

**MINUTES OF THE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 21, 2025**

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Darter at 7:30 p.m.
2. The following Aldermen were present: Vogt, Matt Buettner, Hopkins, Trantham, Charron, Kyle Buettner, Row, and Most.
3. Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Stan Darter.
4. Correction or Withdrawal of Agenda Items by Sponsor. None.
5. Approval of Minutes as Written or Amended.
Approval of the April 07, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes.
Motion made by Alderman Row and seconded by Alderman Matt Buettner to approve the April 07, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes as presented.
Motion passed unanimously with Aldermen Row, Most, Vogt, Matt Buettner, Hopkins, Trantham, Charron, and Kyle Buettner voting ‘aye’.
6. Petitions by Citizens on Non-Agenda Items. None.
7. Reports and Communications from the Mayor and other City Officers.
 - A. Report of Treasurer.
The Treasurer Report is in the packet.
Motion to accept the Treasurer Report was made by Alderman Most and seconded by Alderman Row.
Motion passed unanimously with Aldermen Most, Vogt, Matt Buettner, Hopkins, Trantham, Charron, Kyle Buettner and Row voting ‘aye’.
 - B. Report of Collector / Budget Officer.
The Collection Report is in the packet.
Motion to accept the Collection Report was made by Alderman Hopkins and seconded by Alderman Kyle Buettner.
Motion passed unanimously with Aldermen Hopkins, Trantham, Charron, Kyle Buettner, Row, Most, Vogt, and Matt Buettner voting ‘aye’.
 - C. Report of Subdivision and Zoning Administrator. The report is in the packet.
 - D. Report of Building Inspector / Code Administrator. The report is in the packet.
 - E. Report of Deputy Director of Public Works.
West Third Street will experience intermittent closures throughout the week as the contractor works on installing the new sewer system.
 - F. Report of Director of Public Works.
 - There was another tornado yesterday at the south end of the city limits. Only downed trees and tree limbs have been reported.
 - Two planned power outages are scheduled for this week in the area of Morrison Avenue and Fourth Street. Affected residents have been notified.
 - G. Report of Chief of Police. No report.
 - H. Report of City Attorney. No report.
 - I. Report and Communication by Mayor.
 1. Non-Profit Grant Program Check Presentation to Waterloo Sports Association in the Amount of \$5,000.00 for their Project, “Safety Shade / Net Project”.
 2. Appointment of Corey Zavorka to the Board of Police Commissioners for a three-year term to expire 05-01-28.
Consent was approved unanimously with Aldermen Vogt, Matt Buettner, Hopkins, Trantham, Charron, Kyle Buettner, Row, and Most voting ‘aye’.
8. Report of Standing Committees. None.
9. Report of Special Committees. None.

10. Presentation of Communications, Petitions, Resolutions, Orders and Ordinances by Aldermen.

- A. Consideration and Action on Ordinance No. 1903 Approving an Annexation Agreement between the City of Waterloo, IL, and Allison Bash, AB Metro East Properties LLC in Regard to a Tract of Land Comprising Approximately .46 Acres, more or less, Contiguous to the Corporate Boundaries of the City of Waterloo, IL, more commonly known as 751 North Market Street.

Motion made by Alderman Row and seconded by Alderman Charron to accept Consideration and Action on Ordinance No. 1903 Approving an Annexation Agreement between the City of Waterloo, IL, and Allison Bash, AB Metro East Properties LLC in Regard to a Tract of Land Comprising Approximately .46 Acres, more or less, Contiguous to the Corporate Boundaries of the City of Waterloo, IL, more commonly known as 751 North Market Street.

Motion passed unanimously with Aldermen Row, Most, Vogt, Matt Buettner, Hopkins, Trantham, Charron, and Kyle Buettner voting ‘aye’.

- B. Consideration and Action on Ordinance No. 1904 Approving an Annexation of Property owned by Allison Bash, AB Metro East Properties LLC for a Tract of Land Comprising Approximately .46 Acres, more or less, Contiguous to the Corporate Boundaries of the City of Waterloo, IL, more commonly known as 751 North Market Street.

Motion made by Alderman Row and seconded by Alderman Charron to accept Ordinance No. 1904 Approving an Annexation of Property owned by Allison Bash, AB Metro East Properties LLC for a Tract of Land Comprising Approximately .46 Acres, more or less, Contiguous to the Corporate Boundaries of the City of Waterloo, IL, more commonly known as 751 North Market Street.

Motion passed unanimously with Aldermen Row, Most, Vogt, Matt Buettner, Hopkins, Trantham, Charron, and Kyle Buettner voting ‘aye’.

- C. Consideration and Action on Ordinance No. 1905 Approving the Wholesale Connection Agreement by and between the City of Waterloo, Illinois, and the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency (IMEA), and Ameren Services Company, on behalf of and as designated agent for Ameren Illinois Company.

Motion made by Alderman Kyle Buettner and seconded by Alderman Charron to accept Ordinance No. 1905 Approving the Wholesale Connection Agreement by and between the City of Waterloo, Illinois, and the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency (IMEA), and Ameren Services Company, on behalf of and as designated agent for Ameren Illinois Company.

Motion passed unanimously with Aldermen Kyle Buettner, Row, Most, Vogt, Matt Buettner, Hopkins, Trantham, Charron voting ‘aye’.

11. Unfinished Business. None.

12. Miscellaneous Business.

- A. Consideration and Action on Increase in Monthly Household Charge for Trash and Recycling Pickup to \$19.18 beginning May 1, 2025.

Motion made by Alderman Most and seconded by Alderman Row to Approve the Increase in Monthly Household Charge for Trash and Recycling Pickup to \$19.18 beginning May 1, 2025.

Comments: The current rate stands at \$18.77 per month per household. Reliable Sanitation is proposing a 2.2% increase, amounting to \$0.41 per month, resulting in a total monthly household charge of \$19.18. The proposed increase is below the maximum increase under our agreement.

Motion passed unanimously with Aldermen Most, Vogt, Matt Buettner, Hopkins, Trantham, Charron, Kyle Buettner, and Row voting ‘aye’.

- B. Consideration and Action on Approval of the Signing of an Engagement Letter between the City of Waterloo, Illinois and Mathis, Marifian & Richter LTD, Attorneys at Law.

Motion made by Alderman Kyle Buettner and seconded by Alderman Matt Buettner on Approval of the Signing of an Engagement Letter between the City of Waterloo, Illinois and Mathis, Marifian & Richter LTD, Attorneys at Law.

Comments: This is an agreement between the City of Waterloo and the law firm representing us in our lawsuit against Columbia.

Motion passed unanimously with Aldermen Kyle Buettner, Row, Most, Vogt, Matt Buettner, Hopkins, Trantham, and Charron voting ‘aye’.

The Aldermen voted as follows:

AYE – Kyle Buettner, Most, Vogt, Matt Buettner, Hopkins, Trantham, and Charron

NAY – None.

ABSTAIN – Row.

ABSENT – None.

Motion Passed by a vote of 7/0/1/0

- C. Consideration and Action on Special Event Permit Application from the American Legion Post 747 for their Memorial Day Program to be held on 05-26-25 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., including the street closure of Main Street between Third and Mill.

Motion made by Alderman Hopkins and seconded by Alderman Most to approve a Special Event Permit Application from the American Legion Post 747 for their Memorial Day Program to be held on 05-26-25 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., including the street closure of Main Street between Third and Mill.

Motion passed unanimously with Aldermen Hopkins, Trantham, Charron, Kyle Buettner, Row, Most, Vogt, and Matt Buettner voting ‘aye’.

- D. Consideration and Action on Approval of Limbaugh Construction as Low Bidder for the Combustion Turbine #14 Installation as Bid on April 15, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

Motion made by Alderman Charron and seconded by Alderman Row to approve Limbaugh Construction as Low Bidder for the Combustion Turbine #14 Installation as Bid on April 15, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

Comments: The bids were opened on April 15, 2025, revealing proposals that were 40% higher than the engineering estimate. Representatives from BHMG Engineers and Limbaugh Construction attended the meeting to address any inquiries. The plans are currently under review to identify potential areas for cost savings.

Motion passed unanimously with Aldermen Charron, Kyle Buettner, Row, Most, Vogt, Matt Buettner, Hopkins, and Trantham voting ‘aye’.

- E. Consideration and Action on 2nd Waterloo Beautification Application from Tony Groves, Ja Bowl, located at 101 N. Market Street.

Motion made by Alderman Charron and seconded by Alderman Kyle Buettner to approve the 2nd Waterloo Beautification Application from Tony Groves, Ja Bowl, located at 101 N. Market Street.

Motion passed unanimously with Aldermen Charron, Kyle Buettner, Row, Most, Vogt, Matt Buettner, Hopkins, and Trantham voting ‘aye’.

- F. Consideration and Action on Approval of the Deer Ridge Subdivision Preliminary Plat.

Motion made by Alderman Most and seconded by Alderman Row on Approval of the Deer Ridge Subdivision Preliminary Plat.

Motion passed unanimously with Aldermen Most, Vogt, Matt Buettner, Hopkins, Trantham, Charron, Kyle Buettner, and Row voting ‘aye’.

- G. Consideration and Action on Executive Session for the Review of Minutes as per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21), and for Discussion of a Contract relating to the Transmission of Electricity 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(23)

Motion to move into Executive Session made by Alderman Matt Buettner and seconded by Alderman Hopkins.

Motion passed unanimously to enter into Executive Session with Aldermen Matt Buettner, Hopkins, Trantham, Charron, Kyle Buettner, Row, Most, and Vogt voting ‘aye’.

Entered Executive Session at 7:49 p.m.

Adjourned Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.

Motion to Resume Regular Session made by Alderman Most and seconded by Alderman Matt Buettner.

Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Returned to regular session at 8:21 p.m.

13. Discussion of Matters by Council Members Arising After Agenda Deadline.

The Mayor and the aldermen offered their congratulations to Alderman Russ Row for his dedicated years of service to the City, his leadership as Chairman on various committees, and his integrity. They also expressed that it had been a privilege, an honor, and a pleasure to serve alongside him.

14. Motion to Adjourn made by Alderman Row and seconded by Alderman Matt Buettner.

Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Darter adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Mechelle Childers – City Clerk