

**City of Cuba- Council Meeting Minutes**  
 Minutes Taken from February 24th 2026  
 Meeting Held at: City Hall / 403 E Jefferson St, Cuba IL

**Call to Order:**

Meeting was called 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		

Alderman Lynch arrived at 7:34 PM

**Review & Approval of Agenda:**

Motion and second to approve agenda as presented, Alderman Yocum/ Scharping, All Aye's, Motion carried

**Review & Approval of Minutes:**

Motion and second to approve Council Minutes from February 10th 2026 as written, Alderwoman Clark/ Alderman Burgett, All Aye's, Motion carried

Motion and second to approve Committee of The Whole Minutes from 2/19/26 as written, Alderman Yocum/ Burgett, All Aye's, Motion carried

Motion and second to approve City Property Committee Minutes from 2/19/26 as written, Alderman Scharping/ Burgett, All Aye's, Motion carried

Motion and second to approve City Property Committee Minutes from 2/22/26 as written, Alderman Falk/ Yocum All Aye's, Motion carried

Motion and second to approve City Property Committee Minutes from 2/26/26 as written, Alderman Yocum/ Scharping, All Aye's, Motion carried

**Recognition of the Public:**

City Engineer Kevin Cooper was present to discuss the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) program and the City's Mitigation Plan.

Mr. Cooper recommended rounding up the MFT appropriation to allow flexibility for any additional necessary expenses. He advised that if the projected amount is \$165,000, the City should appropriate \$175,000 to ensure adequate funding.

Motion and second to appropriate \$175,000 for the 2026 MFT, Alderman Yocum/Scharping,

<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

Mr. Cooper informed the Council that he has not yet received any updates regarding the City’s Mitigation Plan. Alderman Falk expressed concerns about a potential conflict between the MFT oil and chip schedule and proposed mitigation improvements on 3rd Street. It was noted that completing oil and chip work in that area could result in duplicative costs if future mitigation work requires disturbing the same section of roadway. Mr. Cooper will review the Mitigation Plan alongside the MFT map to determine whether adjustments to the oil and chip schedule are necessary.

Mr. Cooper also discussed a new water and sewer grant anticipated to be released in the amount of approximately \$1.5 million. He will monitor the guidelines once they become available.

Additionally, Mr. Cooper reviewed the condition of the City’s water tanks and tower, noting that painting and inspection are needed. He informed the Council that while inspections can be completed internally, his firm is coordinating with a company out of Madison, Wisconsin, that utilizes an underwater drone for inspections. By using this company, the City would not need to drain and sanitize the towers, and personnel would not need to physically enter the structures. He suggested requesting a group discount, as several towns and cities are in need of inspections. If the company is selected, the inspection of both tanks could potentially be added to the loan project and is EPS approved.

**City Clerks Report:**

Ms. Woods reviewed permits from January 16th to February 20th 2026, 2 new constructions for a fence and a shed, 1 solar panel, 1 Alteration/ modification for Verizon tower, 1 solicitation, and 1 Christmas Tree for a total of \$657.00. Ms. Woods also reviewed Ordinance Violations.

**Treasurer's Report:**

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

- General: \$18,052.69
- Garbage: \$9,493.31
- Sewer: \$3,041.82
- TIF: \$500
- Water: \$32,125.63
- Water Tower: \$471.69

**Finance:**

Motion and second to pay the bills per warrant presented by Treasurer Mrs. Yocum in the amount of \$63,685.14

Alderman Falk/ Scharping

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

Aldерwoman Clark	X		
Alderman Lynch	X		

Motion carried

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

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

Motion carried

Motion and second to reinvest the following Certificate of Deposits for a 6 month period with a 3.75% APY  
Maturing August 2026:

Capital Improvements

Garbage

MFT

ESDA

Tax Increment Fund

Alderman Falk/ Scharping

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

Motion carried

Motion and second to approve Johnson Control service agreement in the amount of \$1,562.89 for backup  
battery replacement, and smoke detector cover. Alderman Falk/ Scharping

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

Motion carried

Motion and second to approve purchase order from OMEGA in the amount of \$2751.56 for striping and marking

paint, Alderman Falk/ Burgett

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

Motion carried

Motion and second to approve purchase order for Amazon in the amount of \$62.98 for 2 5x8 American Flags  
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 Scharping	X		
Alderman Lynch	X		
Alderwoman Clark	X		
Alderman Falk	X		

Motion carried

Motion and second to approve purchase order for Camille's in the amount of \$172.25 for public works T-shirts  
Alderman Falk/ Scharping

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

Motion carried

Motion and second to approve purchase order for Farm King in the amount of \$152.68 for bedliners and grease  
for sewer plant, Alderman Falk/ Scharping

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

Motion carried

Motion and second to approve purchase order for Amazon in the amount of \$71.05 for Community Center supplies  
Alderman Falk/ Scharping

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

Motion carried

Purchase order for Mobile in the amount of \$815.85 for 55 gal drum of hydraulic oil was place on hold, look into what other options are available.

**City Property:**

Alderman Falk informed the Council that the City of Cuba was awarded \$9,000.00 through a Farm Bureau Grant to assist with construction of the OSF mobile storage building.

Motion and second to approve and sign the proposal from AC Environmental for asbestos abatement at 922 E. Jackson Street, Alderman Lynch/Yocum

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

Motion carried

The Council discussed signage options at 3rd and Main to promote Food Truck Fridays. Further discussion will take place at the March 10th City Property Committee meeting.

Motion and second to allow the Senior Center to paint the steps in front of their building for improved visibility, Alderman Falk/Burgett, All Ayes, Motion carried.

Motion and second to authorize the purchase of movable signage in an amount not to exceed \$300, Alderman Falk/Burgett

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

Motion carried

Alderman Falk confirmed the dates for the Spring Drive. Motion and second to set Spring Drive dates for May 2nd and 3rd, Alderman Falk/Lynch, All Ayes, Motion carried.

**Garbage:**

Alderman Burgett informed the Council that he has been in contact with Eric Shangraw with GFL regarding finalizing date for All Town Trash Day. May 16th was agreed upon by both parties. As in previous years, the dumpster will be placed behind City Hall within view of the cameras to help prevent unauthorized dumping. The Council also discussed exploring options for tire recycling. Alderman Burgett will research available options and report back.

**Police:**

Alderwoman Clark reviewed with the Council the January police report numbers

**Legal:**

Alderman Scharping informed the Council of a informational notice from Fulton County to the City of a property on N 9th street that was purchased by an LLC

**Personnel:**

Motion and second to authorize the hiring of John Woodruff as an as-needed temporary part-time employee at a rate of \$22.00 per hour, Alderman Lynch/Yocum, All Ayes, Motion carried.  
 Motion and second to approve the Union Wage Addendum effective May 1, 2026, for Public Works employees in the amount of \$3.00 per hour (\$2.00 wage increase and \$1.00 to annuity), Alderman Lynch/Yocum.

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

Motion carried

**Planning & Economic Development:**

Alderwoman Clark scheduled a TIF Joint Review Board meeting for March 24th at 6 PM

**Old/ New Business:**

Storm spotter class March 18th at 6:30 PM at FC Health Department  
 OSF mobile will be set up on the square March 10th and 16th and at MidAmerica March 24th  
 Alderman Falk set a City Property meeting March 4th at 11:30 AM at the Community Center to discuss energy efficiency with Ameren

**Adjournment:**

Motion and second to adjourn at 8:57 PM, Alderwoman Clark/ Alderman Falk, All Aye's, Motion carried