

Tuesday, September 9, 2025
Regular City Council Meeting September 9, 2025

City Council Chambers, Room 108
200 South Illinois Avenue
Carbondale, Illinois 62901
6:00 p.m.

1. Preliminaries to the City Council Meeting

Subject :	1.1 Roll Call
Meeting :	Sep 9, 2025 - Regular City Council Meeting September 9, 2025
Type :	Procedural

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Subject :	1.2 Citizens' Comments and Questions
Meeting :	Sep 9, 2025 - Regular City Council Meeting September 9, 2025
Type :	Procedural

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Citizens may address the City Council for up to four minutes on any agenda item. Public comments will be accepted for a maximum of 30 minutes per item. Those wishing to address the City Council should raise their hand to be recognized by the Mayor prior to approaching the podium. Speakers should provide their names for the minutes and end their comments when the four-minute time limit is announced. The Council may suspend or waive the speaker time limit with the consent of a majority of Council members present and are not required to respond to public remarks during the meeting.

1. Preliminaries to the City Council Meeting

Subject :	1.3 Council Comments, General Announcements, and Proclamations
Meeting :	Sep 9, 2025 - Regular City Council Meeting September 9, 2025
Type :	Procedural

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General Comments from the City Council and City Manager. Proclamations, Special Recognition, and Oaths of Office will periodically be administered at this time.

1. Preliminaries to the City Council Meeting

Subject :	1.4 Proclamation Declaring September 9, 2025, as Charlotte Thompson Suhler Day
Meeting :	Sep 9, 2025 - Regular City Council Meeting September 9, 2025
Type :	Procedural

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Originating Department: Legal

Background: Southern Illinois University Carbondale will name its School of Journalism and Advertising, housed in the College of Arts and Media, after alumna **Charlotte Thompson Suhler** in recognition of her recent gift to the university.

Raised in Mount Vernon, Illinois, Suhler came from a family rooted in the newspaper industry, but quickly forged her own path at SIU. As a student, she joined Tri Sigma sorority, where she served as president, and helped organize the university's first student protest over spring break changes alongside the student body president. She immersed herself in campus life during a time of historic social change.

Throughout her career, Suhler broke barriers for women in media and beyond. Early in her professional journey, she played a pivotal role in connecting Gloria Steinem with publisher Betty Harris, a meeting that helped launch *Ms. Magazine*. She later worked to establish childcare centers for working parents, one of which drew national attention when her young daughter appeared on the cover of *Time* magazine under the headline: *Whos Watching the Kids?*

In 2009, she and her husband co-founded the Suhler Family Investment Office to support equity investments in select small and early-stage media companies. Mr. Suhler also founded Veronis Suhler, an investment banking firm specializing in communications properties.

Suhler's dedication to SIU has remained steadfast. She served on the SIU Foundation Board from 1991 to 1997 and on the Deans National Industry Council for the College of Mass Communications and Media Arts now the College of Arts and Media from 2004 to 2011. She also established a scholarship to support SIU women in their junior and senior years.

File Attachments

[Proclamation Charlotte Thompson Suhler Day 2025-09-09.pdf \(110 KB\)](#)

3. Consent Agenda of the City Council

Subject :	3.1 City Council Meeting Minutes from August 26, 2025
Meeting :	Sep 9, 2025 - Regular City Council Meeting September 9, 2025
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approve the minutes from the regular City Council meeting of August 26, 2025

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Originating Department:

City Clerk's Office

File Attachments

[Regular City Council Meeting Minutes 27 August 2025.pdf \(154 KB\)](#)

3. Consent Agenda of the City Council

Subject :	3.2 Approval of Warrant for the Period Ending: 08/29 /2025 for the FY 2026 Warrant 1519 in the Total Amount of \$1,389,325.01
Meeting :	Sep 9, 2025 - Regular City Council Meeting September 9, 2025
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Accept the following report of payments made for the period ended: 08/29/2025 totaling \$1,389,325.01
Goals :	Goal #3: Demonstrate fiscal responsibility and transparency while providing high-quality City services

Public Content

Originating Department: Finance

Background:

File Attachments

[Warrant 1519 2025-09-09.pdf \(334 KB\)](#)

3. Consent Agenda of the City Council

Subject :	3.3 Approval of Wells Fargo Warrant for the Period Ending 07/31/2025 FY 2026 Warrant # WF 07/2025 in the amount of \$171,224.23
Meeting :	Sep 9, 2025 - Regular City Council Meeting September 9, 2025
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Accept the following report of payments made for the period ended: 07/31/2025 totaling \$171,224.23
Goals :	Goal #3: Demonstrate fiscal responsibility and transparency while providing high-quality City services

Public Content

Originating Department: Finance

Background:

File Attachments

[Wells Fargo 07-2025 2025-09-09.pdf \(212 KB\)](#)

3. Consent Agenda of the City Council

Subject :	3.4 Ordinance Approving a Budget Adjustment to Increase the Information Systems FY 2026 Budget in the Total Amount of \$7,020.00
Meeting :	Sep 9, 2025 - Regular City Council Meeting September 9, 2025
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approve an Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Adjustment to Increase Information Systems' FY 2026 Budget in the Amount of \$7,020.00 for an Electronic Records Management System

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Originating Department:

City Clerk's Office

Background:

The City Council adopted a Resolution on July 22 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with ICC Community Development Solutions for electronic records management. During the workup of the FY2026 Budget, the license fees for this software were not included, and, as such, a budget adjustment is required to pay for the new records management system.

File Attachments

[BA Electronic Records Management System 2025-09-09.pdf \(139 KB\)](#)

[An Ordinance Adopting a BA for an Electronic Records Management System - Pro Tem Signature - 09 September 2025.pdf \(115 KB\)](#)

3. Consent Agenda of the City Council

Subject :	3.5 Award the Purchase of One (1) - 4 Door GMC 1500 4x4 to Auffenberg of Carbondale in the Amount of \$46,320, Adopt an Ordinance Approving a Budget Adjustment to Increase the Meter Services Budget in the Amount of \$46,320, and Declare City-Owned Property as Surplus
Meeting :	Sep 9, 2025 - Regular City Council Meeting September 9, 2025
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Award the Purchase of One (1) - 4 Door GMC 1500 4x4 to Auffenberg of Carbondale, Carbondale, Illinois in the amount of \$46,320, Adopt an Ordinance approving a budget

adjustment to increase the Meter Services budget in the amount of \$46,320, and declare City-owned property as surplus

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Originating Department: Public Works-Meter Services

Background:

In Early August, a Meter Services (47019) truck was involved in a traffic incident. The vehicle was struck from the rear and was deemed to be a total loss. The City is awaiting an insurance settlement of \$3,950. A new truck was planned to be included in the FY 2027 budget; however, as a result of the total loss and need for a vehicle, bid specs were prepared to go ahead and make the purchase in fiscal year 2026.

Specifications for the truck and the bid were advertised in the *Southern Illinoisan* on Saturday, August 16, 2025, made available on the City's website, and provided to fourteen (14) dealerships and two (2) plan houses (as shown on the attached certificate).

Three (3) completed bids were received on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, as shown on the Bid Tabulation, and the low bid meets the minimum specifications. The low bid is from Auffenberg of Carbondale, Carbondale, Illinois, in the amount of \$46,320, and it is recommended that Auffenberg of Carbondale be awarded the bid.

It is requested Council approve an Ordinance for a Budget Adjustment for Meter Services (47019) in the amount of \$46,320 from the Water and Sewer working fund balance, award the Purchase of a new 4 door GMC 1500 4x4 from Auffenberg of Carbondale in the amount of \$46,320 for Meter Services and declare a 2007 Ford F-150 VIN FTRF12207KC90569 as surplus to be disposed of after the insurance settlement is received.

File Attachments

[Budget Adjustment Meter Services Vehicle Damage Exhibit A 2025-9-9.pdf \(273 KB\)](#)

[26-11 2025-26 half ton 4WD Crew Cab Pickup bid tab 2025-09-09.pdf \(18 KB\)](#)

[26-11 2025-26 half ton 4WD Crew Cab Pickup Certificate 2025-09-09.pdf \(23 KB\)](#)

[Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Adjustment for Meter Services, 2025-09-09.pdf \(158 KB\)](#)

3. Consent Agenda of the City Council

Subject :	3.6 Resolution Approving the Submission of an IDNR OSLAD Grant in the Amount of \$578,776 and Obligating Matching Funds in the Amount of \$289,388 for the Evergreen Park Playground Upgrade Project
Meeting :	Sep 9, 2025 - Regular City Council Meeting September 9, 2025
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approve Resolution Approving the Submission of an IDNR OSLAD Grant in the Amount of \$578,776 and Obligating Matching Funds in the Amount of \$289,388 for the Evergreen Park Playground Upgrade Project
Goals :	Goal #3: Demonstrate fiscal responsibility and transparency while providing high-quality City services Goal #1: Provide a high quality-of-life and foster a sense of community for all residents

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Originating Department: Economic Development

Background:

The City is eligible to apply for IDNR grant funding through the Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant program. This program provides 50% funding assistance to units of local government for the development of public outdoor recreation areas.

City staff is proposing to submit an application seeking funding to upgrade playground equipment at Evergreen Park. The total project cost is estimated to be \$578,776. The City is requesting approval to potentially obligate \$289,388 to meet the required 50% match, some of which will be offset by dedicated donations for a nature area in the park.

The playground upgrades will consist of an age 2-5 area, an age 5-12 area, and a nature area (see Evergreen Park Playground Project Design and Budget 2025-09-09.pdf attached). The project will also include concrete sidewalks to provide ADA access to the new playground areas.

Attached are the designs and budget for the proposed playground equipment upgrades at Evergreen Park. The grant deadline is September 30.

File Attachments

[Evergreen Park Playground Upgrade Project Design and Budget 2025-09-09.pdf \(10,775 KB\)](#)
[Resolution Approving the Submission of a IDNR OSLAD Grant and Obligating Matching Funds In the Amount of \\$289,388 for Evergreen Playground Upgrade 2025-09-09.pdf \(115 KB\)](#)

3. Consent Agenda of the City Council

Subject :	3.7 Approval of Consent Agenda Items
Meeting :	Sep 9, 2025 - Regular City Council Meeting September 9, 2025
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approve all Consent Agenda items not pulled for separate consideration

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5. Adjournment of the City Council Meeting

Subject :	5.1 Adjourn meeting
Meeting :	Sep 9, 2025 - Regular City Council Meeting September 9, 2025
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The Mayor will declare the meeting adjourned.