



# Clerkin' with David

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## Welcome!

Admittedly, I haven't kept up with these as often as I would like, but we are hard at work making sure the City continues to function and serve you the best way we can. It's now the time of year where we are prepared to enter into a new agreement for municipal aggregation for consumer electricity supply, so here's what you need to know.

## Municipal Aggregation

The City's current contract for municipal aggregation with Constellation NewEnergy ends in June, and Rock River Energy has been working to secure favorable rates for Hillsboro customers. Residents and businesses will pay a rate of 10.82 cents per kilowatt hour after the City reached an agreement with Homefield Energy. This rate is the standard option (listed as the "Traditional Power Option") that customers will automatically be enrolled into if they choose not to take any action. The contract also includes a 100% Renewable Power Option that consumers may choose instead of the Traditional Power Option, which has a rate of 11.08 cents per kilowatt hour. As always, customers may also choose to opt out of the program by following the instructions on the letter they receive in the mail.

These rates will take effect on the August meter read date, and will last until May 2026. Because the current contract expires in June 2025, residents will briefly be switched back to Ameren for their electricity service. Customers will receive a letter from Ameren notifying them of this change.

The primary goal of the municipal aggregation program is to protect residents from the volatility in electric supply rates and spikes in the energy market. The new rate is a fully-fixed rate from August 2025 to May 2026. The City is required to give residents and businesses the choice to opt-out of the municipal aggregation program every time a new agreement is reached. There is no option to opt-out of the program in perpetuity. Those who decide to opt out must choose another supplier within 60 days; otherwise, they must remain with Ameren for an additional 10 months.

## Questions?

If you have any questions about what's going on with the City, you can contact the City Clerk's office by calling (217) 532-5566 ext. 2, or by emailing [cityhall@hillsboroillinois.net](mailto:cityhall@hillsboroillinois.net). Thanks for reading!

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