

# CITY OF COUNTRYSIDE

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## **Meeting Minutes** **Regular Meeting of the City Council**

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

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

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

**Absent:** Alderman Frohlich and City Administrator Paul

## 2. **OMNIBUS AGENDA**

- a. Approval of City Council Meeting minutes of February 11, 2026.
- b. Approval of the statement of bills submitted for payment through February 25, 2026: \$361,784.30.

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

**Nay:**           **0**

**Absent:**       **1**   Alderman Frohlich

## 3. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC - None.**

## 4. **MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor McDermott**

- a. Mayor McDermott said this is his favorite City Council meeting of the year because of the recognition of our St. Patrick's Day Parade. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary that Countryside has had the parade.

I have the honor of recognizing our Grand Marshall, the Honorable Patrick Rogers. Mr. Rogers has had a distinguished legal career and public service career. Mr. Rogers has served as the Lyons Township Supervisor for sixteen years and he has served as a circuit court judge for twelve years in Bridgeview Court House. One thing I remember about Mr. Rogers is when he was serving as a township supervisor he led the effort for the Countryside Lyons Township Senior Center. It provides a really unique housing opportunity and is affordable for the people in the community. He has done many things throughout his career. His greatest accomplishment is his family. Mr. Rogers and his late wife Pat raised three children and has eight grandchildren. Thank you Pat. Please step forward to receive the sash, mug, and shamrock.

Mr. Rogers said he has known Mayor McDermott for a number of years. I am very honored that the Mayor and the Committee chose me to be the 2026 Grand Marshall. But sometimes the Mayor's memory isn't as clear as it should be. Back in 2007 when we attempted to get that housing development off the ground, we met with the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals. There were a number of issues. One in particular was the parking issue. It required 1.6 cars per every unit. Since this is essentially a senior citizen building, the number of cars you could've counted on one hand. The Zoning Board of Appeals chose not to give us the relief we needed. We had to jump through a couple of different hoops that we were not anticipating. We went before the City Council and the vote was tied with one vote outstanding. The person with the one vote is now your Mayor. Mr. McDermott voted in favor of the development or it would not have happened. It wasn't Pat Rogers, it was Mayor McDermott. So thank you.

Mayor McDermott turned the meeting over to Parade Chairman Finn, who has done an outstanding job with the help of Deputy Clerk Cordova.

Parade Chairman Finn said first we would like to acknowledge our sponsors, of which there are three groups, and named all of them. The main sponsor being Jack Phelan Dodge, Ram, Chrysler, and Jeep who has sponsored the parade for ten years. Not only is this a great community event but every year the money donated goes to two local charities. This year the charities are the Boy Scout Troop #19 and the St. Cletus Food Pantry.

I would like to introduce the Queen and her Court. Unfortunately, the Queen will not be here tonight because she is on vacation. Her name is Isabella Velez and is a student at Lyons Township High School. She plays Lacrosse and is part of the journalism club. She is a student ambassador and volunteers for Feed my Starving Children and Winning with Wyatt. Isabella is proud of her Irish heritage which comes from her mother's side.

I would like to introduce the Queen's Court. Nora Grill. She is a junior at Lyons Township high School and works at Elevate Salon. Nora plays travel softball, likes to volunteer and is involved with the Best Buddies Program at Lyons Township. Nora's great grandparents came from Ireland and is very proud of her heritage. Parade Chairman Finn asked Nora to come up and receive her sash, mug, shamrock plant, and gift certificates for Andy's. Photos were taken.

Next is Ashley Karkoska. She is a student at Acellus Online Academy and she enjoys painting in her free time. She made holiday cards for the senior apartments in LaGrange and delivers, with her mom, food to Countryside and neighboring cities. Ashley's great, great grandfather came from County Mayo, Ireland and she is very proud of her Irish heritage. Parade Chairman Finn asked Ashley to come up and receive her sash, mug, shamrock plant, and gift certificates for Andy's. Photos were taken.

Our Princess this year is Summer Cahill Newman. She is a Lyons resident and goes to St. Mary's School. Summer loves to Irish dance and she is a mid-America champion in teams for Irish dance. Summer also does Scottish Highland dancing. She is active in Girl Scouts and an altar server at mass. Summer's Irish roots come from her mother's side and she is very proud to be the Princess and celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Parade Chairman Finn asked Summer to come up and receive her sash, mug, shamrock plant, and gift certificates for Andy's. Photos were taken.

Pictures were taken of the whole group. Summer Cahill Newman performed an Irish jig for the audience and then the bagpipes were played. Mayor McDermott thanked Kevin Connolly for playing the bagpipes. Mayor McDermott also thanked Summer for making him a St. Bridget's cross.

5. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT – City Clerk Kmet - No report**
6. **TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer Bolt – 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 – No report**
- d. **INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE – Alderman Benson**

Consideration to enter into a subscription agreement with Perry Weather for an outdoor warning system and weather station.

**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:**           5     Alderman Benson, Alderman Finn, Alderman Mikolyzk, Alderman Musillami, and Alderman Von Drasek

**Nay:**           0

**Absent:**       1     Alderman Frohlich

- e. **PLAN COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – City Attorney Peck – No Report**
- f. **SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE – Alderman Musillami – No report**
- g. **SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE – Alderman Musillami – No report**
- h. **FLAGG CREEK ADVISORY BOARD – Alderman Frohlich – No report**
8. **LEGAL REPORT – City Attorney Peck - No report**
9. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Assistant City Administrator Schutter**

**9.a.** Consideration of awarding a contract to Dale, Inc for the building demolitions at 5550 East Avenue (the old City Hall buildings) for \$165,565.00.

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

**Nay:**        **0**

**Absent:**    **1**    Alderman Frohlich

**9.b.** Consideration of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways and the City of Countryside for the award of \$110,000 in invest in Cook Funds to support the preliminary and design engineering costs for a shared-use path on the south Ssde of Joliet Road.

**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:**        **5**    Alderman Benson, Alderman Finn, Alderman Mikolyzk, Alderman Musillami, and Alderman Von Drasek

**Nay:**        **0**

**Absent:**    **1**    Alderman Frohlich

## **10. STAFF REPORTS**

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

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

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

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Aye:**        **5**    Alderman Benson, Alderman Finn, Alderman Mikolyzk, Alderman Musillami, and Alderman Von Drasek

**Nay:**        **0**

**Absent:**    **1**    Alderman Frohlich

**Mayor McDermott declared the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.**

APPROVED:

Respectfully Submitted,

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Elizabeth Kmet, City Clerk

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