THE CITY COUNCIL

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING

Quincy, Illinois, August 17, 2026

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on this day at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Linda K. Moore presiding.

A prayer was given and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Linda K. Moore called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

The following members were physically present:

Ald. Fletcher, Entrup, Bergman, Bauer, Mays, Adkins, Ehmen, Sassen, McReynolds, Ebbing, Reis, Reed, Uzelac, Holtschlag. 14.

Legal Counsel: Corporation Counsel Bruce Alford

The minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held August 10, 2026, were approved on the motion of Ald. Entrup.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alexis Allen asked the City and County to work together on a legally structured synchronized property system.

Sam Walch with Arena Renewables solar projects stated that he is here for any questions on those projects.

Melissa Jones is asking for accountability with the Inspection Department concerning the Cedar Creek Crossing apartments.

Niki Aschemann asked the Council to deny both solar projects.

John Aschemann asked when did it become appropriate to hand taxpayer dollars to a private company to build a project on private property.

Jane Jacobs stated that the website of Arena Renewables is vague and superficial and asked what the weight of the panels are.

Julie Knapp thanked the Mayor for creating the Homeless Committee and hoped there would be more solutions forthcoming.

Dave King stated that ALPR's are un-America and where he goes is his business.

Tyler Ormond stated that the Flock cameras need to be go and QPD should provide a report on them.

Chelsea Ormond stated that she respects good landlords, but they are hard to find.

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Linda K. Moore asked if any Council member wished to remove any items from the Consent Agenda.

Ald. McReynolds asked to remove Report of Plan Commission 7 from the Consent Agenda.

Ald. Adkins asked to remover Resolution 11b from the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Linda K. Moore asked the City Clerk to read the remaining items on the Consent Agenda.

The City Clerk presented and read the following:

PETITIONS

Special Event Application from the Rotary Club of Quincy requesting permission to hold Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 26, 2026, between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on York Street between 9th and 10th Streets. They request the closure of York Street, 9th to 10th Streets from 8:00 a.m. on Friday, September 25th through 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Monday, September 28th with barricades. There will be a large food tent and stage for live entertainment near the intersection of 9th and York Streets. The applicant has submitted all required documentation, and approval is recommended by the Department of Utilities & Engineering.

Special Event Application requesting permission to hold the Quincy Notre Dame's Homecoming Parade on Thursday, September 17, 2026, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at 9th and Hampshire Street, proceeding west on Hampshire Street to 5th Street, turning south on 5th Street to Maine Street, then proceeding east on Maine Street to 12th Street. Street closures with barricades are requested at Hampshire Street, 9th to 12th Streets (close at 5:15 p.m.); Hampshire Street, 9th to 5th Streets; 5th Street, Maine to Hampshire Streets and Maine Street, 5th to 12th Streets. "No Parking" signs placed along the parade route by 1:30 p.m. on the day of event are requested. The applicant has submitted all required documentation, and approval is recommended by the Department of Utilities & Engineering.

Special Event Application requesting permission to hold the annual Quincy Senior High School Homecoming Parade on Thursday, September 10, 2026, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at 14th and Maine Street, proceeding east on Maine Street to Quincy Senior High School located at 33rd and Maine Street. Closures of Maine Street, 12th to 33rd, with barricades at all intersecting streets, and South 14th Street, Maine to Jersey Streets at 5:00 p.m. on the day of the event are requested. They also request "No Parking" signs be placed on both sides of Maine Street, 12th to 33rd Streets by 1:30 p.m. on the day of the parade. The applicant has submitted all required documentation, and approval is recommended by the Department of Utilities & Engineering.

SALES TAX REPORT

May 2026 - $1,421,012.24

HOME RULE SALES TAX REPORT

May 2026 - $1,253,062.13

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Committee On Homelessness

Ald. Greg Fletcher, Ald. Karol Ehmen, Jenna Hull - United Way, Heidi Howard – Salvation Army, Mark Schmitz – Transitions, Jerry Gille – Quincy Housing Authority, Rev. Tim White, Stacey Juilifs – Clarity, Sarah Cantrell – Blessing Hospital

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE APPLICTION FOR AN OPEN SPACE LANDS ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT (OSLAD) GRANT FOR THE QUINCY CLAY SPORTS PARK BY THE QUINCY CITY COUNCIL 11a

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy is pursuing a $600,000 State of Illinois/Department of Natural Resources Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant as a funding mechanism for the development of the Quincy Clay Sports Park; and

WHEREAS, recreational and park development and improvements could be partially funded by the 50% matching grant, including but not limited to nature trails, lakes and ponds, accessible playgrounds and wetland development; and

WHEREAS, a condition for applying for the grant is the passage of a resolution of authorization by the Quincy City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Quincy City Council certifies and acknowledges that it has up to 100% of matching funds necessary to complete the pending OSLAD project within the timeframes identified in the application; and

WHEREAS, the Quincy City Council agrees to comply with all terms, conditions and regulations of the OSLAD program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Quincy City Council, Adams County, Illinois in regular session and assembled as follows:

1. The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein and made a part of this resolution.
2. That application be made to the State of Illinois/IDNR to obtain an OSLAD grant for the development of the Quincy Clay Sports Park at 7607-7619 Highway 24 E, Fowler, IL 62338 and a contiguous un-addressed parcel at 19-0-0029-000-00.
3. The City is authorized to file such applications for grant funds in an amount not to exceed $600,000 with the acknowledgment that 100% of the matching funds is available.
4. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other provisions of this resolution.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, as provided by law.

RESOLUTION 11c

WHEREAS, the Quincy Fire Department is the response agent to emergency situations at the Quincy Regional Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration requires that aircraft rescue firefighting agencies provide minimum levels of training to all response personnel; and

WHEREAS, one aspect of this training is a "hot burn" which includes firefighting operations such as dealing with large fuel spill fires and aircraft firefighting and entry; and

WHEREAS, the Quincy Fire Department must conduct this training annually to meet Federal Aviation Administration Compliance requirements; and

WHEREAS, University of Missouri – Columbia Fire and Rescue Training Institute provided a quote in the amount of $24,200 for the training required to meet the Federal Aviation Administration Compliance requirements; and

WHEREAS, the training has been budgeted for in the airport's current fiscal year budget; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Director, Aeronautics Committee, Director of Operations, and the Fire Chief recommend to the Mayor and City Council that the quote of $24,200 from University of Missouri – Columbia Fire and Rescue Training Institute be accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Quincy, Adams County, Illinois, that: Steve Salrin, Fire Chief, Quincy Fire Department is hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the City of Quincy, the contract with University of Missouri – Columbia Fire and Rescue Training Institute in the amount of $24,200 for training required to meet the Federal Aviation Administration Compliance requirements. The City Comptroller is authorized to process payments under this agreement in accordance with its terms, subject to available funds in the City's budget.

Bill Lantz
Airport Director

RESOLUTION 11d

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy is the owner and operator of the Quincy Regional Airport and is responsible for the operation, maintenance, and repair of its facilities and equipment; and;

WHEREAS, the City experienced an increase in the monthly cost of the current garbage service used at the airport in May 2026. and;

WHEREAS, the airport is currently using GFL for garbage service at the Quincy Regional Airport for 2 garbage dumpsters at a price of $320.80 per month; and;

WHEREAS, the airport requested quotes from other garbage providers and the following were received;

GFL – 3-year commitment	$135.00 per month

Republic – *No commitment offered* $278.23 per month

WHEREAS, entering into a 3-year commitment with GFL will lock in current promotional pricing, and prevent further cost increases.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Airport Director and Aeronautics Committee recommend to the Mayor and Quincy City Council the normal bidding requirements be waived, and the City enter into an agreement with GFL Environmental of Pittsfield, IL for 3 years at a cost of $135 per month and the Mayor be authorized to sign the agreement on the City's behalf.

Bill Lantz
Airport Director

RESOLUTION 11e

WHEREAS, the Department of Central Services is responsible for the collection of garbage throughout the city of Quincy; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy recently requested proposals for the furnishing of five hundred (500) Residential Roll-Off Garbage Carts; and,

WHEREAS, the original proposal from Cascade Engineering is still valid and is found to be acceptable for consideration; and,

WHEREAS, the proposal from Cascade Engineering of Grand Rapids, Michigan offers the purchase of the containers at the cost of $49.99 per container and includes shipping; and,

WHEREAS, funding for this purchase is available in the 2026/2027 Garbage Fund fiscal year budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director of Public Works, Director of Central Services, and Central Services Committee recommend to the Mayor and Quincy City Council that the proposal from Cascade Engineering of Grand Rapids, Michigan in the amount of $24,995.00 for the purchase of five hundred (500) Residential Roll-Off Garbage Carts be accepted.

Jeffrey Conte, P.E.
Director of Public Works

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Ald. Uzelac moved to approve the Consent Agenda items, seconded by Ald. Holtschlag and on a roll call each of the 14 Alderpersons voted yea. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

REPORT OF THE QUINCY PLAN COMMISSION 7

Request from Payson Road Solar, LLC for a Special Permit for Planned Development to allow for the construction and operation of a commercial solar energy facility at the northeast corner of the intersection of South 36th Street and Payson Road to the Quincy Plan Commission for a new hearing.

Ald. McReynolds moved to refer this request to the Quincy Plan Commission, seconded by Ald. Ebbing. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 11b

WHEREAS, the Department of Utilities and Engineering requested bids for the 2026 Lead Service Line Replacement Project which includes the replacement of sixty-seven (67) lead water service lines between Lind and Cedar Streets, 3rd to 8th Streets; and,

WHEREAS, the following bids were received:

Rees Construction Quincy, Illinois	$1,082,604.00
Wiemelt Plumbing & Excavating, Inc. Quincy, Illinois	$ 951,495.00
Laverdiere Construction, Inc. Macomb, Illinois	$ 802,895.50

Knuffman Plumbing Liberty, Illinois	$ 766,913.49
Hood Construction Rushville, Illinois	$ 647,766.00
Engineer's Estimate	*$ 833,215.00*

WHEREAS, the bids have been reviewed by the Director of Public Works and are found to be acceptable for consideration; and,

WHEREAS, funding for the project is available in the 2026/2027 Water Fund fiscal year budget; and

WHEREAS, to allow for the uninterrupted progression of this project in the event that changes or modifications are required, an additional 10% over the amount of the bid price shall be included in the encumbrance for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, the Director of Public Works recommends to the Mayor and Quincy City Council that the low bid in the amount of $647,766.00 from Hood Construction of Rushville, Illinois for the 2026 Lead Service Line Replacement Project be accepted, the Mayor be authorized to sign the contract documents, and the Comptroller be authorized to issue payment upon receipt of payment applications.

Jeffrey Conte, P.E.
Director of Public Works

Ald. Adkins moved for the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Ald. Uzelac, and on the roll call each of the 14 Aldermen voted yea. Motion carried

ORDINANCE 12a

First Presentation Of An Ordinance Entitled: An Ordinance Granting A Special Use Permit For A Planned Development (Construct and operate a 3.0 MWac Commercial Solar Energy Facility located immediately north of 928 Nieders Lane.)

ORDINANCE 12b

First Presentation Of An Ordinance Entitled: An Ordinance Granting A Special Use Permit For A Planned Development. (Construct and operate a 5.0 MWac Commercial Solar Energy Facility located immediately north of 928 Nieders Lane (Zoned RU1); immediately north of 2734 South 12th Street (Zoned RU1); at 2640 South 12th Street (Zoned RU1) and immediately west of 2640 South 12th.)

ORDINANCE 12c

First Presentation Of An Ordinance Entitled: An Ordinance Amending The District Map Which Is Made Part Of Section 162.002 Of The Municipal Code Of The City Of Quincy Of 2015. (Change RU1 (rural/agricultural) Zoning District to C2 (general commercial) at 6411 Broadway and 6421 Broadway.)

ORDINANCE 12d

First Presentation Of An Ordinance Entitled: An Ordinance Vacating Easements. (Vacating easements at 3700 N. Marx Drive, 3722 N. Marx Drive, 3707 S. Marx Drive, 3727 S. Marx Drive.)

ORDINANCE 12e

First Presentation Of An Ordinance Entitled: An Ordinance Amending Title XV (Land Usage) Chapter 155 (Development In Special Flood Hazard Areas (Of The Municipal Code Of The City Of Quincy (Regulating Development In Floodplain Areas). (Establishing rules and regulations for floodplain management throughout Quincy.)

