

**CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 6, 2024**

**COMMITTEE MEETING**

**1. Finance: 5:45 - 6:15**

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

Aldersperson Hawkins called the meeting to order.

Aldersperson Hawkins deferred to Economic Development Director Cathy Hamilton. Hamilton updated the council regarding the budget, advising there would be a draft copy ready for review in the next month. Hamilton stated the Finance Department working with the auditors identified new ways for transparency, adding there are no changes in revenue and expenses, just structure.

James Schmersahl from Schmersahl Treloar & Co, presented the Independent Auditors Report to the council.

Schmersahl stated the records were improved over last year, commenting on the readiness of the staff, adding that all compliance boxes had been checked. The internal control findings were consistent with 2022. Schmersahl stated that with new accounting policies in place, he anticipates a better report for 2024.

City Engineer Joe Juneau advised the council the Johnson Road Phase 3 project was on the January 19, 2024 IDOT State Letting. The low bidder was Hank's Excavating with a proposed bid of \$938,631.27. He advised the Funding Agreement was prepared 4 years ago at \$750,000.00, adding per IDOT'S request, the city would need to submit a "Request to Award" letter to proceed. Juneau advised Madison County has committed to funding a portion of this project through its Local Match Program, adding it is anticipated they will contribute 25%, leaving a remaining amount that will need to be allocated from the City of Granite City's Rebuild Illinois Funds. Juneau advised the need for a supplemental funding Resolution in the amount of \$190,000.00 and a City Concurrence of Award letter to IDOT.

Aldersperson Eavenson questioned where the city stands on other projects, asking if the city had to eliminate any projects due to the overage. Mayor Parkinson stated there has been no elimination of projects, adding that all ARPA projects are still on track.

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

Attest  
Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

## **2. Negotiations: 6:15 - 6:25**

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

Alderson Smith called the meeting to order.

Alderson Smith deferred to Mayor Parkinson.

Mayor Parkinson stated the council would see an increase in the Fire department's budget for educational purposes, noting certifications must be acquired before testing for promotions. He stated the contract is closer and that delays in negotiations were due to his insistence on testing for promotions, adding that drug testing has been settled.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

## **3. Public Works: 6:25 - 6:30**

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

Alderman Pickerell called the meeting to order.

Motion by Alderson Pickerell, seconded by Alderson Smith to establish a new handicap parking space at 2912 E 24th St. 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

## **4. Police: 6:30 - 6:40**

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

Alderson Harrington called the meeting to order.

Aldersperson Harrington deferred to Assistant Police Chief Major Gary Brooks to address the council.

Major Brooks stated there is \$103,000.00 in an Opioid Settlement fund with strict requirements on how it is spent. The Police Department is requesting funds for programs at the High School and Coolidge Junior High School in the amount of \$24,000.00.

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson Smith to approve the use of funds for Hill Speaks in the amount of \$24,000.00 for 4 assemblies and 2 breakout sessions. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

#### **5. Economic Development: 6:40 - 6:50**

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

Aldersperson Eavenson called the meeting to order.

Aldersperson Eavenson invited Dennis Wilmsmeyer, Executive Director of America's Central Port, to address the council.

Wilmsmeyer requested the approval of an TIF (expansion) Inducement Resolution for America's Central Port TIF which was established in 2019. With the pending sale of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, the Port is interested in expanding the TIF boundary to include the YMCA building, the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Shooting Range. Wilmsmeyer stated approval of the Resolution does not lock the city into the TIF expansion, it would merely allow the Port to move forward with the TIF study at no cost to the city.

Motion by Aldersperson McDowell, seconded by Aldersperson LeMaster to approve the TIF (expansion) Inducement Resolution. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

## **TOWNSHIP MEETING**

Invocation was led by Dan McDowell.

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

### **3. Township Board Minutes - Approval of the Township Board Meeting minutes from January 16, 2024**

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve the Township Board Meeting minutes from January 16, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

### **4. Presentation of Communications**

None

### **5. Finance Committee: Jim Hawkins, Chairperson**

#### **A. Bill List - February 6, 2024**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve the bills payable from the Town Fund in the amount of \$108,855.68.

**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 Harrington to approve the bills payable from the General Assistance 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 Hawkins, Alderperson Pierson and Alderperson Garcia. All voted yes, motion carried.

### **6. Unfinished Business**

None

### **7. New Business**

None

### **8. Adjournment**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington 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 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 January 16, 2024**

Motion by Alderperson Davis, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve the City Council Meeting minutes from January 16, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

### **3. Presentation of Communications**

#### **A. St. Elizabeth's Picnic**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve "No Parking" signs along both sides of Johnson Road in front of St. Elizabeth church for the annual church picnic to be held on Friday, June 7, 2024, through Sunday, June 9, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

### **4. Mayor's Remarks**

#### **A. Coolidge Middle School Girls Basketball Team**

Mayor Parkinson recognized Coolidge Junior High School's 8th grade basketball team for their hard work and dedication to the program, ending their 2023 season with a 20-3 record, proclaiming Wednesday, February 7, 2024, CJHS 8th GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM DAY.

### **5. Public Correspondence**

None

### **6. Report of Standing Committees:**

#### **A. Negotiations Committee: Jason Smith, Chairperson**

##### **i. Approval of Negotiations Committee Meeting minutes from January 16, 2024**

Motion by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve the Negotiations Committee Meeting minutes from January 16, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

#### **B. The District Committee: Mary Davis, Chairperson**

Alderperson Davis reminded the council of the upcoming Mardi Gras celebration to be held on Saturday, February 10, 2024.

#### **C. Planning & Zoning Committee: Dan McDowell, Chairperson**

##### **i. Approval of the Planning & Zoning and Public Works Combined Committee Meeting minutes from January 16, 2024**

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Eavenson to approve the Planning & Zoning and Public Works Combined Committee Meeting minutes from January 16, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

##### **ii. A Resolution providing for the demolition or repair of a dangerous and unsafe building at 2938 Myrtle Avenue**

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Eavenson to approve a Resolution providing for the demolition or repair of a dangerous and unsafe building at 2938 Myrtle Avenue.

**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. A Resolution providing for the demolition or repair of a dangerous and unsafe building at 2129-31 Benton Street**

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve a Resolution providing for the demolition or repair of a dangerous and unsafe building at 2129-31 Benton Street.

**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. A Resolution providing for the demolition or repair of a dangerous and unsafe building at 2246-48 Lee Avenue**

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve a Resolution providing for the demolition or repair of a dangerous and unsafe building at 2246-48 Lee Avenue.

**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.

**v. An Ordinance to accept a donation of real property at 2661 E.24th Street**

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve an Ordinance to accept a donation of real property at 2661 E. 24th Street.

**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. January 2024 Building & Zoning Monthly Report**

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Eavenson to approve and place on file the January 2024 Building & Zoning Report. All voted yes, motion carried.

**D. Legal & Legislative Committee: Jason Smith, Chairperson**

None

**E. Public Works Committee: Bob Pickerell, Chairperson**

**i. An Ordinance to establish a handicap parking space for two years at 2126 Nevada**

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by Alderperson Hawkins to approve an Ordinance to establish a handicap parking space for two years at 2126 Nevada.

**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**

None

**G. Fire Committee: Randy LeMaster, Chairperson**

None

**H. Wastewater Treatment Committee: Greg Garcia, Chairperson**

None

**I. Risk Management Committee: Kim Pierson, Chairperson**

**i. Approval of the Risk Management Committee Meeting minutes from January 16, 2024**

Motion by Alderperson Pierson, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the Risk Management Committee Meeting minutes from January 16, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

**J. Economic Development Committee: Brad Eavenson, Chairperson**

**i. A RESOLUTION for a feasibility study on the amendment of an existing TIF district to include a portion of the City of Granite City as a redevelopment project area and to induce development interests within such area; and expenditures in the course of planning and redevelopment, prior to the redevelopment project area being established, that may be reimbursable from future TIF proceeds**

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve a RESOLUTION for a feasibility study on the amendment of an existing TIF district to include a portion of the City of Granite City as a redevelopment project area and to induce development interests within such area; and expenditures in the course of planning and redevelopment, prior to the redevelopment project area being established, that may be reimbursable from future TIF proceeds. All voted yes, motion carried.

**K. Finance Committee: Jim Hawkins, Chairperson**

**i. Approval of the January 16, 2024, Finance Committee Meeting minutes**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the Finance Committee Meeting minutes from January 16, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

**ii. Johnson Road Phase 3 Bid and Work Approval:**

**City Request to Award letter to IDOT**

**City Concurrence of Award letter to IDOT**

**Supplemental Funding Resolution in the amount of \$190,000.00**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve the Johnson Road Phase 3 Bid and Work approval to include a City Request letter to IDOT, City Concurrence to Award Letter to IDOT and Supplemental Funding Resolution in the amount of \$190,000.00.

**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.

**iii. Johnson Road Phase 3 Construction Engineering Agreement Approval and a supplemental funding resolution in the amount of \$160,000.00**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the Johnson Road Phase Construction Engineering Agreement Approval and a Supplemental Funding Resolution in the amount of \$160,000.00.

**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. Surface Transportation Project (STP-S) Application Fee Approval for Madison Avenue from 23rd to 21st in the amount of \$5,082.78**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve the Surface Transportation Project Application Fee for Madison Avenue from 23rd to 21st in the amount of \$5,082.78.

**ROLL CALL:** Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Davis, Alderperson Eavenson, Alderperson Smith, Alderperson Harrington, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Hawkins,

Aldersperson Pierson and Aldersperson Garcia. All voted yes, motion carried.

**v. Audit Report Acceptance**

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson Eavenson to approve and place on file the Audit Report for FY 2023. All voted yes, motion carried.

**vi. Payroll**

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson Harrington to approve payroll for the time period of 1/16/2024 through 1/30/2024 in the amount of \$796,418.82.

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

**vii. Bill List**

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson Pierson to approve the bills payable in the amount of \$7,824,575.27.

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

**viii. Supplemental Bill**

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson Davis to approve the Supplemental bills payable in the amount of \$4,263.24.

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

**7. Report of Officers**

None

**8. Unfinished Business**

None

**9. New Business**

Aldersperson Eavenson reminded the council of the upcoming Public Hearing regarding Joy/Myrtle to be held on February 7, 2024, from 5-7 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**10. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk