

City of Edwardsville

Council Proceedings

March 03, 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 Farrar, Hanna, Miracle, Morrison, Krause, Warren and Grant answered present on roll call.

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

Special Recognition/Proclamations/Oaths

None

Petitions and Communications

Mayor Risavy presented a letter from the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding a Special Use Permit for 5710 Inner Park Drive for information and file.

Mayor Risavy opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting. One Public Comment was received. A representative from the Rooftop Solar Energy System at 5710 Inner Park Drive came forward to provide comments on the Solar Energy System.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Risavy read Consent Agenda items as follows:

- Approval of minutes of Council Meeting on February 17, 2026
- Executive Session: Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the use of the Public Body pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)

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

City Clerk, Michelle Boyer announced item "b" under ACS was sent out as an addendum due to the size of the document.

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

Legislative & Executive

Motion by Morrison, second by Krause for approval of the bond, for the Class C- sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises only as well as retail sale of in the original package, Los Compadres Group Inc.- DBA Real Agave, 1017 Century Dr., Edwardsville IL 62025.

Roll Call: Seven Ayes with Aldermen Farrar, Hanna, Miracle, Morrison, Krause, Warren and Grant 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 - \$1,798,789.67.

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

Finance Committee will meet on Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 3:30 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 February 11, 2026 for information and file.

Motion by Warren, second by Hanna for approval of a Sole Source Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Automated Meters from Core and Main LP in the amount of \$146,500.00. Alderman Warren commented this is the last large batch of meter purchases. These will be installed in all of Edwardsville. Ryan Zwijack commented the meters have been used since 2012.

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

Motion by Warren, second by Morrison for approval of an IDOT Resolution for Maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code in the amount of \$715,000.00.

Alderman Warren commented this appropriates the motor-fuel tax funds for the purchase of supplies to maintain and repair the streets, alleys within the city.

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

Motion by Warren, second by Farrar for approval to Install 2 New Streetlights into the Municipal Streetlight System on Hillsboro Avenue.

Alderman Warren commented this is the 900 block of Hillsboro. Alderman Farrar thanked the council members.

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

Public Services Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall located at 118 Hillsboro Avenue, Edwardsville, IL 62025.

Administrative & Community Services Committee

Alderman Grant presented the Minutes of the Administrative & Community Services meeting on February 12, 2026 for information and file.

Motion by Grant, second by Miracle for a Resolution Approving a Special Use Permit for A Rooftop Solar Energy System at 5710 Inner Park Drive.

Alderman Grant commented this is a winning situation. They are limited by what the Ameren grid can support. Alderman Morrison commented great work and keep going!

Alderman Hanna asked if the zoning code should be changed to allow solar on these types of buildings. Alderman Krause asked about Target having the solar panels. They use the panels to support their own power. Alderwoman asked about how much could be done. Brennan the representative said each area has its own threshold to the grid.

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

Motion by Grant, second by Krause for approval of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 1250.13 – Off-street parking and loading; tables of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Edwardsville.

Alderwoman Grant the committee had a lot of discussion. Alderman Farrar highlighted some of the changes. Including the greenspace around the parking lots. Alderwoman Grant commented a bike rack is as close as the nearest parking spot.

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

Motion by Grant, second by Krause for Approval of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 1228– Landscaping and screening of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Edwardsville.

Alderwoman Grant commented the ordinance is specific on the types of trees. Sarah Cundiff provided guidance. The changes will bring more trees to the city.

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

Motion by Grant, second by Krause for approval of an Ordinance Certifying the Official Zoning Map of the City of Edwardsville, Madison County, Illinois.

Alderwoman commented this is an annual process.

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

Motion by Grant, second by Miracle for approval of a Sole Source Resolution to Slayden Glass, Inc. for the Purchase and Installation of a Storefront at 246 North Main Street.

Alderwoman Grant commented this is the butcher shop. It is sole source because it's critical to the way it need to be represented.

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

Motion by Grant, second by Miracle for approval of Inducement Resolution to University Park Plaza, LLC.

Alderwoman Grant commented the property has had some burglaries. This will allow developer to take the property down. By voting yes, it allows them to start the demolition process before the business district is established. Alderman Farrar asked why it is out of order. Eric Williams answered that this would possibly be a future business district. It would allow them to incur any eligible expenses to be applied to the business district if approved.

Alderman Morrison asked about the size of the lot. The developer bought all of the land. Mayor Risavy commented we are not committed to developing a business district. Business district is when additional 1% is added to sales tax. A portion of this is enterprise zone.

Alderman Farrar commented this is a prime piece of real estate. He asked why were are providing tax incentives. He feels that area will be developed regardless of granting a business district. He feel business district should only be in place on areas that need it.

Alderman Farrar feel the vote would signal to the developer that they have support from the council. Mayor Risavy commented the developer wasn't planning on this course of action, until the recent problems with the existing building. Alderman Farrar said the property is worth a lot of money, he doesn't feel we need to provide tax-payer money. He doesn't feel it makes sense economically or fairly.

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

Alderwoman Grant presented the minutes from the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held on September 22, 2025 for information and file.

Alderwoman Grant presented the minutes from the Historic Preservation Commission meeting held on January 14, 2026 for information and file.

Administrative Services Committee will meet on Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall

Old Business

Mayor Risavy presented the ground breaking with Mark Thomas and the Courthouse 618 development at Plummer Park. It will be indoor basketball courts. Mayor Risavy commented this is an exciting project and a big need for the community. Shoot 360, a competitive training program will be part of the facility. The city teams will be able to play at the facility.

New Business

Mayor Risavy reminded council about the upcoming Business Forecast Breakfast.

Cathy Hensley, Communications Coordinator came forward to review upcoming events.

- Business Forecast Breakfast on March 10 at 7:30am.
- The tree planting program is active now.
- Battle of the Badges, March 20th at the Public Safety Building.
- Paws in the Park, April 4th at City Park.
- Film Competition at the Wildey. April 7th at the Wildey
- Mayor Risavy commented on the Choco-Lotta Fun Crawl!
- Alderman Farrar announced the Main Street businesses are open, please support while the downtown construction is happening.

Alderwoman Grant reminded council the next meeting is altered due to Election Day. It will take place on Monday, March 16.

Closed Session

Motion by Morrison, second by Farrar at 7:32 p.m. to end open session and move into closed session.

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

Council entered into Executive Session at 7:37 p.m.

Motion by Miracle, second by Grant to end closed session at 8:59 p.m.

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

Council reconvened at 8:59 p.m.

Action Taken on Executive Session Items

There being no further action required, Council adjourned at 9:00 p.m. with a motion by Miracle.



Art Risavy, Mayor

Attest:



Michelle A. Boyer, City Clerk