FINANCE REPORT

Fund		Transfers	Expenditures	Payroll
1	City Hall		7,442.11	35,025.08
	TO: 202 9-1-1	34,000.00		
	TO: 511 Airport	38,500.00		
	TO: 533 Garbage	46,000.00		
	TO: 601 Central Garage	47,000.00		
	GF Loan to Transit	113,000.00		
	Building Maintenance		2,041.81	
	Comptroller		16.27	17,554.55
	Legal Department		234.00	10,928.74
	Commissions		11.06	1,007.84
	IT Department		7,503.96	22,923.00
	Police Department		41,957.36	328,221.67
	Fire Department		5,155.73	255,729.04
	Public Works		117,713.11	66,940.81
	Engineering		6,916.78	23,186.07
	Planning & Development		406.15	12,177.00
	Tax Distribution/Subsidies		-	
	General Fund Subtotal	**278,500.00**	**189,398.34**	**773,693.80**
201	Protective Inspections		677.76	14,954.60
202	911 System		-	42,457.23
204	911 Surcharge Fund		42.09	
213	Econ Dev Growth Fund		(5,000.00)	
240	Police Dept. Grants		2,300.00	
250	Transit Fund		724.75	108,383.59
301	Capital Projects Fund		4,152.50	
312	Special Tax Alloc - TIF #2		2,500.00	
501	Water Fund		56,372.29	120,733.45
502	Sewer Fund		16,521.67	29,242.80
511	Quincy Regional Airport Fund		3,953.02	20,792.29
514	Municipal Dock		90.00	
518	Clay Sports Park		2,896,623.71	
531	Regional Training Facility		283.42	
533	Garbage Fund		-	22,413.37
601	Central Garage		7,240.13	35,068.85
611	Self-Insurance		7,744.36	10,523.72
712	Sister City Commission Fund		41.02	
719	Lincoln Bicentennial Comm		31.75	
	Bank 01 TOTALS	**278,500.00**	**3,183,696.81**	**1,178,263.70**
210	Motor Fuel Tax		1,217.40	
	ALL FUNDS TOTALS	**278,500.00**	**3,184,914.21**	**1,178,263.70**

Laura McReynolds
Eric Entrup
Kelly Mays
Jack Holtschlag
Richie Reis

Finance Committee

Ald. Holtschlag, seconded by Ald. Reis, moved the report be received and vouchers be issued for the various amounts and on a roll call each of the 14 Alderpersons voted yea. Motion carried.

MAYORS' COMMENTS

Rise Above Quincy Exposition honoring the Tuskegee Airmen will be at the Quincy Regional Airport August 22nd and 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will be at registered Quincy schools on August 25th and 26th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The City received an appreciation certificate from Senator Jill Tracy commemorating the participation in the 250 Anniversary celebration.

The intent of the Homeless Committee is to bring in experts to assist and there will be a number of other people appointed, as the need requires, to create solutions.

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Entrup asked for an update concerning the issue at the Cedar Creek Crossing Apartments in the next couple few weeks.

Ald. Entrup asked for exact details concerning Flock cameras from the Quincy Police Department, what they allow and what they don't allow, who has access and who doesn't have access. Also, the good things that have come from them since we have had them.

Ald. Entrup asked Corporation Counsel Bruce Alford if it would be legal to make a motion to remove the Special Permit application for solar farms and only make it for industrial zones only. Mr. Alford stated that if we get too limiting, we may end up where the counties are today where the State takes away our ability to regulate solar farms altogether, as long as it meets the IDNR requirements. Ald. Entrup asked if that has happened in other cities. Mr. Alford stated that the State is allowing municipalities to regulate solar at this point in time. If the State sees too many cities preventing solar completely or restricting it, the State will do what they did with the counties and take away our ability. Ald. Entrup stated he will talk with Corporation Counsel Alford and come back with a motion.

Rules Suspended

Ald. Ehmen moved the rules be suspended to talk with Mr. Walch with Arena Renewables. Motion carried.

Ald. Ehmen, Ald. McReynolds and Mayor Moore asked Mr. Walch questions.

Rules Resumed

Ald. Ehmen moved the rules be resumed. Motion carried.

Ald. McReynolds asked for further discussion on what is a reasonable restriction and wants the 5th Ward to know that September 22nd is the date of the Plan Commission meeting that this was referred to.

Ald. McReynolds moved to refer the discussion on Flock cameras to the Fire & Police Commission and be placed on their next agenda. Motion carried. (Corrected 8/18th to Joint Fire & Police Committee.)

Ald. Reed stated there should be more discussion on solar projects. We should not be fearful and do what's best for the community.

Ald. Uzelac wants to know the full capabilities of what our Flock cameras can do.

Ald. Holtschlag wanted to thank the organizers of the tractor pull and truck show last weekend.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned at 8:01 p.m. on a motion of Ald. Holtschlag. Motion carried.

LAURA OAKMAN, CMC
City Clerk