

STATE OF ILLINOIS

MACOUPIN COUNTY

June 15, 2026

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

Approval of Previous Minutes - Motion was made by Alderman Ober to approve the minutes of the June 1st, 2026, Council Meeting and place on file, seconded by Alderman LeVora, motion passed unanimously. 8-0

Approval of Bills - Motion was made to approve the bills and place on file by Alderman Reichmann, seconded by Alderman Gracey, motion passed unanimously. 8-0

Police Department Report – No Questions or Concerns.

Correspondence

2026 Flotilla Parade – Motion was made to approve and place on file the 2026 Flotilla Parade Route for 07/25/2026 at 3:00p.m by Alderman Reichmann, seconded by Alderman LeVora, motion passed unanimously. 8-0

109 West and Unhinged Motorcycle Club / Road Closure Request – Motion was made to approve and place on file the 109 West and Unhinged Motorcycle Club request to temporarily close North West Street, as well as Sonnemann Street off the square on August 22, 2026 from 4:30-11:00 p.m. for a Bike Night Event by Alderman Brockmeier, seconded by Alderman Gracey, motion passed unanimously. 8-0

Randy Ober Resignation (Alderman Ward 4) – Motion was made with regrets to accept and place on file the resignation of Randy Ober (Alderman of Ward 4) by Alderman Reichmann, seconded by Alderman LeVora, motion passed unanimously. 8-0

Public Comment: NONE

Old Business: NONE

New Business

Employee Health Insurance – United Healthcare for health benefits and Standard for dental and vision benefits were the quotes that the City Council thought as a good fit to offer to our Carlinville City Employees. Motion was made to accept the Health Insurance Quote from United Healthcare for \$1,203.74 per an employee / \$32,500.98 monthly premium, and the same for the Vision and Dental Plan, just renewing the Standard Plan at \$36.04 per employee for dental and \$6.52 per employee for vision by Alderman Brockmeier, seconded by Alderman Link, motion passed unanimously. 8-0

Purchase of Cat Backhoe Loader – Motion was made to purchase a New CAT backhoe loader for \$91,000.00 from Altorfer by Alderman Brockmeier, seconded by Alderman Ober, motion passed unanimously. 8-0

Hiring of 2 Part Time Dispatchers – Motion was made to hire 2 new part-time dispatchers for the Police Department by Alderman Reichmann, seconded by Alderman LeVora, motion passed unanimously. 8-0

Economic Development Update / Housing Development Opportunity – Bobbi Bates updated the Council on what could possibly happen with the City's housing development. We are at the beginning process, so nothing is definite yet. Karlee Macer will be coming to the July 20th Meeting to further talk about the LHDC (Labor's Home Development Corporation).

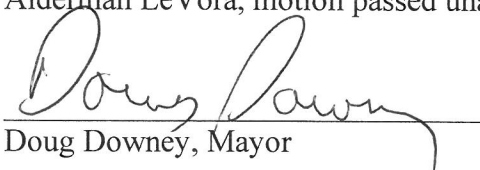
1 ½ Zoning District / Discussion – Mayor Downey spoke about the 1 ½ mile zoning district that Carlinville should consider. Several municipalities around us have been having issues with companies coming in and putting in wind farms, solar farms, data centers, and battery storage facilities and they can't stop them from putting them so close to town. If we had a 1 ½ mile zoning district we could stop them from being so close to town. Mayor Downey believes this is something the city really needs to consider.

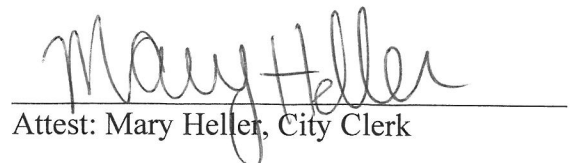
****NOT ON AGENDA****

Mayor Downey reminded the council about the HAM Radio Fest happening at the Macoupin County Fairgrounds on June 27th and 28th, 2026. They invite all elected officials to come.

Mayor Downey presented Alderman Ober with a plaque for his 22 years of service as an Alderman and thanked him. Alderman Ober gave a short speech and thanked all past and present Alderman and Mayors and wished everyone the best of luck.

Motion to adjourn for the last time was made by Alderman Ober at 6:27 p.m., seconded by Alderman LeVora, motion passed unanimously. 8-0


Doug Downey, Mayor


Attest: Mary Heller, City Clerk