

**CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 2024**

COMMITTEE MEETING

1. Finance: 5:45 - 6:00

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

Jason Smith was absent.

Aldersperson Hawkins called the meeting to order.

Aldersperson Hawkins deferred to City Engineer Joe Juneau to address the council regarding the Joy/Myrtle drainage improvement bids.

Juneau stated that based on bids received and the available funding for the project as advertised, the bid exceeds the funding available. Therefore, a revised scope was put out for rebid with Ground Works still coming in as the lowest bid, the references of the company are good, and the project is bonded.

Aldersperson Eavenson questioned if there was a scheduled estimate.

Juneau advised there is a Public Hearing on February 7, 2024, for the residents.

Motion by Aldersperson McDowell, seconded by Aldersperson Eavenson to approve the bid. All voted yes, motion carried.

Aldersperson Hawkins advised the council that a draft version of the Audit was included for their review, adding that three weaknesses were found and are being addressed. Hawkins stated the final Audit would be brought forth at the February 6, 2024, meeting date.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

2. Planning & Zoning: 6:00 - 6:15

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

Jason Smith was absent.

Aldersperson McDowell called the meeting to order.

Aldersperson McDowell advised that the property at 2661 E. 24th St was being offered to the city. He felt it was in the best interest of the city to accept the gifted property. Kathy Moore explained that the owner is in a nursing home and, through no fault of his, the property has become derelict and beyond repair.

Moore stated there are currently no liens on the property and the taxes are current, adding it would be an ideal property for the Mow to Own program.

McDowell advised Attorney Konzen to prepare for the February 6, 2024, Council Meeting.

Motion by Aldersperson Pickerell, seconded by Aldersperson McDowell to approve the renewal of a handicap parking space at 2126 Nevada. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Aldersperson McDowell, seconded by Aldersperson Pickerell to approve a resolution authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro-East Sanitary District concerning training of drivers seeking a Commercial Driver's License. All voted yes, motion carried.

Mayor Parkinson explained that the shared expense of contracting the company would allow for in- house training and save the city time and money.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

3. Negotiations Committee: 6:15 - 6:30

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

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

Aldersperson Hawkins deferred to Mayor Parkinson to address the council regarding a Resolution to approve a Collective Bargaining Agreement with International Union of Operating Engineers Local 399. Mayor Parkinson stated there are no new changes to the agreement, adding it was an oversight and not ratified at the time the council voted it in.

Mayor Parkinson advised that the Fire Department is the remaining contract in negotiations. He stated promotion by seniority is not working and will be by exam and the language regarding drug testing is being updated. Mayor Parkinson stated the union would change the language and bring it back to him next week. If everything is correct, it will be sent to legal to prepare for a council vote within the next month.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

4. Risk Management: 6:30 - 6:50

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

Aldersperson Pierson called the meeting to order.

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

BEGIN CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Aldersperson Pierson, seconded by Alderman Hawkins to come out of closed session.

END OF CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Aldersperson Pierson, seconded by Aldersperson Garcia 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 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 2, 2024

Motion by Alderperson, seconded by Alderperson to approve the Township Board Minutes from the January 2, 2024, meeting. All voted yes, motion carried.

4. Presentation of Communications

None

5. Finance Committee: Jim Hawkins, Chairperson

A. Bill List - January 16, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the bills payable from the Town Fund in the amount of \$39,069.08.

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

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the bills payable for the General Assistance Fund in the amount of \$19,998.20.

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

6. Unfinished Business

None

7. New Business

None

8. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:03.

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 Harrington, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Hawkins, Alderperson Pierson, Alderperson Garcia and City Clerk Jenna DeYong were present. Alderperson Smith was absent.

Mayor Parkinson explained that Alderperson Smith was absent due to the unexpected death of his mother. He asked that a moment of silence be observed in honor of Linda Smith.

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

Motion by Alderperson Davis, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve the City Council Meeting minutes from January 2, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

3. Presentation of Communications

None

4. Mayor's Remarks

A. Appoint Michelle McGrath as Deputy Liquor Commissioner

Mayor Parkinson recommended appointing Michelle McGrath to be Deputy Liquor Commissioner. Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Eavenson to approve the recommendation.

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

5. Public Correspondence

None

6. Report of Standing Committees:

A. Negotiations Committee: Jason Smith, Chairperson

i. A Resolution to approve a Collective Bargaining Agreement with International Union of Operating Engineers Local 399 for the time period of May 1, 2022, through April 30, 2025

Motion by Alderperson Garcia, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve a Resolution to approve a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 399 for the time period of May 1, 2022, through April 30, 2025.

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

B. The District Committee: Mary Davis, Chairperson

None

C. Planning & Zoning Committee: Dan McDowell, Chairperson

i. Approval of the Planning & Zoning/Public Works Combined Committee Meeting minutes from January 2, 2024

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve the Planning &

Zoning/Public Works Combined Committee Meeting minutes from January 2, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

ii. December 2023 Monthly Building & Zoning Report

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Eavenson to approve and place on file the Building & Zoning monthly report for December 2023. All voted yes, motion carried.

iii. January 2023-December 2023 Yearly Building & Zoning Report

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Eavenson to approve and place on file the Building & Zoning Yearly Report for January 2023 through December 2023. All voted yes, motion carried.

D. Legal & Legislative Committee: Jason Smith, Chairperson

None

E. Public Works Committee: Bob Pickerell, Chairperson

i. An Ordinance to extend Handicap Parking Restrictions at 2459 B State Street for two years

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by Alderperson Hawkins to approve an Ordinance to extend Handicap Parking Restrictions at 2459 B State Street for two years.

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

Alderperson Smith was absent.

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

Alderperson Smith was absent.

ii. A Resolution to authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro-East Sanitary District concerning training of drivers seeking Commercial Drivers' Licenses

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by Alderperson Hawkins to approve a Resolution to authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro East Sanitary District concerning training of drivers seeking Commercial drivers Licenses.

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

Alderperson Smith was absent.

F. Police Committee: Jerry Harrington, Chairperson

i. December 2023 Stats

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve and place on file the December 2023 Stats. All voted yes, motion carried.

G. Fire Committee: Randy LeMaster, Chairperson

i. Granite City Fire Department Activity Report for December 2023

Motion by Alderperson LeMaster, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve and place on file the Granite City Fire Department Activity Report for December 2023. All voted yes, motion carried.

ii. Granite City Fire Department Yearly Activity Report for 2023

Motion by Alderperson LeMaster, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve and place on file the Granite City Fire Department Yearly Activity Report for 2023. All voted yes, motion carried.

iii. Granite City Fire Department EMS Report for December 2023

Motion by Alderperson LeMaster, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve and place on file the Granite City Fire Department EMS Report for December 2023. All voted yes, motion carried.

iv. Granite City Fire Department EMS Yearly Report

Motion by Alderperson LeMaster, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve and place on file the Granite City Fire Department EMS Yearly Report for 2023. All voted yes, motion carried.

H. Wastewater Treatment Committee: Greg Garcia, Chairperson

None

I. Risk Management Committee: Kim Pierson, Chairperson

None

J. Economic Development Committee: Brad Eavenson, Chairperson

None

K. Finance Committee: Jim Hawkins, Chairperson

i. Approval of the Finance Committee Meeting minutes from January 2, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the Finance Committee Meeting minutes from January 2, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

ii. An Ordinance to authorize the office of the Treasurer to open an account with Stifel, Nicolaus & co, Inc. for deposit of the sales proceeds of the Wastewater Treatment Plant

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve an Ordinance to authorize the office of the Treasurer to open an account with Stifel, Nicolaus & Co, Inc. for deposit of the sales proceeds of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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

Alderperson Smith was absent.

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

Alderperson Smith was absent.

iii. An Ordinance to establish the position of Budget Officer

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve an Ordinance to establish the position of Budget Officer.

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

Alderperson Smith was absent.

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

Alderperson Smith was absent.

iv. A Resolution to approve an agreement with Metro East Sanitary District to fund lining of sewers

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve a Resolution to approve an agreement with Metro East Sanitary District to fund lining of sewers.

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

Pierson and Alderperson Garcia. All voted yes, motion carried.
Alderperson Smith was absent.

v. Approval of Joy/Myrtle Stormwater Drainage Improvement Bid

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to award the Joy/Myrtle Stormwater Drainage Improvement Bid.

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

vi. Payroll

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson to approve payroll from the period of January 1, 2024, through January 15, 2024, in the amount of \$833,995.25.

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

vii. Treasurer's Report

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve and place on file the Treasurer's Report for December 2023. All voted yes, motion carried.

7. Report of Officers

None

8. Unfinished Business

None

9. New Business

None

10. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk