

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE, KENDALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
651 PRAIRIE POINTE DRIVE ON
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025

Mayor Purcell called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Behland called the roll.

Ward I	Koch	Present
	Transier	Present
Ward II	Plocher	Present
	Soling	Present
Ward III	Funkhouser	Present
	Marek	Present
Ward IV	Tarulis	Present
	Corneils	Present

Staff in attendance at City Hall: City Administrator Olson, City Clerk Behland, Chief of Police Jensen, Attorney Orr, Public Works Director Dhuse, Community Development Director Barksdale-Noble, Finance Director Fredrickson, Parks and Recreation Director Evans, Assistant City Administrator Willrett, and EEI Engineer Sanderson.

Members of the public were able to attend this meeting in person as well as being able to access the meeting remotely via Zoom which allowed for video, audio, and telephonic participation.

A meeting notice was posted on the City’s website on the agenda, minutes, and packets webpage with instructions regarding remote meeting access and a link was included for the public to participate in the meeting remotely:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88075976462?pwd=UkQmb0rWgfwtaoqQYFqmDzXham07tk.1>.
The Zoom Meeting ID was 880 7597 6462.

QUORUM

A quorum was established.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Alderman Seaver Tarulis Proclamation
(CC 2025-37)

Mayor Purcell read a proclamation recognizing Seaver Tarulis for his public service over the past 21 years, including 10 years as Ward IV Alderman, and 5 years on the Park Board (see attached).

Appointment to the Planning and
Zoning Commission – Seaver Tarulis
(CC 2025-38)

Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Seaver Tarulis to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term ending May 2027. So moved by Alderman Tarluis; seconded by Alderman Koch.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-8 Nays-0
Koch-aye, Plocher-aye, Funkhouser-aye, Tarulis-aye,
Transier-aye, Soling-aye, Marek-aye, Corneils-aye

Ordinance 2025-43

Appointing Municipal Officers
to Administer Oaths
(CC 2025-39)

Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to approve an Ordinance Appointing Municipal Officers to Administer Oaths and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute. So moved by Alderman Marek; seconded by Alderman Soling.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-8 Nays-0
Plocher-aye, Funkhouser-aye, Tarulis-aye, Transier-aye,
Soling-aye, Marek-aye, Corneils-aye, Koch-aye

ADJOURNMENT OF SINE DIE (SESSION)

Mayor Purcell adjourned the session of the City Council at 7:21 p.m.

SWEARING-IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Ken Koch was sworn in as Ward I Alderman by his son, Kyle Koch. Arden Joe Plocher was sworn in as Ward II Alderman by Mayor Purcell. Matt Marek was sworn in as Ward III Alderman by his children, Maxon and Makayla Marek, and Rusty Hyett was sworn in as Ward IV Alderman by his daughter, Ellery Hyett.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Purcell called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Behland called the roll.

Ward I	Koch	Present
	Transier	Present
Ward II	Plocher	Present
	Soling	Present
Ward III	Funkhouser	Present
	Marek	Present
Ward IV	Corneils	Present
	Hyett	Present

QUORUM

A quorum was established.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Purcell asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. Alderman Funkhouser made a motion to move the Presentations up before recess; seconded by Alderman Plocher.

Motion unanimously approved by a viva voce vote.

National Police Week 2025

Mayor Purcell announced that May 11 – 17, 2025, is National Police Week and read a proclamation in honor of it. Mayor Purcell thanked the officers for their service and Alderman Funkhouser for informing him of National Police Week 2025.

PRESENTATIONS

**Introduction and Swearing-In of New Yorkville
Police Department Officer – Sam Tickle**

Chief of Police Jensen introduced Sam Tickle, and Mayor Purcell swore him in as a patrol officer for the Yorkville Police Department.

**Distinguished Service Award: Deputy Chief Mikolaskek,
Detective Sergeant Nelson, Detective Johnson,
Detective Ketchmark, Officer Goldsmith,
and Trooper Enk**

Mayor Purcell stated that this presentation will be given at a later time.

RECESS

Mayor Purcell stated that a brief recess would occur for refreshments at 7:33 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Todd Milliron, a resident of Yorkville, informed the Council that four workshops are planned for the County's Comprehensive Land Plan. The workshops will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at various locations across the County. The first workshop is scheduled for May 27th at the Ellis House in Minooka, the second will be on June 4th at the Newark Library, the third is set for June 27th at the Oswego Township building, and the final workshop will occur on July 14th at the Kendall Township building. He encouraged the Council and residents to attend and share their vision and values for Kendall County.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the Regular City Council – April 22, 2025
2. Bill Payments for Approval
 - \$ 2,472,419.99 (vendors – FY 25)
 - \$ 83,407.45 (vendors – FY 26)
 - \$ 186,479.87 (wire payments)
 - \$ 447,599.23 (payroll period ending 4/25/25)
 - \$ 3,189,906.54 (total)

Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda. So moved by Alderman Soling; seconded by Alderman Corneils.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-8 Nays-0
Koch-aye, Plocher-aye, Funkhouser-aye, Corneils-aye,
Transier-aye, Soling-aye, Marek-aye, Hyett-aye

REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

**Appointments to Boards and Commissions
(CC 2025-40)**

Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to approve the Mayor's reappointments of Jackie Milschewski, Ryan Forristall, and Keri Pesola to the Library Board to terms ending May 2028; Gene Wilberg to the Park Board to a term ending May 2030; Jeff Burgner to the Police Pension Fund Board to a term ending May 2027; and the new appointment of Sammy Hall to the Park Board to a partial term ending May 2026. So moved by Alderman Marek seconded by Alderman Transier.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-8 Nays-0
Plocher-aye, Funkhouser-aye, Corneils-aye, Transier-aye,
Soling-aye, Marek-aye, Hyett-aye, Koch-aye

**Selection of Mayor Pro Tem for Fiscal Year 2026
(CC 2025-41)**

Mayor Purcell requested nominations for Mayor Pro Tem for Fiscal Year 2026. Mayor Purcell nominated Alderman Marek as Mayor Pro Tem for the Fiscal Year 2026. Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to appoint Alderman Marek as Mayor Pro Tem for Fiscal Year 2026. So moved by Alderman Koch; seconded by Alderman Soling.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-8 Nays-0
Funkhouser-aye, Corneils-aye, Transier-aye, Soling-aye,
Marek-aye, Hyett-aye, Koch-aye, Plocher-aye

**Appointments to City Council Committees – Administration, Economic Development,
Public Safety and Public Works
(CC 2025-42)**

Mayor Purcell announced that the list of appointments to City Council committees was emailed to the Aldermen, and the committees will make appointments.

Resolution 2025-57

**Authorizing the Purchase of a Ford F-150 Truck from
River View Ford, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$43,283
(CC 2025-43)**

Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Ford F-150 Truck from River View Ford, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$43,283 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute. So moved by Alderman Transier; seconded by Alderman Funkhouser.

Parks and Recreation Director Evans stated that there was a \$54,000 budget for purchasing the truck.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-8 Nays-0
Corneils-aye, Transier-aye, Soling-aye, Marek-aye,
Hyett -aye, Koch-aye, Plocher-aye, Funkhouser-aye

Resolution 2025-58

**Approving a Water Connection Fee Grant to
Yorkville Community Unit School District 115
(CC 2025-44)**

Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to approve a Resolution Approving a Water Connection Fee Grant to Yorkville Community Unit School District 115 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute. So moved by Alderman Marek; seconded by Alderman Soling.

City Administrator Olson explained that three schools in the Yorkville Community Unit School District 115 have temporary classrooms, and each requires a connection to the water main. The fee for each temporary classroom is \$7,000. City Administrator Olson noted that the City has previously waived fees for other governmental entities. Therefore, the ordinance was drafted to waive the fees for the school district.

Alderman Plocher asked if the City is waiving the fee only? City Administrator Olson confirmed.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-8 Nays-0
Transier-aye, Soling-aye, Marek-aye, Hyett-aye,
Koch-aye, Plocher-aye, Funkhouser-aye, Corneils-aye

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

No report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

No report.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

No report.

PARK BOARD

Margaritas En Mayo

Parks and Recreation Director Evans announced that Margaritas En Mayo will be held on Thursday, May 22, 2025, from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Downtown Yorkville & Riverfront Park.

Legion Memorial Day Ceremony

Parks and Recreation Director Evans announced that the Legion Memorial Day Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 2025, from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm at Town Square.

School's Out Beach Party

Parks and Recreation Director Evans announced that the School's Out Beach Party will be held on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Town Square.

FORE! Yorkville Golf Outing

Parks and Recreation Director Evans announced that the golf outing with the Yorkville Educational Foundation will take place on Thursday, June 12, 2025, at Blackberry Oaks Golf Course. He stated that spots are filling up quickly. There are over 100 golfers registered already, and the maximum number is 130 golfers. Parks and Recreation Director Evans also mentioned that a new Hawaiian shirt design is available for sale.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Ordinance 2025-44

**Beecher Solar Farm
(PZC 2024-22 & EDC 2025-05)**

**a. Approving a Special Use Permit Allowing
Freestanding Solar Energy Systems on Certain
Territory Generally Located North of Corneils
Road, East of Beecher Road, and West of IL
Route 47 (Beecher Road Solar Expansion)**

Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to approve an Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit Allowing Freestanding Solar Energy Systems on Certain Territory Generally Located North of Corneils Road, East of Beecher Road, and West of IL Route 47 (Beecher Road Solar Expansion) and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute. So moved by Alderman Marek; seconded by Alderman Koch.

Attorney Kramer shared that the maximum height for the solar panels is 10 feet. There will also be no glare near the horse farm, but to ensure this, they have raised the fence height in that area. He also mentioned that they are contacting local unions and preparing bid packages for all of them. Additionally, he shared that they are making a \$25,000 donation to the Kendall Area Transit.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-8 Nays-0
Soling-aye, Marek-aye, Hyett-aye, Koch-aye,
Plocher-aye, Funkhouser-aye, Corneils-aye, Transier-aye

Ordinance 2025-45

**b. Granting a Property Line Setback Variance
for Certain Territory Generally Located North of
Corneils Road, East of Beecher Road, and West of
IL Route 47 (Beecher Road Solar Expansion)**

Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to approve an Ordinance Granting a Property Line Setback Variance for Certain Territory Generally Located North of Corneils Road, East of Beecher Road, and West of IL Route 47 (Beecher Road Solar Expansion) and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute. So moved by Alderman Transier; seconded by Alderman Koch.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-8 Nays-0
Marek-aye, Hyett-aye, Koch-aye, Plocher-aye,
Funkhouser-aye, Corneils-aye, Transier-aye, Soling-aye

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

No report.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

No report.

COMMUNITY & LIAISON REPORT

Alderman Funkhouser shared that the AACVB has been engaged in strategic planning and that a survey was distributed. He encouraged everyone to complete the survey as it contributes to planning goals.

STAFF REPORT

City Administrator Olson noted that the Economic Development Committee meeting on May 6, 2025, was informational due to a lack of quorum. The Project Cardinal – Pioneer (Data Center) was listed on the agenda, and a presentation was delivered. This presentation will be shared again at the Economic Development Committee meeting on June 3, 2025.

Two amendments were not discussed or voted on at the May meeting. These amendments pertained to the Data Center Development Standards and the Comprehensive Plan Amendments. Both amendments are on the Planning and Zoning Commission agenda for public hearings tomorrow, May 14th. City Administrator Olson asked the Council if they had any concerns about these amendments going out of order, which staff recommends. The Council had no objections.

MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd)

**Public Works and Parks Department
Facility Update
(CC 2025-08)**

City Administrator Olson reported that a construction contingency log is included in the packet material.

No report.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Todd Milliron, a resident of Yorkville, informed the Council that the County is interested in ideas about the rail tracks. They believe these railroad tracks could be used for purposes beyond just hauling sand.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.


ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting. So moved by Alderman Hyett seconded by Alderman Corneils.

Motion unanimously approved by a viva voce vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:


Jori Behland,
City Clerk, City of Yorkville, Illinois

UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE

Proclamation

Whereas, Seaver Tarulis has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to public service for 21 years, including serving as a School Board Member in District 125, as well as a Park Board Member and Alderman for the Yorkville community; and

Whereas, he served on the Yorkville Park Board from 2010 to 2015, contributing to the development and improvement of the City's parks and recreation system; and

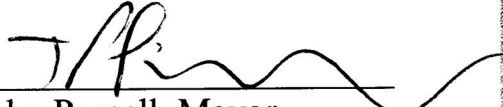
Whereas, Seaver Tarulis was elected to the City Council as Alderman of Ward 4 in 2015 and has served for ten years, known for his focus on fiscal responsibility, thoughtful city planning, and dedication to residents; and

Whereas, his extensive professional background in facilities management planning and public service has informed his leadership and strengthened the City's operations and decision-making; and

Whereas, Seaver Tarulis's integrity, experience, and commitment to the public good have left a lasting impact on the Yorkville community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Purcell, Mayor, and the City Council of the United City of Yorkville, express our sincere appreciation to Alderman Seaver Tarulis for his many years of outstanding service and leadership, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

Dated this 13th day of May, 2025, A.D.


John Purcell, Mayor

