

**Village Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Village of Downers Grove - Council Meeting**

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**Betty Cheever Council Chambers**

**December 02, 2025**

**07:00 PM**

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## **1. Call to Order**

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

## **2. Roll Call**

**Council Attendance (Present):** Mayor Barnett, Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt, Commissioner Gilmartin, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Davenport, Commissioner Sarver, Commissioner Roe

**Council Attendance (Not Present):** none

**Non-Voting:** Village Manager Dave Fieldman, Village Attorney Enza Petrarca, and Village Clerk Rosa Berardi

## **3. Proclamations**

A. Giving Tuesday

## **4. Minutes of Council Meetings**

MIN 2024-10540      A. Minutes: Village Council Meeting Minutes - November 18, 2025

**MOTION:** To **Adopt Village Council Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2025**, as presented.

**RESULT:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** Commissioner Tully

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

**AYES:** Commissioners Tully, Sadowski-Fugitt, Roe, Sarver, Davenport, Gilmartin and Mayor Barnett

## **5. Public Comments**

Laura Temple, resident, thanked the Public Works team for the holiday decorations in the downtown and for their snow and ice removal efforts. She also expressed disappointment in the Council's failure to support the November 18, 2025, New Business Item related to ICE.

Laura Kamedulski, resident, also spoke in disappointment with the Council's failure to support the November 18, 2025 New Business Item related to ICE. She requested the Council reconsider.

Kevin Lark, resident and founder of Local Legends, requested that Local Legends be formally considered during the Public Art Program RFP process. He spoke of creating a monument in honor of Randy Pavo a/k/a Mancho Man Savage.

## 6. Consent Agenda

- COR 2025-10845** A. Claims Ordinance: No. 6631, Payroll - November 14, 2025
- BIL 2025-10855** B. Bills Payable: No. 6910 - December 2, 2025
- MOT 2025-10984** C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Engineering Resources Associates (ERA) for Development Review Services
- MOT 2025-10985** D. Motion: Approve a Contract with Robinson Engineering, Ltd. for Development Review Services
- RES 2025-11024** E. Resolution: Authorize a Two-Year Extension with Global Pay to Provide Third Party Payment Processing Services

### RESOLUTION 2025-78

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE MERCHANT SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND GLOBAL PAYMENTS DIRECT, INC.**

- MOT 2025-11028** F. Motion: Approve the Renewal of the Village's Re-Insurance for Property, Casualty, Cyber, Law Enforcement, Excess Workers Compensation, Excess Liability, and Attorney's Professional Liability Coverage for the Village for 2026

**MOTION:** To **Adopt the Consent Agenda of the December 2, 2025 Village Council Meeting**, as presented.

**RESULT:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** Commissioner Tully

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

**AYES:** Commissioners Tully, Sadowski-Fugitt, Roe, Sarver, Davenport, Gilmartin and Mayor Barnett

**NAYES:** None

## 7. Active Agenda

**ORD 2025-10981** A. Adopt an Ordinance Authorizing the Second Extension of Special Use Ordinance No. 6044 for 5133 Main Street to Permit Multi-Family Units on the Second Floor and a Parking Variation

**MOTION:** To adopt **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SECOND EXTENSION OF SPECIAL USE ORDINANCE NO. 6044 FOR 5133 MAIN STREET TO PERMIT MULTI-FAMILY UNITS ON THE SECOND FLOOR AND A PARKING VARIATION**, as presented. **ORDINANCE 6146**

**RESULT:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** Commissioner Tully

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

**AYES:** Commissioners Tully, Sadowski-Fugitt, Roe, Sarver, Davenport, Gilmartin and Mayor Barnett

**NAYES:** None

Mayor Barnett reminded all that the items on the Active Agenda have already been discussed by the Council at least once. He encouraged any audience members with questions to use this opportunity to ask them.

**ORD 2025-10975** B. Ordinance: Adopting the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget in Lieu of Passage of an Appropriation Ordinance

**MOTION:** To adopt **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET IN LIEU OF PASSAGE OF AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**, as presented. **ORDINANCE 6147**

**RESULT:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** Commissioner Tully

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

**AYES:** Commissioners Tully, Sadowski-Fugitt, Roe, Sarver, Davenport, Gilmartin and Mayor Barnett

**NAYES:** None

**ORD 2025-10986** C. Ordinance: 2025 Aggregate Tax Levy Ordinance

**MOTION:** To adopt **THE 2025 AGGREGATE TAX LEVY ORDINANCE** as presented. **ORDINANCE 6148**

**RESULT:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** Commissioner Tully

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

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**AYES:** Commissioners Tully, Sadowski-Fugitt, Roe, Sarver, Davenport, Gilmartin and Mayor Barnett

**NAYES:** None

**ORD 2025-10989** D. Ordinance: Levying of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the First Day of January 2025 and Ending on the Thirty-First Day of December 2025 for the Village of Downers Grove Special Service Area #6 (Fairview Fire Protection District)

**MOTION:** To adopt **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVYING OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2025 AND ENDING ON THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025 FOR VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #6 (FAIRVIEW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**, as presented. **ORDINANCE 6149**

**RESULT:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** Commissioner Tully

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

**AYES:** Commissioners Tully, Sadowski-Fugitt, Roe, Sarver, Davenport, Gilmartin and Mayor Barnett

**NAYES:** None

**ORD 2025-10994** E. Ordinance: Levying of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the First Day of January 2025 and ending on the Thirty-First Day of December 2025 for Village of Downers Grove Special Service Area #11 (Downtown Downers Grove)

**MOTION:** To adopt **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVYING OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2025 AND ENDING ON THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025 FOR VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #11 (DOWNTOWN DOWNERS GROVE**, as presented. **ORDINANCE 6150**

**RESULT:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** Commissioner Tully

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

**AYES:** Commissioners Tully, Sadowski-Fugitt, Roe, Sarver, Davenport, Gilmartin and Mayor Barnett

**NAYES:** None

Mayor Barnett explained that this process goes on for about half the year. The Council works to develop priority action items, which encompasses all the input received by the community. They then form a work plan for the next couple of years. He explained that the work plan is what forms the budget. Mayor Barnett noted that these ordinances are required by law to allow for the collection of taxes.

**ORD 2025-10987** F. Ordinance: Levying of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the First Day of January 2025 and Ending on the Thirty-First Day of December 2025 for Village of Downers Grove Special Service Area #4 (Green Acres Subdivision)

**ORDINANCE 6151**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVYING OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2025 AND ENDING ON THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025 FOR VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #4 (GREEN ACRES SUBDIVISION)**

*Motion to adopt ORD 6151 is located after Active Agenda Item M*

**ORD 2025-10988** G. Ordinance: Levying of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the First Day of January 2025 and Ending on the Thirty-First Day of December 2025 for Village of Downers Grove Special Service Area #5 (Atwood Subdivision)

**ORDINANCE 6152**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVYING OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2025 AND ENDING ON THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025 FOR VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #5 (ATWOOD SUBDIVISION)**

*Motion to adopt ORD 6152 is located after Active Agenda Item M*

**ORD 2025-10990** H. Ordinance: Levying of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the First Day of January 2025 and Ending on the Thirty-First Day of December 2025 for Village of Downers Grove Special Service Area #7 (Dunham Subdivision)

**ORDINANCE 6153**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVYING OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2025 AND ENDING ON THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025 FOR VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #7 (DUNHAM SUBDIVISION)**

*Motion to adopt ORD 6153 is located after Active Agenda Item M*

**ORD 2025-10991** I. Ordinance: Levying of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the First Day of January 2025 and Ending on the Thirty-First Day of December 2025 for Village of Downers Grove Special Service Area #8 (Nelson Meadow Subdivision)

**ORDINANCE 6154**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVYING OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2025 AND ENDING ON THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025 FOR VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #8 (NELSON MEADOW SUBDIVISION)**

*Motion to adopt ORD 6154 is located after Active Agenda Item M*

**ORD 2025-10992** J. Ordinance: Levying of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the First Day of January 2025 and Ending on the Thirty-First Day of December 2025 for Village of Downers Grove Special Service Area #9 (35th & Saratoga Subdivision)

