

**CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
DECEMBER 3, 2024**

COMMITTEE MEETING

1. Finance: 5:00-5:35

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

Aldersperson Hawkins called the meeting to order.

Aldersperson Hawkins noted there were two bids for the Remodeling project of the Court Room, RC Rehab and Construction (\$38,769.50) and Kalmadulski Excavating & Grading (\$49,565.00).

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson LeMaster to award the Construction/Remodel of Court Room bid to RC Rehab and Construction for \$38,769.50. All voted yes, motion carried.

City Engineer Joe Juneau presented the bids for the Storm Water Detention Basin, recommending to award Haier Plumbing & Heating, Inc. the bid at \$456,450.00.

Juneau advised the original budget was \$604,000.00, and they were able to scale back the Briarcliff project by using the existing storm sewer system in North Granite. Regarding the pump station improvement, they were able to get a different building scoped out from the original budgeted one back in 2021. He stated they are currently looking at upgrading the Westmoreland Basin since there are additional funds left in the original budgeted amount.

Aldersperson Eavenson stated his concerns about the bids coming in over the Engineers' estimate.

Mayor Parkinson if the project was still under budget. Juneau indicated it was.

Mayor Parkinson added that moving forward, estimates need to be more accurate due to ARPA and Grant funding being gone.

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson McDowell to award the bid for the Storm Water Detention Basin to Haier Heating & Plumbing.

Aldersperson Hawkins stated the auditors would be late and would give a brief presentation at the Council Meeting.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

2. Fire: 5:35-5:50

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

Alderman LeMaster called the meeting to order.
Alderman LeMaster deferred to Chief Todd Richey.

Chief Richey advised the Council that the Fire Department is still waiting for the replacement cardiac monitors/defibrillators that were ordered in 2021 under Chief Prazma. He stated that the 4 Phillips (Tempus) monitors continue to fail FDA regulations and is asking for the approval to move past them and get monitors from Stryker. He noted that they are the most important piece of equipment on the ambulance and the Stryker monitors have updated technology. Chief Richey stated currently the city does not own any monitors. The current monitors were on loan until Phillips passed the FDA testing.

Mayor Parkinson advised the Chief to meet with the Finance Department to go over the budget as this is not a current budget item.

Grant Writer Paula Hubbard stated there may be ARPA funds available.

Alderman Hawkins stated the matter was critical and needed immediate action.

Alderman LeMaster asked what the turnaround time would be if funds were available. Chief Richey indicated a week.

Alderman Smith asked if the new monitors had passed FDA testing. Chief Richey stated they had.

Motion by Alderman LeMaster, seconded by Alderman Pickerell to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes, motion carried.

Attest
Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

3. The District: 5:50-6:05

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

Alderman Mary Davis called the meeting to order.

Alderman Mary Davis deferred to Great Rivers & Routes Director Cory Jobe.

Jobe advised the Council that Great Rivers & Routes would be awarding another no-match grant to the city in the amount of

The newest grant would bring 5 public art pieces and add a second Route 66 mural. In addition, there would be 3 decorative trash cans added to the Neon Sign Park as well as a new sign for the bridge.

The deadline for the project is June 30, 2025.

Jobe indicated there may be one more round of Route 66 grants, but currently Granite City is the largest awarded grant.

Mayor Parkinson thanked Brenda Whitaker and Cory Jobe for the continued work and success of the projects.

Motion by Alderperson Davis, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to accept the grant. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

4. Legal & Legislative: 6:05-6:30

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

Alderperson Smith called the meeting to order.

Alderperson Smith advised that the April election is on the first scheduled City Council Meeting date. It was his recommendation to move the meetings from the 1st and 15th to the 8th and 22nd.

Motion by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve an Ordinance to reschedule the two meetings of the Granite City City Council to April 8th and 22nd, 2025 from the previously scheduled regal meeting dates of April 1st and 15th, 2025. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson Hawkins to go into closed session to discuss an employment appointee. All voted yes, motion carried.

BEGIN CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to come out of closed session. All voted yes, motion carried.

END OF CLOSED SESSION

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

5. Economic Development: 6:30-6:50

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

Alderperson Eavenson called the meeting to order.

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to go into closed session to discuss negotiations. All voted yes, motion carried.

BEGIN CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson 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 approve a Resolution of Inducement for Redevelopment Project with intent to consider reimbursement of the eligible Redevelopment Project costs for the property commonly known as 3995 Nameoki Road. All voted yes, motion carried.

Alderperson Eavenson stated the development contract with PGAV was another phase in an ongoing project.

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve a contract with PGAV. All voted yes, motion carried.

Economic Development Director Cathy Hamilton updated the council on the ongoing projects for the Nameoki Corridor, Route 3 Corridor and the downtown area.

Alderperson Eavenson stated that Resolution 24-29 Worthern Park Splash Pad was the Granite City Park District Resolution affirming the City of Granite City's approval of the bid for the Splash Pad Improvement Project.

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, 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 Klueskins.

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

3. Township Board Minutes - Approval of the Township Board Meeting minutes from November 19, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve the Township Board Meeting minutes from November 19, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

4. Presentation of Communications

None

5. Finance Committee: Jim Hawkins, Chairperson

A. Bill List - December 3, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the bills payable from the Town Fund in the amount of \$56,602.83.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Parkinson, 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.

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve the bills payable from the General Assistance Fund in the amount of \$20,152.11.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Parkinson, 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.

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 7:04 p.m.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Parkinson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

1. Roll Call

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

2. City Council Minutes - Approval of the City Council Meeting minutes from November 19, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve the City Council Meeting minutes from November 19, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

3. Presentation of Communications

None

4. Mayor's Remarks

A. Resignation of Scott Oney from MESD Board / Appointment of Joe Schuler to MESD Board

Mayor Parkinson read the letter of resignation from Mr. Oney.

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to accept and place on file the resignation of Scott Oney from the MESD Board.

Mayor Parkinson recommended Joe Schuler as a replacement.

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to place Joe Schuler on the MESD Board.

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.

B. Resignation of Granite City Police Chief Nicholas Novacich

Mayor Parkinson read the letter of resignation from Police Chief Novacich.

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to accept the letter of resignation. All voted yes, motion carried.

Mayor Parkinson stated Major Gary Brooks would be promoted to Chief and Detective Captain Charles Bremer to Assistant Chief, adding the swearing in ceremony would be held on Wednesday, December 4, 2024.

Motion by Alderperson Garcia, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to promote Major Gary Brooks to Chief. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson Smith to promote Detective Captain Charles Bremer to Assistant Chief. All voted yes, motion carried.

C. Certificate of Appreciation: Jake Petrillo

Due to a death in his family, Jake Petrillo was unable to be at the meeting. The presentation will be scheduled at a later date.

D. Police Pension Board Letter

Mayor Parkinson read a letter from the Police Pension Board thanking the Administration and the Council regarding the Police Pension Fund. The letter will be placed on file.

5. Public Correspondence

None

6. Report of Standing Committees:

A. Negotiations Committee: Greg Garcia, Chairperson

No report

B. The District Committee: Mary Davis, Chairperson

i. Great Rivers & Routes Grant

Motion by Alderperson Davis, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to accept the grant from Great Rivers & Routes. All voted yes, motion carried.

C. Planning & Zoning Committee: Dan McDowell, Chairperson

i. Graphic Review Board Agenda for December 5, 2024

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

D. Legal & Legislative Committee: Jason Smith, Chairperson

i. An Ordinance to reschedule the two April meetings of the Granite City City Council to April 8, and 22, 2025, from the previously scheduled regular meeting dates of April 1, and 15, 2025.

Motion by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve an Ordinance to reschedule the two April meetings of the Granite City, City Council to April 8 and 22, 2025 from the previously scheduled regular meeting dates of April 1 and 15, 2025.

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.

FINAL PASSAGE: 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.

E. Public Works Committee: Bob Pickerell, Chairperson

i. Approval of the Public Works Committee Meeting minutes from November 19, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the Public Works Committee Meeting minutes from November 19, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

ii. An Ordinance establishing one handicapped parking space for four years at 2933 Dale Avenue, within the City of Granite City, Illinois.

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by Alderperson Hawkins to approve an Ordinance establishing one handicapped parking space for four years at 2933 Dale Avenue within the City of Granite City, Illinois.

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.

FINAL PASSAGE: 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.

F. Police Committee: Jerry Harrington, Chairperson

i. Approval of the Police Committee Meeting minutes from November 19, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve the Police Committee Meeting minutes from November 19, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

G. Fire Committee: Randy LeMaster, Chairperson

No report

H. Risk Management Committee: Kim Pierson, Chairperson

i. Approval of the Risk Management Committee Meeting minutes from November 19, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Pierson, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the Risk Management Committee Meeting minutes from November 19, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

ii. A Resolution to renew Health Insurance Coverage for qualifying city employees with the Intergovernmental Personnel Benefit Cooperative.

Motion by Alderperson Pierson, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve a Resolution to renew Health Insurance Coverage for qualifying city employees with the Intergovernmental Personnel Benefit Cooperative. All voted yes, motion carried.

iii. A Resolution to renew Workers Compensation, Liability and Property Insurance Coverages with the Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust

Motion by Alderperson Pierson, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve a Resolution to renew Worker's Compensation Liability and Property Insurance Coverages with Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust. All voted yes, motion carried.

I. Economic Development Committee: Brad Eavenson, Chairperson

i. A Resolution of Inducement for a Redevelopment Project with intent to consider the reimbursement of eligible Redevelopment costs for the property located at 3995 Nameoki Road, Granite City, Illinois

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve a Resolution of Inducement for a Redevelopment Project with intent to consider the reimbursement of eligible Redevelopment costs for the property located at 3995 Nameoki Road, Granite City, Illinois. All voted yes, motion carried.

ii. PGAV Contract

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve a contract with PGAV Planners for Redevelopment Planning and Economic Analysis.

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.

J. Finance Committee: Jim Hawkins, Chairperson

i. Approval of the Finance Committee Meeting minutes from November 19, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the Finance Committee Meeting minutes from November 19, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

ii. Construction/Remodel Court Room Bid Award

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to award the Construction/Remodel of Court Room bid to RC Rehab and Construction in the amount of \$38,769.50.

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. Storm Water Detention Basin Bid Award

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to award the Storm Water

Detention Basin bid to Haier Plumbing & Heating, Inc. in the amount of \$456,450.00.

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.

iv. An Ordinance making a TAX LEVY for the City of Granite City, Madison County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 beginning May 1, 2024 and ending April 30, 2025

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve an Ordinance making a Tax Levy for the City of Granite City, Madison County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 beginning May 1, 2024, and ending April 30, 2025.

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.

FINAL PASSAGE: 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.

v. An Ordinance to authorize a Design Build Contract with PFUND Construction Company, Inc. using funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve an Ordinance to authorize a Design Build Contract with PFUND Construction Company, Inc. using funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

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.

FINAL PASSAGE: 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.

vi. FY 23/24 Audit Approval

A brief audit presentation was given by Jim Schmersahl from SCHMERSAHL TRELOAR & CO, advising that they received complete cooperation from the staff and found the records to be neat and orderly without incident reporting the Fiscal Year 23/24 with no physical findings. Schmersahl reported the three weaknesses/insufficiencies found in Fiscal Year 22/23 were all resolved.

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve and place on file the FY23/24 Audit Report.

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.

vii. Payroll

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve payroll for the period of 11/16/2024-11/30/2024 in the amount of \$694,781.65.

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.

viii. Bill List

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Smith to approve the bills payable from November 2024 in the amount of \$3,501,671.29.

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 Eavenson advised of complaints by residents on St. Clair Ave. when parking in front of their homes, where vehicles have been hit by traffic cutting through and not stopping to report damage. If they park on the curb, they are ticketed for parking on the grass, looking for ideas to alleviate the problem. Mayor Parkinson stated the city would put a camera in the area to help.

10. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City clerk