

**City of Cuba- Council Meeting Minutes**  
Minutes Taken from January 27th 2026  
Meeting Held at: City Hall / 403 E Jefferson St, Cuba IL

**Call to Order:**

Mayor Cozart called Council Meeting to order at 7:00 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		
Alderwoman Clark	X		
Alderman Lynch			X

**Review & Approval of Agenda:**

Alderman Scharping requested the removal of the Approval of Policy Manual, noting that a Legal Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 2nd to review. Alderman Falk requested to add under City Property a discussion regarding a Community Center key fobs. Motion and second to approve the agenda with amendments, Alderman Falk/ Scharping, All Ayes, motion carried.

**Review & Approval of Minutes:**

Motion and second to approve Council Minutes from January 13th 2026 as written, Alderman Scharping/ Yocum All Aye's, motion carried

Motion and second to approve Emergency Council Minutes from January 20th 2026 as written, Alderman Yocum/ Burgett, All Aye's, motion carried.

**Recognition of the Public:**

No public comment

**Water Clerks Report:**

Mrs. Leasman reported she has a total of 19 shut off's for this month, she also reported a letter is being mailed to the Cuba Manor Apartments management in regard to 2 water accounts that have been shut off and had meters removed.

**City Clerks Report:**

Ms. Woods reviewed the committee calendar with the council, the dates for prom and graduation for 2026 were added as well as fall clean up in October.

**Treasurers Report:**

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

General Fund: \$12,749.37

Garbage: \$9,155.94

Sewer: \$2,069.11

Water: \$33,896.95

**Finance:**

Motion and second to pay the bills per warrant presented by Treasurer Mrs. Yocum in the amount of \$57, 749.37, Alderman Falk/ Scharping

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

Motion carried

Motion and second to approve the following purchase orders:

Amazon- two keypad locks with accent lever \$195.94

Bass Equipment- battery charger for hot box \$55.00, two keys for Superintendent Building at the community center \$10.00

Checks for Less- 1,000 checks for operating account \$125.95

Alderman Falk/ Burgett

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

Motion carried

**City Property:**

Bids for emergency tree removal at 303 S. 3rd Street will be reviewed on Tuesday, February 2nd. Alderman

Falk stated he is looking into grant opportunities to potentially purchase the property.

Motion and second to turn on electricity at the Community Center Superintendent Building, Alderman Falk/Burgett, Motion passed 4-1

Motion and second to open the clothing closet at the Community Center Superintendent Building for a trial period of six months, Alderman Yocum/Burgett, Motion passed 4-1

Motion and second to approve 2026 mitigation plan, Alderman Falk/ Yocum, All Aye's motion carried  
Alderman Falk, Alderman Scharping, and Alderman Yocum conducted a drive-through of town to identify street signs that may need replacement or relocation, storm drains with potential blockages, and roadways requiring hot patching.

**Garbage:**

Alderman Burgett reminded the Council of the new management with GFL and informed them that due to the extreme weather, GFL plans to send three trucks to collect trash in order to complete routes sooner. Residents are asked to have their trash set out Thursday night. Alderman Burgett also advised that if GFL misses any residences, residents may contact City Hall, and on Tuesdays when GFL is in town emptying dumpsters, missed addresses can be added to the pickup list rather than requiring a special trip.

**Police:**

Alderwoman Clark reviewed the police calls for December and noted that three overdose-related calls were reported, with two of those involving a new drug. It was suggested to verify whether the Rescue Squad currently carries Narcan.

Alderwoman Clark also reported that the signed and reviewed police contract was received, with no changes made to the draft previously submitted and reviewed by Council.

Motion and second to approve the police contract through the renewal date of November 30, 2026, Alderwoman Clark/Alderman Burgett

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

Motion carried

**Legal:**

Motion and second to enter closed session at 7:53 PM exception (2)( c)(21) semi annual review of closed session minutes. Alderman Scharping/ Yocum, All Aye's, motion carried

Motion and second to exit closed session 7:59 PM, Alderman Scharping/ Burgett, All Aye's, motion carried

Motion and second to seal closed session minutes from July 2nd 2025 for an additional six months due to ongoing litigation, Alderman Scharping/Yocum, All Ayes, motion carried.

Motion and second to permanently seal Personnel closed session minutes from August 27th, 2025, Alderman Scharping/Burgett, All Ayes, motion carried.

Motion and second to permanently seal Personnel closed session minutes from September 17th, 2025,

Alderman Scharping/Burgett, All Ayes, motion carried.

Motion and second to enter closed session at 8:01 PM pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2( c)(11) -probable or imminent litigation.

Motion and second to exit closed session 8:11 PM, Alderman Scharping/ Yocum, All Aye's, motion carried

Motion and second to pursue bond information with Keiswetter Insurance in order to attempt recovery of funds identified as misappropriated, Alderman Yocum/ Falk, All Ayes, motion carried.

**Streets & Alleys:**

Nothing Discussed

**Water/ Sewer:**

Nothing Discussed

**Personnel:**

Nothing Discussed

**Planning & Economic Development:**

Alderwoman Clark updated the Council on Fiber Fast. She reported that she reached out to confirm availability in their 2026 schedule, and they still have openings. She also noted that participation numbers are currently 2% higher than the last update, but the City needs to reach 30% participation; at this time, participation is 17%.

**Old/ New Business:**

Motion and second to send floral arrangement and guardian angel statue in memory of Dearl Rose ex police chief of Cuba for 13 years, Alderman Burgett/ Yocum

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

Motion carried

Motion and second to officially name the lot on 123 S 3rd Street Palin Park, Alderwoman Clark/ Alderman Burgett All Aye's, motion carried

Storm spotter class is March 18th at 6:30 PM at the Fulton County Health Department, Alderman Yocum and Alderman Burgett volunteered to attend class.

American Red Cross supplied cots, pillows and blankets, snacks, and beverages for the CCC warming center, a thank you card will be sent for their help.

**Adjournment:**

Motion and second to adjourn at 8:32 PM, Alderwoman Clark/ Alderman Burgett, All Aye's, motion carried

