

City of Petersburg
Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, October 5, 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 Kevin Richards. Councilpersons present were Dawn Cilley, Stella Kirby, Rita Rousseau, Ron Stumpmier.

Absent: Laura Antoszewski, Lisa Walters

Moved by Cilley to approve the agenda as printed. Supported by Rousseau. Aye (5) Nay (0) Absent (2) Motion carried.

Minutes of the previous meeting were presented to Council in printed form as recorded. Moved by Cilley that the minutes of the 9/21/26 meeting be approved. Supported by Rousseau. Aye (5) Nay (0) Absent (2) Motion carried.

Public Comment:

New Business:

Summerfield Schools Superintendent, August Ost, spoke about the Sinking Fund Proposal on the upcoming November ballot. He noted that the passage of the proposal would allow the state funds allocated for each student to be focused on academics and instruction, while the sinking fund would address maintenance and repairs needed on the school campuses. Specifically, the school is focusing on developing their Career and Technical Education (CTE) hands-on learning program. He noted that another informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 14th from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

The TextMyGov service proposal was reviewed and discussed by Council. The platform would allow communication via text between the city and residents. The discussion was tabled until a future meeting to allow time for more in-depth review of the proposal.

Old Business:

Continued progress on the sidewalk project was briefly discussed.

Planning Commission will review the ordinances potentially needing updates as identified in the recent ordinance digitization.

Council Reports:

Cilley reported concerns about the drainage/water pooling behind the library after the completion of the alley paving. DPW will be asked to add gravel to the area where water collects to improve drainage.

Kirby reported that the new slide and spring bouncers for Perry Park are here and will be installed by DPW when possible. DPW recently painted the picnic table and added a no-skid painted texture to the balance beam. W. Railroad St. will need to be closed temporarily in the near future to allow for a large tree removal in the area. Kirby suggested that Deputy Taylor be asked to drive through Fernstrom Park regularly. Thirteen community service team members worked for 6 hours last weekend and were able to place 3 dump loads of mulch along the wooded path at Fernstrom. The team will be back in the spring.

Employee Reports:

Clerk Doughty reported that New Life Church would like permission to use the basketball court area at Veterans Park on Halloween evening. Meredith Ticer from the New Life Church Outreach team was present and shared that they are planning to provide games, goody bags, hot dogs, hot chocolate, etc. Council gave their approval.

Moved by Cilley to set this year's trick-or-treat hours as 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 31st. Supported by Stumpmier. Aye (5) Nay (0) Absent (2).

Moved by Stumpmier that Council adjourn at 7:09 p.m. Supported by Cilley. Aye (5) Nay (0) Absent (2) Motion carried.

Guests: August Ost, Colin Ost, Joanne Tollison, Bobby Richards, Meredith Ticer, Mike Doughty

Employees: Trudy Goodin, Jenny Doughty

Minutes submitted by: _____ Jenny Doughty, Clerk

Minutes approved by: _____ Mayor Kevin Richards