

**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 27, 2025**

Mayor Purcell called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Behland called the roll.

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

Staff in attendance at City Hall: City Administrator Olson, City Clerk Behland, Deputy Chief Mikolasek, Attorney Lamb, Public Works Director Dhuse, Community Development Director Barksdale-Noble, Finance Director Fredrickson, Parks and Recreation Director Evans, Assistant City Administrator Willrett, Economic Development Coordinator Gregory, Economic Development Director Dubajic Kellogg, 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/85705454723?pwd=6DBq1ZbeXxgvDNOBbivrRh88JdqFWj.1>.

The Zoom meeting ID was 857 0545 4723.

**QUORUM**

A quorum was established.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Recognition of Wheel of Fortune Winner –  
Yorkville Resident Becky Lenski**

Mayor Purcell presented Yorkville resident Becky Lenski with a certificate recognizing her impressive appearance and victory on the Wheel of Fortune show. Ms. Lenski mentioned that she has lived in Yorkville since 2008 and that both of her sons graduated from Yorkville High School. She is also a Pilates instructor. Ms. Lenski was in attendance at the meeting with her son, Max, and his friend. Her son, Van, is set to leave for basic training in the army on July 21, 2025. Additionally, she shared that she, like the Mayor and the Pope, is a Chicago White Sox fan!

The show was filmed on March 12, 2025, the day of her son Van's 18th birthday, and it aired on April 16, 2025. Ms. Lenski stated that she waited 16 months to hear back from the Wheel of Fortune show. She shared that she grew up watching Wheel of Fortune with her family. Along with cash and prizes, she won a trip to Costa Rica in the "Prize Puzzle Round" and the big \$50,000 prize in the "Bonus Round." In total, Ms. Lenski won over \$73,000! After the show's taping, Ms. Lenski challenged the host, Ryan Seacrest, to a plank challenge that lasted over 2 minutes and ended in a draw.

Ms. Lenski described her experience as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Mayor Purcell presented Ms. Lenski and her guests with iconic Yorkville Hawaiian shirts.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Minutes of the Regular City Council – May 13, 2025
2. Bill Payments for Approval
  - \$ 3,627,584.76 (vendors – FY 25)
  - \$ 746,001.72 (vendors – FY 26)
  - \$ 435,399.56 (payroll period ending 05/09/25)
  - \$ 4,808,986.04 (total)
3. **Resolution 2025-59** Approving Recommendations for Certain Traffic Safety Measures at the Intersections of Somonauk and Liberty, Grande Trail and Constitution, and Berrywood and – Lehman Crossing – *authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute* (PW 2025-47)
4. **Resolution 2025-60** Approving the Release of a Performance Guarantee Bond Related to Grande Reserve Unit 8 – *authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute* (PW 2025-48)
5. **Resolution 2025-61** Approving a Bid to Complete Reconstruction of Faxon Road and Beecher Road – *authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute* (PW 2025-54)
6. **Resolution 2025-62** Approving an Engineering Agreement with Engineering Enterprises, Inc. (Faxon Road and Beecher Road Reconstruction – Construction Engineering) – *authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute* (PW 2025-55)
7. **Resolution 2025-63** Approving a Second Change Order Relating to the Southern Sanitary Sewer Connection – *authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute* (PW 2025-56)
8. **Resolution 2025-64** Approving a License Agreement with BNSF Railway to Permit the City of Yorkville to Run Certain Sanitary Sewers and Water Lines Underneath Railroad Tracks (Southern Sanitary Sewer Connection and Eldamain Water Main Loop South) – *authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute* (PW 2025-57)
9. **Resolution 2025-65** Approving a Change Order Relating to Well No. 9 Emergency Repairs – *authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute* (PW 2025-58)
10. **Ordinance 2025-46** Amending Title 6, Chapter 5 of the Yorkville City Code (Gross Vehicle Weight Rating Designated) – *authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute* (PW 2025-60)
11. Treasurer’s Reports for March and April 2025 (ADM 2025-16)
12. **Resolution 2025-66** Approving an Extension to an Agreement to Provide Janitorial Services by Uni-Max Management Corp. – *authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute* (ADM 2025-20)
13. **Resolution 2025-67** Approving an Agreement for Drug and Alcohol Testing Services with Sterchi Occupational Health – *authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute* (ADM 2025-21)
14. Beecher Center Facility License and Premises Use Agreements Extensions (ADM 2025-22)
  - a. **Resolution 2025-68** Approving a Facility License Agreement with Community Nutrition Network and Senior Services Association for Use of a Portion of the Beecher Community Building – *authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute*
  - b. **Resolution 2025-69** Approving a Premises Use Agreement for the Senior Services Associates Use of a Portion of the Beecher Community Building – *authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute*

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

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-6 Nays-0  
Koch-aye, Funkhouser-aye, Corneils-aye,  
Soling-aye, Marek-aye, Hyett-aye

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**REPORTS**

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**MAYOR’S REPORT**

**Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Grant (ITEP)**

Mayor Purcell shared that the City has received a grant, through the ITEP, in the amount of \$2,999,940 for the East Hydraulic District project. The project will develop, enhance, and beautify the district, as well as enhance local transportation and boost the quality of life for residents. It will also improve accessibility and increase safety for residents and visitors. Mayor Purcell stated that the City is also applying for more grants, including a highway grant. City Administrator Olson noted that approximately \$400 million in funding will be applied to street projects.

**School's Out Beach Party**

Parks and Recreation Director Evans announced that the last day of school is Wednesday, May 28th. The annual School's Out Beach Party will be held at Town Square from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. He also expressed gratitude to everyone who attended Margaritas en Mayo last week and the Legion Memorial Day Ceremony this past Monday.

**FORE! Yorkville Golf Outing**

Parks and Recreation Director Evans announced that the golf outing has sold out this year, marking the first time since before the start of COVID-19 (2020). The event is scheduled for Thursday, June 12, 2025, at Blackberry Oaks Golf Course.

**Public Water Supply Loan Program –  
Revenue Bond Ordinances  
(CC 2025-45)**

**Ordinance 2025-47**

**a. Authorizing the borrowing of an aggregate principal amount of \$5,620,000 from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for the purpose of financing the costs of necessary improvements to the City's water delivery system, authorizing the execution of a loan agreement relating to such loan and providing for the collection, segregation and distribution of the revenues of water system for the payment of said loan.**

Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to approve an Ordinance authorizing the borrowing of an aggregate principal amount of \$5,620,000 from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for the purpose of financing the costs of necessary improvements to the City's water delivery system, authorizing the execution of a loan agreement relating to such loan and providing for the collection, segregation and distribution of the revenues of the water system for the payment of said loan and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute. So moved by Alderman Soling; seconded by Alderman Koch.

Finance Director Fredrickson explained that the revenue bonds coordinate with Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) loans. This means that instead of pledging 125% debt service, the City pledges 100%. The loan is a 30-year loan at 1.8% interest.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-6 Nays-0  
Funkhouser-aye, Corneils-aye, Soling-aye,  
Marek-aye, Hyett-aye, Koch-aye

**Ordinance 2025-48**

**b. Authorizing the borrowing of an aggregate principal amount of \$19,940,000 from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for the purpose of financing the costs of necessary improvements to the City's water delivery system, authorizing the execution of a loan agreement relating to such loan and providing for the collection, segregation and distribution of the revenues of water system for the payment of said loan.**

Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to approve an Ordinance authorizing the borrowing of an aggregate principal amount of \$19,940,000 from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for the purpose of financing the costs of necessary improvements to the City's water delivery system, authorizing the execution of a loan agreement relating to such loan and providing for the collection, segregation and distribution of the revenues of the water system for the payment of said loan and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute. So moved by Alderman Marek; seconded by Alderman Hyett.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-6 Nays-0  
Corneils-aye, Soling-aye, Marek-aye,  
Hyett-aye, Koch-aye, Funkhouser-aye

**Fireworks Display Contract  
(CC 2025-46)**

**Resolution 2025-70**

**a. Authorizing a Contract with Chicago Drone Light Shows for a City-Sponsored Fireworks and Drone Light Show Display for July 4, 2026**

**Ordinance 2025-49**

**b. Authorizing the First Amendment to the Annual Budget of the United City of Yorkville, for the Fiscal Year Commencing on May 1, 2025 and Ending on April 30, 2026**

Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Chicago Drone Light Shows for a City-Sponsored Fireworks and Drone Light Show Display for July 4, 2026 and an Ordinance Authorizing the First Amendment to the Annual Budget of the United City of Yorkville, for the Fiscal Year Commencing on May 1, 2025 and Ending on April 30, 2026 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute. So moved by Alderman Koch; seconded by Alderman Soling.

Mayor Purcell explained that this contract is for next year’s fireworks and drone show, which celebrates the United States of America’s semiquincentennial, its 250th birthday. Alderman Funkhouser inquired whether there will be a soundtrack with sound broadcast. Parks and Recreation Director Evans confirmed that this is currently being researched.

Alderman Koch asked whether the show will be in the same location. Parks and Recreation Director Evans answered affirmatively.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-6   Nays-0  
Soling-aye, Marek-aye, Hyett-aye,  
Koch-aye, Funkhouser-aye, Corneils-aye

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Resolution 2025-71**

**Approving a 5 Year Pavement Management Plan  
(PW 2025-33)**

Alderman Soling made a motion to approve a Resolution Approving a 5 Year Pavement Management Plan and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute; seconded by Alderman Marek.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-6   Nays-0  
Marek-aye, Hyett-aye, Koch-aye,  
Funkhouser-aye, Corneils-aye, Soling-aye

**Resolution 2025-72**

**Approving a Change Order Relating to the Bluestem Water Main Replacement Project  
(PW 2025-49)**

Alderman Soling made a motion to approve a Resolution Approving a Change Order Relating to the Bluestem Water Main Replacement Project and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute; seconded by Alderman Koch.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-6   Nays-0  
Hyett-aye, Koch-aye, Funkhouser-aye,  
Corneils-aye, Soling-aye, Marek-aye

**Resolution 2025-73**

**Approving a Bid to Complete the Road to Better Roads Program Railway Improvements  
(PW 2025-52)**

Alderman Soling made a motion to approve a Resolution Approving a Bid to Complete the Road to Better Roads Program Roadway Improvements and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute; seconded by Alderman Corneils.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-6   Nays-0  
Koch-aye, Funkhouser-aye, Corneils-aye,  
Soling-aye, Marek-aye, Hyett-aye

**Resolution 2025-74**

**Approving an Engineering Agreement with Engineering Enterprises, Inc. (2025 Road to Better Roads Program – Construction Engineering)  
(PW 2025-53)**

Alderman Soling made a motion to approve a Resolution Approving an Engineering Agreement with Engineering Enterprises, Inc. (2025 Road to Better Roads Program – Construction Engineering) and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute; seconded by Alderman Hyett.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-6 Nays-0  
Funkhouser-aye, Corneils-aye, Soling-aye,  
Marek-aye, Hyett-aye, Koch-aye

**Resolution 2025-75**

**Authorizing the Purchase of a Replacement Generator for the Blackberry North Lift Station, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$73,464  
(PW 2025-59)**

Alderman Soling made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Replacement Generator for the Blackberry North Lift Station, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$73,464 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute; seconded by Alderman Corneils.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-6 Nays-0  
Corneils-aye, Soling-aye, Marek-aye,  
Hyett-aye, Koch-aye, Funkhouser-aye

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

No report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT**

No report.

**ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

No report.

**PARK BOARD**

No report.

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**

No report.

**CITY COUNCIL REPORT**

No report.

**CITY CLERK’S REPORT**

No report.

**COMMUNITY & LIAISON REPORT**

**Yorkville Bristol Sanitary District**

Alderman Soling reported that the YBSD expansion is progressing well, and the current phase is expected to be completed within the next two months. The next phase will begin shortly. He will notify everyone of the public Open House date.

**Aurora Area Convention & Visitors Bureau Update**

Alderman Funkhouser provided an update on the AACVB. He is the Vice-Chairman of the board, which has new members. Bill Donnell remains the Chairman of the AACVB. Alderman Funkhouser also reported that last month, there were a combined total of 2.8 million visits to all of the AACVB’s social media pages. This figure is twice the number of social media visits from last year. Additionally, the AACVB had 28,000 website visitors, reflecting a 23% increase from 2024. Alderman Funkhouser introduced two new elements: Crowd Rip and Drew Pertl Aerial Photography. Crowd Rip is a social media digital imagery source that will seek permission from the original source for the AACVB to use images. The AACVB also collaborated with Drew Pertl for aerial photography, which features AACVB in the promotional video.

**Park Board**

Alderman Koch shared that a phone app for registration is currently being developed. Parks and Recreation Director Evans mentioned that the staff is working on creating the app, and it is a lengthy process. The app will help advertise and locate events, as well as allow people to register for events and programs via their phones. He stated they are hoping to have the app available by Fall 2025.

**STAFF REPORT**

No report.

**MAYOR’S REPORT (cont’d)**

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

City Administrator Olson provided an update on the Public Works and Parks Department facility. He mentioned that there is a fourth construction contingency adjustment exceeding \$11,000.

**Lake Michigan Water  
Project Update  
(CC 2025-09)**

No report.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

None.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

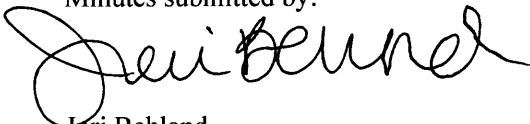
**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting. So moved by Alderman Soling; seconded by Alderman Koch.

Motion unanimously approved by a viva voce vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:



Jori Behland,  
City Clerk, City of Yorkville, Illinois