**ORDINANCE 6155**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVYING OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2025 AND ENDING ON THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025 FOR VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #9 (35TH & SARATOGA SUBDIVISION)**

*Motion to adopt ORD 6155 is located after Active Agenda Item M*

**ORD 2025-10993** K. Ordinance: Levying of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the First Day of January, 2025 and Ending on the Thirty-First Day of December 2025 for Village of Downers Grove Special Service Area #10 (Bridgepoint Downers Grove Subdivision)

**ORDINANCE 6156**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVYING OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2025 AND ENDING ON THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025 FOR VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #10 (BRIDGEPOINT DOWNERS GROVE SUBDIVISION)**

*Motion to adopt ORD 6156 is located after Active Agenda Item M*

**ORD 2025-10995** L. Ordinance: Levying of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the First Day of January 2025 and Ending on the Thirty-First Day of December 2025 for Village of Downers Grove Special Service Area #12 (Fairview Ridge Subdivision)

**ORDINANCE 6157**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVYING OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2025 AND ENDING ON THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025 FOR VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #12 (FAIRVIEW RIDGE SUBDIVISION)**

*Motion to adopt ORD 6157 is located after Active Agenda Item M*

**ORD 2025-10996** M. Ordinance: Levying of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the First Day of January 2025 and Ending on the Thirty-First Day of December 2025 for Village of Downers Grove Special Service Area #13 (Kapovich Subdivision)

**ORDINANCE 6158**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVYING OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2025 AND ENDING ON THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025 FOR VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #13 (KAPOVICH SUBDIVISION)**

**MOTION: To Adopt Ordinances ORD 2025-10987, ORD 2025-10988, ORD 2025-10990, ORD 2025-10991, ORD 2025-10992, ORD 2025-10993, ORD 2025-10994, ORD 2025-10995, ORD 2025-10996 (Active Items F-M), as presented. ORDINANCES 6151, 6152, 6153, 6154, 6155, 6156, 6157, 6158**

**RESULT:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** Commissioner Tully

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

**AYES:** Commissioners Tully, Sadowski-Fugitt, Roe, Sarver, Davenport, Gilmartin and Mayor Barnett

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Janet Whittingham, resident, asked for an explanation about the Jan 1- Dec 31, 2025 dates that are listed on the Tax Levy ordinances. Mayor Barnett and Commissioner Tully explained that the taxes are collected in the rears.

**ORD 2025-10998** N. Ordinance: Abating a Portion of the 2025 Tax Levy Related to the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2014

**ORDINANCE 6159**

**AN ORDINANCE ABATING A PORTION OF THE 2025 TAX LEVY RELATED TO THE GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2014**

*Motion to adopt ORD 6159 is located after Active Agenda Item S*

**ORD 2025-10999** O. Ordinance: Abating a Portion of the 2025 Tax Levy Related to the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2015

**ORDINANCE 6160**

**AN ORDINANCE ABATING A PORTION OF THE 2025 TAX LEVY RELATED TO THE GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2015**

*Motion to adopt ORD 6160 is located after Active Agenda Item S*

**ORD 2025-11000** P. Ordinance: Abating a Portion of the 2025 Tax Levy Related to the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016

**ORDINANCE 6161**

**AN ORDINANCE ABATING A PORTION OF THE 2025 TAX LEVY RELATED TO THE GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2016**

*Motion to adopt ORD 6161 is located after Active Agenda Item S*

**ORD 2025-11001** Q. Ordinance: Abating a Portion of the 2025 Tax Levy Related to the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019

**ORDINANCE 6162**

**AN ORDINANCE ABATING A PORTION OF THE 2025 TAX LEVY RELATED TO THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2019**

*Motion to adopt ORD 6162 is located after Active Agenda Item S*

**ORD 2025-11002** R. Ordinance: Abating a Portion of the 2025 Tax Levy Related to the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020

**ORDINANCE 6163**

**AN ORDINANCE ABATING A PORTION OF THE 2025 TAX LEVY RELATED TO THE GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2020**

*Motion to adopt ORD 6163 is located after Active Agenda Item S*

**ORD 2025-11003** S. Ordinance: Abating a Portion of the 2025 Tax Levy Related to the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2022

**ORDINANCE 6164**

**AN ORDINANCE ABATING A PORTION OF THE 2025 TAX LEVY RELATED TO THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2022**

**MOTION:** *To Adopt Ordinances ORD 2025-10998. ORD 2025-10999, ORD 2025-11000, ORD 2025-11001, ORD 2025-11002, ORD 2025-11003, (Active Items N-S), as presented. ORDINANCES 6159, 6160, 6161, 6162, 6163, 6164*

**RESULT:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** Commissioner Tully

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

**AYES:** Commissioners Tully, Sadowski-Fugitt, Roe, Sarver, Davenport, Gilmartin and Mayor Barnett

## 8. First Reading

**ORD 2025-11004** A. Ordinance: Amending the 2026 Water Rate

**ORD 2025-11005** B. Ordinance: Amending the 2026 Stormwater Utility Rate

**MOT 2025-11009** C. Motion: Authorize the Annual 2026 Funding to the Downers Grove Economic Development Corporation

**MOT 2025-11010** D. Motion: Authorize the Annual 2026 Funding to the Downtown Management Organization

**ORD 2025-11008** E. Ordinance: Amending the Employee Administrative Rules and Regulations of the Village of Downers Grove, Illinois

Village Manager Dave Fieldman presented budget implementation Items A-E. He provided information regarding water rate and stormwater increases, payments to the Village's partner organizations - the Economic Development Corporation and Downtown Management Organization - noting that Special Service Area #11 funds the DMO, and he explained that the change in the employee handbook is regarding funeral leave under the Illinois Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Commissioner Sadowski asked how often staff goes back to look at the Water Rate Study and if a 9% increase was enough. Manager Fieldman said an informal review was done by Staff in 2025 and that was reported out during Long Range Planning. He noted that Staff will take a deeper dive in 2026 and those results will be discussed further during the 2026 LRP discussion.

**ORD 2025-11023** F. Ordinance: Amending Certain Fire Code Provisions

Manager Fieldman explained this proposes the addition of fees for certain unique specialty responses undertaken by the Fire Department. These fees would reimburse the Village for cost and equipment use when responding to calls involving things such as hazardous material spills or a technical rescue response.

## **9. Attorney's Report**

Pursuant to Section 2.5 of the Downers Grove Municipal Code, Village Attorney Enza Petrarca presented the following for Village Council consideration:

1. An ordinance amending the 2026 Water Rate.
2. An ordinance amending the 2026 Stormwater Utility Rate.
3. An ordinance amending the Employee Administrative Rules and Regulations of the Village of Downers Grove, Illinois.
4. An ordinance amending certain Fire Code Provisions.

## **10. Manager's Report**

Notes: Village Manager Fieldman expressed his thanks and gratitude to the Public Works team for the efficient operation of the snow and ice control team.

## **11. Council Member Reports**

Commissioner Davenport encouraged all to go out and enjoy the holiday concerts at the high schools.

Commissioner Roe encouraged all to donate their used Christmas lights to the Village — there are collection boxes at Fire Station #2 and at Public Works.

## **12. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Barnett spoke of the funding of the Downtown Management (DMO), highlighting that the activities that take place in the downtown are paid by the DMO. He explained that Tax Levy #11 funds the DMO, and that the Tax Levy is paid for by the downtown businesses. He also spoke about Giving Tuesday and asked all to look for opportunities to give back to their community.

## **13. Adjournment**

Mayor Barnett called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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**MOTION:** To Adjourn the December 2, 2025 Village Council Meeting.

**RESULT:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** Commissioner Tully

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

**AYES:** Commissioners Tully, Sadowski-Fugitt, Roe, Sarver, Davenport, Gilmartin and Mayor Barnett

**NAYES:** None

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosa Berardi  
Village Clerk