

City of Petersburg
Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, July 20, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.
Petersburg, MI 49270

A Meeting of the Council for the City of Petersburg was held on the above date. The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, Dawn Cilley. Councilpersons present were Laura Antoszewski, Stella Kirby, Rita Rousseau, Ron Stumpmier, Lisa Walters.

Absent: Mayor Kevin Richards

Moved by Antoszewski to approve the agenda as printed. Supported by Rousseau. Aye (6) Nay (0) Absent (1)
Motion carried.

Minutes of the previous meeting were presented to Council in printed form as recorded. Moved by Antoszewski that the minutes of the 7/6/26 meeting be approved. Supported by Stumpmier. Aye (6) Nay (0) Absent (1) Motion carried.

Invoices were presented to Council in printed form by accounts: General fund - \$15044.26; Police fund – \$874.94; Major St. - \$20.96; Local St. - \$0 ; Sewer fund - \$3098.18; Water fund - \$1813.30 for a total of \$20851.64. Moved by Stumpmier that the invoices be approved and checks drawn for the same. Supported by Rousseau. Roll call vote: Aye (6) Nay (0) Absent (1)

Public Comment:

City resident and former police officer Brad Bentley shared his concerns about police coverage in the city and, particularly, on his street. He also raised questions about the cost of police coverage to the city. Council will review the city’s contract with the Monroe Co. Sheriff’s Dept. before the next meeting to identify and address any concerns or needed changes.

New Business:

Moved by Rousseau to appoint Jim Holeman and reappoint Dawn Cilley to the Planning Commission for three year terms, effective immediately through 6-30-29.

DPW will be adding a storm drain behind the library to alleviate drainage issues. This will be completed prior to the upcoming repaving.

Old Business:

Moved by Stumpmier and supported by Kirby to increase the city water rates from \$13.30 per 1000 gallons to \$14.35 per thousand gallons for city customers and from \$18.80 per thousand gallons to \$19.85 per thousand gallons for customers outside the city limits. The rate increases will take effect on October 1st, 2026. These increases are reflective of the July 1st increase in water costs from City of Monroe. Bulk water rates will remain the same at \$17.50 per thousand gallons at this time. Roll call vote: Aye (6) Nay (0) Absent (1) Motion carried.

Council Reports:

Antoszewski reported on continued progress re: blight notices. She noted that the red swing in Perry Park has been repaired and repainted.

Kirby reported that the new grill for Fernstrom Park is expected to arrive later this week and the new slide for Perry Park should be available by late August. The community service team will be returning on July 26th to work on an appx. 200 foot extension to the wooded path at Fernstrom. She will be checking into purchasing poison ivy warning signs to place adjacent to the path. Petersburg shirts are now available for sale at Serendipity Java and will also be at next week’s Farmers Market.

Cilley reported that the Friends of the Library raffle was quite successful with a total of \$2600 raised.

Employee Reports:

Clerk Doughty reported that the nine days of early voting will start on Saturday, July 25th and run through Sunday, August 2nd. The next Council meeting on August 3rd will be held at the library due to the upcoming primary election.

Moved by Antoszewski that Council adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Supported by Kirby. Aye (6) Nay (0) Absent (1) Motion carried.

Guests: Brad Bentley, Mike Doughty
Employees: Donna Maertín, Jenny Doughty

Minutes submitted by: _____ Jenny Doughty, Clerk

Minutes approved by: _____ Mayor Kevin Richards