

THE CITY OF FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
Fairview Heights City Hall
Fairview Heights, Illinois

Committee Members in attendance – Alderpersons Josh Frawley, Jimmy Winkeler, Brenda Wagner, Pat Peck, Bill Poletti

Committee Members absent – None

Other Alderpersons and Elected Officials in attendance – Mayor Mark Kupsy, City Clerk Karen Kaufhold, Alderpersons Frank Menn, Barb Brumfield, Jeff Harris, Derrick King

Staff in attendance – City Attorney Andrew Hoerner, Finance Director Gina Rader, Associate Director of Human Resources Becky Thompson, Associate Director of IT Chris Elliott, Economic Development Assistant Ryan Jenkins, Land Use & Development Director Dallas Alley – tele/conference, Library Director Jill Pifer, Parks & Recreation Director Angie Beaston, Police Chief Steve Johnson, Police Captain CJ Beyersdorfer, Public Works Director John Harty

Recorder – Jill Huffman

The Mayor asked that everyone keep, in their thoughts and prayers, the communities that were damaged by the recent storms. He mentioned that he contacted the Mayor of Kankakee, which had major damage.

Public Participation

None

Approval of Minutes, February 11, 2026

Motion and second to approve minutes were made by Alderpersons Poletti/Wagner. Roll call vote: Alderpersons Frawley – yes, Winkeler - yes, Wagner – yes, Peck - yes, Poletti – yes. Motion carried.

Law Enforcement Committee

Aldersperson Josh Frawley

STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Director presented his written report to the elected officials for their review to which there were no questions or comments.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

There were no questions or comments regarding Code Enforcement.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. The Chief relayed the Department received a side by side from ILEAS, which was State funded, and is registered to the City. He stated that a flat bed trailer was provided by ILEAS, but storing it is difficult because it needs to be kept inside. The purchase of an enclosed trailer would be better and response would be much quicker for City events as it would be close to the Police Department's facilities where it can be charged and ready.

The Mayor added that consideration was given for purchasing a shed to store the side by side, however, an enclosed trailer adds more versatility and believes this is the best solution.

Aldersperson Peck stated there are three quotes presented and the quote from 5W Trailers is the lowest quote. Aldersperson Wagner questioned if funds for this purchase are in the current budget which the Chief confirmed.

Motion and second to forward a Resolution to City Council with recommendation of approval for the Mayor to enter into a Purchase Agreement with 5W Trailers, Okawville, Illinois for the purchase of one Rock Solid 8.5 x 18 enclosed trailer for use by the Fairview Heights Police Department by Alderspersons Peck/Wagner. Roll call vote showed Alderspersons Frawley - yes, Winkeler - yes, Wagner - yes, Peck - yes, Poletti - yes. Motion carried.

- B. The Chief stated safety of the officers is top priority. He stated that the FBI's statistics show that officers are not just attacked by pistols, but also by rifle rounds. Currently, the plates that the officers carry are rated only for pistols and not rifles. The Chief is requesting to purchase plates for each officer.

Aldersperson Wagner questioned if funds for the purchase of the plates are in the current budget which the Chief confirmed.

Motion and second to forward a Resolution to City Council with recommendation of approval for the Mayor to enter into a Purchase Agreement with Leon's Uniform Company, St. Louis, Missouri, a distributor of Point Blank Ballistic Products, for the purchase of forty-nine Point Blank Omega rifle-rated ballistic plates for use by the Fairview Heights Police Department by Alderspersons Wagner/Poletti. Roll call vote showed Alderspersons Frawley - yes, Winkeler - yes, Wagner - yes, Peck - yes, Poletti - yes. Motion carried.

- C. The Chief stated that traffic safety is a high priority in the City. He stated that several years ago the City installed permanent speed signs of which many are failing due to age, the sun, technology, etc. In the current budget, under Traffic Calming, funds are available to replace failing signs. The Chief stated that since they intend to purchase six signs from the current budget, they are requesting less money in the upcoming budget.

Motion and second to forward a Resolution to City Council with recommendation of approval for the Mayor to enter into a Purchase Agreement with Warning Lites of Southern Illinois for the purchase of six Evolution 11 Radar Speed Sign Cloud Solar LED portable speed signs for use by the Fairview Heights Police Department by Alderpersons Peck/Wagner. Roll call vote showed Alderpersons Frawley - yes, Winkeler - yes, Wagner - yes, Peck - yes, Poletti - yes. Motion carried.

Public Works Committee

Aldersperson Bill Poletti

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT – FRANK SCOTT PARKWAY AT DEPAUL DRIVE

The Director of Public Works presented the agreement for Frank Scott Parkway at DePaul Drive for the third time as the language associated with the maintenance was changed. Therefore, the previous resolution is being amended to change the maintenance language.

Motion and second to forward a Resolution to City Council with recommendation of approval the amended intergovernmental agreement with St. Clair County, the Village of Swansea and JMT Enterprise Group, LLC for the construction of a signalized intersection at Frank Scott Parkway and DePaul Drive by Alderpersons Peck/Wagner. Roll call vote showed Alderpersons Frawley - yes, Winkeler - yes, Wagner - yes, Peck - yes, Poletti - yes. Motion carried.

DESIGN PROPOSAL – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - WOOLPERT

The Public Works Director presented a design proposal from Woolpert regarding the remodeling of City Council Chambers. He stated that the City received a \$250,000.00 grant from Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Woolpert's design cost is \$38,400.00. The design is to combine Meeting Room A and the City Council Chambers into one room.

Motion and second to forward a Resolution to City Council with recommendation of approval the City Council Chambers design proposal from Woolpert for the architectural work associated with the remodel of the City Council Chambers for the sum of \$38,400.00 by Alderpersons Wagner/Winkeler. Roll call vote showed Alderpersons Frawley - yes, Winkeler - yes, Wagner - yes, Peck - yes, Poletti - yes. Motion carried.

SUPPLEMENTAL ENGINEERING AGREEMENT – KADLEC DRIVE – GONZALEZ COMPANIES, LLC

The Director of Public Works presented a Supplemental Engineering Agreement for design services for Kadlec Drive improvements. Existing drainage improvements need to be researched and captured which are associated with the Kadlec Drive improvements project. This area is the low point of the neighborhood. The Director believes, for \$11,000.00, it is important to make sure it can receive the drainage from Elvira, Belle and other roads in that neighborhood. This is a supplemental agreement and brings the total agreement to \$86,000.00.

Aldersperson Wagner stated that this project is in her and Aldersperson Brumfield's Ward 3 and that they receive countless complaints when it rains, and is well deserved.

Motion and second to forward a Resolution to City Council with recommendation of approval the Agreement for Supplemental Services from Gonzalez Companies, LLC for additional work

associated with the drainage improvements on Kadlec Drive for the sum of \$11,000.00 by Alderpersons Wagner/Frawley. Roll call vote showed Alderpersons Frawley - yes, Winkeler – yes, Wagner – yes, Peck – yes, Poletti – yes. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT/PROJECT UPDATES

The Director presented his written report to the elected officials for their review to which there were no questions or comments.

The Director added that construction is due to begin again on Lincoln Highway between Barnes & Noble and Joseph Drive on March 16, however, this is weather dependent.

Alderson Peck moved to adjourn the Operations Committee Meeting.

Adjournment 6:15 p.m.

Submitted By:


Recorder