

CITY OF COUNTRYSIDE

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Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting of the City Council

Wednesday, April 22, 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. Mayor McDermott 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 Mikolyzk, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Benson, Alderman Finn, 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 April 8, 2026.
- b. Approval of the statement of bills submitted for payment through April 22, 2026: \$629,482.53.

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

Nay: 0

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

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

4.a. **Presentation of parade donations to St. Cletus Food Pantry and Scout Troop #19.**

Mayor McDermott stated that we have the donations from the St. Patrick's Day parade. Mayor McDermott would like to thank Chairman Finn, Deputy Clerk Cordova, and all the other volunteers that helped. Since we started the parade in 2016 we've raised over \$162,000 for different charitable organizations in town.

The two recipients for this year are St. Cletus Food Pantry and Scout Troop #19. The Mayor and City Council presented the checks to both organizations; photos were taken and congratulations extended.

4.b. **Presentation of parade awards, best float and best party on the parade route.**

Mayor McDermott stated that the winner of the best float goes to Wallie and Mary Raymond. Please come forward and Chairman Finn will give you your \$50 gift card for Rafferty's. Photos were then taken. The best party on the parade route goes to the Callahan family. Please come forward and Chairman Finn will give you your \$50 gift card for Rafferty's. Photos were then taken.

4.c. Presentation of the Arbor Day/Tree City U.S.A. Proclamation.

Mayor McDermott said last year we approved the Arbor Day Proclamation. Deputy Clerk Cordova has a plaque to present for the tree program.

Deputy Clerk Cordova said it was the end of 2024 and Alderman Finn asked why we weren't a part of Tree City U.S.A. In 2025 I applied in November when it opened up and I just received an email that we were approved and they sent us our plaque. I would like to present the plaque to the mayor and city council. Ms. Cordova said that we have to do a proclamation every year and have it approved.

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

Nay: **0**

4.d. Consideration of a Resolution of the City of Countryside of Cook County, Illinois in support of Municipal Housing Authority.

Mayor McDermott said that in Springfield there is a proposal to preempt home rule authority on zoning issues related to housing. The proposed effect of that would be R1, R2, or R3 area could have multi-tenant housing. There would be no opportunity for the City to object and prevent that from moving forward. What the Illinois Municipal League is doing is asking every municipality to adopt this Resolution we have in front of us.

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

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

Nay: **0**

City Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as Resolution 26-03-R.

- 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

Consideration to approve the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2026 and ending April 30, 2027 in the amount of \$33,469,208.

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

Nay: **0**

City Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as Ordinance 26-06-O.

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

1. Consideration of a proposal for a Water Distribution System Valve Exercising Program from M.E. Simpson in the amount of \$22,230.00.

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

Nay: **0**

2. Consideration to contract Sportsfield, Inc. to add midlo-mix on each field at Ideal Park in the amount of \$8,950.00.

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

Nay: **0**

3. Consideration to waive the formal bid process and award a contract to NuToys for the Srjema-Michalek Park equipment including installation, poured in place surfacing system purchased through the Sourcewell contract in the amount of \$622,147.

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

Nay: 0

4. Consideration to approve an Ordinance updating the sewer system rates.

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

Nay: 0

City Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as Ordinance 26-07-O.

5. Consideration of the 2026 Street Rehabilitation Program in the amount not to exceed \$578,890.28

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

Nay: 0

- 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**

1. Consideration to ratify a purchase agreement with Textron Inc. to trade in the 2020 EZ GO RXV gas ranger cart and purchase one new 2027 RXV Freedom Elite in the net amount of \$8,746.

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

Nay: 0

2. Consideration to ratify a purchase agreement to purchase a Toro ProCore 648 Aerifier from Reinders in the amount of \$43,754.

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

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

Nay: **0**

3. Consideration to trade in three 2014 EZGO golf carts and purchase three new 2027 model year in the net amount of \$25,035.

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

Nay: **0**

8. LEGAL REPORT – City Attorney Peck - No report

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – City Administrator Paul – No report

10. STAFF REPORTS

a. Chief of Police – Chief Klimek – No report

b. City Engineer – Lukasz Sledz

1. Consideration of engineer’s pay estimate number 8 and final in the amount of \$161,119.80 to Unique Plumbing Company, Inc., of Brookfield, IL for the 2024 Water Main Replacement.

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

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

Nay: **0**

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

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