

17 February 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 17 February 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

3) Proclamation:

4) Remote Electronic Attendance (if necessary)

Approval of the remote electronic attendance of certain elected officials

5) Public Comment: Ron Johnson

6) Discussion and possible action:

6.1 Special Event – Color Run GOB School

Motion:

Alderwoman Chrissy Winters made a motion to discuss Special Event Color Run GOB School. Motion seconded by Alderman Steve Marinaccio.

Motion carried via voice vote:

Motion:

Alderwoman Chrissy Winters made a motion to move Special Event Color Run GOB School to the 17th of February Regular Meeting. 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 - Absent, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 6 ayes 0 nays Absent 1

6.2 Lease Gordon Flesh Printer for the PD

Motion:

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to discuss Lease Gordon Flesh Printer for the PD. Motion seconded by Alderman Chad Vroman.

Motion carried via voice vote:

Motion:

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to move Lease Gordon Flesh Printer for the PD to the 17th of February 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 Authorize hiring 1 lateral from the Civil Service List

Motion:

Alderman Chad Vroman made a motion to discuss Authorizing hiring 1 lateral from the Civil Service List. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Chrissy Winters.

Motion carried via voice vote:

Motion:

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to move Authorizing hiring 1 lateral from the Civil Service List to the 17th of February 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

6.4 Authorize hiring 2 officers from the Civil Service List

Motion:

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to discuss Authorize hiring 2 officers from the Civil Service List. Motion seconded by Alderman Chad Vroman.

Motion carried via voice vote:

Motion:

Alderwoman Chrissy Winters made a motion to move Authorizing hiring 2 officers from the Civil Service List to the 17th of February 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

7) Informational:

7.1) City Attorney Report:

Roger had no report

7.2) City Administrator's Report:

Jerry said the IL 84, IL 92 and 1st Ave project, there will be a public meeting via Zoom in late April. This will be the end of phase 1 for the project and then we will go into phase 2 which will require the right of ways and that will take about a year to do that. Spring of 2029 is when it is scheduled to begin. The Railroad Heritage of the Midwest of America did purchase 39 acres of the Silvis Rail Yard; their hopes are to build that project out and be able to put in a rail port for off loading train cargo for off loading trailer semis. The Real Leaf Botanical Grow facility is putting up a couple more buildings. Their facility will grow from 13,000 square feet to 48,000 square feet. They currently have 20 jobs and after the building they will add another 20 to 25 jobs. Acentra Credit Union is on target to build in Spring of 2027, we have received their plans, and they are extensive, so we know they are serious about it. We are having the Port Byron building inspector come check out plans for us. Alex has really stepped up. I talked to the TIFs attorney's office who has administered all of our TIFs from day one. She has been there for over 23 years and has been on every TIF we have been involved with, and she is open to a Zoom call for questions and answers from her. I can answer any questions but having her knowledge would be helpful. If you want this meeting as a group, she is available. Our 4 ½ square miles over the last 2 years we have had 13 business that are brand new, 5 of which have closed so we are at 8 are open. More on the horizon Acentra Credit Union, Valvoline Oil, and Quad Cities Hispanic Chambers. There are 9 new housing permits right now. Alderman Pirman wanted to know about Grants that we have out that are pending. Jerry said we have 3 and working on more. Alderman Pirman asked about TIFs and what which of the new businesses have them. Jerry said we do not offer them right away to new businesses. Out of the 5 that have left and only one was in a TIF and that was Rock River Coin and they are paying monthly payments back to the city. Alderman Pirman asked who hires our accountant. Jerry said it is the council who decides. Amy said the council decides if they want to budget it and then the council decides if it goes to Civil Service and if the Civil Service decides they want to move forward with it, a list gets created and we go from there but the council is the one who decides if it gets budgeted first to move forward.

7.3) City Engineer's Report: None

7.4) City Treasurer's Report: In Packet

7.5) City Clerk's Report:

Amy said today me and the Police Chief submitted the Grant for the Live Scan. Joe, Jerry and I are working on a Grant for Lead Service right now. April, we have an event coming up at the Rail Yard, it is going to be Silvis Train Days. Docs Inn is going to have a new owner coming in soon. I am working with them to get everything ready and hopefully in the next 30 days.

