

City of Petersburg
Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, August 3, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.
Petersburg, MI 49270

A Meeting of the Council for the City of Petersburg was held on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor, Kevin Richards. Councilpersons present were Laura Antoszewski, Dawn Cilley, Stella Kirby, Rita Rousseau, Lisa Walters.

Absent: Ron Stumpmier

Moved by Cilley to approve the agenda as printed. Supported by Antoszewski. Aye (6) Nay (0) Absent (1)
Motion carried.

Minutes of the previous meeting were presented to Council in printed form as recorded. Moved by Cilley that the minutes of the 7/20/26 meeting be approved. Supported by Kirby. Aye (6) Nay (0) Absent (1) Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Jessica Johnson Cribbs from the Petersburg Event Committee reported that last week's Farmers Market was quite successful. She inquired about the possibility of improved internet service for the market vendors to take online payments. Mayor Richards shared that Verizon is in the process of improving coverage in the area. The next Farmers Market will be the last week of August and many return vendors are expected. They are considering having a vintage tractor show that evening as well and inquired about closing off the street.

The Events Committee is also hosting a duck race on August 15th which will include a 2-hour children's festival with games, music, face painting, etc. There will also be one more movie night on the fourth Saturday in August. Council discussed the possibility of the city paying for the Porta-Potty costs associated with the Farmers Market or having the city hall restrooms available to the public during market hours.

New Business:

Moved by Antoszewski and supported by Cilley to approve the placement of a memorial bench in honor of Conor Harrigan at Veterans' Park. Private funds will be used to purchase the bench. Aye (6) Nay (0) Absent (1) Motion carried.

Water tap payment options were briefly discussed and the issue tabled pending more input from the City Attorney.

Old Business:

Council discussed the potential removal of several walnut trees in town and the possibility of the city being paid for the wood.

Concerns related to police coverage in the city were again discussed by Council as well as the cost-effectiveness of our current contract with Monroe County Sheriff's Dept. Mayor Richards will again be contacting the sheriff to address these concerns.

Prepping of the alleyway and improvements to drainage have been made and repaving is pending. Mayor Richards is currently discussing with DTE the improvements to the light poles prior to the sidewalk replacement project.

The recent appointment of Jim Holeman to the Planning Commission was discussed and Mayor Richards stated that, after consulting with the City Attorney, the appointment did not follow protocol. A call for applications for the seat has been posted on the city website and Facebook and applications will be accepted through August 12th.

Moved by Kirby to approve payment of \$20/hour to Mike Doughty to digitize the city charter and ordinances. Supported by Antoszewski. Roll Call Vote: Aye (6) Nay (0) Absent (1). Motion carried.

Council Reports:

Antoszewski reported on current blight issues, including preparing to send notices about unplated, non-running vehicles.

Kirby reported that the charcoal grill for Fernstrom Park has arrived and will be installed shortly. She also reported concerns re: the state of the old gas station building in town. The county community service crew will be back in October to re-mulch the wooded paths in Fernstrom Park and to address the poison ivy. She also discussed wanting to place some boulders along the riverside path.

Employee Reports:

Treasurer Goodin reported that a Sewer Contingency Fund CD is due to mature this month. She recommended renewing the CD for a one-year term at a more favorable rate.

Moved by Rousseau that Council adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Supported by Cilley. Aye (6) Nay (0) Absent (1) Motion carried.

Guests: Deputy Zach Blevins, Jim Holeman, Jessica Johnson Cribbs, Connie Jensen, Kelly Kalb, Bobby Richards, Mike Doughty
Employees: Trudy Goodin, Jenny Doughty

Minutes submitted by:_____ Jenny Doughty, Clerk

Minutes approved by:_____ Mayor Kevin Richards