

City of Cuba- Council Meeting Minutes
 Minutes Taken from May 12th 2026
 Meeting Held at: City Hall / 403 E Jefferson St, Cuba IL

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cozart at 7 PM

Pledge of Allegiance:

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:

Motion and second to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Review & Approval of Minutes:

The Council reviewed prior meeting minutes:

Motion and second to approve minutes from April 28, 2026 Council Meeting, Alderman Yocum/ Burgett, / Aye's, Motion passed.

Motion and second to approve Finance Committee Minutes from March 23, 2026, Alderman Scharping/ Yc All Aye's, Motion passed

Motion and second to approve City Property Committee Minutes from March 30, 2026, Alderman Scharpir Burgett, All Aye's, Motion passed

Recognition of Public:

A resident addressed the Council regarding a tree believed to be located on City right-of-way, expressing concern about its condition and requesting further evaluation due to potential safety concerns.

Additional comments were made regarding prior meeting interactions, with clarification provided by the M. Positive feedback was given to the City regarding recent maintenance and improvements, particularly in preparation for upcoming community events.

Water Clerk Report:

One shut-off was delayed due to obstruction from trash placement and will be completed the following wee

Four additional accounts remain subject to shut-off.

Notification received that unpaid apartment water balances will be resolved by the property owner.

City Clerk Report:

Permit revenue totaled \$275, primarily from side-by-side vehicle stickers, along with one solicitor permit.

Treasurer's Report:

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

General Fund: \$22,636.73

Garbage Fund: \$3,404.36

Sewer Fund: \$2,419.70

Sewer EPA: \$5,448.57

Water Fund: \$2,634.77

Major expenditures included:

Utility services (Ameren, Frontier, Comcast)

Final payment on trailer park services

Partial and final payments for community center roof work

Equipment and operational costs

Finance:

Motion and second to approve bills totaling approximately \$36,544.13.

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 recommended by the Treasurer.

Alderman Falk/ Lynch

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 Council reviewed multiple purchase requests, including:

Sherman Williams: \$150 Paint for community center maintenance

RP Lumber: \$99.85 Materials for curb and drainage repair/ CCC numbers

Oriley's: \$107.20 Vehicle maintenance (brake pads) bucket truck

Farm King: \$46.99 black satin paint

Farm King: \$103.92 Duct tape curb painting

Bob: \$80 reimbursement for 1 box of buffalo for fish fry

IMCO: \$390 6 signs for speed bumps

Discussion included:

Clarification of purchasing authority

Proper documentation (who is purchasing vs who is approving)

Ensuring better tracking of purchase approvals to avoid prior confusion

Motion and second to approve purchase orders by unanimous consent as amended

Alderman Falk/ Scharping

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

Motion passed

The Council received updates on several funding efforts:

Ameren Grant: \$2,500 awarded, bringing total project support to \$11,500

Community Block Grant: Application in progress

Housing/Infrastructure Grant: Under consideration

Flood Mitigation Grant: Resubmission planned for north side improvements

Construction related to grant funding is expected to begin pending weather conditions.

The Council considered a resolution authorizing borrowing up to \$150,000 for:

Construction of a medical services facility

Community center improvements (gutters)

Key terms discussed:

Interest rate tied to CD rates (approx. 5–6%)

Loan term of up to five years

Use of City CDs as collateral

Repayment expected through rental income and general funds

Clarification was provided that funds may be drawn as needed, not necessarily in full.

Motion to adopt the borrowing resolution 26-05-013

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:

The Council discussed potential continuation of the City’s electric aggregation program, including:

Proposed rates compared to Ameren

Potential savings for residents

Variability and uncertainty in future utility pricing

Public concerns and confusion regarding opt-out enrollment

To ensure transparency and public input:

Motion and second to schedule a public meeting

Date: Thursday, May 21

Time: 6:00 PM

Alderman Falk/ Scharping, All Aye's, Motion passed.

The City will:

Provide public notice

Include information with utility bills where possible

Share information online and through other outreach methods

The Council considered a resolution supporting participation in the Illinois America 250 (IL 250) Commission recognizing the upcoming 250th anniversary of the United States in 2026.

The resolution affirms the City’s support for statewide commemorative efforts and encourages local participatory educational, cultural, and historical activities associated with the national semi quincentennial.

The resolution does not require a financial commitment and enables the City to participate in statewide initiatives and recognition opportunities.

Motion and second was made to adopt Resolution No. 26-05-014.

Alderman Scharping/ Yocum

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

Garbage:

Alderman Burgett reviewed all town trash day procedures, if the dumpster is full by Monday GFL will replace with an empty one

Police:

No Discussion

Legal:

The Council reviewed a proposed ordinance to adjust water and sewer rates, including:

Increase to water usage rates

Increase to base and usage sewer charges

During review, Council identified missing language regarding rates for sewer-only users (non-water users).

Due to this omission, the ordinance was not approved and will be revised and brought back for future consideration.

Streets & Alleys:

Discussion was held regarding installation of speed bumps and associated signage.

Public feedback has been generally supportive, with additional location suggestions received.

Concerns were raised regarding:

Potential vehicle damage

Road surface impact from installation/removal

Council will continue to monitor and evaluate implementation.

Water & Sewer:

No Discussion

Personnel:

No Discussion

Planning & Economic Development:

Community art/statue project progressing and expected for installation in mid-June

Ongoing work related to Palin Park improvements

Continued evaluation of property near water tower for potential infrastructure use

Initial discussion held regarding installation of a hitching post for Amish visitors, including:

Location considerations

Safety concerns (traffic and emergency access)

Maintenance implications

No formal action was taken.

Old & New Business:

Memorial Day ceremony scheduled (music at 10:15 AM, program at 10:30 AM)

Graduation event noted

Upcoming committee meetings scheduled

Adjournment:

Motion and second to adjourn Council meeting at 8:20 PM, Alderman Lynch/ Burgett, All Aye's, Motion p:

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