

Fairfield, Illinois  
Council Chambers, City Hall  
Regular Meeting, 6:00 P.M.  
Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Meeting called to order by Mayor Gary Moore at 6:00 P.M.

Prayer led by Doug Skaggs followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

City Clerk Tina Hutchcraft called the roll:

Mayor: Gary Moore  
City Clerk: Tina Hutchcraft  
City Attorney: Darrin Rice  
Aldermen: Terry Stahl; Allen Marsh; Sheryl Eckleberry; Eugene McGill; Bruce McKibben;  
Clifford Reeve; Dewey Eckleberry; Cody Attebery

Also Present: Tom Matthews, Wayne County Press; Jeremy Doty, WFIW Radio; Keith Colclasure, Public Safety Officer; Ben Lewis, Police Chief; and other citizens from the community.

The minutes of the meeting of February 10, 2026 were sent out to those entitled to receive them. Mayor Moore asked for approval of the minutes for the February 10, 2026 meeting. Motion by Alderman McGill, seconded by Alderman Stahl to approve these minutes.

Vote yes: 8

Vote no: 0

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Mayor Moore asked if there were any corrections or objections to the bills for the March 10, 2026 meeting. Motion by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman Attebery to approve the bills for payment.

Vote yes: McKibben; Reeve; Stahl; Attebery; Dewey Eckleberry; Sheryl Eckleberry; Marsh; McGill

Vote no: none

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Girl Scout Week Proclamation - Mayor Moore read a proclamation designating the week of March 8-14, 2026 as Girl Scout Week.

CASA for Kids Presentation – Michelle Scott was unable to attend so this will be rescheduled for the next Council meeting.

Street Closing Request – We have received a request to close a portion of Market Avenue for the Literacy Fest for Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A motion was made by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman McGill to approve this request.

Vote yes: 8

Vote no: 0

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Ordinance Approving New Guidelines for Business Tax District Grants – Mayor Moore and the committee met to change the guidelines for how the Business Tax District monies are given.

The following changes were discussed:

\$0 to \$5,000 – up to a maximum of 80% of the project paid – 1 per address per 6 months

\$5,001 - \$25,000 – up to 50% paid – 1 per address per 12 months

\$25,001 – and over – up to 25% paid – 1 per address per 12 months

The committee is asking for the Council to approve the changes. A motion was made by Alderman Reeve, seconded by Alderman McKibben to approve this new ordinance.

Vote yes: 8

Vote no: 0

Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Ordinance No. 26-0310-395 approved and adopted.

Resolution Approving a Business District Redevelopment Agreement with Jami Roethe & Niki Roethe dba Uniquely Rustique – Alderman Attebery presented a business district agreement for Uniquely Rustique. They are asking for help in replacing one of their storefront windows. They qualify to receive money from the Business District's façade program. The business district committee met and recommends Council approve this request in the amount of \$680.00.

and; Resolution Approving a Business District Redevelopment Agreement with Blessed Blooms Flower Farm LLC – Alderman Attebery presented a business district agreement for Blessed Blooms. They are doing work on the front of their building to make it look more like a storefront. They qualify to receive money from the Business District's façade program. The business district committee met and recommends Council approve this request in the amount of \$11,225.00.

A motion was made by Alderman Stahl, seconded by Alderman Marsh to approve the Business District Redevelopment Agreement with Uniquely Rustique for the Façade Program for a total amount of \$680.00 and to approve the Business District Redevelopment Agreement with Blessed Blooms for the Façade Program for a total amount of \$11,225.00

Vote yes: Reeve; Stahl; Attebery; Dewey Eckleberry; Sheryl Eckleberry; Marsh; McGill; McKibben

Vote no: none

Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Resolution No. 26-0310-580 and Resolution No. 26-0310-581 approved and adopted.

A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Natural Gas from Pefa, Inc.; Approving the Execution and Delivery of a Gas Supply Agreement and other documents relating to said Purchase;

Approving the Issuance of Bonds by Pefa, Inc.; and Addressing Related Matters – This is a discount group that currently has 82 members and that should give us a 10% discount on our natural gas prices. This should also be beneficial for our residents. We have been buying natural gas through USDI for a couple of years. This group of purchasing buyers will bring a little more purchasing power to the group and hopefully we will save monthly on the cost of natural gas. A

motion was made by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman McGill to approve this resolution.

Vote yes: Stahl; Attebery; Dewey Eckleberry; Sheryl Eckleberry; Marsh; McGill; McKibben; Reever

Vote no: none

Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Resolution No. 26-0310-582 approved and adopted.

Amendment to Natural Gas Management Agreement Regarding the Purchase of Natural Gas from Pefa, Inc. – A motion was made by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman Attebery to approve this amendment.

Vote yes: Attebery; Dewey Eckleberry; Sheryl Eckleberry; Marsh; McGill; McKibben; Reever; Stahl

Vote no: none

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Financial Report – Mayor Moore presented the financial report for the month February.

Miscellaneous – Alderman McGill would like to see house numbers displayed on homes because first responders are having trouble finding addresses.

Adjourn Meeting – Motion by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry seconded by Alderman McGill to adjourn the meeting.

Vote yes: 8

Vote no: 0

Mayor Moore declared meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

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Tina Hutchcraft, City Clerk

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Gary Moore, Mayor