

06 October 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 06 October 2026 Silvis Council Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 6:30pm and asked Deputy City Clerk Deanna Ricke 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

3) Proclamation:

4) Remote Electronic Attendance (if necessary)

Approval of the remote electronic attendance of certain elected officials

5) Public Comment: Bryan Hendricks, Bruce Nelson, Tiffany Williams

6) Discussion and possible action:

6.1 Credit Card for Deputy Jose Vargas with \$2000 limit

Motion:

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to discuss Credit Card for Deputy Jose Vargas with \$2000 limit. Motion seconded by Alderman Chad Vroman.

Motion carried via voice vote:

Motion:

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to move Credit Card for Deputy Jose Vargas with \$2000 limit to 06th of October 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 - Absent

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays Absent 1

6.2 Taser Grant Application

Motion:

Alderman Dave Rice made a motion to discuss Taser Grant Application. Motion seconded by Alderman Steve Marinaccio.

Motion carried via voice vote:

Motion:

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to move Taser Grant Application to 6th of October Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Alderman Jim DuPage.

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 - Absent

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays Absent 1

6.3 Authorize Civil Service to create a list for hiring for Public Works

Motion:

Alderman Dave Rice made a motion to discuss Authorize Civil Service to create a list for hiring for Public Works. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Ariel Wilcox.

Motion carried via voice vote:

Motion:

Alderman Chad Vroman made a motion to move Authorize Civil Service to create a list for hiring for Public Works to 06th of October Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Alderman Steve Marinaccio.

Vote:

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Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays Absent 1

6.4 Special Event Application for MI Oaxaca

Motion:

Alderman Chad Vroman made a motion to discuss Special Event Application for MI Oaxaca. Motion seconded by Alderman Steve Marinaccio.

Motion carried via voice vote:

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Vote:

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6.5 Ferguson Neptune Yearly Contract in the amount of \$10,224.78

Motion:

Alderman Chad Vroman made a motion to discuss Ferguson Neptune Yearly Contract in the amount of \$10, 224.78. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Ariel Wilcox.

Motion carried via voice vote:

Motion:

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to move Ferguson Neptune Yearly Contract in the amount of \$10,224.78 to 06th of October Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Alderman Chad Vroman.

Vote:

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6.6 Hutchinson engineering contract for City Hall grant in the amount of \$42,000

Motion:

Alderman Rick Butts made a motion to discuss Hutchinson engineering contract for City Hall grant in the amount of \$42,000. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Ariel Wilcox.

Motion carried via voice vote:

Motion:

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to move Hutchinson engineering contract for City Hall grant in the amount of \$42,000 to 06th of October Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Alderman Jim DuPage.

Vote:

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7) Informational:

7.1) City Attorney Report:

Roger said he is happy to be here and be back

7.2) City Administrator's Report:

Jerry said he wanted to highlight a couple of new businesses that have come to Silvis. El Sarape Tacos & Burritos at 917 1st Ave by Creative Pastry's and Manifest Trading Card Shop that had a ribbon cutting this past week, it is at 2001 5th St in the Hy-Vee shopping center. There were about 100 people at the ribbon cutting and it is a pretty fascinating place. If you get a chance go visit them.

7.3) City Engineer's Report: None

7.4) City Treasurer's Report: In Packet

7.5) City Clerk's Report:

No Report tonight

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 06 October 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Silvis City Council

Motion:

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to adjourn from the 06 October 2026 Committee of the Whole. Motion to second by Alderman Dave Rice.

Motion carried via voice vote:

The 06 October 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Silvis City Council adjourned at 6:53pm.

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,

3) Public Comment: Bruce Nelson

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 Dave Rice.

Vote:

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6): Vote to approve items on the consent agenda

Motion:

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda dated 06 October 2026. Motion seconded by Alderman Dave Rice.

Vote:

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

8) Discussion and possible action on:

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9) City Staff Reports

A) Fire Department:

Chief Dave Johnson had no report.

B) Inspections Department:

Jason said he has quite a few updates. Year to date we have issued 300 permits in the amount of \$92,200. Since I have been here on July 22nd, we have issued 103 in the amount of \$38,400. The turntable progress down at the Rail Yard is progressing considering all the rain we have had they are doing another pour tomorrow. They are pouring about 122 feet a day or per time, they are on their second out of 5. If you need any more information, please reach out to me. I was up at Valvoline today, they are doing parking lot prep, HVAC installation and electric is next. They are a little behind because of the weather, but they are trying to get done as soon as possible. 7 Brew tapped the water main today, they trench for the supply all the way to the building, the building is supposed to be set tomorrow, it is on its way from Nebraska. We do have a national fast-food chain coming soon that has been approved by the city and the health department as that gets farther along we will share that information with you. The grow facility down by the railroad tracks Realeaf Botanicals, they are about to open their greenhouse, they built 3 of them together. Just doing some final touch ups and trim outs and getting everything ready to go. We went out and inspected 3 more green houses before the rain last week; in the future they have plans for 3 more greenhouses. What they do inside the original facility is extract the oil, which is extremely expensive, so now with the greenhouses they will grow plants and real dirt instead of artificial dirt, which is what most are using. They believe in earth to plant or plant to earth whichever they call it. If it goes well, it will be a great profit for them and the city. The first building is 13,000 square feet and the initial plan was to grow to 50,000 square feet overall. The first building is called a hard structure and because it is so expensive to extract the oil, they have now gone with the greenhouse route, and they will be able to sell to the local distributors or anyone else they contract with. The plan to grow the hard structure is paused. They have a pretty intense production down there. If anyone wants to go down there and tour let me know, the owner is very easy to work with. Jerry said he can help with coordinating the tours.

