

**CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
APRIL 2, 2024**

PUBLIC HEARING 6:00 p.m.

1. FY 24-25 Budget

Finance Director Heather Hamilton and City Clerk Jenna DeYong were present. There were no other attendees.

COMMITTEE MEETING

1. Police: 5:45-5:55

Sign-In: Jerry Harrington (Chairperson), Jason Smith, Mary Davis, Brad Eavenson, Attorney Brian Konzen, Mayor Parkinson, City clerk Jenna DeYong, Bob Pickerell, Greg Garcia, Kim Pierson, Dan McDowell and Randy LeMaster were present.

Jim Hawkins was absent.

Aldersperson Harrington called the meeting to order.

Aldersperson Harrington deferred to Assistant Chief Brooks.

Brooks stated the proposed Ordinance would allow for an additional TOW company, bringing the total to five.

Motion by Aldersperson Harrington, seconded by Aldersperson LeMaster to approve the Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 7885, the City Tow List. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Aldersperson Harrington, seconded by Aldersperson Smith to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes, meeting adjourned.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

2. Finance: 5:55-6:10

Sign-In: Jason Smith, Mary Davis, Brad Eavenson, Attorney Brian Konzen, Mayor Parkinson, City Clerk Jenna DeYong, Bob Pickerell, Jerry Harrington, Greg Garcia, Kim Pierson, Dan McDowell and Randy LeMaster were present.

Jim Hawkins was absent.

In the absence of Aldersperson Hawkins, Aldersperson Eavenson called the meeting to order.

Aldersperson Eavenson deferred to Economic Development Director Cathy Hamilton.

Hamilton gave a presentation on the 2024 Pension Payment & Planning Process, outlining the statewide problems facing virtually all Illinois communities with balancing debt payments while maintaining city services. Hamilton stated unions have the ability to incept city revenues for non-payment, adding it is not sustainable to keep borrowing money to make annual payments. Hamilton stated with the proceeds from the sale of the Wastewater Treatment Plant the city will make immediate payments of \$15 million into each pension fund (Fire & Police) and begin creating the city's first revenue fund. Hamilton advised there would be a Financial Stability Plan presented in the coming months as well as a Capital Improvement Plan in place by end of year.

Mayor Parkinson added the city is putting a plan in place that is affordable without cutting services to the community or jobs, adding the cities credit rating continues to go up and Audits are looking better. Parkinson stated the goal is to get the city in the best financial shape for the future.

Motion by Aldersperson Eavenson, seconded by Aldersperson McDowell to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes, motion carried.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

3. Economic Development: 6:10-6:25

Sign-In: Brad Eavenson (Chairperson), Jason Smith, Mary Davis, Attorney Brian Konzen, Mayor Parkinson, City Clerk Jenna DeYong, Bob Pickerell, Jerry Harrington, Greg Garcia, Kim Pierson, Dan McDowell and Randy LeMaster were present.

Jim Hawkins was absent.

Aldersperson Eavenson called the meeting to order.

Mayor Parkinson stated that Kimara's pizza would vacate 1312 Niedringhaus on April 6, 2024, leaving it open for a new business. He advised there is a St. Louis Style Pizza restaurant interested in leasing the building and moving in immediately. He is asking for the approval from council to move forward with the new business and bring a formal lease to the next meeting.

Motion by Aldersperson Eavenson, seconded by Aldersperson McDowell to grant the Mayor approval to move forward with a new business at 1312 Niedringhaus. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Aldersperson Eavenson, seconded by Aldersperson McDowell to go into closed session to discuss the acquisition and sale of property and pending litigation. All voted yes, motion carried.

BEGIN CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Aldersperson Eavenson, seconded by Aldersperson McDowell to come out of closed session. All voted yes, motion carried.

END OF CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes, motion carried.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

4. Fire: 6:25-6:40

Sign-In: Randy LeMaster (Chairperson), Jason Smith, Mary Davis, Brad Eavenson, Attorney Brian Konzen, Mayor Parkinson, City Clerk Jenna DeYong, Bob Pickerell, Jerry Harrington, Greg Garcia, Kim Pierson and Dan McDowell were present.

