



City Council Meeting Agenda
West Peoria City Hall
Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

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1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Additions to/or Deletions from the Agenda
4. Motion to Approve Minutes from the regular meeting of **April 8, 2025**
5. Motion to Receive and File the Treasurer's Report from **February 2025**
6. Community Police Report
7. Mayor's Report
8. Public Hearing - The purpose of this Public Hearing is for the West Peoria City Council to consider the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year 2026 beginning May 1, 2025, and ending April 30, 2026.
 - a. Motion to Open the Public Hearing
 - b. Swearing in of Witnesses
 - c. Presentation
 - d. Other Witness Testimony
 - e. Motion to Finally Close the Public Hearing
9. Public Comment
10. Committee Reports:
 - a. Finance Committee: Chair Mathewson: The Committee last met on **April 2, 2025**. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, **May 7, 2025** at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.
 - b. Transportation Committee: Chair Silver: The Committee last met on **April 16, 2025**. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, **May 21, 2025** at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.
 - c. Land Use Committee: Chair Dohm: The Committee last met on **April 2, 2025**. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, **May 7, 2025** at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.
 - d. Public Safety Committee: Chair Ruskusky: The Committee last met on **April 16, 2025**. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, **May 21, 2025** at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.
11. New Business
 - a. Motion to pass **Ordinance 2025-08** Adopting the **Annual Budget for the City of West Peoria** for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2025, and Ending April 30, 2026
 - b. Motion to pass **Ordinance 2025-09** Approving and Adopting the Following **Grant Programs** for FY2026: Residential Redevelopment Program, Residential Paint Program, Neighborhood Safety Improvement Grant Program and Business Improvement Program
 - c. Motion to pass **Ordinance 2025-10** Approval and Adopting FY2026 Residential Redevelopment Grant Program for the West Peoria **Tax Increment Financing District 1**
 - d. Motion to pass **Ordinance 2025-11** Approving the Donation, Sale or Disposal of Surplus Personal Property of the City

- e. Motion to authorize payment to **Widmer Interiors** for new furniture in the amount of \$33,986.43 (line item 20-00-820)
 - f. Motion to authorize payment to **TechWorks** for monthly IT support and the IT rack for the new City Hall in the amount of \$3,976.00 (line item: 01-11-537, 01-11-656 and 01-11-657)
 - g. Motion to authorize payment to **IMEG** for testing services at the new City Hall in the amount of \$4,900.00 (line item: 20-00-820)
12. Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Reviewing Previous Executive Session Minutes - 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21), Appointment of Public Officials - 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (3), Setting of a Price for Sale or Lease of Property Owned by the Public Body - 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (6)
13. Return from Executive Session - Roll Call
14. Actions Arising From the Executive Session
- a. Motion to Approve the Minutes from the **January 14, 2025** Executive Session
 - b. Motion to Release/Retain the Minutes from the **January 14, 2025** Executive Session
 - c. Motion to appoint a Trustee for the West Peoria Fire Protection District
 - d. Other
15. Oaths of Office for newly elected Alderpersons and Trustee:
- a. Ward 1 – 4 year term: LeRoy Dohm Jr.
 - b. Ward 2 – 4 year term: Merlin “Rocky” Mathewson
 - c. Ward 3 – 4 year term: Clark Abraham
 - d. Ward 4 – 2 year, unexpired term: Mike Menke
 - e. Ward 4 – 4 year term: James E. Silver
 - f. WPPFD Trustee
16. Public Comment
17. Motion to Adjourn