C) Police Department:

Chief Karzin said he also put a report in the packet, along with that he put the IL standard training, which is mandatory, just to show you what every officer has to go through every year. It is pretty in-depth; we did a training last week to keep up with some of the mandates. Fire Department took care of our CPR training so thank you and we appreciate that. Between that and our online training there are also classes we send them too. Joe has been working with me on a leak in the roof, they put a patch on it so we will see if that helps. We also had a gentleman sneak in a hole in the fence in the back of the yard, so we are trying to get that fixed up. Jason said that 7 Brew is coming and they have times where the traffic is ungodly, when Bettendorf opened, they had a 3 ½ hour wait, so I am working with Jason and Joe we have a meeting tomorrow to talk about traffic patterns and trying to prevent that up there.

D) Public Works & Parks:

Joe Rockwell said we did borrow a patcher from Milan, we have to give that back here in a couple of weeks, so we are going to try to get as much done. To date we have used 15,000 gallons of tack in the roads trying to make everything look good. This is a cheaper option, and I am going to look at getting one either this year or the year after. This stuff sticks and it is way better than cold patch which comes out. We are doing a patch on 7th Street on Thursday which is concrete so that will be filled in. As for the parks we check them on Mondays and Fridays, we do not have a lot of time throughout the week, especially in the fall, but we do check them and empty out trash, toilet paper and what not. If people, see that there is stuff in there please give me a call so we can take care of it.

10) Alderman Comments

Alderman Chad Vroman said he would like to thank the city. Myself, Alderman Butts and Amy went down to Chicago for IML, it was very informative and I brought back a lot of stuff and some great ideas.

Alderman Rick Butts had nothing tonight

Alderman Doug Greer said Bryan I will be in Gulf Shores, AL for your party so I will be thinking of you. To the woman who spoke, Tiffany Williams. My feeling is a hard if she paid for services, she doesn't owe money on we need to pay her back. If it is verified that she has been billed for 3 waters and we are responsible for it, we need to pay it back. Joe said that she bought that house and it was a 3 plex, she has been doing all kinds of things in the house without permits and changed the plumbing around, so yes there is now only 1 meter, but she never told us that she took the other 2 out. It was about a month ago we went in there and verified that there is now only 1 meter. Doug said that would be good to know about in your report because the way it sounds, we owe her money and it was something different. Jason said that she called him after hours last week, and this was my first knowledge of it, so I called Joe. She will be contacted and expected to pay permit fees for what she has done and I will go and inspect that. Doug said he went with a few of us and filled baskets at John Deere for the lunches and it was freaking cool, and the building was beautiful. They packed 18,000 boxes with 10 meals in it, tons of people and an awesome event. I love our town.

Alderman Jim DuPage had nothing tonight

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Alderman Steve Marinaccio said he has a comment on the major drainage project; there are some dead piping and other paraphernalia up there along with garbage on the berm. I would like you to get that stuff taken out of there, we have enough problems with the way things look. I would like to ask the Council or somebody, are the items that were struck going to be brought up at the next meeting. Jerry said he doesn't know if it will be the next meeting, we are looking for a new CSO and we want to be able to enforce an Ordinance if it gets approved. It has been delayed. Steve said it is going to take long to get a CSO or a new Ordinance that can be distributed out to the community. Chief Karzin said that they put it out to the Union which has until 4pm tomorrow for anyone interested in house, and we do not have any in house we will go out, and our intent is to get someone hired as fast as we can. The reason for the Ordinance being on pause is because we need the enforcement structure and we didn't think it was there. Regarding the other Ordinance about parking, around the back side we want to rewrite that. Steve said we need to get that in the books, we have Ordinances that we do not have enforcement capabilities on right now, I will tell you that my part of the 3rd Ward is trash cans. All the duplexes have trash cans in the street blocking traffic, and then people try to park in between them and kids running out from them. I would like to see the Ordinance pass and then once we have enforcement then sit around and wait. Jerry said we will put it on the next agenda and talk about it to get it on the books. Steve said the biggest complaint in his ward is the trash cans and speaking of the trash cans have we ever sent out that if you have a damaged trash can you can call Republic and get it replaced for free.

Alderman Dave Rice said he is riding on Steve's shirttail, this Ordinance with the garbage cans has been since I have been in office myself and this is our 3rd go around of being declined a couple of times. It is an issue with kids running out from between the garbage cans. It is time to get this passed.

Alderwoman Arial Wilcox said she wanted to encourage everyone if you are able, next Saturday the 17th is the trunk or treat. It will be my 5th year volunteering; it is a great event so if you have kids or grandkids feel free to bring them and I hope to see some of you there.

Alderwoman Chrissy Winters was absent

11) Mayor Comments

Mayor Bob Cervantes said he wanted to touch on what Doug brought up, being at John Deere was really research and development, it was a very hard place to get into if you are not invited. I want to thank our 3 Alderman who were out there, Doug, Jim, Steve, Fire Chief and his 2 volunteers' fireman, Nick & Dylan. Our clerk Amy was out there, our Police Chief and Detective Kelly Schmit, our administrative assistant Liz Morgan and I. It was very well organized. I think we should be doing more of this. It shows that we care. Manifest ribbon cutting I could not be out there, but Jerry did a fine job and well done. Bravo to all of you for what you are doing.

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12) 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 06 October 2026 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council, he would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Motion:

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to adjourn from the 06 October 2026 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council. Motion seconded by Alderman Dave Rice.

Vote:

Motion carried via voice vote:

06 October 2026 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council adjourned at 7:21pm

Submitted by,

Amy Malmstrom
City Clerk