

City of Cuba- Council Meeting Minutes
 Minutes Taken from April 28th 2026
 Meeting Held at: City Hall / 403 E Jefferson St, Cuba IL

Call to Order:

The City Council was called to order at approximately 7:00 PM by Mayor Cozart.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Review & Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was reviewed. A correction was noted to the Personnel Committee minutes date, clarifying that the minutes to be approved were from February 23, 2026, rather than March 23, 2026.

Motion and second to adopt the agenda as amended, Alderman Yocum/ Burgett, All Aye's, Motion passed.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

The Council approved the following minutes:

City Council Meeting April 14th 2026

Motion and second, Alderwoman Clark/ Alderman Burgett, All Aye's, Motion passed

Finance Committee Minutes 3/9/26

Motion and second, Alderman Scharping/ Falk, All Aye's, Motion passed

City Property Committee Minutes 3/9/26

Motion and second, Alderman Scharping/ Falk, All Aye's, Motion passed

City Property Committee Minutes 3/23/26

Motion and second, Alderman Yocum/ Scharping, All Aye's, Motion passed

Personnel Committee Minutes 2/23/26 (with amendments to clarify Personnel Committee)

Motion and second, Alderman Yocum/ Scharping, All Aye's, Motion passed

Recognition of Public

Aaron Buck, Director of Operations with Eccentric Fiber, provided a presentation regarding potential residential fiber-optic broadband expansion within the city. He reported that community interest levels

have increased sufficiently to warrant further consideration of construction.

Mr. Buck outlined the typical process for fiber deployment, including:

Acquisition of a small parcel of land (approximately 25' x 25') or portion of an existing lot for placement of a powered fiber cabinet

Design and neighborhood-based construction phasing

Coordination with city staff to avoid conflicts with water, sewer, and other utilities

Potential total infrastructure investment estimated between \$2–3 million if the city is fully built out

Discussion included possible city-owned properties, franchise agreement considerations, construction timing, and long-term community benefits such as increased property values and improved access for residents and businesses. No formal action was taken.

Water Clerks Report:

The Water Clerk reported that shut-off notices were issued for delinquent accounts, with one account unable to be shut off at this time. A letter and follow-up contact will be made with the affected customer.

The Water Clerk also noted that rate increase notifications continue to be included with monthly water bills. One inquiry has been received regarding the rate increase.

City Clerks Report:

The City Clerk reported receipts totaling \$510.00 from April 6 through April 21, 2026. Revenue sources included:

Community Center room rentals

Kitchen and gym rentals

Sale of UTV stickers

A donation received in connection with the recent fish fry event

The Clerk also reported outstanding rental balances owed for Community Center use, including amounts associated with youth basketball activities. Follow-up with the responsible organizations will be conducted.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented warrants totaling \$89,687.98 distributed as follows:

General Fund: \$17,584.16

Garbage: \$10,874.91

Sewer: \$16,197.84

TIF: \$338

Water: \$44,457.22

Water Tower: \$235.85

Major expenditures included water system programming costs and regular utility obligations.

Transfers between funds were also reviewed.

Finance:

Total Bills Presented \$89,687.98

Motion and second to approve payment of bills as presented by the Treasurer

Alderman Falk/ Scharping

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

Motion passed

Motion and second to approve Transfers as presented by the Treasurer
Alderman Falk/ Scharping

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

Motion passed

The Finance Committee presented a recommendation regarding renewal of Certificates of Deposit coming due on May 10, 2026. The total amount under consideration was \$231,743.13.

The Committee recommended renewal for a 12-month term at 3.55% interest.

Motion and second to approve CD Renewal, Alderman Falk/ Scharping

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

Motion passed

Motion and second to approve the following purchase orders by unanimous consent

Community Center security hardware \$90

Flowers Hearts Nursery \$400

Walmart Rubber Mulch \$67.50

Amazon stakes for all town trash signs \$90.13

Mileage reimbursement (77 miles)

Alderman Falk/ Scharping

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

Motion passed

City Property:

Motion and second to approve the Hiring of Charlotte McBride as CCC Director effective May 1st 2026

Compensation includes a monthly stipend of \$100 and use of an on-site room.

Alderman Falk/ Burgett

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

Motion passed

Additional discussion included:

Office relocation within the Community Center

Building maintenance needs, such as new carpet or the removal of old carpet in the front office

Playground fence adjustments to improve safety

Motion and second to reconfigure 20 ft of the west end playground fence at the community center

Alderman Falk/ Burgett, All Aye's, Motion passed

Garbage:

The Garbage Committee reported on discussions with a dumpster service provider regarding billing

adjustments. Motion and second to approve payment of \$2500 to The Barn Sales 2 to settle invoice

Alderman Burgett/ Alderwoman Clark

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

Alderman Scharping		X		
Alderman Falk		X		
Alderwoman Clark		X		
Alderman Lynch		X		

Motion passed

Upcoming All-Town Trash Day logistics were discussed, including dumpster scheduling.

Police:

A quarterly meeting was held with the Sheriff. Activity levels and ongoing issues were reviewed. The Sheriff reported no major concerns and noted that planned speed control measures may address resident complaints.

Water/ Sewer:

Updates included:

Scheduled interior inspections of water tanks (Both Tanks)

Recent maintenance and electrical issues at a lift station

Ongoing development of a water and sewer rate ordinance

Personnel:

The Council discussed implementation of an approved time clock system. Staff will coordinate to complete ordering and installation.

Planning and Economic Development:

A TIF Committee meeting was scheduled. April 29th 2026 at 6PM

Updates were provided on a county-wide statue project, with plans to place the city's installation in Palin Park. Future park improvements were discussed.

Old/ New Business:

All-Town Trash Day was confirmed for May 16, 2026

Spring cleanup and yard sale activities were discussed.

Ongoing action items, including utility rate communication and insurance review planning, were noted.

Adjournment:

Motion and second to adjourn Council Meeting at 8:35 PM Alderman Burgett/ Lynch, All Aye's,

Motion passed

