

**CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JULY 16, 2024**

COMMITTEE MEETING

1. Legal & Legislative: 5:25-5:35

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.

Aldersperson Smith called the meeting to order.

Motion by Aldersperson Smith, seconded by Aldersperson LeMaster to approve a Resolution to accept the material terms of and to authorize participation in Opioid Litigation Settlement Agreements with defendant Kroger and its Subsidiaries. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

2. Planning & Zoning: 5:35-5:55

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

Aldersperson McDowell called the meeting to order.

Aldersperson McDowell advised that the lien forgiveness for 1961 Spruce had been brought to the council in the past and the gentleman that was requesting lien forgiveness was told to bring it back once he purchased the property.

Motion by Aldersperson McDowell, seconded by Aldersperson Eavenson to grant lien forgiveness for the property at 1961 Spruce. All voted yes, motion carried.

Aldersperson McDowell opened discussion on the request for the city to allow TOGF, LLC ownership of parcel 22-1-20-17-13-301-014 and allow for a fence to be put up which would block part of the alley. Aldersperson McDowell expressed concerns about impeding the alley to other residents. Shawn Griffin from TOGF, LLC indicated there were other entry/exit spots for the alley.

Alderson Davis questioned what the intended use for the derelict building would be. Griffin stated they bought the property in February, and would be rehabbing the current building to be used for office space.

Alderson Garcia questioned if emergency vehicles would be able to access the alley in the event of an emergency or fire if that section of the alley is blocked.

Alderson Eavenson questioned the purpose of a double gate, stating he feared it would be used as a storage lot.

Griffin indicated the gate would be used to allow for a trailer to enter/exit the property. He added the fence would help keep people off the property as they rehab it.

Public Works Director Rick Daily stated the easement on Washington belonged to Madison County Transit, adding his concerns about the alley being blocked.

Mayor Parkinson suggested tabling the request until further research could be done.

Alderson McDowell suggested that the adjacent residents be informed of the request.

Motion by Alderson McDowell, seconded by Alderson Davis to table for two weeks. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Alderson McDowell, seconded by Alderson Eavenson to amend Ordinance 10246 to reflect a transcription error. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

3. Public Works: 5:55-6:05

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

Alderson Pickerell called the meeting to order.

Motion by Alderson Pickerell, seconded by Alderson McDowell to amend Ordinance 10054 to extend a handicap parking space at 2948 Grand Ave. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Alderson Pickerell, seconded by Alderson Eavenson to amend Ordinance 10075 to extend a handicap parking space at 2301 Anchorage Dr. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by Alderperson Smith to approve a handicap parking space at 2924 Edwards St. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve a handicap parking space at 1716 Maple St. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by Alderperson Eavenson to approve a handicap parking space at 2453 Cleveland Blvd. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

4. Economic Development: 6:05-6:15

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 Davis to approve a Resolution to extend the lease of 1206 Niedringhaus Avenue to J. B. Wallace. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve an Ordinance to authorize the purchase of property at 2245 Adams Street, Granite City. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve a Resolution to authorize reimbursement from the Downtown Redevelopment Project Area Tax Increment Financing District to Prairie Farms Dairy. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

5. Finance: 6:15-6:35

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.

City Engineer Joe Juneau advised the council that bids were received for the DCEO St. Clair Culvert Replacement Project, based on the bids, his recommendation was to award Keller Construction, Inc with a bid of \$674,476.00.

Motion by Aldersperson Eavenson, seconded by Aldersperson McDowell to award Keller Construction, Inc. the bid for the project. All voted yes, motion carried.

Juneau advised that there were no bids for the MFT Material Letting Re-Bid, no action is needed. The city is free to select a supplier.

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson Eavenson to place on file the Memorandum for the 2024 MFT Material Letting Program REBID Results. All voted yes, motion carried.

Aldersperson Hawkins advised that the Audio Visual System in the Council Chambers is severely outdated and needed to be replaced. He stated that IT Director Harsha Yellanki and City Clerk Jenna DeYong were working on a RFQ to be posted, adding the updates will allow for the meetings to be live-streamed on multiple outlets. Hawkins advised ARPA funds would be used for the project.

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson McDowell to approve an RFQ posting for Audio/Visual upgrades for Council Chambers. All voted yes, motion carried.

Aldersperson Hawkins advised the Resolution to authorize a grant application to improve Niedringhaus Ave was Phase III of the Niedringhaus Ave Project to continue to rebuild downtown Main Street.

City Engineer Joe Juneau advised the grant is highly competitive and requires a 25% match from the city. He stated the street would continue the confluent look throughout with additional enhancements.

Aldersperson Hawkins stated the intent was to use ARPA funding.

Aldersperson LeMaster questioned if ARPA funds were no longer available if the City would have funding to use from another source. Hawkins indicated funds would be available.

Motion by Aldersperson McDowell, seconded by Aldersperson LeMaster to approve a Resolution to authorize a grant application to improve Niedringhaus Avenue. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

6. Fire: 6:35-6:50

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.

Aldersperson LeMaster called the meeting to order.

Motion by Aldersperson LeMaster, seconded by Aldersperson Harrington to go into closed session to discuss contract negotiations. All voted yes, motion carried.

BEGIN CLOSED SESSION

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

END OF CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Aldersperson LeMaster, seconded by Aldersperson Harrington to approve the contract. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Aldersperson LeMaster, seconded by Aldersperson Hawkins 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 July 2, 2024

Motion by Alderperson LeMaster, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve the Township Board Meeting minutes from July 2, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

4. Presentation of Communications

None

5. Finance Committee: Jim Hawkins, Chairperson

A. Bill List - July 16, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the bills payable from the Town Fund in the amount of \$73,153.87.

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 \$17,240.80.

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 Pierson, seconded by Alderperson Garcia 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 July 2, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson Smith to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes from July 2, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

3. Presentation of Communications

None

4. Mayor's Remarks

Mayor Parkinson presented a check to business owner Holly Taft in the amount of \$5,000 as part of the Small Business Grant Program. Ms. Taft thanked the Mayor.

5. Public Correspondence

A. Request to address the council by Colton Baumgartner

Colton Baumgartner was unable to attend the meeting.

Holly Taft requested to address the council concerning FOIA information.

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to allow Ms. Taft three minutes to address the council.

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.

Ms. Taft asked the council to reevaluate the position of the Director of Tourism based on the FOIA information she had received. She stated she felt the Director had not performed the duties outlined in the job description.

Ms. Taft questioned the information being provided by the City's FOIA Attorney. Mayor Parkinson advised Ms. Taft to contact the FOIA Attorney directly.

6. Report of Standing Committees:

A. Negotiations Committee: Greg Garcia, Chairperson

i. Approval of the Negotiations Committee Meeting minutes from July 2, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Garcia, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the Negotiations Committee Meeting minutes from July 2, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

ii. A Resolution to authorize agreement to employ a Venue Manager for 1311 20th Street

Motion by Alderperson Garcia, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve a Resolution to authorize an agreement to employ a Venue Manager for 1311 20th St.

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. The District Committee: Mary Davis, Chairperson

i. Approval of The District Committee Meeting minutes from July 2, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Davis, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve The District Committee

Meeting minutes from July 2, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

Aldersperson Davis stated Music in the Park for the week would highlight Tim Campbell and invited all citizens, business owners and council to attend the ribbon cutting to be held on August 1, 2024, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. for the Neon Sign Park.

C. Planning & Zoning Committee: Dan McDowell, Chairperson

i. Graphic Review Board Agenda

Motion by Aldersperson McDowell, seconded by Aldersperson LeMaster to approve and place on file the Graphic Review Board Agenda. All voted yes, motion carried.

ii. Action to Amend Ordinance 10246 based on a transcription error

Motion by Aldersperson McDowell, seconded by Aldersperson Davis to Amend Ordinance 10246 to reflect a transcription error.

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.

FINAL PASSAGE: 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.

