

04 November 2025 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 04 November 2025 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 Craig Pirmann, Alderman Steve Marinaccio, Alderman Dave Rice, Alderman Joshua Dyer, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters

3) Proclamation: None

4) Remote Electronic Attendance (if necessary)

Approval of the remote electronic attendance of certain elected officials

5) Public Comment: Tim Garcia from LULAC Council 10

6) Discussion and possible action:

6.1 Appointment of the New Police Chief

Motion:

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to discuss Appointment of the New Police Chief. Motion seconded by Alderman Chad Vroman.

Motion carried via voice vote:

Motion:

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to move Appointment of the New Police Chief Gene Karzin to the 04th of November agenda for approval. Motion seconded by Alderman Doug Greer.

Vote:

Members Vote: Alderman Chad Vroman - Yes, Alderman Rick Butts – Yes, Alderman Doug Greer – Yes, Alderman Craig Pirmann - Yes, Alderman Steve Marinaccio – Yes, Alderman David Rice - Yes, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays Absent 0

7) Informational:

7.1) City Attorney Report:

Roger had no report

7.2) City Administrator's Report:

Jerry had no report

7.3) City Engineer's Report: None

7.4) City Treasurer's Report: In Packet

7.5) City Clerk's Report:

Amy said we are deep within the software transition. The staff has been amazing, and we have all been working very hard and getting the process done, so bear with us. As you see tonight, how some of our reporting is going to be and change some things around. We are going to have things to tweak and things we do not like, with some changes as we go. I think it is going to be a great thing, and we still have at least a week of transition period. The next thing is the Angel Tree; I have 17 requests for kiddos. It is going to be a big one this year. I will get that out here really soon and as Alderman if you can give towards that or know anyone who can, our community is going to need more this year. Also, the Food Pantry is in need of donations, if you have it in your heart or any extra to give to the Food Pantry it is at Christ United Methodist right here on 2nd Ave. If they are closed and you want to drop off here, we can have Sue pick it up. Alderman Pirmann had a question on the software; we are a week away? Amy said that we have them here to help us for another week. We hope by next Wednesday we will have the bugs worked out. Alderman Pirman asked how Amy was feeling and the timeline. Amy said she is feeling pretty good, the software is easy and we are setting it up that way, but we are going to have some bugs. I am a little tired but confident, there are going to be a few things, and we are not going to get everything we want but majority of what we want, and need, will be in the software. Alderman Dyer asked about Closed Minutes and Amy said yes, we do and I have them ready it is just getting through this new software and transition. Alderman Pirman asked about budgets and Amy said the new software will be much more helpful and the reporting process is going to be way better. We are also cleaning up a lot of stuff which will make it much better.

7.6) Mayor's Report:

The mayor had no report.

8) Call for an adjournment from the COW Meeting

Mayor Bob Cervantes asked for a motion to adjourn from 04 November 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Silvis City Council

Motion:

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to adjourn from the 04 November 2025 Committee of the Whole. Motion to second by Alderman Chad Vroman.

Motion carried via voice vote:

The 04 November 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Silvis City Council adjourned at 6:47pm.

Regular Meeting**04 November 2025****1) City Council Call to Order****2) Roll Call:**

Members Present: Alderman Chad Vroman, Alderman Rick Butts, Alderman Doug Greer, Alderman Craig Pirmann, Alderman Steve Marinaccio, Alderman Dave Rice, Alderman Joshua Dyer, 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 Craig Pirmann - Yes, Alderman Steve Marinaccio – Yes, Alderman David Rice - Yes, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays Absent 0

6): Vote to approve items on the consent agenda

Motion:

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda dated 04 November 2025. Motion seconded by Alderman Joshua Dyer.

Vote:

Members Vote: Alderman Chad Vroman - Yes, Alderman Rick Butts – Yes, Alderman Doug Greer – Yes, Alderman Craig Pirmann - Yes, Alderman Steve Marinaccio – Yes, Alderman David Rice - Yes, Alderman Joshua Dyer – 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) Appointment of New Police Chief Gene Karzin

Motion:

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to approve Appointment of New Police Chief Gene Karzin with a start date of January 5, 2026. Motion seconded by Alderman Steve Marinaccio.

Vote:

Members Vote: Alderman Chad Vroman - Yes, Alderman Rick Butts – Yes, Alderman Doug Greer – Yes, Alderman Craig Pirmann - Yes, Alderman Steve Marinaccio – Yes, Alderman David Rice - Yes, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays Absent 0

9) City Staff Reports

A) Fire Department:

Chief Dave Johnson had no report.

B) Inspections Department:

Tom said they are breaking ground on Valvoline this month.

