

City of Cuba- Emergency Council Minutes

City Hall / 403 E Jefferson St, Cuba IL

January 20th 2026

8:00 PM

Call to Order:

The Emergency Council Meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM. The purpose of the meeting was to address time-sensitive matters related to asbestos abatement at 922 E. Jackson Street.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Completed

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

Motion and second to reject the sealed bid from AC Environmental Inc and return it to the bidder, Alderman Lynch/Yocum

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

Motion carried

The Council raised concerns regarding the use of Jaren Industries, specifically the proposal to use a 100-yard walking floor trailer. Concerns included increased time for loading and unloading at the landfill, the need to rent a high hoe to properly reach and view inside the trailer, limited space at the trailer park for truck maneuvering, and the presence of overhead power lines, which could create safety and access issues.

The Council discussed the option of hiring trucking services independently. Alderman Lynch reported that he spoke with a representative from AC Environmental, an asbestos supervision company. AC Environmental provides additional certified personnel to assist with loading and cleanup, lines dumpsters, ensures they are properly sealed prior to transport, and supplies asbestos-certified supervision. Alderman Lynch stated that AC Environmental will provide pricing, either per hour or per day, including dumpster liners and asbestos supervision.

According to AC Environmental, the City is permitted to access the property at any time. It was discussed

that Garrett would enter the property two days prior to the loading process to clear the area to allow easier truck access and ensure a smoother operation. AC Environmental advised that a supervisor is not required during this preparatory work, provided protocols are followed and no material is removed from the fenced-in area. This preparation includes contacting Ameren to cap nine gas headers where the trailers were previously located. Alderman Lynch was also informed that sealed trucks may remain on the premises overnight, provided they are properly secured.

Motion and second to hire trucking and environmental services independently to complete the asbestos abatement project, Alderman Lynch/Scharping

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

Motion carried

Motion and second to open bids for emergency tree removal at 303 S. 3rd Street due to hazardous and unsafe conditions, Alderman Scharping/Falk

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

Motion carried

Alderman Scharping informed the Council that multiple certified letters were sent to the property owner, who is located in Metamora, Illinois, with no response. Ms. Woods contacted the Metamora City Clerk, who confirmed the owner also has an abandoned property in their jurisdiction. The next step is to notify the City Attorney to file a lien for the cost of tree removal. The property is delinquent on 2023 and 2024 property taxes, and the lien must be filed before April in order for the City to be reimbursed upon the sale of the property.

Motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 PM, Alderman Falk/Burgett, All Ayes, Motion carried

