

**CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
JUNE 4, 2024**

**COMMITTEE MEETING**

**1. Public Works: 6:00-6:15**

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 and Jason Smith were present.

Randy LeMaster was absent.

Aldersperson Pickerell called the meeting to order.

Aldersperson Pickerell deferred to Director of Public Works, Rick Daily. Daily stated he was seeking approval to purchase a 35 Ton Hydraulic Lowboy Trailer and a Skid Steer Trailer. Daily indicated the current trailer was in poor condition, and he felt a danger to employees.

Aldersperson Harrington questioned if there was money allocated in the budget for the purchase. Daily stated there was 65,000 in the budget earmarked for equipment replacement.

Mayor Parkinson stated the \$65,000 was approved for the Lowboy Trailer, adding Daily is seeking approval to purchase the Skid Steer trailer in addition staying at the approved amount of \$65,000.

Motion by Aldersperson Pickerell, seconded by Aldersperson Smith to approve the purchase of a Lowboy Trailer and Skid Steer Trailer for no more than \$65,000. All voted yes, motion carried.

Aldersperson Hawkins stated he had gotten a phone call from a resident that was visiting a loved one at Stearns Nursing Home regarding the parking.

Fire Department Chief Moore advised that if the Fire Department responds, they have trouble getting into the area due to cars being parked on both sides of the street. He along with Public Works Director Rick Daily are requesting no parking signs be placed on Stearns to avoid the problem for emergency vehicles.

Aldersperson Eavenson stated he had gotten a phone call from a resident as well, adding if the Fire Chief is telling us emergency vehicles are having trouble getting into the area, the city needs to post signs and paint the curbs yellow as well.

Mayor Parkinson stated the area needs to be blocked off for emergency vehicles.

Motion by Aldersperson Pickerell, seconded by Aldersperson Eavenson to approve the request for no parking signs on Stearns. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

## **2. Finance: 6:15-6:50**

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 and Jason Smith were present.

Randy LeMaster was absent.

Alderperson Hawkins called the meeting to order.

Alderperson Hawkins stated the Resolution for the Violence Prevention Grant was a "use or lose" money, with a deadline of June 30, 2024. He said the grant was for \$260,000 with a balance of \$240,000 that had to be used, or the city loses the money.

Alderperson Smith questioned if a Resolution could go straight to council without being discussed in Committee.

Mayor Parkinson stated a Resolution can go to Council if it has been discussed in previous meetings, adding that there are times when the time between committee and council can be lengthy.

Alderperson Hawkins advised the subject had been discussed in previous meetings.

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve the Resolution to complete expenditures from the Violence Prevention Grant for the purchase of Software for the Police Department and City Hall. All voted yes, motion carried.

Alderperson Hawkins deferred to Economic Development Director Cathy Hamilton.

Hamilton presented the council the Tax Levy and the impact it has had on the City, projections on the effects of future investments and paying off the debt of Fire and Police Pensions.

Mayor Parkinson stated past administrations borrowed money to make payments, not decrease the debt, adding that the city is still paying that debt and making payments. The projection is that on the current path, the city should be debt free in 2040.

Alderperson Hawkins stated the social media post about the sale of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and where the proceeds have gone has put the council in defense mode. He stated the city was out of options, and the Pension Fund was an inherited problem that has been addressed by the current council, adding we all should be proud of the work we have done.

Alderperson Hawkins advised that the Resolution to approve the proposed agreement with Sports Facilities Advisory, LLC that was tabled would now be voted on in the City Council Meeting. No questions or concerns were brought forward.

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Pierson 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 Hawkins, Alderperson Pierson, Alderperson Garcia and City Clerk Jenna DeYong were present  
Alderperson LeMaster was absent.

### **3. Township Board Minutes - Approval of the May 21, 2024 Township Board Meeting minutes**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve the Township Board Minutes from May 21, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

None

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

#### **A. Bill List - June 4, 2024**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Eavenson to approve the bills payable from the Town Fund in the amount of \$172,701.35.

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

Alderperson Hawkins advised there was an amendment to the bills payable from the General Assistance Fund changing the amount from \$19,998.20 to \$12,698.01.

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the bills payable from the General Assistance Fund in the amount of \$12,698.01.

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

### **6. Unfinished Business**

None

### **7. New Business**

None

### **8. Adjournment**

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Davis 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 Hawkins, Alderperson Pierson, Alderperson Garcia and City Clerk Jenna DeYong were present.  
Alderperson LeMaster was absent.

### **2. City Council Minutes - Approval of the City Council Meeting minutes from May 21, 2024**

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve the City Council Meeting minutes from May 21, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

#### **A. Parade request from the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois**

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Smith to approve the request for a parade by the Springfield Diocese in Illinois. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

None

### **5. Public Correspondence**

None

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

#### **A. Negotiations Committee: Greg Garcia, Chairperson**

No Report

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

Alderperson Davis advised that Music in the Park begins this week at 6:00 p.m. in Civic Park, adding that the cinema will be playing The Wizard of Oz on June 11, 2024.

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

No report

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

No Report

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

##### **i. Approval of the Public Works Committee Meeting minutes from May 21, 2024**

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve the Public Works Committee Meeting minutes from May 21, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

##### **ii. An Ordinance renewing one handicapped parking space for two years at 2233 Benton Street within the City of Granite City**

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by Alderperson Hawkins to approve an Ordinance renewing one handicapped parking space for two years at 2233 Benton Street within the City of Granite City.

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

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

**iii. Approval to purchase a 35 Ton Hydraulic Lowboy Trailer and Skid Steer Trailer**

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve the purchase of a 35 Ton Hydraulic Lowboy and Skid Steer Trailer not to exceed \$65,000.

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

**iv. A Resolution for RBI Funds Allocation for Land Acquisition Services Agreement for Maryville-Stratford-Emert Roundabout**

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by Alderperson Hawkins to approve a Resolution for RBI Funds Allocation for Land Acquisition Services Agreement for Maryville-Stratford-Emert Roundabout.

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

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

**i. Hiring of Probationary Police Patrol Officer Jadden Smith**

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve the hiring of Probationary Police Officer Jadden Smith.

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

**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 May 21, 2024**

Motion by Alderperson Pierson, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the Risk Management Committee Meeting minutes from May 21, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

**i. Approval of the Economic Development Committee Meeting minutes from May 21, 2024**

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve the Economic Development Committee Meeting minutes from May 21, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

**i. Approval of the Finance Committee Meeting minutes from May 21, 2024**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the Finance Committee Meeting minutes from May 21, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

**ii. A Resolution to approve a proposed agreement with Sports Facilities Advisory, LLC concerning the Route 3 TIF District**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve a Resolution to approve a proposed agreement with Sports Facilities Advisory, LLC concerning the Route 3 TIF District.

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

Alderperson LeMaster was absent.

**iii. A Resolution to authorize an agreement with Juneau Associates, Inc. P.C. to update the Comprehensive Infrastructure (Street) Planning Documents of the City of Granite City**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Eavenson to approve a Resolution to authorize an agreement with Juneau Associates, Inc. P.C. to update the Comprehensive Infrastructure (Street) Planning Documents of the City of Granite City.

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

Alderperson LeMaster was absent.

**iv. A Resolution to complete expenditures from the Violence Prevention Grant for the purchase of software for the Police Department and City Hall**

Alderperson Hawkins advised the grant has stipulations that it must be used by June 30, 2024, or the city loses the money.

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve a Resolution to complete expenditures from the Violence Prevention Grant for the purchase of software for the Police Department and City Hall.

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

Alderperson LeMaster was absent.

**v. Payroll**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve payroll from the period of 5/16/2024-5/31/2024 in the amount of \$660,808.35.

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

Alderperson LeMaster was absent.

**vi. Bill List**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve the bills payable in the amount of \$1,588,868.77.

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

Alderperson LeMaster was absent.

**7. Report of Officers**

No Report

**8. Unfinished Business**

None

## **9. New Business**

Aldersperson Eavenson said he had gotten many calls from residents that are complaining about the number of bicycles roaming the streets and alleyways after dark setting off RING Camera's. He asked the Mayor if the Police Department could address the problem.

Mayor Parkinson stated that complaints had been called in to the city as well and asked Capt. Bremer to speak with the Lieutenants about the issue.

## **10. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk