

STATE OF ILLINOIS

MACOUPIN COUNTY

July 20, 2026

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

ABSENT: Alderman Fogle

Approval of Previous Minutes - Motion was made by Alderman Reichmann to approve the minutes of the June 15th, 2026, Council Meeting and place on file, seconded by Alderman Reese, motion passed unanimously. 6-0

Approval of Bills - Motion was made to approve the bills and place on file by Alderman Brockmeier, seconded by Alderman LeVora, motion passed unanimously. 6-0

Police Department Report – No Questions or Concerns.

Correspondence

Police Officer Resignation (James Garner) – Motion was made to accept and place on file the resignation of Police Officer James Garner by Alderman Brockmeier, seconded by Alderman Link, motion passed unanimously. 6-0

Public Comment

Mayor Downey let the Council know that Jon Griffel (President of the Chamber) wanted to come and thank the Council for the support that the Chamber received for the 62626 Day, but he got tied up with farming. Mayor Downey let the Council know that there are thank you letters in their mailboxes.

Jerome Jacobs (New Owner of the Lewis and Clark Building) came and introduced himself to the Council, so they can put a face with a name.

Old Business:

1 ½ Mile 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. Motion was made to move

forward with this and get an agreement and ordinance drawn up by Don Craven by Alderman Reichmann, seconded by Alderman Brockmeier, motion passed 5-1, with Alderman Reese voting nay on the motion.

Grant Updates – Bobbi Bates the Zoning Administrator/Econ Dev/Grant Writer spoke about the Business Park Planning Grant, Housing Initiative (IHDA Grant), and the Safe Routes to School Grant and updated the Council where we were at on those Grants.

New Business

Appointment of Alderman (Ward 4) – Motion was made by Alderman Brockmeier, seconded by Alderman LeVora, motion passed unanimously (6-0) to appoint Joe Direso as Alderman for Ward 4. Mayor Doug Downey sworn in Joe Direso as Alderman (Ward 4).

Hiring of a New Police Officer – Motion was made to hire 2 new full-time Officers for the Police Department to keep ahead of the turnover that is happening throughout the Department by Alderman LeVora, seconded by Alderman Link, motion passed unanimously. 7-0

City Administrator Salary Range – Motion was made to change the Salary Range for the City Administrator Position to \$90,000-\$105,000 by Alderman Reichmann, seconded by Alderman Gracey, motion passed unanimously. 7-0

IDOT Request for Approval of Change of Plans – Motion was made to accept the IDOT Request for Approval of Change of Plans by Alderman Link, seconded by Alderman Brockmeier, motion passed unanimously. 7-0

IDOT Engineer's Payment Estimate – Motion was made to accept the IDOT Engineer's Payment Estimate by Alderman Link, seconded by Alderman Gracey, motion passed unanimously. 7-0

305 E. Main Sewer Main – Motion was made to accept the bid from Stutz Excavating Inc. for \$44,175.00 by Alderman LeVora, seconded by Alderman Brockmeier, motion passed unanimously. 7-0

IPWMAN / Become a Member – Motion was made to move forward with the ordinance and agreement and to become an IPWMAN Member by Alderman Brockmeier, seconded by Alderman Link, motion passed unanimously. 7-0

Ordinance Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement for Participation in the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network (IPWMAN) – Motion was made to approve the Ordinance Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement for Participation in the IPWMAN by Alderman Brockmeier, seconded by Alderman Link, motion passed unanimously. 7-0

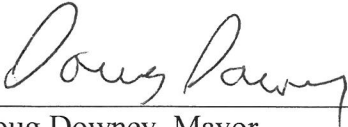
Anaerobic Digester Building Roof – Motion was made to accept the bid from B&H Roofing for \$13,485.00 to install a TPO Roof on one of the buildings at the WWTP by Alderman Link, seconded by Alderman Reese, motion passed unanimously. 7-0

Illinois Avenue Parking Spot Removal – Motion was made to approve the removal of the parking spots on the right side of Illinois Avenue for the school to have loading and drop off space by Alderman Reichmann, seconded by Alderman Brockmeier, motion passed unanimously. 7-0

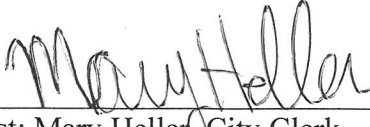
Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant Application – Motion was made to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an OSLAD Grant Application by Alderman Reichmann, seconded by Alderman Reese, motion passed unanimously. 7-0

Ordinance Approving Zoning Map Amendments and a Variance – Motion was made to approve the Ordinance Approving Zoning Map Amendments and a Variance by Alderman Link, seconded by Alderman Brockmeier, motion passed unanimously. 7-0

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Reichmann at 6:35 p.m., seconded by Alderman Direso, motion passed unanimously. 7-0



Doug Downey, Mayor



Attest: Mary Heller, City Clerk