

STATE OF ILLINOIS

MACOUPIN COUNTY

January 19, 2026

### **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Alderman Ober, Alderman Link, Alderman Reichmann, Alderman Gracey, Alderman LeVora, Alderman Reese, Alderman Carla Brockmeier, Mayor Doug Downey, City Clerk Mary Heller, Treasurer Bill Fanning, Police Chief Derek Graham, Bobbi Bates Zoning Administrator/Econ Dev/Grant Writing, and the Deputy City Clerk Lacey Manning.

Approval of Previous Minutes - Motion was made by Alderman Ober to approve the minutes of the January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Council Meeting and place on file, seconded by Alderman Reese, motion passed unanimously. 7-0

Approval of Bills - Motion was made to approve the bills and place on file by Alderman Reichmann, seconded by Alderman LeVora, motion passed unanimously. 7-0

### **Correspondence**

Brave Days (Jon Convery) – Motion was made to allow Jon Convery from Brave Hazel Boutique to use the square for his annual Brave Days Celebration on October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026 by Alderman Link, seconded by Alderman Brockmeier, motion passed unanimously. 7-0

### **Public Comment**

Mayor Downey informed the Council about the City of Carlinville, Macoupin County, Illinois Tax Increment Financing District Joint Review Board on Monday February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 5:30p.m. before the regular City Council Meeting.

Mayor Downey reminded the Alderman about the Chamber Dinner on Thursday January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 at Blackburn, and all Alderman are invited to go.

Bobbi Bates spoke about the Community Workshop on Monday January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from 6:00-7:00p.m. here at City Hall to review the recent planning materials and gather public input. There will be an update on the Illinois Housing Development Authority Project.

**Old Business** – NONE

### **New Business**

Appointment of Alderman (Ward 4) – Motion was made by Alderman Ober, seconded by Alderman Gracey, motion passed unanimously (7-0) to appoint Paula Fogle as Alderman for Ward 4. Mayor Doug Downey sworn in Paula Fogle as Alderman (Ward 4).

Carlinville CPA Audit (May 1, 2024 – April 30, 2025) – Angela Verticchio with Carlinville CPA presented our audit for 2024-2025 and the single audit. The audit was in order for the last fiscal year with no immediate red flags, the usual separation of duties.

Open Sealed Bids for Cleaning Services – Motion was made to open all bids by Alderman Link, seconded by Alderman Ober, motion passed unanimously. 8-0 Motion was made to accept K&S Cleaning Services bid for \$2,020.00 a month by Alderman Reichmann, seconded by Alderman Brockmeier, motion passed unanimously. 8-0

Intergovernmental Agreement with School District for School Resource Officer – Motion was made to renew the Intergovernmental Agreement with the School District for the School Resource Officer until 2028 by Alderman Reichmann, seconded by Alderman Link, motion passed unanimously. 8-0

Solicitation Ordinance / Website Link – Motion was made to approve the amended Solicitation Ordinance with discussed changes and to approve the Illini Tech bid for \$650.00 to add the solicitation link to our website by Alderman Brockmeier, seconded by Alderman Gracey, motion passed unanimously. 8-0

Façade – Motion was made to approve the 2026 Façade Application with a couple changes by Alderman Reichmann, seconded by Alderman Ober, motion passed unanimously. 8-0

Tree City Ordinance – Motion was made to approve the amending Carlinville Tree City Ordinance with changes by Alderman Reese, seconded by Alderman Reichmann, motion passed unanimously. 8-0

MECO Update and Proposal – Motion was made to accept the contract agreement from MECO Engineering for Engineering Cost for PER, EA (Study and Report Phase) \$250,000 (COMPLETE), Engineering – Planning \$300,000 by Alderman LeVora, seconded by Alderman Brockmeier, motion passed 7-1, with Alderman Reese voting nay on the motion.

Motion was made to go into executive session by Alderman Link at 6:56 p.m., for the purpose of discussing real estate, seconded by Alderman Brockmeier, motion passed unanimously. 8-0

***Executive Session – Real Estate Negotiations***

Motion was made to come out of executive session by Alderman Ober at 7:11 p.m., for the purpose of discussing real estate, seconded by Alderman Gracey, motion passed unanimously. 8-0

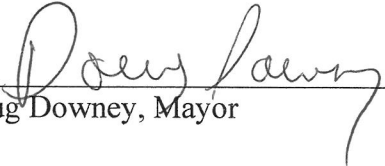
Approval of Appraisal of Real Estate / Approve Offer / Enter into Negotiations for Real Estate -  
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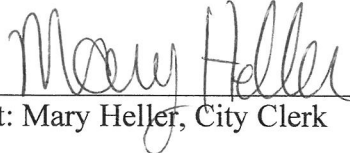
Approval of Minutes / Executive Session – Motion was made to approve and release executive session minutes for 11/04/24, 04/07/25, 04/28/25, 09/08/25 and to approve the executive session

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minutes for 08/04/25, but maintain them as confidential by Alderman Brockmeier, seconded by Alderman LeVora, motion passed unanimously. 8-0

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Reichmann at 7:13 p.m., seconded by Alderman Ober, motion passed unanimously. 8-0

  
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Doug Downey, Mayor

  
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Attest: Mary Heller, City Clerk