

07 April 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 07 April 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, Alderman Dave Rice, Alderwoman Ariel Wilcox, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters

3) Proclamation: Officer of the Year – Nico Castro

4) Remote Electronic Attendance (if necessary)

Approval of the remote electronic attendance of certain elected officials

5) Public Comment: Sargent Miletich, Shawn Creamer

6) Discussion and possible action:

6.1 “No Parking” sign posted in city owned alleyway North of 4th Ave/West of 7th Street

Motion:

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to discuss “No Parking” sign posted in city owned alleyway North of 4th Ave/West of 7th Street. Motion seconded by Alderman Chad Vroman.

Motion carried via voice vote:

Motion:

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to move “No Parking” sign posted in city owned alleyway North of 4th Ave/West of 7th Street to the 7th of April Regular Meeting. 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, Alderwoman Ariel Wilcox – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays Absent 0

6.2 Preventative maintenance for HVAC System @ the PD from Crawford Company in the amount of \$4,440.43/yr.

Motion:

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to discuss Preventative maintenance for HVAC System @ the PD from Crawford Company in the amount of \$4,440.43/yr. Motion seconded by Alderman Chad Vroman.

Motion carried via voice vote:

Motion:

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to move Preventative maintenance for HVAC System @ the PD from Crawford Company in the amount of \$4,440.43/yr to the 7th of April Regular Meeting. 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, Alderwoman Ariel Wilcox – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays Absent 0

6.3 605 15th St. Sewer write off for a meter that was leaking. Total w/o would be \$33.19

Motion:

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to discuss 605 15th St. Sewer write off for a meter that was leaking. Total w/o would be \$33.19. Motion seconded by Alderman Chad Vroman.

Motion carried via voice vote:

Motion:

Alderman Steve Marrinaccio made a motion to move 605 15th St. Sewer write off for a meter that was leaking. Total w/o would be \$33.19, to the 7th of April 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 - Yes, Alderwoman Ariel Wilcox – 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 said we are working on our budget and had our first meeting with the Finance Committee last night. We will continue next week with another one, May 1st is the beginning of our fiscal year. During the month of March, thank you Amy for all the hard work you have been doing to make me look good. We have applied for the Lead service grant from the state; we also applied for some grants for water/sewer replacement on 15th street from 1st Ave to 4th Ave and also for 17th Street from 1st Ave to 4th Ave as well. Working really closely with Chief Karzin and QComm 911, we are restructuring the organization. Tomorrow they will be there a full day and working on that issue, so I appreciate your help and support with that. We came from a meeting today that the mayor and I are on called the High-Speed Rail Committee. They have been working on this for years but on a high note, we were told that it would be an 8-to-10-year project that would be completed. A 55-mile project from here to close to Princeton is where it would hook up. This is a 1-billion-dollar project that has already been funded by the federal and the state. They are working with the railroads now to get permits and usage. There is a lot of excitement on that end. Alderman Pirmann asked Jerry what is the normal take on the audit, is it normally due in Oct.? Amy said it is normally done at the end of December but with the transition of software it has been a slower process. From one software to the next things did not transfer correctly and we had to go through a lot of things and get it. They do not have a lot of auditors out there and so they have a workload that has been very heavy on their part too. It happens and there are some municipalities that are years behind on audits, it is not that we are out of line or anything. It is done, we are just waiting on the reports now. Alderman Pirman wanted to know if it would be done before budget approval and Amy said she sent an email asking for copies. As soon as I have them in hand I will send them out in an email.

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7.3) City Engineer's Report: None

7.4) City Treasurer's Report: In Packet

7.5) City Clerk's Report:

Amy said we have been working though and writing some grants and working on the budget. A lot of time has gone into those too. We have received some good feedback from Congress Sorenson's office, and they feel positive about what we have done. We are trying to get any dollars we can because we have some very big projects coming up that we are going to have to figure out how to offset. Kite day was canceled last Saturday due to the weather, and it is rescheduled for this Saturday at noon.

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 07 April 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Silvis City Council

Motion:

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to adjourn from the 07 April 2026 Committee of the Whole. Motion to second by Alderman Rick Butts.

Motion carried via voice vote:

The 07 April 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Silvis City Council adjourned at 7:12pm.

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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, Alderman Dave Rice, Alderwoman Ariel Wilcox, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters

3) Public Comment: Gail Vyncke, Sue Knapp, Bev Boltinghouse, Holly Sveltick

4) Establish the consent agenda to include the following: (Read, then vote)

5) Vote to establish consent agenda as read

Motion:

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to establish consent agenda as read. 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, Alderwoman Ariel Wilcox – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes
Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays Absent 0

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6): Vote to approve items on the consent agenda

Motion:

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda dated 03 March 2026. 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 - Yes, Alderwoman Ariel Wilcox – 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:

8.1 “No Parking” sign posted in city owned alleyway North of 4th Ave/West of 7th Street

Motion:

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to approve “No Parking” sign posted in city owned alleyway North of 4th Ave/West of 7th Street. 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 - Yes, Alderwoman Ariel Wilcox – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes
Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays Absent 0

8.2 Preventative Maintenance for HVAC System @ the PD from Crawford Company in the amount of \$4,440.43

Motion:

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to approve Bi-State joint purchasing agreement authority to sign. 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, Alderwoman Ariel Wilcox – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes
Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays Absent 0

8.3 605 15th St. Sewer write off for a meter that was leaking. Total w/o would be \$33.19

Motion:

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to approve 605 15th St. Sewer write off for a meter that was leaking. Total w/o would be \$33.19. 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 Ariel Wilcox - Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes
Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays Absent 0

9) City Staff Reports

A) Fire Department:

Chief Dave Johnson said we have responded to our usual, we had a couple of structure fires since the last council meeting, we did have a couple of medical calls, and we did have a really bad vehicle accident. After that call, Chief and I talked about it and had a Critical Incident debrief meeting, it was best for all. We had it at the PD, with police, fire and ambulance, there were a lot of much needed conversations. Hearing from the PD and ambulance crew who made it a point to stress out that Fire is able to do medical now and help out especially on scenes like that, kudos to you all for allowing us to do what other departments do. It was great to see the support from all of us. This accident had 5 ambulances there that night, on a bright light everything went in the correct direction afterwards. We were extremely proud to be there last night as our assistant chief was sworn in as the new Chief of FD for East Moline. I am beyond happy for him, and he deserves every bit of this. I would also like to say that we had an issue with a power outage in the town, when that went down the other night, we were not able to get in the bay door or the keypad to get into the FD. The generator did not get kicked back on at the same time as the outage. The generator had been serviced in November, but a cap was left off by the company who did it and it blew out. I was able to make a call and get that taken care of and it is back up and going. We also started a new tradition at the FD; it is a family night. We will do that quarterly; it is important for them with all the new calls and being away from their families. They show up and we do not talk about FD things, and we have wives and children together for the unity. We have been working on the budget and building our roster. Mayor asked Chief about the accident that involved children the other night. Chief said initially that night it seemed pretty dreary, but I have found out some updates and with the man up above all of them are ok at this point. It is a blessing.

B) Inspections Department:

Alex Pevich said he is continuing code enforcement efforts throughout the city, especially on the main roads and looking nicer. More permits, phone calls and inspections are coming in. Working with contractors and commercial developments, hopefully that will be built in the city. Personally, I am just continuing to learn and grow and being able to take on more tasks as well. Alderman Pirmann asks how the inspector is going and looking for one. Jerry said that Alex has been doing a fantastic job and what he has passed is something that takes others over a year to pass. He is now a certified building inspector; he doesn't do electrical or plumbing but he is able to do what he can. We have farmed out the electrical and plumbing to other cities and it has been working out well. Port Byron's inspector is a back-up to Alex, and he can call him anytime; Alex is also resourceful and finds answers on his own. Joe and I are also there to help with things as well. Milan has lent their plumbing inspector as well. It has worked out well and we are monitoring but it may be a new inspector who would be in a part-time position. We do have applications, but what we have is working well and we have not missed a beat or falling through the cracks. Alderman Marinaccio asked if Alex was working on other certifications or perusing on other areas of the inspector position. Alex said yes, he is.

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C) Police Department:

Chief Gene Karzin said he showed up at the accident the other night and lots of FD, PD & ambulances were up there. A lot of people shook up, and the FD chief and I talked about a critical debrief and I contact Pastor Steve from Geneseo, he has a master's in Counseling and he came and I can not thank him enough for his time. Talk about corporations from departments and I think it helped. I have heard nothing but positive from FD, PD and ambulance. Yesterday Marissa Minor started as a police officer, we are working through the process and will go to the academy on May 4th. The storage building you approved was delivered and I have had the evidence officers going through and there are 18 bicycles down there and we will be moving them this week. We are working on the budget and negotiations, and I think it went really well. I did provide business cards to every officer who works there, it was asked so that when they meet people on the streets, they can hand them out. Everyone got 100 and I want to see how well they use them. I know we had a grant out for the live scan which we were denied. I have talked to states attorney office yesterday and they are fairly interested in providing one for us, so hopefully we can get one from them. We did an FB post for bikes, and I have the CSO working on the ones for the grass and weed, with reminders throughout the year with what you can and can't do. The big thing right now is the JDC; it is eating up a lot of time. Officer Robinson has been working with them, and they are going to provide a cubicle system and I hope that happens.

D) Public Works & Parks:

Joe Rockwell said he has been getting a lot of calls about 14th street, he talked to McClintock and they will be up there this week, depending on weather. We are in the process of filling potholes again; everything blew out with this big rain we had but we are out. Restrooms are in the process of opening at the parks. Pickle ball and Pump Track are open; we will shut the Pump Track down for a day at the end of May to seal coat it. Alderman Pirmann said he got a lot of calls about the drainage issues with that rain, and I didn't know how to address it. It is near 14th, 11th and 12th, I drove around the city and there are lakes and rivers in people's yards. Do we have a plan of attack for that or a plan? Joe said with the amount of rain and how heavy it was, it does overwhelm it and we do have dig some ditches and drain some, but 14th street is full of sinks holes due to the construction and some of the streets need to be repaired as well. This is the infrastructure that needs replaced but we are addressing it. Alderman Marinaccio said that on 14th and the construction that one side is lower than the street so basically, we have an asphalt dike and there is not much we can do. Alderman Pirmann said the people he talked too have been complaining for years and nothing has been done. This is an issue that needs to be addressed, and they need to come to council to bring it to us since they are being ignored. Joe said we do get complaints, and we go and jet pipes and culvers out, but it is their responsibility to get them cleaned because it is on their property but if it is too much we will go out and help.

10) Alderman Comments

Alderman Chad Vroman said we were invited down to the Garden Club Greenhouse, and it was remarkable what they do done there, I was blown away. They are having their sale on May 2nd, and anyone can come. They have everything from tomatoes to flowers, and they grow them from seeds, the linguistics down there and what they do. I am really glad to see it down there and what they give back. I encourage you to go down and buy something.

Alderman Rick Butts said he wanted an update on 3rd Street. Jerry said we have not received the funds yet, but we have been awarded 1.1 million to do the work. It will be in our budget.

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Alderman Doug Greer said he wanted to say congratulations to Officer Castro. What you guys all did up at that accident and thank you it was not easy. Thank you very much and thank you guys for showing us the Garden Club. That is what I think we are about and there are a lot of exciting things coming up.

Alderman Craig Pirmann said he is going to work with both Chief's on a Public awareness program, I will not go into detail with it, and it be comfortable for our citizens, but it is coming. I did put together something so I would not go astray so bear with me. Successful municipalities have similar traits that usually welcome diversity, creativity, higher intelligence and ideas. They work with honest accountability and honestly most do welcome it. They culminate with their economies with planning, creating and evolving and not just those who conform or comply. Their all-inclusive they have embraced ideas and the arts, culture, and most of all they encourage vision to be better than they were yesterday. They become self-reliant and seek answers to difficult questions, rather than ignoring issues until they become a ticking time bomb and we do have several in our city. We recently just defused one which was a lawsuit and there are many others. Most organizations and teams or cities parish in darkness and division, we absolutely have too many shadows and dark corners and there are hostilities. It seems we have some divisive elements that are creating deep separations. Transparency is the light; selective transparency is the shadows. Our city has been warned by multiple Alderman, employees and the citizens of very illegal and ethical problems, yet we propitiate zero responsibility and accountability with no real checks and balance. The first step to any person or organization to fixing their problems is admitting they have them. We seem to have plenty of funding for legal fees, routine elements of local businesses, yet nothing for citizens. Our environments, our community and ongoing infrastructure we continually lean for outside sources like grants to fix our continuing growing internal problems. We have zero funds earmarked for capital improvement. We have nothing for arts, nothing for culture, nothing for local or municipal economical development programs, just TIF. Every great human failure is caused by good men remaining silent and doing little when they have observed questionable activity by extremely unqualified individuals. They relinquish their sworn responsibilities to another and forgo their due diligence. Often, they fear retribution or kickback from those prevised to be in control or worse they seek refuge and acceptance in being a part of a click. I personally took an oath not to be in a click. In conclusion, with all due respect I will no longer approve any funding or appropriations of employees, RDA's or similar until we reinclude specific earmarks. They call it ring sensing, savings toward CIPs. We have a 2 ½ year overdue full-time accountant, no one is talking about it, an abnormally overdue audit report, and an honest master plan for our city. I welcome anybody to call and talk to me if you want, I am always reasonable, I am not going to call anyone by names or mentioned anyone name in this little rant or whatever you want to call it. I am trying to be honest, I am trying to be fair, I care about the city I grew up in. I am just trying to share what I am seeing, and I will finish with this. The organizations we have in the city, like the Garden Club, make this city worth living in. So, I would encourage more of those, I tried some years ago to start an excellent program, Mike Johnson with the FD was our first and only cities Hero of the Year, and the city shot that program down. Because it was personal and people make things personal verse professional. I would encourage even greater support for

programs like our Garden Club, they do a lot for this city, and I thank them for it. I appreciate these final few minutes; I felt it was necessary and if anyone wants my number we can talk.

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Alderman Steve Marinaccio said he knows the city relies on FB, there are some elements with the city that have not grown up enough to spell FB, I am still a tree killer and I like paper. If anything, I got more calls about the late notification of bulk pickup, it arrived on Thursday before it started and my phone burned up. I know that people use FB but personally it should have gone out a month ago and most would have forgotten about it. We need to multiple notices. My last point and I will say it this way, this is not a coffee or tea club. A lot of people on this council work very hard, we go out and research things and because of the open meeting law we cannot go out and get together without it being an open meeting. On the ones and two, we do talk and do a lot of work behind the scenes. When we feel like we have something we feel strongly about, we have a mechanism in the ordinance to bring it up to the council agenda through the mayor. Mayor will put it on the agenda, if the council, through the research and committees, COW and the Council Meeting say yah or nay, that is our job. I do not think there is anyone on this council who is lacking the education or mental capability to do our job that we swore to do. We are not a key club, we are a government and if we are not doing our job, there is a mechanism in the law that you can kick us out and put someone else in. I personally don't think anyone on this council doesn't work the best we can, we are a city government, we are a small city government, we are not the congress of the United States. We also do run by the same rules. If there is something to be brought in front of the council do it through channels and I will just say if you have something you keep bringing up all the time and do go through the system it is just hot air and we do not have the ability to research it properly and go through the committee system and bring it up through a vote if needed. If there is anyone in my old residence out there in the peanut gallery that does not really understand the flow of bringing things to the council stop by and I will be happy to go through it. It is not difficult or time consuming. If there are issue bring them up through channels and yes you can go to your Alderman and work through that but I will not sit here and have anyone in this city think that we are a coffee club who sits here and rubber stamps and goes out and has a beer afterwards, that is not the case.

Alderman Ariel Wilcox said she wanted to commend the Garden Club and thank you for letting us come visit. It was remarkable to learn about the work you do for the community, it is absolutely amazing and I strongly encourage you to stop by, especially on May 2nd to get some flowers because they look really stunning.

Alderman Chrissy Winters said she is going to agree with Steve. I know that everyone here really values their seats and are here for the right reasons, no matter what one person may believe. As far as the accounting position goes, we talked about it for over an hour yesterday, so it is not being ignored. Just because you are not hearing what you want to hear does not mean things are not happening. I believe in positivity and we need to spread that more than tearing us apart and all the negative. You say all the time that we are not playing as a team, and I think we are it is just not what you want to hear. I again think we are smart enough to handle this position, and I do not think we have a problem.

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11) Mayor Comments

Mayor Bob Cervantes read something for the council. Amy Malmstrom, the CMC of the City of Silvis has earned the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk, which is awarded by the Institute of Municipal Clerks Inc. IIMC grants the CMC designation only to municipal clerks who complete the demanding educational requirements and have a record of significant contributions to their local government, community, and state. A round of applause is needed for Amy.

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 07 April 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 07 April 2026 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council. Motion seconded by Alderman Chad Vroman.

Vote:

Motion carried via voice vote:

07 April 2026 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council adjourned at 7:55pm

Submitted by,

Amy Malmstrom
City Clerk