

**20 January 2026 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 20 January 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 Craig Pirmann, Alderman Steve Marinaccio, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters

Members Absent: Alderman Dave Rice

**3) Proclamation:**

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

Approval of the remote electronic attendance of certain elected officials

**5) Public Comment: Tom Cassidy to thank the Public Works and Inspections Departments**

**6) Discussion and possible action:**

**6.1 Mailing Machine lease renewal with Walz in the amount of \$65.15 a month for 5 years**

***Motion:***

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to discuss Mailing Machine lease renewal with Walz in the amount of \$65.15 a month for 5 years. Motion seconded by Alderman Chad Vroman.

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

***Motion:***

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to move Mailing Machine lease renewal with Walz in the amount of \$65.15 a month for 5 years to the 20th of January Regular Meeting. 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, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 6 ayes 0 nays Absent 1

**6.2 4 CD's in the amount of \$500,000 each for renewal for 3.5% for 12 months**

***Motion:***

Alderman Craig Pirmann made a motion to discuss 4 CD's in the amount of \$500,000 each for renewal for 3.5% for 12 months. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Chrissy Winters.

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

***Motion:***

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to move 4 CD's in the amount of \$500,000 each for 3.5% for 12 months to the 20th of January Regular Meeting. 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, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 6 ayes 0 nays Absent 1

**6.3 Silvis Little League Scholarships*****Motion:***

Alderwoman Doug Greer made a motion to discuss Silvis Little League Scholarships. Motion seconded by Alderman Chad Vroman.

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

Alderman Rick Butts made a motion to move to the COW meeting in 2 weeks. 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 - Absent, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 6 ayes 0 nays Absent 1

**7) Informational:****7.1) City Attorney Report:**

Margaret said congrats to Chief Karzin and happy to be here.

**7.2) City Administrator's Report:**

Jerry said he wanted to explain why Strictly Southern was stricken from the agenda. The reason is for the owner's non-committal to operate the restaurant for more than 2 days a week. Only wanted Friday and Saturday and our agreement that the committee came up with was for 4 days a week from 11am to 7pm. If the committee wants to discuss another agreement or I can take back to him what you guys want him to commit too. The Tri-City Lottery was held for homeowners, those chosen were 10 from Moline, 8 from Silvis, and 7 East Moline. Thank you to everyone who got the word out. The next item is our Federal Infrastructure Grant that we applied for in the Spring of 2025, we have heard from the Congressman's office that it has gone through the house for 1.2 million for water/sewer main replacement for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> St. It is now heading to the Senate for consideration. Looking at the end of February. I have communicated with Bi State Regional Commission for our comprehensive plan, I have forward them our strategic plan and we are going to go forward with the comprehensive plan in May of this year. This will be a process with public impute, meetings, and Council Meetings.

**7.3) City Engineer's Report: None****7.4) City Treasurer's Report: In Packet****7.5) City Clerk's Report:**

Amy said she would like to invite everyone next Friday at 2:30 we will be having an open house here for Tom's Retirement, we will have cake and refreshments. Then next Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> will be Deputy Chief Copeland's retirement, at the PD and I will keep you posted on time. I received a request for information from Alderman Pirmann, I will have a response to you all this week with the information. Thank you, Jerry, for covering for me last week, I was out sick all week. We received Demand for Bargain from the FOP, it has been sent back. I will get the committee meeting called.

**7.6) Mayor's Report:**

The mayor had no report.

**Committee of the Whole**

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**8) Call for an adjournment form the COW Meeting**

Mayor Bob Cervantes asked for a motion to adjourn from 20 January 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Silvis City Council

***Motion:***

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to adjourn from the 20 January 2026 Committee of the Whole. Motion to second by Alderman Steve Marinaccio.

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

The 20 January 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Silvis City Council adjourned at 6:55pm.

