portable Toilets) to Title 6 of the City Code.

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

Aye: 4 Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Alderman Benson, Alderman Mikolyzk

City Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as ORDINANCE 25-14-O.

7. Consideration to approve the attached Water Rate Ordinance with an effective date of June 1, 2025. This increase is the result of Chicago and McCook increasing their water rates, which are then passed on by the City of Countryside.

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: 4 Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Alderman Benson, Alderman Mikolyzk

City Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as ORDINANCE 25-15-O.

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

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

1. FYI - Concerts in the Park are beginning June 12. The first show is the Rhythm Rockets.

g. **SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE** – Alderman Musillami – no report

h. **FLAGG CREEK ADVISORY BOARD** – Alderman Frohlich

1. Consideration to purchase six (6) 2026 Model Year EZGO carts in the amount of \$42,050 from Textron Specialty Vehicles, Inc.

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: 4 Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, Alderman Frohlich,
Alderman Finn

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Alderman Benson, Alderman Mikolyzk

2. Consideration to purchase a 2024 Model Year Smithco Spray Star 1200 in the amount of \$60,950 from TurfWerks.

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: 4 Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, Alderman Frohlich,
Alderman Finn

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Alderman Benson, Alderman Mikolyzk

8. **LEGAL REPORT** - no report

9. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR** – no report

10. **STAFF REPORTS**

a. Police Chief

1. Chief Klimek sought consideration and approval for the Police Department to apply for the Illinois Attorney General FY26 Organized Retail Crime Grant Program. If approved, the money will be used to expand the City's live camera system on main thoroughfares. They have had success with this Grant in the past.

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

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Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Alderman Benson, Alderman Mikolyzk

2. Chief Klimek noted that the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards awarded the City a Grant in the amount of \$26,000 to help defray the cost of body cameras.

b. City Engineer – Tom Brandstedt

1. Quick updates – the water main project is moving along. The east side water main is completed and coordinated. They are currently working on the west side water main, which is 90% complete. Hydrant installation began today and completion is expected this week. The project should be completed with full restoration by the end of June. Bid opening is scheduled

for June 12 at 10 a.m. for the street resurfacing -- MFT and CDBG project. Alderman Von Drasek asked about restoration – Mr. Brandstedt stated they should be there this week and wrap up restoration this weekend. That also includes restoration in Ward 1.

11. MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

To discuss the purchase of Real Estate under Section 2(c)5 and to discuss Litigation under Section 2(c)11 of the Open Meetings Act.

Motion was made by Alderman Finn, seconded by Alderman Musillami that this meeting be RECESSED; motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, Alderman Frohlich,
Alderman Finn

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Alderman Benson, Alderman Mikolyzk

Mayor McDermott declared the meeting recessed at 7:43 p.m.

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12. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

The Regular City Council returned to Open Session with the same members present at 8:05 pm:

13. BUSINESS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND, IF SO DETERMINED, ACTION UPON:

a. Alderman Von Drasek would like to review the Ordinance regarding pools and spas that was recently passed. He would like to return it to the PC/ZBA for clarification – especially regarding spas or hot tubs being 10 feet away from the residence. Most hot tubs are 1-2 feet away – there is nothing in the Code that requires it to be away from the structure. This item will be placed on the agenda for the next PC/ZBA meeting. Ms. Paul suggested that Staff review it first – an amended agenda could be posted so long as it is within 48 hours.

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: 4 Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, Alderman Frohlich,
Alderman Finn,

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Alderman Benson, Alderman Mikolyzk

Mayor McDermott declared the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

APPROVED:

Respectfully Submitted,

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ELIZABETH KMET, CITY CLERK

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9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR – no report

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To discuss the purchase of Real Estate under Section 2(c)5 and to discuss Litigation
 Motion under Section 2(c)11 of the Open Meetings Act by Alderman Frohlich that

this material is APPROVED AND presented for, secondarily, anyone who wishes to note that

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Alderman Finn

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Absent:

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