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 17 February 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Silvis City Council

Motion:

Alderman Rick Butts made a motion to adjourn from the 17 February 2026 Committee of the Whole. Motion to second by Alderman Steve Marinaccio.

Motion carried via voice vote:

The 17 February 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Silvis City Council adjourned at 7:02pm.

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 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 Doug Greer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda dated 17 February 2026. 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 - 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

8) Discussion and possible action on:

8.1 Special Event Color Run GOB School

Motion:

Alderman Chrissy Winters made a motion to approve Special Event Color Run GOB School. 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 Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 6 ayes 0 nays Absent 1

8.2 Lease Gordon Flesh Printer for the PD

Motion:

Alderman Chad Vroman made a motion to approve Lease Gordon Flesh Printer for the PD. 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, Alderman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 6 ayes 0 nays Absent 1

8.3 Authorize hiring 1 lateral from the Civil Service List

Motion:

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to approve authorize hiring 1 lateral from the Civil Service List. 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 Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 6 ayes 0 nays Absent 1

8.4 Authorize hiring 2 officers from the Civil Service List

Motion:

Alderman Rick Butts made a motion to approve Authorize hiring 2 officers from the Civil Service List. 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 Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 6 ayes 0 nays Absent 1

Regular Meeting

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9) City Staff Reports

A) Fire Department:

Chief Dave Johnson was Absent

B) Inspections Department:

Alex Pevich said he is holding it down and checking with what we need. If I have problems, I call East Moline and Port Byron. I have been working for 7 months now; I graduated in May from Northern Illinois. I am learning every day. I am working on certifications, right now I am getting ready to take my Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector certification and taking the Legal Aspects exam soon. I will eventually start working toward the IRC within the next 6 months to a year.

C) Police Department:

Chief Gene Karzin said thank you for voting for the new hires. Last week Jerry, Amy and I went on a tour of the city to point out some of the concerns with the CSO. I went out with the CSO, and we went over a lot of issues and how it should go forward. We also put together a thing here called my eyes. It is little forms that can be filled out and left with business that they were out there. Another form we put together is Citizen complaint form, by stature we have to have this available, you do not need to leave your name or number but if you want to leave a complaint they are in front of the lobby. Facebook we are getting more and more followers and we are trying to get a lot more out to the public. Tomorrow morning Detective Smet and I are going to go out to Geneseo to meet with Jamie Schoemaker she does the Impact Program out there for Mental Health. We worked with them closely today and we had 2 issues that involved Mental Health. We got someone an ID and we took the other to a facility that can help her. We are working on annual report for you.

D) Public Works & Parks:

Joe Rockwell said Alex has been working with me and I have been helping him out on some things and when he has questions he can ask me. We are working on getting a price and locking down the cost to replace the water and sewer before we start the 1st Ave project, and we are going to apply for a grant on that as well. Amy said we did get a rough estimate of that and right now if we broke ground today, it was just shy of 7 million and in 2 years it will be much bigger. Jerry said that it is going to be about 10 million.

10) Alderman Comments

Alderman Doug Greer said about 2 weeks ago his mother-in-law had a pretty massive stroke and the FD first responder was there and what he was able to do before the ambulance got there. From a personal basis we shouldn't be without them. They helped tremendously.

Alderwoman Chrissy Winters said she did go to the Park Board Meeting, and they still would like to see the pavilion up at Phipps Park and if for some reason they had to keep the house there they would want it to be turned into something like the McGhee Center.

11) Mayor Comments

Mayor Bob Cervantes said we are looking for a replacement for Alderman Dyer, and I have had 4 folks come forward and we are really close and will have an answer by next Wednesday.

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12) Closed Session – Litigation

Motion:

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to close Regular Meeting to go into Closed Session under Imitate or Pending Litigation 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 11. 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

Regular Meeting Closed: 7:16pm

Regular Meeting Open: 7:39pm

Motion:

Alderman Rick Butts made a motion to open 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

Alderman Craig Pirman reported no action taken in Closed Session

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 17 February 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 17 February 2026 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Chrissy Winters.

Vote:

Motion carried via voice vote:

17 February 2026 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council adjourned at 7:40pm

Submitted by,

Amy Malmstrom
City Clerk