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C) Police Department:

Chief VanKlaveren said we are doing No Shave November this month, Amy said 17 families so far for the Angel Tree and that is what we made last year. We were able to sponsor 17 families last year. We have Shop with a Cop on December 11th from 11:30 to 12:30, if you are retired, can make it or have someone who can help we will need it. Dave Rice will be bringing the kids around by 10:30 and we will need the most help after. We are getting help from Fire and the Correctional Facility too. Congratulations to Gene, I have known Gene for a long time and no doubt he will take the PD to the next level. Looking forward to passing information on and collaborating with him before I go. He is in great hands. I would also like to give a shout out to Sargent Vargus & Sargent Miletich who put in for that position. They put themselves out there and they presented themselves well from the feedback I got. We have a great crew of cops and I am sure Gene will take it to the next level, and you have my word that will happen. It is kind of bitter sweat with me being here for 10 years as your Police Chief, but no doubt I will make it as seamless as possible. Alderman Pirmann asked I am seeing an increase in our homeless and I mentioned it to Copeland at last meeting. I am hoping we can get together and spearhead some ideas. The other issue is the unbelievable number of wild cats. It is out of control, in the woods by our house there are at least 6 and they are growing. I don't know if there is something we can do. Chief said we can trap them and Pirmann said well we need to let people know that we need to do something about it. Amy asked Chief to touch on Citizens Police Academy. Chief said if you want to get involved in that program. Meet the QC officers, see what we do. We have run it for the last 2 years and this year it has been passed to East Moline. January through April on Wednesday from 6 to 9pm. Amy will send out applications, and they will be available online.

D) Public Works & Parks:

Joe said 14th St. watermain is getting replaced and it is underway about another week and a half and everyone will be hooked up.

10) Alderman Comments

Alderman Doug Greer said he would like to welcome Gene and Mark you will be missed. I also want to say that our city looks good with everything getting done. It looks nice so thank you.

Alderman Steve Marinaccio said to Joe thanks for getting that hole filled in on 3rd Ave and 13th. It looked like it was going to grow into something nasty.

Alderman Dave Rice said welcome aboard Gene, I have also known him for a very long time. Chief it has been a pleasure, and I have always thought highly of you and always will. I think you did a great job for this city.

Alderman Joshua Dyer said the person who spoke earlier alluded to it, if the gift is over \$25 it is an illegal gift. I was contact by an Alderperson from East Moline, they are in contact with Greg Johnson's office and they are looking to stock the Riverbend Food Bank given the government shut down and everything they are trying to find a way to get people to again to donate more food but also to make it more convenient to donate that food. One of the things they identified as a bottleneck is that Riverbend is only open during regular business hours or while people are working. The thought was that the Fire Departments be able to accept donations and someone from Greg Johnsons office would come around and collect those donations. That has grown and it sounds like we are going to have to coordinate a little bit, and I have volunteered to be the person in Silvis to pick up the food from our Fire Department and I talk to Chief Johnson and he said yes, it is fine, especially on the weekends. That was a particular time the Fire Department

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would be open and there to except donations. If people want to stop by and deliver food to the FD, I would be happy to go pick that up and get it to Greg Johnson's office and then they will get it to Riverbend. This is an effort that is going on across the QC, and she wanted to get Silvis into it as well. The other thing was I wanted to talk about what I thought was just a cowardly act that we witnessed at the last meeting. Everybody seems to be afraid to have a conversation. That is what the whole motion was on Solar was to have a conversation, but people didn't want to do that. It is frustrating when people are lying to my face saying I am really glad you brought that back up or you know I am actually in favor of Solar but then they vote against it or when someone says to me I will listen to whatever you have to say but then they don't afford me the ability to say it. I think it is really sad that people are afraid to have a conversation around here. I am sure you all have a really good explanation to our citizens as to why you want to spend an extra half a million dollars on electricity.

Aldерwoman Chrissy Winters said I just wanted to make sure everyone is aware with the food crisis and everything that Hy-Vee is actually offering 12 and under free meals Monday through Friday and then also if you are over 12 you can get that meal for \$3 no questions asked.

11) Mayor Comments

Mayor Bob Cervantes said we have our Veteran's Day service November 11th at 11am, I would really appreciate it and be grateful to the Alderman and City Staff to come out. In the past we were lucky to get 1 or 2 of you to come out. This is remembered by the people who put you into office. They ask where are your Alderman? If you can, just let me know that you can't be there because you have other stuff, but I would appreciate it if you folks can come out. We have Veterans from our police chief to our administrator. It shows a little respect for them. George O' Barr has their Veteran's Day Service starting at 8am, with coffee and donuts and the service starts at 8:30am. Myself, the administrator and the Clerk are all going up there. Chrissy has her own service at Colona so she can not come.

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 04 November 2025 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 04 November 2025 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council. Motion seconded by Alderman Chad Vroman.

Vote:

Motion carried via voice vote:

04 November 2025 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council adjourned at 7:02pm

Submitted by,

Amy Malmstrom
City Clerk