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1. Mayor Dillon called the meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m. and Joseph Menke, an Eagle Scout, led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call Members present were Mayor Dillon, Alderpersons Corbett, Dohm, Dillon, Mathewson, Abraham, Ruskusky, Menke, and Silver. Also present were City Administrator Krider, City Treasurer McGill, residents Marlene Carter, Bob DeSutter, Mary and Joseph Menke, guests Barry Cassano, Joel Schreiber, West Peoria Fire Protection District Chief Terry Schadt, and Clerk Barnes. City Attorney Connor and residents Priscilla Peterson, Susan Schlupp, and John Siewert II attended remotely.
3. There were no Additions to/or Deletions from the Agenda.
4. A Motion to Approve Minutes from the regular meeting of **April 8, 2025** was made by Alderperson Corbett and seconded by Alderperson Menke. There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Corbett, Menke, Dohm, Dillon, Mathewson, Abraham, Ruskusky, and Silver – 8 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: - 0 **Motion carried.**
5. A Motion to Receive and File the Treasurer's Report from **February 2025** was made by Alderperson Mathewson and seconded by Alderperson Dillon. There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Mathewson, Dillon, Corbett, Dohm, Abraham, Ruskusky, Menke, and Silver – 8 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: - 0 **Motion carried.**
6. Community Police Report was not given.
7. The Mayor's Report included that the construction of the new Franciscan Recreation Center playground began yesterday. The Post Office Box at the corner of Sterling and Rohmann Avenues will be moved soon to a spot next to Haddad's. It is hoped that it will be a new box and it will be moved soon as the concrete in the area is on hold until it is. Don't forget that the Clean Up Day for West Peoria residents is this Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to get rid of "stuff" because the current landfill is now closed. If needed one could take things to the Wiegand transfer station in Chillicothe or Indian Creek in Hopedale. Remember that electronics are still being accepted – although that may change in future Clean Up Days. The staff have been busy preparing for the move into the new City Hall, and today the movers took the file cabinets and furniture over there. It is hoped that May 1, 2025 the move will be complete. With the Grant program this year, starting May 1st, please be patient with the process as the staff negotiates two buildings! We have a new Office Assistant, Andrew Faulkner. Welcome, Andrew!
Tonight is the last meeting for Alderperson Corbett, who is resigning. He will be moving out west for a job change. Thank you for your work on the Council and the Finance and Land Use Committees the last two years! Three residents have expressed an interest in filling the position for the last two years of Alderperson Corbett's term. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

8. Public Hearing - The purpose of this Public Hearing is for the West Peoria City Council to consider the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year 2026 beginning May 1, 2025, and ending April 30, 2026.
- A Motion to Open the Public Hearing was made by Alderperson Mathewson and seconded by Alderperson Corbett. There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Mathewson, Dillon, Corbett, Dohm, Abraham, Ruskusky, Menke, and Silver – 8 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: - 0 **Motion carried.**
 - Swearing in of Witnesses – there were no witnesses to be sworn in.
 - Presentation by Administrator Krider included the highlights of the budget, especially on page 2.
 - Other Witness Testimony – There were no witnesses.
 - A Motion to Finally Close the Public Hearing was made by Alderperson Mathewson and seconded by Alderperson Corbett. There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Mathewson, Dillon, Corbett, Dohm, Abraham, Ruskusky, Menke, and Silver – 8 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: - 0 **Motion carried.**
9. Public Comment: The Boy Scouts are still selling Trash Bags. If you didn't get a chance to purchase and want to do so, please contact Bob DeSutter (309) 369-7296.
10. Committee Reports:
- Finance Committee: Chair Mathewson: The Committee last met on **April 2, 2025**. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, **May 7, 2025** at 5:30 p.m. at the New City Hall.
 - Transportation Committee: Chair Silver: The Committee last met on **April 16, 2025**. The Committee did their regular housekeeping duties. Bergan Sidewalk Project has begun. The Committee discussed ideas concerning the parking problems at the intersection of Waverly and Callender Avenues. Next month the discussion will continue with more ideas about what can be done sooner and less expensively until the big plans can be afforded. Currently painting curbs red for no parking along the west side of Waverly Avenue from Callender to Ayers and a bush that may be obstructing sight at that intersection will be removed. The group discussed their FY 2026 Goals and will continue that discussion next month with objectives to obtain their goals. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, **May 21, 2025** at 5:30 p.m. at the New City Hall.
 - Land Use Committee: Chair Dohm: The Committee last met on **April 2, 2025**. Thank you to Alderperson Corbett for his help on this committee the past two years. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, **May 7, 2025** at 6:30 p.m. at the New City Hall.
 - Public Safety Committee: Chair Ruskusky: The Committee last met on **March 19, 2025**. The April 16, 2025 meeting was canceled. A reminder of Clean Up Day this Saturday, April 26, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It's a good day to get your junk gone. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, **May 21, 2025** at 6:30 p.m. at the New City Hall.
11. New Business:
- A Motion to pass **Ordinance 2025 – 08** Adopting the **Annual Budget for the City of West Peoria** for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2025, and Ending April 30, 2026 was made by Alderperson Mathewson and seconded by Alderperson Dillon. Alderperson Mathewson, who chairs the Finance Committee, thanked Administrator Krider for all her hard work with the Budget this year. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Mathewson, Dillon, Corbett, Dohm, Abraham, Ruskusky, Menke, and Silver – 8 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: - 0 **Motion carried.**

- b. A Motion to pass **Ordinance 2025 – 09** Approving and Adopting the Following **Grant Programs** for FY2026: Residential Redevelopment Program, Residential Paint Program, Neighborhood Safety Improvement Grant Program and Business Improvement Program was made by Alderperson Mathewson and seconded by Alderperson Corbett. There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Mathewson, Corbett, Dohm, Dillon, Abraham, Ruskusky, Menke, and Silver – 8 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: - 0 **Motion carried.**
 - c. A Motion to pass **Ordinance 2025 – 10** Approval and Adopting FY2026 Residential Redevelopment Grant Program for the West Peoria **Tax Increment Financing District 1** was made by Alderperson Mathewson and seconded by Alderperson Corbett. There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Mathewson, Corbett, Dohm, Dillon, Abraham, Ruskusky, Menke, and Silver – 8 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: - 0 **Motion carried.**
 - d. A Motion to Motion to pass **Ordinance 2025 – 11** Approving the Donation, Sale or Disposal of Surplus Personal Property of the City was made by Alderperson Dohm and seconded by Alderperson Dillon. There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Dohm, Dillon, Corbett, Mathewson, Abraham, Ruskusky, Menke, and Silver – 8 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: - 0 **Motion carried.**
 - e. A Motion to authorize payment to **Widmer Interiors** for new furniture in the amount of \$33,986.43 (line item 20-00-820) was made by Alderperson Mathewson and seconded by Alderperson Dillon. There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Mathewson, Dillon, Corbett, Dohm, Abraham, Ruskusky, Menke, and Silver – 8 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: - 0 **Motion carried.**
 - f. A Motion to authorize payment to **TechWorks** for monthly IT support and the IT rack for the new City Hall in the amount of \$3,976.00 (line item: 01-11-537, 01-11-656 and 01-11-657) was made by Alderperson Mathewson and seconded by Alderperson Corbett. Comment that this was for accessories for the IT support. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Mathewson, Corbett, Dohm, Dillon, Abraham, Ruskusky, Menke, and Silver – 8 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: - 0 **Motion carried.**
 - g. A Motion to authorize payment to **IMEG** for testing services at the new City Hall in the amount of \$4,900.00 (line item: 20-00-820) was deleted due to needed clarifications.
12. A Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose(s) of those stated below:
 “The selection of a person to fill a public office...including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given the power to appoint under law or ordinance” and “the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance.” **5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (3)**
 “The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.” **5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6)**
 and “Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06 of the Act.” **5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21)** was made by Alderperson Silver at 7:20 p.m. and seconded by Alderperson Dohm. There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Silver, Dohm, Corbett, Dillon, Mathewson, Abraham, Ruskusky, and Menke – 8 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: - 0
Motion carried.

13. Return from Executive Session at 7:29 p.m. Roll Call: Mayor Dillon, Alderpersons Corbett, Dohm, Dillon, Mathewson, Abraham, Ruskusky, Menke, and Silver
14. Actions Arising From the Executive Session:
- a. A Motion to Approve the Minutes from the January 14, 2025 Executive Session was made by Alderperson Corbett and seconded by Alderperson Abraham. There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Corbett, Abraham, Dohm, Dillon, Mathewson, Ruskusky, Menke, and Silver – 8 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: - 0 **Motion carried.**
 - b. A Motion to Retain the Minutes from the January 14, 2025 Executive Session was made by Alderperson Dohm and seconded by Alderperson Corbett. There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Dohm, Corbett, Dillon, Mathewson, Abraham, Ruskusky, Menke, and Silver – 8 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: - 0 **Motion carried.**
 - c. A Motion to approve the reappointment of Joel Schreiber as Trustee for the West Peoria Fire Protection District was made by Alderperson Ruskusky and seconded by Alderperson Dohm. There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Ruskusky, Dohm, Corbett, Dillon, Mathewson, Abraham, Menke, and Silver – 8 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: - 0 **Motion carried.**
15. Oaths of Office for newly elected: Alderpersons and Trustee were sworn in by Clerk Barnes:
- a. Ward 1 – 4 year term: LeRoy Dohm Jr.
 - b. Ward 2 – 4 year term: Merlin “Rocky” Mathewson
 - c. Ward 3 – 4 year term: Clark Abraham
 - d. Ward 4 – 2 year, unexpired term: Mike Menke
 - e. Ward 4 – 4 year term: James E. Silver
 - f. WPPFD Trustee, Joel Schreiber
16. Public Comment: Alderperson Corbett thanked the Council for the past two years.
17. A Motion to Adjourn was made by Alderperson Silver at 7:41 p.m. and seconded by Alderperson Abraham. **Motion carried by voice.**

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Respectfully submitted,


Mary M. Barnes, City Clerk