**Regular Meeting**

**20 January 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, 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 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, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 6 ayes 0 nays Absent 1

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

***Motion:***

Alderman Craig Pirmann made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda dated 06 January 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 - Absent, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 6 ayes 0 nays Absent 1

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

## **Regular Meeting**

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

#### **8.1 Mailing Machine lease renewal with Walz in the amount of \$65.15 a month for 5 years**

##### ***Motion:***

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to approve Mailing Machine lease renewal with Walz in the amount of \$65.15 a month for 5 years. 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 - Absent, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 6 ayes 0 nays Absent 1

#### **8.2 4 CD's in the amount of \$500,000 each for renewal for 3.5% for 12 months**

##### ***Motion:***

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to approve 4 CD's in the amount of \$500,000 each for renewal for 3.5% for 12 months. 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, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 6 ayes 0 nays Absent 1

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

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

Chief Dave Johnson said we have ISO coming on March 15, 2026, we are looking at testing some of our equipment. We have guys looking through things to see what we still need and try to get that in and see where we are on the budget. I am starting to plan a 5-year plan. January 1<sup>st</sup> through January 20<sup>th</sup> we are at 166 calls. The guys are doing a great job, and it is nice to go out and do the medical aspect and help the people. It has been bad weather, so we have been getting more calls for gas leaks and fires. Yesterday we had 3 calls for fires in a row and 2 were legit. Be safe out there, no space heaters on drop cords.

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

Tom had nothing.

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

Chief Gene Karzin said as Amy mentioned earlier, Deputy Chief Copeland is retiring. I met with Amy and we talked about budget and where we are at. For the hiring aspect, we had 2 applications last week and we are up to 5 now. We talked to the commission, and we are hoping to meet with people next week for an interview. We had someone on 10<sup>th</sup> St. A area mentioned a Neighborhood watch, we will discuss further next week for that.

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

Joe Rockwell said update on the trucks, I did go visit them after last meeting to see where we are at. We are picking the first one up tomorrow and the others will follow shortly after that in the next couple of weeks. We started talking about these in Oct. 2023, we ordered them in May of 2024, and first payment was Feb of 2025. With everything else, you have to pay before you get and they have to be paid before they can have the chassis shipped to them to start working. This is a 4-year lease and after the lease they are ours. The pump station was put back into service, we have a variable frequency drive in there now, it is now running on single phase. It should take care of a lot of problems we had with that lift station.

### **10) Alderman Comments**

**Alderman Rick Butts** said he was curious, if every quarter we could sit down with the administrator behind closed doors and give us a snapshot of what the city is working on. Stuff that is not ready to come to council, but we can see what is out there. Amy said that sometimes these developers and deals are being worked that they do not want us to know. The mayor doesn't even know sometimes because it is a strict confidentiality until they release us to tell people or have us vote on them. The only reason they reach out to the city is to follow the rules of the city. Jerry is the only one that knows because he meets with them on these things. Rick said that he just wants to see us making progress and Amy said the comprehensive plan will help with that. This will be a 1 year, 5-year, 10-year plan. We will call a meeting or a work session to see what we want to do.

**Alderman Doug Greer** said welcome Gene, I feel like we have more police out already. I have seen more out in places they have never been, especially in my neighborhood and I like that. I hope everyone is healthy and has a great 2 weeks.

**Alderman Craig Pirmann** said he is curious on who makes the decision if it is the council or individuals on why we do not have an accountant after 3 years. It is a commonsense thing; we have waited plenty long enough. The other thing, especially for Economics is expectation on plans and how we deal with our commercial business. It would be nice if we had more outlying plans. We need to sit down as Alderman and how we see these TIF loans, and if we can put variables on them or a check list for Jerry. Other than that, I want to thank you.

**Alderman Steve Marinaccio** said Rick as far as the meeting and getting together we have to be very careful of the open meeting law, and if we are willing to discuss during an open meeting. Rick said it would be a closed meeting. The second thing is if individual committees wanted to lay stuff out to make a check list or what we want. Everything has to go through committees and not during COW.

**Alderwoman Chrissy Winters** said she just wanted to thank Joe for taking care of the whole lift station and staying late after the last meeting to talk to everyone. They appreciated it and I appreciate it.

### **11) Mayor Comments**

Mayor Bob Cervantes said thank you Tom for the service you have given to the city. From the time I have worked with you as an Alderman and now as mayor you have done an excellent job. Thank you very much. I will be gone Friday for some surgery and out for about a week and will leave the city in the hands of Mayor Pro Tem Doug Greer.

***Regular Meeting***

**20 January 2025**

**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 20 January 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 20 January 2026 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council. Motion seconded by Alderman Chad Vroman.

***Vote:***

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

20 January 2026 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council adjourned at 7:12pm

Submitted by,

Amy Malmstrom  
City Clerk