

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF VIENNA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
VIENNA CITY HALL
205 North 4th Street
August 19, 2026
6:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Vienna met in regular session, Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at Vienna City Hall with the following members and guests:

ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Steve Penrod, Mayor
Ron Pitts, Alderman
Angela Moore, Alderman
Tim Elliott, Alderman
Melissa Hill, Alderman
Austin Tuey, Alderman
Alan Racey, Alderman
Aleatha Wright, Clerk
Jim Miller, Police Chief
Brent Williams, Fire Chief

GUESTS

Mary Harris
Joe Emery
Tracey Cross
Scott Engler
Brian Carey

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 August 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes, July Treasurer's Report and the Warrant (\$52,219.43). Alderman Hill seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Alderman Elliott made a motion to Authorize and Approve TIF Redevelopment Agreement Extension Request from Chris Bewnt, SI Auto & Tire, LLC, 502 East Vine Street. The agreement would be extended 120 days with a new completion project date of December 16, 2026. Alderman Moore seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Alderman Tuey made a motion to Authorize and Approve Ordinance 26-04, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 30, Section 30.02, Compensation, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Vienna, Illinois, to Adjust Compensation for Alderman. Alderman Hill seconded the motion. The roll was as follows: Hill-yes, Moore-yes, Elliott-yes, Pitts-no, Racey-yes, Tuey-yes. Motion carried (5 yes-1 no)

Alderman Pitts made a motion to Authorize and Approve wage increase for school resource officer certification based on the pay scale provided by VHS. Alderman Racey seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Local property owners inquired about the status of two properties. The first property, located on N. 4th Street, was damaged by the partial collapse of an adjacent building. The owners requested a status update for safe entry and an official letter from the city documenting the building's standing, also expressing they should not have to pay for an inspection since another building caused the damage. Discussion continued. The second property located off North 6th Street is located just outside the city limits. The property owners were informed the city's zoning jurisdiction extends up to one and a half miles outside corporate limits and there would be regulations on what could be built. Also stating that the city can provide utilities only if the property is formally annexed into the city limits. After further discussion with mayor and council, the owners requested an official letter from the city confirming these zoning rules and utility requirements.

Mayor Penrod and city council reviewed a draft 5-year Tax Increment Financing (TIF) plan, with details of the annual revenue the city will receive over the next three years. The draft includes ongoing 2025 water improvement projects, current grant application for sewer system upgrade for housing development along Veterans Drive, and a study for a multi-year street and sidewalk renovation. Additional highlights focus on community and facility upgrades including a new public works building, improvements to roofs on the city park pavilions, and continued effort to seek grant funding for the demolition of vacant, dilapidated properties and annexation north and south of town. Council was directed to look over the draft for any additions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Clerk Wright announced election packets were available for pickup beginning August 25 for the 2027 consolidated election. Wright also reported that she received the permit from IDOT for the fall parade. Wright informed council that AirMedCare had contacted city hall regarding an upgrade to the city's current plan. Council expressed that they did not want to pursue the upgrade.

Fire Chief Williams reported a high volume of auto accidents for the month. He requested that drainage issues in the parking lot between the police and fire departments be added to the 5-year plan. Williams said the department has four new members and four pending applications. Williams also noted that the department rehab project should break ground this month, with an estimated three-month completion.

Alderman Elliott commented on ongoing yard nuisances.

Alderman Moore mentioned the upcoming fall light parade entry signup.

Alderman Pitts inquired on contacting a third-party collection agency concerning fines and outstanding payments to the city.

Alderman Racey reported that the city library elevator requires repairs. Alderman Tuey added that the library's exterior steps and handrails also needed to be repaired.

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 7:53 p.m.

For APPROVAL: September 2, 2026


Steve Penrod, Mayor


Aleatha Wright, City Clerk

APPROVED