

City of Cuba- Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes Taken from: July 14th 2026

Meeting Held at: City Hall / 403 E Jefferson St, Cuba IL

7:00 PM

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

Alderwoman Clark arrived at 7:07 PM

Review & Approval of Agenda:

Motion and second to adopt the July 14th 2026 Agenda as written, Alderman Scharping/ Burgett, All Aye's, Motion passed.

Review & Approval of Minutes:

The following minutes were reviewed and approved:

Motion and second to approve June 23rd 2026 Council Minutes with date correction, Alderman Yocum/ Scharping All Aye's, Motion passed.

Motion and second to approve May 26th 2026 Streets and Allys Minutes as written, Alderman Yocum/ Burgett All Aye's, Motion passed.

Motion and second to approve May 26th 2026 City Property Minutes as written, Alderman Scharping/ Yocum All Aye's, Motion passed.

Motion and second to approve May 26th 2026 Finance Minutes as written, Alderman Scharping/ Burgett, All Aye's, Motion passed.

Motion and second to approve June 8th 2026 Finance Minutes as written, Alderman Scharping/ Yocum, All Aye's, Motion passed.

Recognition of the Public:

Shane and Starla Woods from the American Legion appeared before Council to discuss the future of the community Santa Parade and related holiday activities.

- Transition of parade leadership due to the resignation of the current parade coordinator.
- Coordination between the City, Cuba Cares, the American Legion, and other community organizations.
- Continued support for the annual Santa Parade and associated activities such as Cookies with Santa.
- Opportunities for additional community participation and volunteer involvement.

Council expressed support for continued sponsorship and assistance with community holiday events.
No formal action was taken.

Water Clerk Report:

The Water Clerk reported that approximately seventeen delinquent accounts had been flagged for collection and shut-off review.

Additional discussion occurred regarding:

- Vacant properties with outstanding balances.
- Ongoing collection efforts.
- Identification and reimbursement of historic customer deposit balances.
- Procedures for returning eligible refunds or transferring unclaimed balances in accordance with state requirements.

City Clerk Report:

The Clerk reported receipt of revenue from permits, licenses, rentals, and donations, including:

- UTV permits, Liquor and gaming licenses, Solicitor permits, Community Center rentals, Community event donations, Building permits

Discussion also included accounting procedures related to community fundraising and donation tracking.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer presented detailed bills and fund activity across all accounts totaling \$27,231.24.

Major fund activity included:

General Fund- \$9,452.08

MFT- \$692.55

Garbage- \$1,711.77

Sewer- \$5,564.10

Water- \$4,971.12

Water: Tower- \$4,839.62

Finance:

Motion and second to approve bills totaling \$27,231.24

Alderman Scharping/ 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
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Motion passed

Motion and second to approve transfers as recommended by the Treasurer.

Alderman Scharping/ Yocum

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

Purchase orders

The following purchase orders were approved:

Farm King: \$74.98 Battery for sprayer on mower/ interior door handle for CC

Amazon- \$132.44 2"x25" Heavy duty discharge hoses to pump out lagoon

Walmart- \$284.99 12,000 BTU AC unit for CC office

Amazon- \$159.67 Spray 9 multipurpose cleaner/ 2 gallon hand held tanks sprayer

Post Office- \$78.00 Roll of Stamps for office use

Amazon- \$73.04 Copier paper and Envelopes for office use

Royal Publishing- \$65 Advertisement for girls Volleyball Team

Motion and second to approve purchase orders by unanimous consent, Alderman Scharping/ Yocum

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

City Property:

Motion and second to accept the verbal resignation of Julie Lance as Scenic Drive Chairman, Alderman Yocum/ Burgett, All Aye's, Motion passed.

Motion and second to appoint Charlotte McBride as Scenic Drive Chairman, Alderman Yocum/ Burgett, All Aye's Motion passed

Council discussed concerns regarding grant administration services currently being provided to the City.

Topics discussed included:

Missed grant opportunities.
Communication regarding available grant programs.
Inclusion of local survey and demographic data in grant applications.
Annual costs associated with grant administration services.
Council discussed scheduling future conversations regarding expectations for grant support services and exploring additional grant opportunities.
No formal action was taken.

Garbage:

No report

Police:

No report
Council was advised that the Police Chief is expected to attend a future meeting to provide updates.

Legal:

Motion and second to approve Ordinance No. 26-07-014 amending zoning regulations related to mobile home parks. Alderman Scharping/ Yocum
Discussion included:
Existing zoning classifications.
Future land use considerations.
Limiting redevelopment of existing mobile home park configurations that no longer conform to current zoning standards.

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 Ordinance No. 26-07-015 granting a franchise to Mid-Century Fiber for construction, operation, and maintenance of a fiber optic communications system within the City.
Alderman Yocum/ Burgett
Discussion included:
Expansion of fiber infrastructure.
Service availability for residents and businesses.
Future telecommunications improvements.

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

Motion passed

Motion and second to approve the sale of approximately 0.036 acres of City-owned property near the Community Center to Mid-Century Fiber for \$2,000. Alderwoman Clark/ Alderman Yocum

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 parcel will be utilized for telecommunications infrastructure associated with expansion of fiber services. Council reviewed a legal description of the parcel and discussed its intended use prior to approval.

Streets & Alleys:

Motion and second to approve the Cuba Christian Church request to temporarily close portions of Fourth Street and Jefferson Street during its annual revival event. September 12th 12PM-8PM and September 13th 8AM- 12PM Alderman Yocum/ Burgett, All Aye's, Motion passed.

Council reviewed resident concerns regarding speeding in several residential areas and discussed future relocation of the City's removable speed bumps.

Specific areas discussed included:

First Street, Jackson Street, 4th Street

Council discussed, Maintaining some traffic-calming measures in areas where children are frequently present.

Possible relocation of existing speed bumps rather than purchasing additional units. Concerns regarding roadway impacts and long-term maintenance. Placement strategies intended to improve effectiveness.

No final action was taken. Staff will review prior approvals and bring recommendations back for further consideration.

Water & Sewer:

Council discussed ongoing water system maintenance activities, including upcoming cleaning and washing of the smaller water tower.

Staff reported that performing portions of the work in-house is expected to generate significant cost savings when compared to outsourcing the project.

Council also reviewed ongoing utility collection efforts and delinquent account enforcement.
No additional action was taken.

Personnel:

No report

Planning & Economic Development:

Mussel Statue Project

Council received an update regarding the regional mussel statue initiative.

The unveiling event is being coordinated through regional partners and is expected to include media coverage and participation by public officials. Installation of the City's statue will occur following completion of those events.

Hitching Post Project

Council discussed plans for installation of a hitching post intended to accommodate Amish visitors and residents.

Discussion included:

Potential placement near the Legion/VFW area.

Safety considerations.

Access and traffic flow concerns.

Additional coordination will occur before final placement is determined.

Soldiers & Sailors Reunion

Council received updates regarding planning activities for the Soldiers & Sailors Reunion.

Discussion included:

Entertainment and band scheduling.

Veteran participation.

Opening ceremonies.

Recognition of community members.

Funding support for event programming.

Motion and second was made to approve funding in the amount of \$1,000 for the Bugle Girls performance during the event. Alderwoman Clark/ Alderman 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

Old/ New Business:

Back-to-School Bash

Council received an update regarding the Back-to-School Bash scheduled for August 13.

The City will assist with food preparation and event support.

Additional participants are expected to include:

OSF Mobile Health Unit

Farm Bureau representatives

Community volunteers and organizations

Discussion focused on logistics, attendance expectations, and community outreach opportunities.

Adjournment:

Motion and second to adjourn Council meeting at 8:25 PM, Alderwoman Clark/ Alderman Scharping, All Aye's

Motion passed.