

21 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 21 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, Alderwoman Ariel Wilcox, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters

3) Proclamation:

4) Remote Electronic Attendance (if necessary)

Approval of the remote electronic attendance of certain elected officials

5) Public Comment: William Fox

6) Discussion and possible action:

6.1 RACOM renewal NTE \$4560

Motion:

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to discuss RACOM renewal NTE \$4560. Motion seconded by Alderman Chad Vroman.

Motion carried via voice vote:

Motion:

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to move RACOM renewal NTE \$4560 to the 21st 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 - Absent, Alderwoman Ariel Wilcox – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes
Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays Absent 1

6.2 Garden Club Greenhouse water heater and piping system in the amount of \$3940.00

Motion:

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to discuss Garden Club Greenhouse water heater and piping system in the amount of \$3940.00. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Chrissy Winters.

Motion carried via voice vote:

Motion:

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to move Garden Club Greenhouse water heater and piping system in the amount of \$3940.00 to the 21st 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 - Absent, Alderwoman Ariel Wilcox – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes
Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays Absent 1

6.3 JL Brady for HVAC maintenance agreement for \$1175

Motion:

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to discuss JL Brady for HVAC maintenance agreement for \$1175. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Chrissy Winters.

Motion carried via voice vote:

Motion:

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to move JL Brady for HVAC maintenance agreement for \$1175 to the 21st 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 - Absent, Alderwoman Ariel Wilcox – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes
Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays Absent 1

6.4 Emergency Storm sewer fix @ 1615 18th Ave NTE \$21,000

Motion:

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to discuss Emergency Storm sewer fix @ 1615 18th Ave NTE \$21,000. Motion seconded by Alderman Steve Marinaccio.

Motion carried via voice vote:

Motion:

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to move Emergency Storm sewer fix @ 1615 18th Ave NTE \$21,000 to the 21st 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 - Absent, Alderwoman Ariel Wilcox – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes
Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays Absent 1

6.5 Crime Stoppers agreement \$800

Motion:

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to discuss Crime Stoppers agreement \$800. Motion seconded by Alderman Rick Butts.

Motion carried via voice vote:

Motion:

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to move Crime Stoppers agreement \$800 to the 21st 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 - Absent, Alderwoman Ariel Wilcox – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes
Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays Absent 1

7) Informational:

7.1) City Attorney Report:

Roger had no report

7.2) City Administrator's Report:

Jerry said he wanted to thank the Finance Committee, they have been working hard with our staff and building the budget that will hopefully be approved next week. We have a Finance Committee meeting on Thursday night for another budget review meeting at 5pm. On Wednesday at 6pm we have a Public Hearing and after that at 6:30 we have a Special Meeting to hopefully be able to approve that budget.

7.3) City Engineer's Report: None

7.4) City Treasurer's Report: In Packet

7.5) City Clerk's Report:

Amy said Kite Day was a huge success. I thank everyone who could be there to help with that event, it is a great thing for our community and kids. I also want to report that on April 25th, which is this coming Saturday, the Train Yard is having another event from 9am to 4:30pm. It will be classic cars, trains, food trucks, tours, and ride on a train, I would encourage you to go over if you have not been there. The audit is done and next Wednesday we will have a presentation from the auditors. The budget we are just about done with and it is moving along.

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

Motion:

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to adjourn from the 21 April 2026 Committee of the Whole. Motion to second by Alderman Rick Butts.

Motion carried via voice vote:

The 21 April 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Silvis City Council adjourned at 6:48pm.

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 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 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 - Absent, Alderwoman Ariel Wilcox – 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 21 April 2026. 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 Ariel Wilcox – 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:

8.1 RACOM renewal NTE \$4560

Motion:

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to approve RACOM renewal for the Fire Department NTE \$4560. 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 Ariel Wilcox – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes
Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays Absent 1

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8.2 Garden Club Greenhouse water heater and piping system in the amount of \$3940.00

Motion:

Alderwoman Chrissy Winters made a motion to approve Garden Club Greenhouse water heater and piping system for 50% of \$3940.00. 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 - Absent, Alderwoman Ariel Wilcox – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes
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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 Ariel Wilcox – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes
Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays Absent 1

8.5 Crime Stoppers 4 year agreement NTE \$800

Motion:

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to approve Crime Stoppers 4 year agreement NTE \$800 in the first year. 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 Ariel Wilcox – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes
Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays Absent 1

9) City Staff Reports

A) Fire Department:

Chief Dave Johnson had no report tonight.

B) Inspections Department:

Alex Pyevich said things are picking up as expected with the building season beginning. During my free time I am continuing to study for my next certification which I plan to take sooner rather than later. With things picking up with any challenges that come my way I just want to thank my co-workers for bouncing ideas off or answering any questions.

C) Police Department:

Chief Gene Karzin said we have been working hard on the budget with Amy and the Finance Committee. Negotiations are going well and Amy will update everyone during Closed Session. We have been working with the JDC and an action plan with Pat Robinson; John Deere has agreed to donate 6 cubicle areas for us. They are putting those together to bring to us, and they will help us out. I was able to meet with Ashley Harris, the Mayor of Rock Island, Mayor Cervantes brought him over and introduced us. I have known him for several years, but it was good to see him again. On Kite Day we were down there and officers came down and flew kites with the kids, and it was a good time.

D) Public Works & Parks:

Joe Rockwell said we are working on 14th Street, McClintock has been up there the last couple of days filling in dirt and we have jetted out the culverts up there. We are working on 11th and 12th Street right now, fixing that catch base and storm sewer and hopefully that will not take long, and we will be out working on potholes again. He addressed the audience and said he lives on that street, and they can come to talk to him, the street is bad and we have some bad streets, and we will be addressing them.

10) Alderman Comments

Alderman Chad Vroman said he wanted to reiterate what Chief and Amy said about Kite Day, it was absolutely wonderful to see that many folks out and absolutely a beautiful day. Just to see the community come out, and Chief I think you went through 150 hot dogs, a few burnt ones but it was really nice, along with all the donations we got from Walmart and all the sponsors. It was a great day to see the community come out like that and see all the smiling faces on the kids.

Alderman Rick Butts said Kite Day was fun. It was a nice day out and I got to talk to some people and both Chiefs. Chad dressed up as the Easter Bunny and he couldn't see anything, it was funny. It was a good turnout and I thank everybody.

Alderman Doug Greer had nothing tonight

Alderman Craig Pirmann had nothing tonight

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Alderman Steve Marinaccio said Joe, it looks good and let's hope we don't have a heavy rain between now and 3 weeks from now, all that beautiful dirt is going to go right down the drain, and we will be right back at the beginning. I am going to request that Resolution 2024-28, dated November 2024, be reviewed by all members of the Council both elected and none elected. As a reminder, this is internal and external guidance and as soon as we get the new Ordinance codified this is going to be internal and entered right into the Ordinance. I think it would be good to review and if you have not signed the documents, that was required by the last Council and just take a look at it and if you do not know what I am talking about I can or Amy can give you a copy of it. We need to get that read, reread and follow.

Alderman Ariel Wilcox had nothing tonight

Alderman Chrissy Winters had nothing tonight

11) Mayor Comments

Mayor Bob Cervantes said he wanted to touch on what Gene touched on a second ago, I did invite Mayor Harris from Rock Island over here. I know he is a first Mayor over in Rock Island and I am a first time Mayor here in Silvis. I want to thank our Department Heads for greeting him, he was really impressed first of all with Public Works. I know he talked about buying 3 snowplows from us, but I think he was pulling our leg, Joe? We do a lot of things over here in Silvis that they do not do in Rock Island, they farm out. Joe was kind enough to say if you need any help let me know and Joe gave him his card. I thought that was very good of our department. Our staff at the Clerks office introduced themselves and Amy knows the Mayor and Jerry was our driver and Jerry did a good job too. Our Police Department always does a good job with the guys. Later on in the week I heard a good comment from the mayor, he invited me out for lunch which unfortunately I missed, and I hope I get a rain check for that. He was really impressed, he compared Silvis and Rock Island like a sports car with an engine and a truck with an engine, they both work the same. The Police Chief, the Fire Chief, the administrator and I will be at UTHS career fair tomorrow morning at 7am. I am going to read a statement, sometimes I have to do what I do as mayor.

I want to address some recent social media posts made by Alderman Pirmann.

I'm not doing this to give those posts more attention, I'm doing it because the public deserves accurate information. First, it's true that the city does not currently have a staff accountant. What has not been said is that there has been pressure to create or fill that position in a way that benefits a specific individual. Specifically, an alderman wants his wife promoted into that position. Personnel decisions are not made that way. We make decisions based on what is best for the city as a whole, not on political relationships. We have a strong city administrator who is doing a good job. Not everyone comes from the same background, and sometimes having someone with experience outside of government brings a fresh and useful perspective. I stand behind the work Jerry is doing and the direction we are going. The insults that are being made by the alderman about the administrator are motivated by political issues, not performance issues. The city's financial records are open and transparent. Anyone who says otherwise is simply wrong. There have also been comments about a lawsuit involving a former administrator. That matter was handled by the city's insurance carrier. The city did not choose to settle the case, and the city Council did not vote on it. The insurer made that decision and paid the settlement. The city Council, as a whole, works well together. We don't always agree, but we handle disagreements with respect and keep the focus on moving the city forward.

Unfortunately, not everyone is choosing to do that right now and there is one person who is very negative about the city. I believe most people in Silvis can see the difference between productive leadership and personal agendas. We will continue to focus on doing what's right for the city.

12) Closed Session – Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(1), Negotiations 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(2)

Motion:

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to go into Closed Session for Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(1), Negotiations 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(2). 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 - Absent, Alderwoman Ariel Wilcox – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes
Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays Absent 1

Regular Meeting Closed at 7:05pm

Closed Session Opened at 7:12pm

Closed Session Closed at 8:43pm

Regular Meeting Opened at 8:44pm

Motion:

Alderman Steve Marinaccio made a motion to go back into 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 Ariel Wilcox – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes
Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays Absent 1

Alderwoman Chrissy Winters reported no action taken during 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 21 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 21 April 2026 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council. Motion seconded by Alderman Chad Vroman.

Vote:

Motion carried via voice vote:

21 April 2026 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council adjourned at 8:45pm

Submitted by,


Amy Malmstrom
City Clerk