CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LOVES PARK, ILLINOIS
Journal of Proceedings
Regular Meeting, Monday, October 19, 2026
City Hall Council Chambers

Mayor Gregory R. Jury called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

City Clerk Bob Burden opened the meeting with an invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Aldermen Robert Schlensker, Doug Allton, Mike Owens, John Jacobson, Clint Little, Dan Jacobson, John Pruitt, Jim Thompson, Mark Peterson, Frank Laudicina

Also Present: City Clerk Bob Burden
City Attorney Gino Galluzzo

1. **APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**
The Journal of Proceedings for the regular meeting of October 5, 2026, was approved as submitted by the City Clerk on a motion by Alderman Schlensker. Second by Alderman Owens. Motion carried. 10 Ayes (Aldermen Schlensker, Allton, Owens, John Jacobson, Little, Dan Jacobson, Pruitt, Thompson, Peterson, Laudicina)

2. **COMMUNICATIONS, MAYOR'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

3. **THANK YOU FROM MARK BECK**
Received a letter from Mark Beck of the German Society of Rockford, thanking the City of Loves Park and staff for assistance with the successful annual Oktoberfest celebration. Placed on file.

4. **MEETING MINUTES**
Clerk Burden presented the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on October 5, 2026.

Alderman John Jacobson moved to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on October 5, 2026. Second by Alderman Thompson. Motion carried by voice vote.

5. **TRUNK OR TREAT AT MACHESNEY PARK MALL**
Mayor Jury announced that the City of Loves Park will be participating in the Trunk or Treat/Touch a Truck event to be held at Machesney Park Mall on Saturday, October 24, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

6. **APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS**

7. **GENERAL FUND BILLS**
Alderman John Jacobson presented the General Fund and all other bills dated October 19, 2026, in the amount of $1,897,770.82, and moved to approve. Second by Alderman Peterson. Motion carried. 10 Ayes (Aldermen Schlensker, Allton, Owens, John Jacobson, Little, Dan Jacobson, Pruitt, Thompson, Peterson, Laudicina)

8. WATER FUND BILLS

Alderman John Jacobson presented the Water Department bills dated October 19, 2026, in the amount of $420,907.59, and moved to approve. Second by Alderman Peterson. Motion carried. 10 Ayes (Aldermen Schlensker, Allton, Owens, John Jacobson, Little, Dan Jacobson, Pruitt, Thompson, Peterson, Laudicina)

9. OFFICER'S REPORT

10. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Alderman Allton presented the Police Department Report for October 19, 2026; presented the Fire Department Report for October 19, 2026, to be placed on file.

11. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Alderman Schlensker presented the Street Department Report for October 19, 2026; presented the Water Department Report for October 19, 2026, to be placed on file.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

13. FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Alderman John Jacobson of the Finance and Administration Committee presented the minutes from the committee meeting held on October 5, 2026, to be placed on file.

14. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Alderman Pruitt of the Community Development Committee presented the minutes from the committee meeting held on October 5, 2026, to be placed on file.

15. RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS

16. IMLRMA RENEWAL

Alderman John Jacobson moved to approve a Resolution authorizing the renewal with the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association for insurance covering city property, workers' compensation and liability insurance for the year 2027. Second by Alderman Peterson. Motion carried. 10 Ayes (Aldermen Schlensker, Allton, Owens, John Jacobson, Little, Dan Jacobson, Pruitt, Thompson, Peterson, Laudicina)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-095

17. ORDINANCES

18. RECONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 4801-26

In light of Ordinance 4801-26 being vetoed by Mayor Jury, Alderman Pruitt made a motion for reconsideration of Ordinance 4801-26 amending Article IX, Section 102-339 of the Loves Park Code of Ordinances to define and permit commercial solar energy systems on undevelopable property within the IL Light Industrial Zoning District. *Discussion: Alderman Pruitt urged aldermen to vote no for the reconsideration of this ordinance.* Second by Alderman Dan Jacobson. Motion denied. 10 Nays (Aldermen Schlensker, Allton, Owens, John Jacobson, Little, Dan Jacobson, Pruitt, Thompson, Peterson, Laudicina)

ORDINANCE 4801-26 IS NO LONGER A LAW

19. WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION POLICY

Alderman Pruitt moved to approve an ordinance adding Section 2-94 to Chapter 2, Article III of the Loves Park Code of Ordinances adopting a Whistleblower Protection Policy for the City of Loves Park. Second by Alderman Owens. Motion carried. 10 Ayes (Aldermen Schlensker, Allton, Owens, John Jacobson, Little, Dan Jacobson, Pruitt, Thompson, Peterson, Laudicina)

ORDINANCE NO. 4802-26

20. SUP/44XX MARSH HAWK DRIVE

Alderman Pruitt moved to approve an ordinance providing for a Special Use Permit for 44XX Marsh Hawk Drive. Second by Alderman Dan Jacobson. Motion carried. 10 Ayes (Aldermen Schlensker, Allton, Owens, John Jacobson, Little, Dan Jacobson, Pruitt, Thompson, Peterson, Laudicina)
ORDINANCE NO. 4803-26

21. ZMA/9572 FOREST HILLS ROAD

Alderman Pruitt moved to approve an ordinance providing for a Zoning Map Amendment for 9572 Forest Hills Road. Second by Alderman Dan Jacobson. Motion carried. 10 Ayes (Aldermen Schlensker, Allton, Owens, John Jacobson, Little, Dan Jacobson, Pruitt, Thompson, Peterson, Laudicina)
ORDINANCE NO. 4804-26

22. ZMA/4996 CONTRACTORS DRIVE

Alderman Pruitt moved to approve an ordinance providing for a Zoning Map Amendment for 4996 Contractors Drive. Second by Alderman Dan Jacobson. Motion carried. 10 Ayes (Aldermen Schlensker, Allton, Owens, John Jacobson, Little, Dan Jacobson, Pruitt, Thompson, Peterson, Laudicina)
ORDINANCE NO. 4805-26

23. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Alderman Schlensker announced that leaf-vacuuming started this week.

24. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman John Jacobson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Second by Alderman Schlensker. Motion carried by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Robert J. Burden, City Clerk

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Community Development	1st Monday of the Month 5:00 p.m.
Public Works	Mondays at 5:15 p.m.
Finance & Administration	Mondays at 5:40 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals	2nd Thursday of the Month 5:30 p.m.