

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF VIENNA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
VIENNA CITY HALL
205 North 4th Street
December 17, 2025
6:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Vienna met in regular session, Wednesday, December 3, 2025 at Vienna City Hall with the following members and guests:

ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Steve Penrod, Mayor
Ron Pitts, Alderman
Austin Tuey, Alderman
Angela Moore, Alderman
Melissa Hill, Alderman
Alan Racey, Alderman
Tim Elliott, Alderman
Aleatha Wright, Clerk
Rick Abell, City Attorney
Jim Miller, Police Chief

GUESTS

Brian Carey
Mary Harris
Joe Emery
Dathan Samuels

There being a quorum, Mayor Penrod called the meeting of the Vienna City Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Racey made a motion to Authorize and Approve the Omnibus Consent Agenda consisting of December 3, 2025 Meeting Minutes, the Warrant (\$57,362.61), and November Treasurer Report. Alderman Hill seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Alderman Tuey made a motion to Authorize and Approve Bond Ordinance 25-12, An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Waterworks System Revenue Bonds of the City of Vienna, Johnson County, Illinois and Authorizing Certain Actions and Documents and Prescribing other Matters Relating Thereto. Alderman Pitts seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Alderman Hill made a motion to Authorize and Approve Note Ordinance 25-13, An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of a Promissory Note in a Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$3,622,000 to Provide Interim Financing for Improvements to the Waterworks System and Certain Other Actions in Connection Therewith. Alderman Moore seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

City Attorney, Rick Abell, was present to discuss the legal process regarding city acquisition of the collapsed building at 124 North 4th Street. After discussing options with council, it was the general consensus of the council for Abell to prepare an Escrow Agreement between the city and owners of the building, with his office acting as the escrow agent. Per the escrow agreement, the city would transfer the title when IDOT is ready to close on acquisition of the building.

Mayor Penrod discussed extension of city sewer in support of housing development on Veterans Drive. Penrod said a builder had reached out to the city with interest of building four-quadplexes and a duplex. Estimates would be obtained of sewer system options and reviewed at a future meeting. Penrod said in addition to the sewer system the builder would be requesting a property tax rebate through TIF Funds.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Clerk Wright said she had contacted IDOT concerning installation of a stop for school bus sign on the North side of 146 East. Wright also thanked administrative assistant, Harris, for her work with organizing gifts for the Christmas on the square event.

Fire Chief Williams gave updates on grants including plans to apply for a 50/50 matching grant with funding up to \$10,000. Williams also mentioned repair costs around \$2,400.00 on engine #7. Williams requested to send four volunteers to winter fire school, saying the city would only have to cover expenses for two volunteers with no expense on hotel stays. Williams said the fire department holiday party would be held at the 1818 event center on Saturday, January 10th.

Mayor Penrod said the Sewer District had levied \$16,000 in tax money that would be available to use for city lagoon services.

Penrod said discussions were being had of the vacant commercial building at 102 N.1ST Street being potentially donated to serve as a Johnson County Youth Community Center.

Penrod said trash bins were being painted as the recycling service looked to be reinstated at the beginning of the year.

At 7:19 Alderman Tuey made a motion to go out of Regular Session into Executive Session for Non-Union Salary Adjustments as per 5ILCS 120/0(c)(2), Review of Closed Session Minutes pursuant to 2.06 of the Open Meeting Acts as per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21). Executive Minutes from 08-06-25 and 09-03-25. Alderman Elliott seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 7:49 Alderman Hill made a motion to resume the regular meeting. Motion seconded by Alderman Moore. Motion carried.

Alderman Pitts made a motion to Authorize and Approve Non-Union salary adjustments effective January 1, 2026. Alderman Tuey seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Alderman Pitts made a motion to Authorize and Approve the content of the semi-annual review-closed session minutes from 08-06-25 and 09-03-25 with consent to keep minutes closed due to confidentiality. Motion seconded by Alderman Racey. All in favor, motion carried.

As there was no further business to discuss, Alderman Tuey made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Alderman Hill. Mayor Penrod declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

For APPROVAL: December 17, 2025


Steve Penrod, Mayor


Aleatha Wright, City Clerk