REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF VIENNA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
VIENNA CITY HALL
205 North 4th Street
April 1, 2026
6:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Vienna met in regular session, Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at Vienna City Hall with the following members and guests:

ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:
Steve Penrod, Mayor
Angela Moore, Alderman
Ron Pitts, Alderman
Austin Tuey, Alderman
Melissa Hill, Alderman
Alan Racey, Alderman
Tim Elliott, Alderman
Aleatha Wright, Clerk

GUESTS
Brian Carey
Gina Carey
Mary Harris
Shae Davidson
Jennifer Jacobsen
Emily Smith
Jessica Davie
Angela Odom

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

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Tuey made a motion to Authorize and Approve the Omnibus Consent Agenda consisting of March 18, 2026 Meeting Minutes and the Warrant ($35,431.91). Alderman Hill seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Jennifer Jacobsen was present to request city assistance with arrangements for the Junque Jamboree event, Saturday, April 25. Jacobsen said the fall event was scheduled for October 3 and would coincide with the city's Fall Festival.

APPROVED

Angela Odum, a Representative of the Survivor Empowerment Center provided an overview of services and support offered to survivors of sexual assault along with statistics and information on community partners. Odom thanked the city for consideration of the proclamation, which would recognize April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Alderman Pitts made a motion to Adopt a Proclamation naming the month of April 2026-Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Alderman Hill seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Carl Meyer, Public Works Dept, was present and provided a positive report on new employee, Dathan Samuels completing his 90-day probation period. Council discussed consideration of a wage increase.

Alderman Racey made a motion to release Samuels from his probation period with a wage increase of $2.00 per hour. Alderman Pitts seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian Carey expressed appreciation for recent communication to residents via the city website and text. Carey also inquired about the status of the recycling program. Administrative Assistant Harris, noted that battery recycling is now being collected at city hall under new Illinois law.

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Wright reported Smart Transit ridership for the month of February. Wright also reported, as a sponsor, the city was invited to the Johnson County CEO program trade show at Fellowship Baptist Church, Friday, April 17.

Alderman Elliott inquired about the status of a grocery store coming to town. Penrod noted a few grocery stores had been contacted but there was no interest at this time.

Alderman Tuey said the previously planned fireworks shooter is unable to participate so a company shooter from American patriot Pyro will conduct the display.

Tuey also announced the Liberty Tree dedication by the Sons of the American Revolution to be held at the city library, Saturday, April 11 at 3:00 p.m.

Mayor Penrod informed council that the city's current auditor notified the city via email that they will no longer perform audits. The city will be seeking an auditor for the 2025 and 2026 fiscal years.

Penrod updated council on recent housing development saying the builder's plan is to pursue an opportunity zone program. With this program the earliest possible start date would be January, 2027. The program also offers funding to municipalities for infrastructure, which could include the sewer improvement the city is looking to make in connection with the housing development. More information would be provided.

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Penrod said work on the water tower has begun and it will be taken out of service on Monday, April 6. The city would inform residents by sending out an all-text message. Water plant work would begin after the tower was finished.

Penrod reported that a pump failed at the lagoon. The city would order a replacement chopper pump and be reimbursed by the Sewer District.

Penrod mentioned that Revive Vienna discussed with the county of purchasing an American Flag themed light fixture to place in front of the county parking lot on 146 W, for commemorating the 250th anniversary of America. Council supported the idea of cost sharing. The city would take action at the next scheduled meeting.

Penrod mentioned 7 acres for sale on North 6th Street. Brief discussion took place.

As there was no further business to discuss, Alderman Pitts made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Alderman Tuey. Mayor Penrod declared the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

For APPROVAL: April 15, 2026

Steve Penrod, Mayor

Aleatha Wright, City Clerk

APPROVED