

**CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
DECEMBER 17, 2024**

COMMITTEE MEETING

1. Finance: 5:40-5:50

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

Jerry Harrington was absent.

Aldersperson Hawkins called the meeting to order.

Aldersperson Hawkins deferred to Chief Todd Richey.

Chief Richey advised the Council that he was recommending the bid be awarded to American Response Vehicles from Columbia, Mo, adding it is a local company that offers a better warranty on top of the Ford warranty, and it is their product that will be mounted.

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson Pierson to award American Response Vehicles the bid for the Ambulance Remount in the amount of \$223,710. All voted yes, motion carried.

Aldersperson Hawkins deferred to Treasurer Shari Grim.

Grim indicated the original Ordinance that was proposed in the packet needed to be amended from over the phone credit card payments to all credit card payments. She stated the fee the city would incur would be passed on to the customer in the amount of 2.25%.

Aldersperson McDowell wanted to clarify that the city would not be making money, only passing on the fee that the city incurs. Grim stated that was correct.

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson Pierson to amend the Ordinance to reflect all credit card payments. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson Pierson to approve an Ordinance to authorize a convenience fee or surcharge on payments made to the City of Granite City, by credit card. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson Pierson to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes, motion carried.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

2. The District: 5:50-6:00

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

Jerry Harrington was absent.

Aldersperson Davis called the meeting to order.

Aldersperson Davis advised that Sergeant Eric Stacy, on behalf of Illinois Concerns of Police Survivors Cycle Across Illinois Team MADGC, requested the use of The Mill Event Center for a charity event on April 26, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m.

Motion by Aldersperson Davis, seconded by Aldersperson McDowell to approve the request for the use of The Mill Event Center on April 26, 2025. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

3. Legal & Legislative: 6:00-6:10

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

Jerry Harrington was absent.

Aldersperson Smith called the meeting to order.

Aldersperson Smith deferred to Finance Director Heather Becker.

Director Becker informed the Council that she would be revising Ordinance 10201 regarding the paid leave act, and it would be brought to the January 7, 2025, meeting for approval.

Motion by Aldersperson Smith, seconded by Aldersperson Hawkins to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes, motion carried.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

4. Economic Development : 6:10-6:20

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

Jerry Harrington was absent.

Aldersperson Eavenson called the meeting to order.

Aldersperson Eavenson stated he would be addressing item B first to give the remainder of the time to Mr. Wilsmeier from America's Central Port.

Aldersperson Eavenson deferred to Economic Development Director Cathy Hamilton.

Hamilton updated the Council regarding the transfer of properties that were purchased by the city that have liens going back as far as twenty years. She stated she would be bringing them back to the Council to waive the liens.

Motion by Aldersperson Eavenson, seconded by Aldersperson Davis to authorize the Mayor or his designee to negotiate lien removal of properties acquired in Resolution 2024-71. All voted yes, motion carried.

Mr. Wilsmeier gave a brief presentation on the workings of America's Central Port in hopes of educating the Council on what happens at the Federal and State level, inviting the Council members to schedule a tour with him.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

5. Risk Management: 6:20-6:50

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

Jerry Harrington was absent.

Aldersperson Pierson called the meeting to order.

Motion by Aldersperson Pierson, seconded by Aldersperson Smith to go into closed session to discuss ongoing litigation. All voted yes, motion carried.

BEGIN CLOSED SESSION

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

END OF CLOSED SESSION

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

TOWNSHIP MEETING

Mayor Parkinson called the meeting to order.

Invocation was led by Dan McDowell.

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 LeMaster, Alderperson Hawkins, Alderperson Pierson, Alderperson Garcia and City Clerk Jenna DeYong were present.

Alderperson Harrington was absent.

3. Township Board Minutes - Approval of the Township Board Meeting minutes from December 3, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Pierson, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve the Township Board Meeting minutes from December 3, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

4. Presentation of Communications

5. Finance Committee: Jim Hawkins, Chairperson

A. Bill List - December 17, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve the bills payable from the Town Fund in the amount of \$50,512.13.

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

Alderperson Harrington was absent.

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve the bills payable from the General Assistance Fund in the amount of \$14,920.50.

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

Alderperson Harrington was absent.

6. Unfinished Business

None

7. New Business

None

8. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Parkinson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. Roll Call

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

2. City Council Minutes - Approval of the City Council Meeting minutes from December 3, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve the City Council Meeting minutes from December 3, 2024.

3. Presentation of Communications

A. American Legion 307 Presentation of a Letter of Appreciation

Daniel Klueskins presented a letter of appreciation to Melanye Weinhover for her assistance in transitioning the Hometown Hero Banner Program to American Legion 307.

4. Mayor's Remarks

A. Resignation of Sharon Ryan from the Graphic Review Board

Mayor Parkinson placed on file the resignation letter of Sharon Ryan from the Graphic Review Board.

B. Presentation: Certificate of Appreciation-Jake Petrillo

Mayor Parkinson awarded Cinema Manager Jake Petrillo a Certificate of Appreciation for his work with The Mills Event Center.

C. Mayor's Speaking Series

Mayor Parkinson advised the next Mayor's Speaking Series will be held on February 25, 2025, at The Mills Event Center starting at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Parkinson stated the United Steel Workers is requesting to use The Mill Event Center for a meeting/workshop on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. through 5:30 p.m. The workshop will help to complete LM & 990 tax documents.

5. Public Correspondence

The following residents addressed the council:

1. Jennifer Flores
2. Thomas Comer

6. Report of Standing Committees:

A. Negotiations Committee: Greg Garcia, Chairperson

No Report

B. The District Committee: Mary Davis, Chairperson

i. Approval of The District Committee Meeting minutes from December 3, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Davis, seconded by Alderperson Smith to approve The District Committee Meeting minutes from December 3, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

ii. Charity Event at The Mill Event Center

Motion by Alderperson Davis, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve the use of The Mill Event Center for a Charity Event on April 26, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m.

C. Planning & Zoning Committee: Dan McDowell, Chairperson

i. Approval of the Graphic Review Board Agenda for January 2, 2025

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve and place on file the Graphic Review Board Agenda for January 2, 2025. All voted yes, motion carried.

ii. Appointment of Scott Smith to the Graphic Review Board and Planning & Zoning Board

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Smith to concur with the recommendation from Mayor Parkinson appointing Scott Smith to the Graphic Review Board and the Planning & Zoning Board. All voted yes, motion carried.

D. Legal & Legislative Committee: Jason Smith, Chairperson

i. Approval of the Legal & Legislative Committee Meeting minutes from December 3, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve the Legal & Legislative Committee Meeting minutes from December 3, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

E. Public Works Committee: Bob Pickerell, Chairperson

No Report

F. Police Committee: Jerry Harrington, Chairperson

i. November 2024 Chief STATS

Tabled to the January 7, 2025, meeting.

G. Fire Committee: Randy LeMaster, Chairperson

i. Approval of the Fire Committee Meeting minutes from December 3, 2024

Motion by Alderperson LeMaster, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve the Fire Committee Meeting minutes from December 3, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

H. Risk Management Committee: Kim Pierson, Chairperson

No Report

I. Economic Development Committee: Brad Eavenson, Chairperson

i. Approval of the Economic Development Meeting minutes from December 3, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Brad Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve the Economic Development Committee Meeting minutes from December 3, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

ii. Approval to authorize the Mayor or his designee to negotiate lien removal of properties acquired in Resolution 24-71

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson Davis to authorize the Mayor or his designer to negotiate lien removal of properties acquired in Resolution 24-71. All voted yes, motion carried.

J. Finance Committee: Jim Hawkins, Chairperson

i. Approval of the Finance Committee Meeting minutes from December 3, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve the Finance Committee Meeting minutes from December 3, 2024. All votes yes, motion carried.

ii. Ambulance Mount Bid Award

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to award the bid for the Ambulance remount to American Response Vehicles in the amount of \$223,710. All voted yes, motion carried.

iii. A Resolution to authorize the remount of an ambulance for the Fire Department using funds from the American Rescue Plan Act

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve a Resolution authorizing the remount of an ambulance.

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

iv. An Ordinance to authorize a Convenience Fee or Surcharge on payments made to the City of Granite City by Credit Card over the phone by credit card

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve an Ordinance to authorize a Convenience Fee or Surcharge on payments made to the City of Granite City by Credit Card.

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

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

v. An Ordinance to purchase (4) Cardiac Monitors for the Granite City Fire Department and to amend Ordinance 10204

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve an Ordinance to purchase 4 Cardia Monitors for the Granite City Fire Department and to amend Ordinance 10204.

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

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

vi. Payroll

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve the payroll from 12/01/2024-12/15/2024 i the amount of \$836,202.48.

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

vii. Treasurer's Report

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve and place o file the Treasurer's Report for November 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

7. Report of Officers

None

8. Unfinished Business

None

9. New Business

Mayor Parkinson wished everyone a Happy Holidays.

10. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk