

01 September 2026 Minutes of the Regular and Committee of the Whole Meetings of the Silvis City Council held in Silvis City Hall, Council Chambers, 121 11th Street Silvis at 6:30pm.

Call Committee of the Whole to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Bob Cervantes called 01 September 2026 Silvis Council Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 6:30pm and asked City Clerk Amy Malmstrom to call Roll.

1) Pledge of Allegiance

2) Roll Call

Members Present: Alderman Chad Vroman, Alderman Rick Butts, Alderman Doug Greer, Alderman Jim DuPage, Alderman Steve Marinaccio, Alderman Dave Rice, Alderwoman Ariel Wilcox, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters

3) Proclamation: Volunteer of the Year, Swear in Officer Merissa Miner

4) Remote Electronic Attendance (if necessary)

Approval of the remote electronic attendance of certain elected officials

5) Public Comment: Joe Staes, Tony Trulson

6) Discussion and possible action:

6.1 Axon Vehicle Cam in the amount of \$12,270.20

Motion:

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to discuss Axon Vehicle Cam in the amount of \$12,270.20. Motion seconded by Alderman Steve Marinaccio.

Motion carried via voice vote:

Motion:

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to move Axon Vehicle Cam in the amount of \$12,270.20 to 21st of September Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Alderman Chad Vroman.

Vote:

Members Vote: Alderman Chad Vroman - Yes, Alderman Rick Butts – Yes, Alderman Doug Greer – Yes, Alderman Jim DuPage – Yes, Alderman Steve Marinaccio – Yes, Alderman David Rice - Yes, Alderwoman Ariel Wilcox – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays Absent 0

6.2 Police Squad Car from Princeton Auto Leasing in the amount of \$63,555.99

Motion:

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to discuss Police Squad Car from Princeton Auto Leasing in the amount of \$63,555.99. Motion seconded by Alderman Dave Rice.

Motion carried via voice vote:

Motion:

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to move Police Squad Car from Princeton Auto Leasing in the amount of \$63,555.99 to 21st of September Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Alderman Steve Marinaccio.

Vote:

Members Vote: Alderman Chad Vroman - Yes, Alderman Rick Butts – Yes, Alderman Doug Greer – Yes, Alderman Jim DuPage – Yes, Alderman Steve Marinaccio – Yes, Alderman David Rice - Yes, Alderwoman Ariel Wilcox – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays Absent 0

6.3 To concur in the finding of the City Administrator concerning the exigent circumstances of the 14th St. Storm Drainage Project, to ratify the action of the City Administrator in entering into the contract with McClintock Trucking and Excavating, and to approve payment in the amount NTE \$60,000.

Motion:

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to discuss to concur in the finding of the City Administrator concerning the exigent circumstances of the 14th St. Storm Drainage Project, to ratify the action of the City Administrator in entering into the contract with McClintock Trucking and Excavating, and to approve payment in the amount NTE \$60,000. Motion seconded by Alderman Doug Greer.

Motion carried via voice vote:

Motion:

Alderman Jim DuPage made a motion to move to concur in the finding of the City Administrator concerning the exigent circumstances of the 14th St. Storm Drainage Project, to ratify the action of the City Administrator in entering into the contract with McClintock Trucking and Excavating, and to approve payment in the amount NTE \$60,000 to 21st of September Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Alderman Steve Marinaccio.

Vote:

Members Vote: Alderman Chad Vroman - Yes, Alderman Rick Butts – Yes, Alderman Doug Greer – Yes, Alderman Jim DuPage – Yes, Alderman Steve Marinaccio – Yes, Alderman David Rice - Yes, Alderwoman Ariel Wilcox – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes
Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays Absent 0

6.4 RMA bill \$76,364.91

Motion:

Alderman Rick Butts made a motion to discuss RMA bill \$76,364.91. Motion seconded by Alderman Steve Marinaccio.

Motion carried via voice vote:

Motion:

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to move RMA bill \$76,354.91 to 21st of September Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Alderman Steve Marinaccio.

Vote:

Members Vote: Alderman Chad Vroman - Yes, Alderman Rick Butts – Yes, Alderman Doug Greer – Yes, Alderman Jim DuPage – Yes, Alderman Steve Marinaccio – Yes, Alderman David Rice - Yes, Alderwoman Ariel Wilcox – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes
Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays Absent 0

7) Informational:

7.1) City Attorney Report:

Keri Lynn had no report.

7.2) City Administrator's Report:

Jerry said the Phipps Park House has been demolished, along with that it helped us fulfill our needs for the OSLAD Grant Application which did also go in and has been submitted. Our Comprehensive Planning is ongoing we are in month 5 of our 12-month

process. We did have a meeting with Jacobs and Klien, which is the legal firm that administers our TIF accounts, thank you to those who showed up for that meeting in August. Update to 3rd Street, we did get 1.1 million from the state but there is a process to receive those funds, they do not just come down and write you a check. We are in the process of receiving those funds. 7th is still on books, and we are submitting grants for that as well. If we do not get it, we keep trying every year by revising those applications and resending.

Statement from Jerry:

As we approach Labor Day weekend, the city looks forward to celebrating the contributions of our working men and woman. Silvis has historically participated in the Quad City Labor Day Parade, and we plan to do so again next Monday.

On Friday, we were notified by Daniel Gosa, the President of the Parade Committee that Silvis was being removed from the parade because of what the committee had been told was a pending unfair labor practice charge against the city.

The email from Mr. Gosa said that we were being removed because of a pending unfair labor practice charge. Silvis does not have any pending unfair labor practice charges, so we immediately asked our attorney to get involved with this matter to figure out why we were removed based on false information.

That information was false. There is no pending unfair labor practice charge against the City of Silvis.

What does exist is a pending union grievance filed by Shannon Pirmann involving an individual employment dispute. That grievance remains unresolved and is proceeding through the appropriate process. Because it involves an individual employment matter, the city appropriately has not publicly discussed its merits.

We immediately asked our attorney to contact Mr. Gosa to determine how the city had been excluded from the parade based on information that was simply not true.

After receiving a letter from our attorney, Mr. Gosa contacted our mayor and advised him that the city would be reinstated in the parade because the committee had been given incorrect information. He subsequently confirmed in writing that they “regret any confusion or misunderstanding that may have arisen as a result of information relayed to them by Shannon Pirmann.”

Mr. Gosa also advised the city that he was taking steps to remove Ms. Pirmann as Recording Secretary of the Greater River Area Labor Federation and to remove her from serving as a Board Member of the Quad City Labor Day Parade Alliance Board.

We appreciate Mr. Gosa’s willingness to investigate what occurred, correct the misinformation, and promptly reinstate the city to the parade.

The City of Silvis values its relationship with organized labor – but an individual employment matter should not be used to interfere with the City’s participation in the community even – particularly based on false information.

We believe our residents deserve to know what happened, and we are pleased that the matter has been corrected. We look forward to celebrating Labor Day with our employees, residents and local unions on Monday.

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7.3) City Engineer's Report: None

7.4) City Treasurer's Report: In Packet

7.5) City Clerk's Report:

Amy said she wanted to remind everyone of the Hispanic Heritage Festival coming up, we ask for more volunteers, we ask that more people come out to our community events, as elected officials, and staff we ask you to support what the city is doing for the betterment of the community. We do these events for our residents to bring the betterment of the community, so we ask that you do attend those things.

7.6) Mayor's Report:

The mayor had no report.

8) Call for an adjournment form the COW Meeting

Mayor Bob Cervantes asked for a motion to adjourn from 01 September 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Silvis City Council

Motion:

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to adjourn from the 01 September 2026 Committee of the Whole. Motion to second by Alderman Steve Marinaccio.

Motion carried via voice vote:

The 01 September 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Silvis City Council adjourned at 6:56pm.

Regular Meeting

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1) City Council Call to Order

2) Roll Call:

Members Present: Alderman Chad Vroman, Alderman Rick Butts, Alderman Doug Greer, Alderman Jim DuPage, Alderman Steve Marinaccio, Alderman Dave Rice, Alderwoman Ariel Wilcox, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters

3) Public Comment:

4) Establish the consent agenda to include the following: (Read, then vote)

5) Vote to establish consent agenda as read

Motion:

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to establish consent agenda as read. Motion seconded by Alderman Rick Butts.

Vote:

Members Vote: Alderman Chad Vroman - Yes, Alderman Rick Butts – Yes, Alderman Doug Greer – Yes, Alderman Jim DuPage – Yes, Alderman Steve Marinaccio – Yes, Alderman David Rice - Yes, Alderwoman Ariel Wilcox – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays Absent 0

6): Vote to approve items on the consent agenda

Motion:

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda dated 01 September 2026. Motion seconded by Alderman Steve Marinaccio.

Vote:

Members Vote: Alderman Chad Vroman - Yes, Alderman Rick Butts – Yes, Alderman Doug Greer – Yes, Alderman Jim DuPage – Yes, Alderman Steve Marinaccio – Yes, Alderman David Rice - Yes, Alderwoman Ariel Wilcox – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes
Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays Absent 0

7) Discussion and potential action to approve any items removed from the Consent

8) Discussion and possible action on:

8.1 Axon Vehicle Cam in the amount of \$12,270.20

Motion:

Alderman Dave Rice made a motion to approve Axon Vehicle Cam in the amount of \$12,270.20. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Ariel Wilcox.

Vote:

Members Vote: Alderman Chad Vroman - Yes, Alderman Rick Butts – Yes, Alderman Doug Greer – Yes, Alderman Jim DuPage – Yes, Alderman Steve Marinaccio – Yes, Alderman David Rice - Yes, Alderwoman Ariel Wilcox – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes
Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays Absent 0

8.2 Police Squad Car from Princeton Auto Leasing in the amount of \$63,555.99

Motion:

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to approve Committee Chair Assignments. Motion seconded by Alderman Chad Vroman.

Vote:

Members Vote: Alderman Chad Vroman - Yes, Alderman Rick Butts – Yes, Alderman Doug Greer – Yes, Alderman Jim DuPage – Yes, Alderman Steve Marinaccio – Yes, Alderman David Rice - Yes, Alderwoman Ariel Wilcox – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes
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Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays Absent 0

8.4 RMA bill \$76,364.91

Motion:

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to approve Major Crash Assistance Team MOU and Policy. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Aril Wilcox.

Vote:

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Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays Absent 0

9) City Staff Reports

A) Fire Department:

Chief Dave Johnson said our calls for August were 207, 186 medical calls, 6 car accidents, and 15 gas leaks, down power lines, and house fires. Everyone did outstanding jobs with them, some of them are pretty big news. We took a crew to train at the Phipps Park House, we were able to do some roof ventilation, fire breach walls, some overhaul and some searches. Thank you for the opportunity to train in it for a little bit. Today I went through a training on electrical vehicles, I spoke with the railroad in the past and was able to get some land that was graciously offered up to us for a training facility. The railroad is trying to help us out with getting different railroad containers, so I am submitting something to him for him to help us out at little to no cost. We are preparing for all the community events coming up, we have Halloween, Fire Prevention week, Hispanic Heritage event, the parade is coming up and we have a couple pretty big awards that you guys will be happy and pleased that will be coming off that the Chief and I will get together on and another one the other day that was pretty incredible.

B) Inspections Department:

Jason was absent

C) Police Department:

Chief Gene Karzin said he started here on January 5th and for the first 2 ½ months, all I heard is that is this woman who wants to be a police officer for the City of Silvis, only for Silvis and this is her dream job. We are lucky to have her, and she just graduated from the academy, she is out with Officer Kavanaugh, and we look forward to spending the next 30 years with you. Along those same lines we had 11 applications, 9 showed up for testing, 6 passed all testing to this point and will be going to interview I think Tuesday night. We have 2 spots held for the academy for November. We are lucky the academy in November is the State Police Academy and I know the Colonel down there and she was able to save us 2 spots, so that helps. We are the only ones in the area taking applications because everyone else must wait until January. Deputy Chief Vargus has been working on Click It, it is the E-Citation where they do everything on the computers now and are not handwritten. That was just brought out last week, we are working out a few kinks, but it will be an asset to the officers who will not have to take tickets to the courthouse anymore. We change a little bit of the ordinance with the grass, that came after we met with Mike Johnson over in East Moline, their CSO. We came up with some other ideas on how we can keep up on things and there will be more changes coming especially in ward 1, it is working we just need to stay on top of it.

D) Public Works & Parks:

Joe Rockwell said he had a comment on what Tony said in Public Comments, the guys are out there working hard. We got this patcher that we borrowed from Milan, and we are going through everything that we can get patched, we will be coming down 4th Ave, 6th Ave & 7th St. We are working on it and we will be getting it done.

10) Alderman Comments

Alderman Chad Vroman said Gene thank you for the words you just said, I do have another list for the 1st ward in Silvis, and I will get with you afterwards. It is a shorter list, and I appreciate all your efforts.

Alderman Rick Butts said I do actual have something to talk to you about Gene in the 1st ward afterwards.

Alderman Doug Greer said he doesn't know what paper tickets are like because he never got one, at least my parents don't think I did. Elizabeth, congratulations and thank you. You earned that and volunteer means you do it for free, and usually when you earn that award, it means you didn't just do a little bit, you have done a lot. Thank you very much. Merissa welcome, the Miner family is an awesome family with great history, and we are excited to add you to it. When the weather is nice it is really cool to walk around our city at night, it is beautiful and you should try it.

Alderman Jim DuPage said Vicki I was hoping to have a chance to chat with you after, just really quick I have some updates.

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Alderman Steve Marinaccio said listening to Tony's remarks, I think that showed basically a void in getting the words out to the residence, I don't think that he has any idea that the money's been allocated it is just waiting for them to write the check and be done, we are not waiting for the approval for the money. 7th Street project, I think Tony would have been a lot better off if he knew what the status was, it is nothing we need to hide. Maybe we can get the word out to the people affected by it.

Alderman Dave Rice said Merissa congratulations and hope you have a long, happy career.

Alderwoman Arial Wilcox said Congratulations to Merissa and Congratulations to Elizabeth tonight.

Alderwoman Chrissy Winters said I am going to say congratulations as well. Liz, you are truly amazing and you have your little crew, and they are truly amazing as well, and we really appreciate everything you do for the city, and not just here but at the schools, you are amazing. Merissa, congratulations on your new position, my husband retired from Silvis, and it is a great place. The other thing I have is I need an update from the meeting you guys were supposed to have last Friday. Joe said they did talk to IMEG Friday and today, the outcome is that Phoenix has to have a written report in to IMEG of what they are going to do going forward. I told them what I wanted and what the residents wanted, we are trying to work on some deals or what we are going to take. Jerry said he spoke to IMEG as well, and they talked to some of the residents, not all of them and there is some urgency in it, we have a short window. One of the thoughts is that IMEG will talk to the state and if push comes to shove that the city does the work and gets reimbursed through the grant. I understand we do not want to be out the money as well because it is an awarded grant and we do not want to screw that contract up, but we are looking at all options so that we can get this down before winter.

11) Mayor Comments

Mayor Bob Cervantes said he takes offence to what former Alderman Trulson said his statement seemed more political than anything else. I agree with Alderman Steve about he doesn't know all the information and if I wanted to sit up here and do all the politics with the Democrats said this and this. I am not sticking up for Congressman Sorensen, I am not sticking up for anyone or either party, but when the party is in charge of one thing, the party that is in charge of the White House is the one that signs off on it. He can sign off on it or wait until the next party comes up. The Council, Independent, Republican, Democrats, I do not look at their party affiliation, even though my party is telling me I can do this or do that. I got good people on this Council, regardless of what they do. I only asked them when they took their pledge just do what is good for the residence that is what they brought you in here for. I go back and thank Amy for her comments on Hispanic Heritage; we have that coming up next Saturday. Main Street is doing a good job, Louis is doing a good job, I had a meeting with him today and we do need a few volunteers. I have asked Alderman DuPage since he teaches at UT to see if he can get some athletes to come and help.

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12) Closed Session: Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)

Motion:

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to approve Major Crash Assistance Team MOU and Policy. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Chrissy Winters.

Vote:

Members Vote: Alderman Chad Vroman - Yes, Alderman Rick Butts – Yes, Alderman Doug Greer – Yes, Alderman Jim DuPage – Yes, Alderman Steve Marinaccio – Yes, Alderman David Rice - Yes, Alderwoman Ariel Wilcox – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes
Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays Absent 0

Closed Regular Meeting: 7:14pm

Opened Closed Session: 7:19pm

Closed Closed Session: 8:26pm

Open Regular Meeting: 8:27pm

Alderwoman Chrissy Winters said No Action Taken during Closed Session

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13) Call for adjournment of the Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council.

Mayor Bob Cervantes said if there was no more business to bring before the 01 September 2026 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council, he would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Motion:

Alderman Rick Butts made a motion to adjourn from the 01 September 2026 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council. Motion seconded by Alderman Doug Greer.

Vote:

Motion carried via voice vote:

01 September 2026 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council adjourned at 8:27pm

Submitted by,

Amy Malmstrom
City Clerk