

**City of Cuba- Council Meeting Minutes**  
 Minutes taken from December 9th 2025 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 7:00 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 Clark	X		
Mayor Cozart	X		
Alderman Lynch	X		
Alderman Burgett	X		

**Review & Approval of Agenda:**

Motion and second to approve the December 9, 2025, City Council agenda as written, Alderman Lynch / Burgett  
 All ayes, motion carried.

**Review & Approval of Minutes:**

Motion and second to approve the City Council minutes from November 25, 2025, as written, Alderman Yocum / Burgett. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion and second to approve Committee Meeting Minutes as follows:

Finance & City Property Committee – November 10, 2025

Water & Sewer & City Property Committee – November 12, 2025  
 (with amendments)

Minutes were approved with the clarification that only committee members are to be listed under committee attendance, and any other attendees are to be listed as additional Council members in attendance. Motion and second by Alderman Lynch / Yocum. All ayes, motion carried.

**Recognition of the Public:**

No public comment

**Water Clerks Report:**

Mrs. Leasman reported that three (3) accounts were on the shutoff list. Two (2) of the three accounts came in and paid; one (1) account remains shut off at this time.

**City Clerks Report:**

Ms. Woods reported licenses and permits received from October 29 through December 4 totaling \$866.00. She also reported that the Community Center gym and kitchen rental scheduled for November 30 was

anceled, and both the rental payment and deposit were returned to the resident.

Ms. Woods further reported that the 2026 Council meeting dates have been completed. Two Finance Committee meeting dates fall on holidays: May 25 (Memorial Day) and October 12 (Columbus Day). Ms. Woods asked the Council whether they wished to keep the dates as scheduled or move those Finance meetings to the following day when Council convenes and hold the Finance meetings immediately prior to the Council meetings.

The Council agreed to move both Finance Committee meetings to the following Tuesday and hold them immediately prior to the corresponding Council meetings.

**Treasurers Report:**

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

General Fund: \$9,618.96

MFT: \$1,548.87

Garbage: \$1,400

Sewer: \$2,552.82

Water: \$2,372.06

**Finance:**

Motion and second to pay the bills per warrant presented by Treasurer Mrs. Yocum in the amount of \$17,492.71

Alderman Falk/ Scharping

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

Motion carried

Motion and second to approve the following purchase orders:

IEPA permit fee- \$300

Fulton County Democrat- \$429 asbestos abatement ad for bids

Alderman Falk/ Scharping

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

Motion carried

Motion and second to reinvest 3 CD's with MidAmerica National Bank for a 4 month term mature date of April 2021 with an annual percentage yield of 3.89%

Motor Fuel Tax-\$51,280.75

Tax Increment Fund-\$51,280.75

Garbage-\$51,280.75

Alderman Falk/ Scharping

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

Motion carried

Motion and second to approve Christmas bonus in the amount of \$150 for full and part time City employees

Alderman Falk/ Burgett

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

Motion carried

Alderman Falk reviewed the grants the City has currently applied for. The Illinois Farm Bureau Rural Development Grant was submitted on December 1, and the City anticipates notification of approval or denial sometime in February. The Safe Water Grant work has been completed, and binders are being assembled to submit to Springfield; a determination is expected by July 2026. There is no update on the FEMA grant at this time.

**City Property:**

Alderman Falk informed the Council that a City Property Committee meeting will be held Monday, December 15, 2025, at 7:00 PM with Brian Weese to discuss updates to the City website.

Alderman Falk also reported that the Community Center gym floor waxing project has begun and is expected to be completed by the end of the week.

An update was provided on the trailer park demolition project. The bid opening date for asbestos removal has been pushed to January 13 due to the holidays and scheduling conflicts with contractors.

**Garbage:**

Alderman Burgett reported that he contacted Eric Shangraw with GFL to discuss alternative holiday garbage pickup dates. Mr. Shangraw confirmed that if a holiday falls on a Saturday, garbage pickup will remain on Friday. Mr. Shangraw will provide a list of alternative pickup dates for 2026, which will be forwarded to City Clerk Ms. Woods.

**Police:**

Alderwoman Clark reviewed the police calls from October, reporting that 137 calls were made, of which 98 occurred during the City's policing hours. Alderwoman Clark also informed the Council that the first quarterly meeting with Sheriff Webb will be held on January 1st.

**Legal:**

Alderman Scharping discussed the past-due balance on the Polk Street property. At this point, it was determined that the City will reach out to the attorney to have a certified letter sent to the resident, informing them that the account is 30 days past due.

**Streets & Alleys:**

Alderman Yocum informed the Council that while there have been some complaints regarding snow removal, the City has also received several compliments, and noted that the boys are doing a great job.

**Water & Sewer:**

Alderman Lynch informed the Council that with temperatures expected to rise next week and snow beginning to melt the City needs to be prepared for leaves potentially plugging storm sewer drains.

**Personnel:**

Mayor Cozart brought to the Council's attention that it may be beneficial for the City to hire an additional on-call employee to cover emergencies or when regular staff are out due to illness or vacation. Alderman Lynch will work with Clerk Ms. Woods to prepare a job posting.

In addition Greg Rowe volunteered to help with snow plowing if needed.

**Planning and Economic Development:**

Alderwoman Clark informed the Council that the mussel statue is expected to be ready for placement by the end of next spring. Currently, the prison is working on planter boxes for the empty lot at 123 S 3rd St. Alderwoman Clark also suggested the idea of offering memorial stones for purchase and decoration, which could be a nice addition to the planned park along with the mussel statue and park benches. The Masons have proposed the possibility of building a fence around the back of the property to prevent unauthorized entry.

**Old/New Business:**

Food Pantry Fundraiser Bingo Night at the Legion December 13th 4 PM

City Employee Christmas party December 20th 5 PM at Camino Real

Christmas Cantata at Cuba Christian Church Sunday Dec 14th at 6:30 PM

**Adjournment:**

Motion and second to adjourn at 7:54 PM, Mayor Cozart/ Alderman Yocum, All Aye's, Motion carried