Jim Hawkins was absent.

Alderperson LeMaster called the meeting to order.

Alderperson LeMaster deferred to Chief Moore.

Chief Moore stated there were numerous issues found between all three stations when the new insurance company did their inspection. He advised there were ARPA funds that were currently allocated to fix the asbestos abatement at station 2 and 3. He advised that the roof on Station 1 is leaking and in need of replacement, adding that Assistant Chief Ritchie is currently working with Craig Knight on a RFP to have the roof replaced as soon as possible.

Mayor Parkinson stated this Administration was unaware the roof was leaking and has made it a priority to be fixed, adding there is a need to reallocate ARPA funds in round 2 to address other issues at the stations.

Motion by Alderperson LeMaster, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes, motion carried.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

5. Public Works: 6:40-6:50

Sign-In: Bob Pickerell (Chairperson), Jason Smith, Mary Davis, Brad Eavenson, Brian Konzen, Mayor Parkinson, City Clerk Jenna DeYong, Jerry Harrington, Greg Garcia, Kim Pierson, Randy LeMaster and Dan McDowell were present.

Jim Hawkins was absent.

Alderperson Pickerell called the meeting to order.

Alderperson Pickerell stated the residents at 2406 Grand had moved to 3444 Lydia and wanted the handicap sign moved.

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by alderperson McDowell to repeal Ordinance 8318 removing the handicap sign at 2406 Grand. All voted yes, motion carried.

Alderson Pickerell referred to the picture of 3444 Lydia and stated he did not feel there was a need for a handicap sign at that address, stating the driveway holds multiple cars. Mayor Parkinson questioned if there was knowledge on the number of cars the resident owned. Pickerell stated one.

Motion by Alderson McDowell, seconded by Alderson Smith to table the request indefinitely. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Alderson Pickerell, seconded by Alderson Smith to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes, motion carried.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

TOWNSHIP MEETING

Invocation was led by Dan Klueskins.

Mayor Parkinson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

ROLL CALL: Mayor Parkinson, Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Davis, Alderperson Eavenson, Alderperson Smith, Alderperson Harrington, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Pierson, Alderperson Garcia and City Clerk Jenna DeYong were present.
Alderperson Hawkins was absent.

3. Township Board Minutes - Approval of the March 20, 2024, Township Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve the March 20, 2024, Township Board Meeting Minutes. All voted yes motion carried.

4. Presentation of Communications

None

5. Finance Committee: Jim Hawkins, Chairperson

A. Bill List - April 2, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve the Bills Pay from the Town Fund as presented.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Parkinson, Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Davis, Alderperson Eavenson, Alderperson Smith, Alderperson Harrington, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Pierson and Alderperson Garcia. All voted yes, motion carried.
Alderperson Hawkins was absent.

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve the bills payable from the General Fund in the amount of \$19,998.20.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Parkinson, Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Davis, Alderperson Eavenson, Alderperson Smith, Alderperson Harrington, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Pierson and Alderperson Garcia. All voted yes, motion carried.
Alderperson Hawkins was absent.

B. A Resolution authorizing the sale or donation and disposal of certain Township personal property

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve a Resolution authorizing the sale or donation and disposal of certain Township personal property.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Parkinson, Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Davis, Alderperson Eavenson, Alderperson Smith, Alderperson Harrington, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Pierson and Alderperson Garcia. All voted yes, motion carried.
Alderperson Hawkins was absent.

6. Unfinished Business

None

7. New Business

None

8. Adjournment

Motion by Alderperson LeMaster, seconded by Alderperson Smith to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Parkinson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

1. Roll Call

ROLL CALL: Mayor Parkinson, Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Davis, Alderperson Eavenson, Alderperson Smith, Alderperson Harrington, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Pierson, Alderperson Garcia and City Clerk Jenna DeYong were present. Alderperson Hawkins was absent.

2. City Council Minutes - Approval of the March 20, 2024, City Council Meeting Minutes

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes from March 20, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

3. Presentation of Communications

A. TWIGS

Motion by Alderperson Pierson, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve the use of East 24th St Lot by TWIGS. All voted yes, motion carried.

4. Mayor's Remarks

None

5. Public Correspondence

A. Request to Address the council by Terry Perrin

Terry Perrin addressed the council regarding current liens at 3103 Edwardsville Rd and 2216 Charles Street in the amount of \$12,996.78. He is requesting the city waive the total amount owed.

Mayor Parkinson stated it would be put on the Agenda at the next meeting for discussion by the Council.

6. Report of Standing Committees:

A. Negotiations Committee: Jason Smith, Chairperson

None

B. The District Committee: Mary Davis, Chairperson

i. Approval of The District Committee Meeting Minutes from March 20, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Davis, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve The District Committee Meeting minutes from March 20, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

C. Planning & Zoning Committee: Dan McDowell, Chairperson

i. A Resolution providing for the demolition or repair of a dangerous and unsafe building at 2106 E 24th St

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Smith to invoke the Omnibus Rule for items i and ii.

ROLL CALL: Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Davis, Alderperson Eavenson, Alderperson Smith, Alderperson Harrington, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Pierson and Alderperson Garcia. All voted yes, motion carried. Alderperson Hawkins was absent.

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve Resolutions for demolition or repair of a dangerous and unsafe building at 2106 E 24th St and 3313 Princeton Drive.

ROLL CALL: Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Davis, Alderperson

Eavenson, Alderperson Smith, Alderperson Harrington, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Pierson and Alderperson Garcia. All voted yes, motion carried.
Alderperson Hawkins was absent.

ii. A Resolution providing for the demolition or repair of a dangerous and unsafe building at 3313 Princeton Drive

D. Legal & Legislative Committee: Jason Smith, Chairperson

None

E. Public Works Committee: Bob Pickerell, Chairperson

None

F. Police Committee: Jerry Harrington, Chairperson

i. Approval of the Police Committee Meeting Minutes from March 20, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve the Police Committee Meeting Minutes from March 20, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

ii. An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 7885, the City Tow List Ordinance

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 7885, the City Tow List.

ROLL CALL: Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Davis, Alderperson Eavenson, Alderperson Smith, Alderperson Harrington, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Pierson and Alderperson Garcia. All voted yes, motion carried.

Alderperson Hawkins was absent.

FINAL PASSAGE: Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Davis, Alderperson Eavenson, Alderperson Smith, Alderperson Harrington, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Pierson and Alderperson Garcia. All voted yes, motion carried.

Alderperson Hawkins was absent.

G. Fire Committee: Randy LeMaster, Chairperson

None

H. Wastewater Treatment Committee: Greg Garcia, Chairperson

None

I. Risk Management Committee: Kim Pierson, Chairperson

None

J. Economic Development Committee: Brad Eavenson, Chairperson

i. Approval of the Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes from March 20, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve the Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes from March 20, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

K. Finance Committee: Jim Hawkins, Chairperson

i. Approval of the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from March 20, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from March 20, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

ii. Payroll

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve payroll from the period of 3/16/2024-3/31/2024 in the amount of \$654,491.07.

ROLL CALL: Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Davis, Alderperson

Eavenson, Alderperson Smith, Alderperson Harrington, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Hawkins, Alderperson Pierson and Alderperson Garcia. All voted yes, motion carried.

iii. Bill List

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve the Bills payable in the amount of \$1,582,987.41.

ROLL CALL: Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Davis, Alderperson Eavenson, Alderperson Smith, Alderperson Harrington, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Hawkins, Alderperson Pierson and Alderperson Garcia. All voted yes, motion carried.

7. Report of Officers

None

8. Unfinished Business

None

9. New Business

Alderperson Pickerell commended the Street Department for their work at the Leaf Dump.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Smith to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk