

**CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 2, 2024**

**COMMITTEE MEETING**

**1. Finance: 6:25 - 6:35**

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

Brad Eavenson was absent.

Aldersperson Hawkins called the meeting to order.

Aldersperson Hawkins deferred to Economic Development Director Cathy Hamilton.

Hamilton advised the proposed Ordinance would allow for an account to be opened to place the proceeds from the sale of the Waste Water Treatment Plant, while using a professional analyst to help decide the best ways to invest the funds versus paying off pension debt, stating it is a strategy to protect the money and be transparent to the residents.

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson McDowell to approve an Ordinance to be presented for final approval at the January 16, 2023 City Council Meeting. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

**2. Planning & Zoning/Public Works: 6:35 - 6:50**

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

Brad Eavenson was absent.

Aldersperson McDowell called the meeting to order.

Aldersperson McDowell read the letter for lien forgiveness at 1961 Spruce Street. Discussion by Aldersperson Davis regarding back taxes being paid and a quick claim deed. Aldersperson Pickerell stated he does not want the city to keep maintaining the property. Council consensus, if the deed is acquired, the city will reconsider forgiving the debt.

No further action was taken.

Alderson Pickerell advised no action would be taken on the request for handicap parking at 2710 Center Street as it is private property.

Motion by Alderson Pickerell, seconded by Alderson McDowell to approve handicap parking at 2459 State St. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

## **TOWNSHIP MEETING**

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

Alderperson Eavenson was absent.

### **3. Township Board Minutes - Approval of the Township Board Meeting minutes from December 19, 2023**

Motion by Alderperson LeMaster, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve the Township Board Meeting minutes from December 19, 2023. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

None

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

#### **A. Bill List - January 2, 2024**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the bills payable from the Town Fund in the amount of \$98,028.67.

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

Alderperson Eavenson was absent.

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington 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 Smith, Alderperson Harrington, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Hawkins, Alderperson Pierson and Alderperson Garcia. All voted yes, motion carried.

Alderperson Eavenson was absent.

### **6. Old Business**

None

### **7. New Business**

None

### **8. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Parkinson called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

### **1. Roll Call**

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

### **2. City Council Minutes - Approval of The City Council Meeting minutes from December 19, 2023**

Motion by Alderperson LeMaster, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve the City Council Meeting minutes from December 19, 2023. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

City Clerk Jenna DeYong read a request from the City of Granite City Mardi Gras Committee asking for road closures and the use of Civic Park for the Third Annual Mardi Gras celebration.

Motion by Alderperson Davis, seconded by Alderperson Hawkins to approve the request. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

#### **A. Chamber of Commerce Request**

Mayor Parkinson stated no action would be taken due to no exact date being requested.

### **5. Public Correspondence**

None

### **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 December 19, 2023**

Motion by Alderperson Davis, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve The District Committee Meeting minutes from December 19, 2023. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

##### **i. Approval of the Planning & Zoning Committee Meeting minutes from December 19, 2023**

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve the Planning & Zoning Committee Meeting minutes from December 19, 2023. All voted yes, motion carried.

##### **ii. A Resolution providing for the demolition or repair of a dangerous and unsafe building at 2163 Monroe Street**

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to invoke the omnibus rule on items ii through iv. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve Resolutions providing for the demolition or repair of a dangerous and unsafe building at 2163 Monroe Street, 2213 Lincoln Street and 2223 Monroe Street. All voted yes, motion carried.

##### **iii. A Resolution providing for the demolition or repair of a dangerous and unsafe building at 2213 Lincoln Ave**

**iv. A Resolution providing for the demolition or repair of a dangerous and unsafe building at 2223 Monroe Street**

**v. A Resolution to conditionally accept the gift of property commonly known as 2815 Harding Ave, Granite City, IL 62040**

The council refused the gift of the property at 2815 Harding Ave.

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

**i. Approval of the Legal & Legislative Committee Meeting minutes from December 19, 2023**

Motion by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve the Legal & Legislative Committee Meeting minutes from December 19, 2023. All voted yes, motion carried.

**ii. An Ordinance to establish a School Zone on St. Clair Avenue between Wayne Avenue and Dale Avenue**

Motion by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve an Ordinance to establish a School Zone on St. Clair Ave. between Wayne Ave and Dale Ave.

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

Alderperson Eavenson was absent.

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

Alderperson Eavenson was absent.

**iii. An Ordinance to establish a School Zone on Pontoon Road between Johnson Rd and Maryville Road**

Motion by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve an Ordinance to establish a School Zone on Pontoon Road between Johnson Rd and Maryville Rd.

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

Alderperson Eavenson was absent.

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

Alderperson Eavenson was absent.

**iv. An Ordinance to reschedule March 5th and November 19th 2024 City Council meetings to avoid conflicts with the Primary and General Elections**

Motion by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve an Ordinance to reschedule March and November 2024 City Council Meetings to avoid conflict with the Primary and General Elections.

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

Alderperson Eavenson was absent.

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

Alderperson Eavenson was absent.

**v. An Ordinance amending Ordinance 1131, regulating the operation of bicycles**

Motion by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve an Ordinance amending Ordinance 1131 regulating the operation of bicycles.

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

Alderperson Eavenson was absent.

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

Alderperson Eavenson was absent.

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

**i. An Ordinance establishing one handicapped parking space for two years at 2525 Sheridan Ave, 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 two years at 2525 Sheridan Ave, within the city of Granite City, Illinois.

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

Alderperson Eavenson was absent.

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

Alderperson Eavenson was absent.

**F. Police Committee: Jerry Harrington, Chairperson**

**i. Approval of the Police Committee Meeting minutes from December 19, 2023**

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve the Police Committee Meeting minutes from December 19, 2023. All voted yes, motion carried.

**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 December 19, 2023**

Motion by Alderperson Pierson, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve the Risk Management Committee Meeting minutes from December 19, 2023. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

None

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

**i. Approval of the Finance Committee Meeting minutes from December 19, 2023**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the Finance Committee Meeting minutes from December 19, 2023. All voted yes, motion carried.

**ii. A Resolution to authorize an agreement with Metro East Sanitary District concerning sewer lining work**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve a Resolution to authorize an agreement with Metro East Sanitary District concerning sewer lining work.

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

Alderperson Eavenson was absent.

**iii. Payroll**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the payroll for the period of 12/16/2023 through 12/31/2023 in the amount of \$822,982.97.

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

Alderperson Eavenson was absent.

**iv. Bill List**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to pay the bills payable in the amount of \$1,806,486.94.

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

Alderperson Eavenson was absent.

**7. Report of Officers**

None

**8. Unfinished Business**

None

**9. New Business**

None

**10. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk