

**18 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 11<sup>th</sup> Street Silvis at 6:30pm.**

**Call Committee of the Whole to Order & Roll Call**

Mayor Bob Cervantes called 18 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 Joshua Dyer, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters

Absent: Alderman Dave Rice

**3) Proclamation: swearing in of Sargent Sean Hackett**

**4) Remote Electronic Attendance (if necessary)**

Approval of the remote electronic attendance of certain elected officials

**5) Public Comment: Garden Club Report/Slideshow, Bryan Hendricks**

**6) Discussion and possible action:**

**6.1 Ordinance for increasing gaming fee to \$250**

***Motion:***

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to discuss Ordinance for increasing gaming fee to \$250.

Motion seconded by Alderwoman Chrissy Winters.

***Motion carried via voice vote:***

***Motion Amended:***

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made an amended motion to include that the Ordinance 2025-20 be noted it is wrong in the packet and should be changed to Section 14:207. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Chrissy Winters.

***Motion carried via voice vote:***

***Motion:***

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to take this back to Finance Committee. Motion seconded by Alderman Craig Pirmann.

***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 - Absent, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays Absent 1

**6.2 Strictly Southern RDA**

***Motion:***

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to discuss Strictly Southern RDA. Motion seconded by Alderman Chad Vroman.

***Motion carried via voice vote:***

***Motion:***

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to take this back to Finance & Economic Development Committee. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Chrissy Winters.

***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 - Absent, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays Absent 1

**6.3 Tax Levy**

***Motion:***

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to discuss Tax Levy. Motion seconded by Alderman Chad Vroman.

***Motion carried via voice vote:***

***Motion:***

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to take this back to Finance Committee. Motion seconded by Alderman Chad Vroman.

***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 - Absent, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays Absent 1

**7) Informational:**

**7.1) City Attorney Report:**

Roger said there is great value in all these comments about taxation and as Amy said the deadlines because some of these ideas will not accommodate the deadline you are under. As long as those go before the committee that is the important part.

**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 she does expense and revenue reports for you guys and what you are seeing and signing is the packets you are signing. Alderman Pirmann asked about the details and where those are at. Alderman Marinaccio said these are all the utility billing and Amy confirmed that. This one breaks out all the accounts, and I will just be giving you a total going forward. With the new program everything will look different. Alderman Marinaccio said that this month your bill looks different. You usually have your normal amount due and if you are late there is another number for that, with the new billing doesn't have that second number and if you are late the computer will give you a different amount. Amy said if you are late, it will be added to next month. Amy said that she asked the committee if she could take watering the grass in Fair Acres, we did have all that construction, and everyone's yards were all torn up and they had to water their yards after they were seeded and they were all fine with that. The sewer portion did not go down the sewer it was for watering their grass and I have had some calls on that. Forgiving the sewer portion of those bills because it didn't go down the sewer. We also know which properties did water and which ones didn't water so I ask that I can take and discuss in committee. Alderman Marinaccio asked if it was much more than the base rate would be and Amy said yes. Alderman Marinaccio said they should still pay the base rate and Amy said oh for sure this would just be for the difference of the extra water. Alderman Vroman asked if we knew which houses they were and no one put in a pool. Amy said yes we do know and no, nobody put in a pool.

**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 18 November 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Silvis City Council

***Motion:***

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to adjourn from the 18 November 2025 Committee of the Whole. Motion to second by Alderman Chad Vroman.

***Motion carried via voice vote:***

The 18 November 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Silvis City Council adjourned at 7:38pm.

**Regular Meeting****18 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 Joshua Dyer Alderwoman Chrissy Winters

Absent: Alderman Dave Rice

**3) Public Comment:** Bryan Hendricks**4) Establish the consent agenda to include the following: (Read, then vote)**

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### **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 Chad Vroman.

#### **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 - Absent, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes  
Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays Absent 1

### **6): Vote to approve items on the consent agenda**

#### **Motion:**

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda dated 18 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 - Absent, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes  
Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays Absent 1

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

### **8) Discussion and possible action on:**

### **9) City Staff Reports**

#### **A) Fire Department:**

Chief Dave Johnson said Christmas in Silvis on December 6<sup>th</sup> at Station 1 from 2pm to 5pm

#### **B) Inspections Department:**

Tom had no report

#### **C) Police Department:**

Chief VanKlaveren said that Shop with a Cop is Dec 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 to 12:30. I expect the retirees to get up there and help if you can come up and wrap presents. Dave Rice will have them up there at 10:30 on the far side of the Silvis Walmart.

#### **D) Public Works & Parks:**

Joe said that 14<sup>th</sup> St. we are connected and everyone is on the new main. We have a few more holes to fill in and dress up. 10<sup>th</sup> St. bike path is pretty well finished, and Ilini Drive is open they finished that yesterday.

### **10) Alderman Comments**

Alderman Doug Greer said he went to the Rock Island County Waste Committee meeting today and we are future planning. It is all about trying to divert waste to organic and where we can divert from the landfills.

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Alderman Craig Pirmann said he wanted to thank Josh for bringing up an important point last meeting about some of being afraid of discussing issues and listening to healthy opposition. It was also portrayed as negative when it could have resulted in a positive outcome when listening to discussions. It seems that we want to cut each other off instead of having full discussions. We can't effectively legislate if we are not well informed in these situations. It also seems there are several individuals who want to shorten the meeting because the leads are paid individuals who want to go home early to their families and that is very negative. It literally contradicts being here. I would like to say as a positive comment for those who desperately seek positive comments. Many of the daily leads and paid individuals should be taking advantage of this time together and informing us thoroughly about the items that require are legislation so we can work together as a team and not be so divided by personal concerns likes or dislikes. Lately most of our leads have very little to say and that is kind of amazing to me in a city with a lot going on. This is where we are informed. It seems a little bit irresponsible to council and our citizens, and one of the most important elements of these lead roles in our municipality is to set aside some time for council discussions and use this time to inform municipal legislators. That is something I learned at IML. Make our community a more effective and fiscally responsible city, with citizens who trust us, and the oath we have taken. It is literally our job description. Lastly, I will express this. I have never felt so separated and left out of this city as I have recently and again I am not bitter, I am just disappointed and hurt, that individuals regardless of our roles here would be so divisive and mean spirited when all we really need to be doing is making this city better then when we left it. I hope that we can find a way to get through some of this, it seems that we have the capability, but we can't just be family, friends or only those who agree with us. We do need to work together in planning a better city and that is what I hope we can start doing and I mean that.

Alderman Steve Marinaccio said he had 2 things. To the department heads we are still looking at Ordinance revisions and reviews. I know we have a lot of things going on. As far as the conduct of individuals, we will leave that where it belongs and understand that each of us has our own views on life and on legislation and the needs of the city in our respective wards. I appreciate 14<sup>th</sup> St is finally going to be opened up, I keep going down it and having to turn around.

Alderman Joshua Dyer said the state of Illinois has approve or adopted I should say, the international energy conservation code for 2024, going forward it pretty much means that commercial building will be required to have solar on their roofs. Amy I wanted to ask you about the water bill rate, I want to say if my memory serves back in spring we had a discussion about increasing the water bill rate, we asked for projections of are we bringing in enough money or not bringing in enough money, are we going to be able to replace mains. I don't think we really got that information. Amy said they do a rate study every 3 years and we were only at 2 that we had done last time. They will do another rate study next year for a rate increase. That is what they do recommend for municipalities. I apologize for not bringing that information back to you. Mr. Mayor, I wanted to ask about the gift card that we all witnessed you receive last time. I had mentioned that if it is over \$25. Mayor said it is in the hands of the City Clerk. I have not used it, and I am still under advisement from the City Attorney. I will say this is an organization from the state of IA, if it was a gift card from in the city and I would turn it over to someone else. I can't help them and how do I say this without being a wise anchor. I went out and did 2 functions, I meant a bunch of veterans from Milwaukee, and I went over and served as the Master of

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Ceremonies for the Iulac Club & the closing of Hispanic Heritage month. I did not ask for anything; they were kind enough to bring that forward and when I got that I turned it right over to Amy. All of you might have seen that. I believe, if I had accepted it, it would be within my rights because I can't do anything for them as mayor of this city. That is just my opinion. Alderman Dyer said I might recommend that if there is a Main Street raffle that maybe it could be provided as a raffle item or something like that. City Administrator Jerry said he was a witness to the mayor after the meeting or the days after offering to give it back to them and they did not want it back.

### **11) Mayor Comments**

Mayor Bob Cervantes said he would like to recognize a former Alderwomen who sat at this council and see her here in the audience. Former Alderwomen Kathy Hall. I am glad to see her back. I would like to thank everyone who attended our Veterans Day service, all the city staff that was in attendance and all the Alderman who showed up. A special thank you to Amy and her staff for the program and the little packets we put together for the Veterans. I would also like to mention the Angel Tree out there and if I could turn it over to Amy to give a little bit more on that. Amy said we currently have 94 kids and we are fulfilling a lot of those needs, we still have probably 20ish left, and they can still turn them in for another week. We will be wrapping a lot of those presents on the 6<sup>th</sup> and the families will be picking them up on the week of the 12<sup>th</sup>. We have such a need in our community, and it really is amazing to see, I put a post out and left for lunch and when she came back, she was told 3 people were already down for angels. It is very exciting for me that we have so many people who want to do this and it is amazing how many families we touch. We have kids come in often to say thank you, we have parents send videos of the kids opening the presents and how excited they are. This has been a huge addition to our city. I ask if you guys can do anything, even if it is volunteering to wrap, it has been a great thing. If you can take a kid, help wrap or anything you can do. 9am to noon is the time for wrapping. Mayor said that his office is always open, any of you that feel like you got a complaint or bitch, I am here. I promised on the campaign that I would be here on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and I am here almost every day. Those of you who have a complaint about what is going on in the council, the buck stops here. You do not need to go see Jerry or Amy, you need to see me plain and simple. I am not going to sit here and let you guys go back and forth and argue, there were some remarks made at last council meeting that I should of step in, but I let both sides get their chip off their shoulders. I didn't care for the language that was used, again I am a little more lenient than the last mayor. I am not going to sit here and argue with you, and the name calling I will not have it, that will be the end of it, and it will not happen again. I want you all to know that.

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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 18 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 18 November 2025 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council. Motion seconded by Alderman Chad Vroman.

#### ***Vote:***

#### ***Motion carried via voice vote:***

18 November 2025 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council adjourned at 7:54pm

Submitted by,

Amy Malmstrom  
City Clerk