

STATE OF ILLINOIS

MACOUPIN COUNTY

February 16, 2026

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

PRESENT: Alderman Ober, Alderman Link, Alderman Reichmann, Alderman Gracey, Alderman LeVora, Alderman Brockmeier, Alderman Fogle, Mayor Doug Downey, City Clerk Mary Heller, Police Chief Derek Graham, Bobbi Bates Zoning Administrator/Econ Dev/Grant Writing,
ABSENT: Alderman Reese

Approval of Previous Minutes - Motion was made by Alderman Ober to approve the minutes of the February 2nd, 2026, Council Meeting and place on file, seconded by Alderman Brockmeier, motion passed unanimously. 7-0

Approval of Bills - Motion was made to approve the bills and place on file by Alderman LeVora, seconded by Alderman Reichmann, motion passed, 6-1 with Alderman Fogle abstaining.

Correspondence - NONE

Public Comment

Mayor Downey let the Council know that Tom Emery will be at the Library on February 26th, 2026; to talk about the history of grocery stores in Carlinville and they will be doing an update on the Our Market.

Chief Graham informed the Council about the changes being made to the Side-by-Side Stickers. They are changing the sticker program, so that each year the sticker color will be different. They are going to pro-rate for 2026, then starting January of 2027 everyone will have to have a new sticker by the 1st of January every year.

Old Business

Approval of Appraisal of Real Estate / Approve Offer / Enter into Negotiations for Real Estate – No motion was made at this time.

New Business

IHDA Presentation – Presentation was given by Amy Bashiti on the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) Housing Needs Assessment and Community Revitalization Plan.

CoBank / Amendment to Revolving Credit Promissory Note – Motion was made to extend the Revolving Credit Promissory Note for the CoBank Loan until February 28, 2027, by Alderman Link, seconded by Alderman Ober, motion passed unanimously. 7-0

Madison Communications – Motion was made to accept the addition of the Madison Communications bid for extra headsets and a conference phone for the Council Chamber of \$2,525.45 by Alderman Brockmeier, seconded by Alderman Reichmann, motion passed unanimously. 7-0

Water-PRA & ERP Update Project – Motion was made to approve the recertification of the RRA & Emergency Response Plan (ERP) for 5 more years with Woodard & Curran by Alderman LeVora, seconded by Alderman Gracey, motion passed unanimously. 7-0

Open Snow Removal Bids – Motion was made to open all bids by Alderman Reichmann, seconded by Alderman Ober, motion passed unanimously. 7-0 Motion to Table and pass to Public Works was made by Alderman Ober, seconded by Alderman Link, motion passed unanimously. 7-0

CEJA Workforce Hub – Motion was made to take \$10,000.00 out of the Energy Transition Grant and move it into the CEJA Workforce Hub by Alderman Link, seconded by Alderman Brockmeier, motion passed unanimously. 7-0

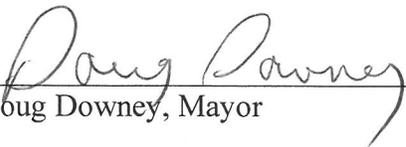
Amendment to Chapter 40 / Zoning Code / Pollinators – Mayor Downey spoke and let the Council know about the Zoning Meeting in September that talked about the best way to handle the pollinator gardens. He talked about the changes made to the Code. Just an FYI, so it can be finalized and all updates made.

Motion was made to go into executive session by Alderman LeVora at 6:52 p.m., for the purpose of discussing real estate, seconded by Alderman Ober, motion passed unanimously. 7-0

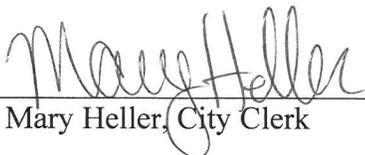
Executive Session – Real Estate Negotiations

Motion was made to come out of executive session by Alderman Brockmeier at 6:55 p.m., for the purpose of discussing real estate, seconded by Alderman Ober, motion passed unanimously. 7-0

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Reichmann at 6:56 p.m., seconded by Alderman LeVora, motion passed unanimously. 7-0



Doug Downey, Mayor



Attest: Mary Heller, City Clerk