

**City of Cuba- Council Meeting Minutes**  
 Minutes Taken from January 13th 2026 at 7:00 PM  
 Meeting Held at: City Hall / 403 E Jefferson St, Cuba IL

**Call to Order:**

Mayor Cozart called Council Meeting to order at 7:02 PM

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Completed

<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>Aye's</b>	<b>Nay's</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Alderman Scharping	X		
Alderman Yocum	X		
Alderman Falk	X		
Alderman Burgett	X		
Mayor Cozart	X		
Alderman Lynch	X		
Alderwoman Clark			X

**Review and Approval of Agenda:**

Alderman Yocum requested that street signs be added to Streets & Alleys, Alderman Scharping requested to remove bid review from Legal, Alderman Burgett requested to add GFL new management under Garbage. Motion and second to approve the agenda with amendments, Alderman Yocum/ Burgett, All Aye's, Motion carried.

**Review & Approval of Minutes:**

Motion and second to approve minutes from December 23rd 2025 as presented, Alderman Yocum/ Falk All Aye's, Motion carried.

Motion and second to approve Finance Committee minutes from 11/24/2025 and 12/8/2025 as presented Alderman Falk/ Scharping, All Aye's, Motion carried.

**Recognition of the Public:**

Georganna Stead asked the Council if she could reopen the clothing closet at the Community Center. The Council expressed concerns regarding clothing donations potentially bringing in bedbugs. Rosa Collier offered to wash and dry all donated clothing prior to it being brought into the Community Center. Alderman Falk scheduled a City Property Committee meeting for January 26th at 8:00 PM to further discuss the matter.

**Water Clerks Report:**

Mrs. Leasman reported she had a total of 9 shut off's, all but 3 have been turned back on, 2 have recently been flagged, meters will be read on January 19th

**City Clerks Report:**

Ms. Woods discussed ordinance violations with the Council. One property on South 7th Street has been served with a second notice for trash and junk, with a compliance deadline of January 16th. The Council also identified additional properties in need of notices, located on East Main Street, North 6th Street, and South 9th Street. Ms. Woods will prepare and serve notices for these addresses by

the end of the week.

Ms. Woods also reported on permits and licensing activity from August 1 through December 31. These figures were compared with Treasurer Mrs. Yocum's records to ensure transparency and consistency. The following were issued during that period:

Building permits, including solar: 12 issued totaling \$825.00

Memorial Christmas trees sold: 26 totaling \$1,132.00

Food truck vendor permits: 3 issued totaling \$75.00

Gaming licenses: 3 issued totaling \$3,150.00

Liquor licenses: 4 issued totaling \$3,500.00

Raffle permits: 2 issued totaling \$10.00

Solicitation permit: 1 issued totaling \$30.00

UTV permits: 5 issued totaling \$225.00

**Treasurer's Report:**

The following amounts were deducted from the respective accounts to pay monthly obligations and bills

General Fund: \$11,962.51

Garbage: \$917.25

Sewer: \$2,306.62

TIF: \$572.00

Water: \$3,810.83

**Finance:**

Motion and second to pay the bills per warrant presented by Treasurer Mrs. Yocum in the amount of \$19,569.21, Alderman Falk/ Scharping

<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>Aye's</b>	<b>Nay's</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Alderman Burgett	X		
Alderman Lynch	X		
Alderman Falk	X		
Alderman Scharping	X		
Alderman Yocum	X		
Alderwoman Clark			X

Motion carried

Motion and second to make the appropriate transfers per warrant presented by Treasurer Mrs. Yocum  
Alderman Falk/ Scharping

<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>Aye's</b>	<b>Nay's</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Alderman Yocum	X		
Alderman Falk	X		
Alderman Lynch	X		
Alderman Scharping	X		
Alderman Burgett	X		
Alderwoman Clark			X

Motion carried

Motion and second to reinvest 5 CDs at MidAmerica National Bank in the amount of \$228,876.90 for

4 months with a 3.85% APY and a maturity date of May 2026, Alderman Falk/ Lynch

Roll Call	Aye's	Nay's	Absent
Alderman Scharping	X		
Alderman Burgett	X		
Alderman Falk	X		
Alderman Lynch	X		
Alderman Yocum	X		
Alderwoman Clark			X

Motion carried

Motion and second to authorize payment of the \$150 fee for Ms. Woods Notary Public certification  
Alderman Falk/ Lynch

Roll Call	Aye's	Nay's	Absent
Alderman Lynch	X		
Alderman Scharping	X		
Alderman Yocum	X		
Alderman Burgett	X		
Alderman Falk	X		
Alderwoman Clark			X

Motion carried

Motion and second to approve the following purchase orders:

Amazon- Safety harness \$51.99

Amazon- 2 pack of heavy duty adhesive felt pads \$31.98

Doreen Fawcett- 12ft Christmas tree for the square \$50.00

IL Labor Law- Labor Law poster \$32.95

Alderman Falk/ Scharping

Roll Call	Aye's	Nay's	Absent
Alderman Falk	X		
Alderman Yocum	X		
Alderman Scharping	X		
Alderman Lynch	X		
Alderman Burgett	X		
Alderwoman Clark			X

Motion carried

**City Property:**

Alderman Falk informed the Council that the bucket truck has been repaired. City staff picked up the truck, and it is operating well.

**Garbage:**

Alderman Burgett informed the Council that GFL's Elmwood location is now under new management. He stated that this should help prevent issues with missed trash pickup. If a residence is missed, GFL has advised they will return the same day to complete the pickup. Alderman Burgett also noted that trash carts should be more readily available if additional carts are needed.

**Police:**

Alderman Falk informed the Council that John Martin contacted him with concerns regarding the storm siren located next to City Hall, stating it did not sound correct during the most recent activation. Alderman Falk contacted Chris Helle, who advised that the siren is owned by Fulton County and that personnel will be sent to inspect and address the issue, possibly due to a low battery. Mayor Cozart also informed the Council that a Storm Watch training is scheduled for March 18th.

**Legal:**

Alderman Scharping discussed the asbestos abatement project at 922 E. Jackson Street. He informed the Council that the bid closing date has been pushed back to January 19th due to contractor scheduling conflicts during winter break and the limited number of bids received. The EnviroNet engineer is hopeful that extending the bid deadline will generate additional interest and result in more bids being submitted.

**Streets & Alleys:**

Alderman Yocum informed the Council that all newly ordered street signs have been installed throughout the City. He also noted that some existing street signs may need to be moved or relocated. Alderman Yocum suggested obtaining an updated street map of the City and reviewing signage street by street to determine whether signs should be removed, taken down, or relocated.

**Water & Sewer:**

Motion and second to approve the purchase for Midwest Meters in the amount of \$22,750.00 with annual fees after the first year in the amount of \$2,079, this update includes the software, training, laptop and receiver. Alderman Lynch/ Yocum

<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>Aye's</b>	<b>Nay's</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Alderman Yocum	X		
Alderman Burgett	X		
Alderman Scharping	X		
Alderman Lynch	X		
Alderman Falk	X		
Alderwoman Clark			X

Motion carried

**Personnel:**

Nothing Discussed

**Planning & Economic Development:**

Mayor Cozart informed the Council that he has reached out to OSF via email to request an update

**Old/ New Business:**

Alderman Falk informed the Council of the need to review the City’s mitigation plan. A Committee of the Whole meeting was scheduled for Monday at noon to review the plan, with a special invitation extended to Rich Mason and Trent Martin to attend.

**Adjournment:**

Motion and second to adjourn at 8:19 PM, Alderman Lynch/ Yocum, All Aye's, Motion carried