D. Legal & Legislative Committee: Jason Smith, Chairperson

i. A Resolution to accept the material terms of, and authorize participation in Opioid Litigation Settlement Agreements with Kroger and its Subsidiaries

Motion by Aldersperson Smith, seconded by Aldersperson LeMaster to approve a Resolution to accept the material terms of and authorize participation in an Opioid Litigation Settlement Agreement with Kroger and its Subsidiaries.

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.

E. Public Works Committee: Bob Pickerell, Chairperson

No report

F. Police Committee: Jerry Harrington, Chairperson

i. Chief STATS for June 2024

Motion by Aldersperson Harrington, seconded by Aldersperson Garcia to approve and place on file the June 2024 Chief Stats. All voted yes, motion carried.

G. Fire Committee: Randy LeMaster, Chairperson

i. Approval of the Fire Committee Meeting minutes from July 2, 2024

Motion by Aldersperson LeMaster, seconded by Aldersperson Smith to approve the Fire Committee Meeting minutes from July 2, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

ii. Granite City Fire Department EMS Report for June 2024

Motion by Aldersperson LeMaster, seconded by Aldersperson Eavenson to approve and place on file the Granite City Fire Department EMS Report for June 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

iii. Granite City Fire Fighters Local 253 Contract

Motion by Aldersperson LeMaster, seconded by Aldersperson Davis to approve the Granite City Fire Fighters Local 253 Contract.

ROLL CALL: Alderperson McDowell-aye, Alderperson Pickerell-aye, Alderperson Davis-aye, Alderperson Eavenson-no, Alderperson Smith-aye, Alderperson Harrington-aye, Alderperson LeMaster-aye, Alderperson Hawkins-aye, Alderperson Pierson-aye and Alderperson Garcia-aye. The ayes have it, motion carried.

Final Passage: Alderperson McDowell-aye, Alderperson Pickerell-aye, Alderperson Davis-aye, Alderperson Eavenson-no, Alderperson Smith-aye, Alderperson Harrington-aye, Alderperson LeMaster-aye, Alderperson Hawkins-aye, Alderperson Pierson-aye and Alderperson Garcia-aye. The ayes have it, motion carried.

iv. Hiring of one probationary firefighter

Motion by Alderperson LeMaster, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve the hiring of one probationary firefighter.

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.

H. Risk Management Committee: Kim Pierson, Chairperson

i. Approval of the Risk Management Committee Meeting minutes from July 2, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Pierson, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve the Risk Management Committee Meeting minutes from July 2, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

I. Economic Development Committee: Brad Eavenson, Chairperson

i. A Resolution to extend the lease of 1206 Niedringhaus Avenue property to J.B. Wallace

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve a Resolution to extend the lease of 1206 Niedringhaus Avenue property to J.B. Wallace.

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.

ii. An Ordinance to authorize the purchase of property at 2245 Adams Street, Granite City, Illinois

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve an Ordinance to authorize the purchase of property at 2245 Adams Street, 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.

iii. A Resolution to authorize reimbursement from the Downtown Redevelopment Project Area Tax Increment Financing District to Prairie Farms Dairy

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve a Resolution to authorize reimbursement from the Downtown Redevelopment Project Area Tax Increment Financing District to Prairie Farms Dairy.

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 July 2, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve the Finance Committee

Meeting minutes from July 2, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

ii. A Resolution to release lien on 2429 Washington Avenue Property

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve a Resolution to release lien on 2429 Washington Avenue Property.

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. MFT Material Letting Re-Bid

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to place on the MFT Letting Re-Bid. All voted yes, motion carried.

iv. DCEO St. Clair Avenue Culvert Replacement Bid

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, second by Alderperson Harrington to award the DCEO St. Clair Avenue Culvert Replacement Bid to Keller Construction in the amount of \$674,476.

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. A Resolution to authorize a grant application to improve Niedringhaus Avenue

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve a Resolution to authorize a grant application to improve Niedringhaus 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.

vi. Payroll

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve payroll from the period of July 1-15, 2024 in the amount of \$666,070.35.

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. Treasurer's Report

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

7. Report of Officers

No Report

8. Unfinished Business

None

9. New Business

None

10. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk