

City of Edwardsville

Council Proceedings

February 17, 2026

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Edwardsville City Council took place at 7:00 p.m. at Edwardsville City Hall, located at 118 Hillsboro Avenue in Edwardsville, Illinois, with Mayor Risavy presiding.

Council members Grant, Farrar, Hanna, Miracle, Morrison, Krause and Warren answered present on roll call.

Mayor Risavy welcomed everyone in attendance and those viewing on Facebook Live to the meeting.

Mayor Risavy took a moment to remember community member Shannon O'Brien who passed away tragically in St. Louis. Ms. O'Brien was recently a member of the HRC Committee. A moment of silence was held to remember Ms. O'Brien.

Special Recognition/Proclamations/Oaths

None

Mayor Risavy opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting. Two public comments were received. The first public comment was delivered by Stephanie Robbins. Ms. Robbins is a former member of BPAC. She was there in support of the Off-Street Parking on the agenda for first reading. She presented a small change to the ordinance. Ms. Robbins believes the bike racks should be within twenty feet of a building.

Jim Acra came forward to deliver the second public comment. Mr. Acra is a board member at the Moose Lodge. The Moose Lodge has been part of the Edwardsville community for 112 years. Mr. Acra was speaking in support of the sign variance for the Moose Lodge. The Moose Lodge would like to install a digital sign. They hold numerous events each week and need to change the sign frequently. The Moose Lodge raises money for many aspects of the community. The church (across the street) is zoned residential and is find with the new sign. Mr. Acra pointed out that the ordinance has been in place for 10 years. Many signs in Edwardsville do not meet the ordinance.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Risavy read Consent Agenda items as follows:

- Approval of minutes of Council Meeting on February 03, 2026
- Activity and Financial Reports:
 - A. Reports of Elected and Appointed Officials:
 - a) Finance Director – Monthly Financial Report
 - b) Finance Department - Monthly Activity Report
 - c) Police – Monthly Activity Report
 - d) Fire Chief – Monthly Activity Report (Fire and EMS Services)
 - e) Public Works Director – Building, Electrical and Plumbing Permits

B. Circuit Clerk's Monthly Fine Report

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Motion by Krause, second by Warren to approve the Consent Agenda presented.

Roll Call on Consent Agenda: Seven Ayes with Aldermen Grant, Farrar, Hanna, Miracle, Morrison, Krause and Warren voting aye. Motion carried.

Petitions and Communications

Mayor Risavy announced the Crisis Care Kit Grant Recognition. Chief Fillback came forward to comment the Crisis Care Kits. Kits were distributed to the council for example. Firehouse Subs provided a grant for life-saving equipment. The grant awarded the police department \$14,000 that enabled the department to purchase the kits. The kits are critical incident kits when faced with an active shooter incident or vehicle crashes. The kits play a significant roll until EMS services can arrive. Thank you to the owners of Firehouse Subs, Chris and Evelyn Steinacher for the support. The kits will be available in all of the police department vehicles.

Mayor Risavy announced the Main Street Community Center Presentation. Jessica Johnson, Executive Director at the Main Street Community Center came forward to deliver the presentation. The center is an active adult senior center that has been part of the community for over 50 years. The center is a comprehensive safety/activity hub for seniors in the community. Ms. Johnson review many of the programs that benefit our community. Funding continues to be a challenge each year. The services offered by the center include meals on wheel, food boxes, fresh produce, health screenings, transportation, education programs, art classes, fitness classes, social activities and travel just to name a few. The center had 300 new participants in the past year. The Center receives funding from the City and is requesting an additional \$5,000 this year.

Legislative & Executive

Mayor Risavy presented the resignation of Renee Childs from the Human Relations Committee effective February 03, 2026 for information.

Motion by Morrison, second by Krause for approval of the bond, Class C- Sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises only as well as retail sale of in the original package, Edwardsville Salt and Smoke LLC, 410 N Main St., Edwardsville, IL 62025.

Roll Call: Seven Ayes with Aldermen Grant, Farrar, Hanna, Miracle, Morrison, Krause and Warren voting aye. Motion carried.

Legal & Judicial

None

City Clerk

None

Finance Committee

Motion by Miracle, second by Farrar to approve the Claims - the total claims amount - \$3,220,411.12.

Roll Call: Seven Ayes with Aldermen Grant, Farrar, Hanna, Miracle, Morrison, Krause and Warren voting aye. Motion carried.

Finance Committee will meet on Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall located at 118 Hillsboro Avenue, Edwardsville, IL 62025.

Public Services Committee

Alderman Warren presented the Minutes of the Public Services Committee meeting on January 14, 2026 for information and file.

Motion by Warren, second by Hanna for approval of a Resolution Approving a Master License Agreement for Fiber Optic Cable Installation in Public Right of Way between the City and WANRack, LLC.

Alderman Warren commented this is for District 7 and will grant right of way access for neutral providers.

Roll Call: Seven Ayes with Aldermen Grant, Farrar, Hanna, Miracle, Morrison, Krause and Warren voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Warren, second by Morrison for approval to Purchase a 2026 Ford F250 Service Truck from Olathe Ford Sales, Inc. through the Sourcewell Joint Purchasing Contract #032824-OLA in the amount of \$66,274.00.

Alderman Warren commented this will replace a fleet truck that was purchased in the 1990's. It is a budgeted item.

Roll Call: Seven Ayes with Aldermen Grant, Farrar, Hanna, Miracle, Morrison, Krause and Warren voting aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Warren presented Change Order #2 and Final for the Cass Avenue Water Main Improvements Project in the decreased amount of \$47,225.70 for information and file.

Alderman Warren presented Change Order #1 for the Florida Street Improvements Project in the increased amount of \$8,785.00 for information and file.

Alderman Warren presented Change Order #1 for the North Main Street Water Main and Streetscape Improvements in the increased amount of \$9,664.00 for information and file.

Alderman Warren announced the Public Services Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 4:30p.m. at City Hall located at 118 Hillsboro Avenue, Edwardsville, IL 62025.

Administrative & Community Services Committee

Alderman Grant presented the Minutes of the Administrative and Community Services Committee meeting on January 29, 2026 for information and file.

Motion by Grant, second by Krause for approval of a Resolution Approving Sign Variances for 7371 Marine Road (Edwardsville Moose Lodge).

Alderman Grant commented the ACS committee voted and she was the only vote in support of the variance. She commented in 2026 if a sign is replaced, it is likely to be a digital sign. Alderman Grant commented this is not directly in a residential area.

Alderman Krause commented he is not in support, council was not in support of dynamic display signs when they wrote the ordinance. He did state that some of the existing signs are grandfathered in. Alderman Krause commented that many other organizations would request this if approved. Alderman Grant asked about existing signs (if they were damaged) would they have to go back to the original sign (non-dynamic). Alderman Krause said yes. Alderman Morrison said he is opposed to dynamic signs, stating that they are distracting. Alderman Krause commented that gas stations are exempted due to the digital nature of the changing gas prices. Alderman Miracle commented she felt we needed to adhere to the ordinance in place. Alderman Grant commented the Moose had to obtain a survey to apply for the variance (costing \$5000). Alderman Krause commented that may need to be addressed.

Roll Call: Six Nays with Aldermen Farrar, Hanna, Miracle, Morrison, Krause and Warren voting aye. Alderman Grant voted aye. Motion failed.

Alderman Grant presented an Ordinance Amending Chapter 1250.13 – Off-street parking and loading; tables of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Edwardsville for first reading.

Alderman Grant presented an Ordinance Amending Chapter 1228 – Landscaping and screening of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Edwardsville for first reading.

Alderman Grant presented an Ordinance Certifying the Official Zoning Map of the City of Edwardsville, Madison County, Illinois for first reading.

Motion by Grant, second by Krause for Approval of RASE Board Items from the February 3, 2026 meeting:

- a) Earth Day – Nature Preserve Foundation (Saturday, April 18)
- b) Celebrating the Spirit of 1776 – Madison County Historical Society (Sunday, June 28)
- c) Edwardsville Rotary Criterium – Edwardsville Rotary (Friday, August 14 and Saturday, August 15)
- d) Unity Fest – Edwardsville Unity (Saturday, September 26)
- e) Edwardsville Book Fair – Edwardsville Library (Saturday, October 3)
- f) Living History Day – Madison County Historical Society (Sunday, October 4)
- g) Wags at the Watershed – Partners for Pets (Saturday, November 7)

Roll Call: Seven Ayes with Aldermen Grant, Farrar, Hanna, Miracle, Morrison, Krause and Warren voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Grant, second by Miracle for approval of a Parade Resolution Approving IDOT Temporary Closure of Highways for the Edwardsville Rotary Criterium.

Alderman Grant commented the route will include Route 66 and around City Park.

Alderman Farrar asked about how residents will get around the closures. Ryan Zwijack came forward to address the traffic. He said the detour will cross the route. He also commented there will be a full detour route for trucks. Nate Tingley said this goes to IDOT for approval on the detour routes. Advanced signage will be required to give advanced notice.

Roll Call: Seven Ayes with Aldermen Grant, Farrar, Hanna, Miracle, Morrison, Krause and Warren voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Grant, second by Krause for approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Director of Parks and Recreation to Apply for Park Commission Funds from Madison County in an amount not to exceed \$300,732.00.

Alderwoman Grant commented this grant will help to repair the Leclaire pond wall.

Roll Call: Seven Ayes with Aldermen Grant, Farrar, Hanna, Miracle, Morrison, Krause and Warren voting aye. Motion carried.

Alderwoman Grant presented minutes from the Plan Commission – January 07, 2026 for information and file.

Alderwoman Grant presented the minutes from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee – January 07, 2026 for information and file.

Administrative Services Committee will meet on Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall

Old Business

None

New Business

Cathy Hensley, Communications Coordinator came forward to review upcoming events in Edwardsville. These include:

- Choco-lotta Fun Crawl on Saturday, February 28. Many local businesses participating this year.
- Land of Goshen Winter Market inside at the Madison County Farm Bureau building.
- Monday, February 23 at 3:30 – 5:30 West End Service Station, will host some members of the men's and women's basketball teams.
- Heart Hero Month CPR class at the Wildey next Tuesday

Please check the city calendar at cityofedwardsville.com/calendar for additional event information!

Closed Session

Motion by Morrison, second by Miracle at 7:54 p.m. to end open session and move into closed session.

Roll Call: Seven Ayes with Aldermen Grant, Farrar, Hanna, Miracle, Morrison, Krause and Warren voting aye. Motion carried.

Council entered into Executive Session at 7:58 p.m.

Motion by Morrison, second by Miracle to end closed session at 9:20 p.m.

Roll Call: Seven Ayes with Aldermen Grant, Farrar, Hanna, Miracle, Morrison, Krause and Warren voting aye. Motion carried.

Council reconvened at 9:20 p.m.

Action Taken on Executive Session Items

Motion by Farrar, second by Grant for Approval to execute Landlord Non-disturbance and Consent Agreement and Collateral Assignment of Lease in regards to Lease Agreement that was entered into with Lucky 13 Hoops in March 2025 (Resolution 004-03-2025).

Roll Call: Seven Ayes with Aldermen Grant, Farrar, Hanna, Miracle, Morrison, Krause and Warren voting aye. Motion carried.

There being no further action required, Council adjourned at 9:22 p.m. with a motion by Miracle.



Art Risavy, Mayor

Attest:



Michelle A. Boyer, City Clerk