

**CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MARCH 20, 2024**

COMMITTEE MEETING

1. Police 5:45-6:00

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

Greg Garcia was absent.

Aldersperson Harrington called the meeting to order.

Aldersperson Harrington deferred to Assistant Chief Brooks.

Assistant Chief Brooks addressed the council regarding a bid for 23 new desktop computers and video cards for the Police Department. Brooks indicated funds would be used from the Violence Prevention Grant.

Motion by Aldersperson Smith, seconded by Aldersperson LeMaster to approve the bid. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

2. The District: 6:00-6:15

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

Greg Garcia was absent.

Aldersperson Davis called the meeting to order.

Aldersperson Davis advised that, per the Agreement with Great Rivers & Routes, the \$425,000 Grant for the Neon Sign Park would be reimbursed to the city once bills are paid and submitted to them. Mayor Parkinson stated he was assured there would be a 7-day turn around for payment, adding the work must be completed by June 30, 2024.

Motion by Aldersperson Davis, seconded by Aldersperson Smith to approve the Sub Grantee Agreement with Great Rivers & Routes. All voted yes, motion carried.

Mayor Parkinson stated there is an upcoming Comedy Show highlighting local Comedians on April 19th and a Rock Show with cover band Chained Lightning on June 15th scheduled at The Mill.

Aldersperson Davis stated there was a screen down at the Cinema and should be back up and working by Friday.

Director of Arts and Entertainment Brenda Whitaker advised that she is working with City Clerk Jenna DeYong regarding the AC units for the Cinema, adding there is quite a bit of lead time and estimates the units should be replaced by the end of summer.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

3. Economic Development: 6:15-6:25

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

Aldersperson Eavenson called the meeting to order.

Aldersperson Eavenson deferred to Economic Development Director Cathy Hamilton.

Hamilton updated the council regarding ongoing Economic Development projects on Route 3, a Redevelopment Agreement with Heepke Farms, Continuation of the existing Konzen Court Redevelopment Agreement, Closing out TIF (Prairie Farms) and continuing the development of adjacent properties to the old Kmart property.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

4. Finance: 6:25-6:50

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

Aldersperson Hawkins called the meeting to order.

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson Pierson to approve and place on file the 2023 MFT Maintenance Expenditure Statement. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson Pierson to approve the 2023 MFT Maintenance Expenditure Statement Reimbursements to MFT Account.

Presentation by Economic Development Director Cathy Hamilton on FY24-25 Budget, outlining the importance of Budget/Budget Goals, Budget/Fund Restructuring, Finance Approval milestones and a General Fund Overview.

Aldersperson Hawkins thanked Cathy Hamilton and Jessie Curran as well as the Finance Department on all their hard work, adding he is proud of the transparency and overhauling of the finance department. He stated the council should be proud for their part and when out talking to citizens they need to let the public know it is more than just fixing roads, flooding, etc., it is about fixing the cities finances as well.

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

3. Township Board Minutes - Approval of the March 5, 2024 Township Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Alderperson Davis, seconded by Alderperson Smith to approve the Township Board Meeting Minutes from March 5, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

4. Presentation of Communications

A. Notice of Annual Town Meeting

City Clerk Jenna DeYong read the notice of the Annual Town Meeting.

5. Finance Committee: Jim Hawkins, Chairperson

A. Bill List - March 20, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the bills payable from the Town Fund in the amount of \$54,871.49.

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

B. Annual Report

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve and place on file the Annual Report. All voted yes, motion carried.

6. Unfinished Business

None

7. New Business

None

8. Adjournment

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

2. City Council Minutes - Approval of the March 5, 2024, City Council Meeting Minutes

Motion by Alderperson Pierson, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes from March 5, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

3. Presentation of Communications

A. Mexican Honorary Commission

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the request from the Mexican Honorary Club from May 10th through 12th 2024 for their Crawfish Boil. All voted yes, motion carried.

B. Annual Kids & Cops 5K Doughnut Run

Motion by Alderperson Pierson, seconded by Alderperson Smith to approve the Annual Kids & Cops 5K Doughnut Run on April 27, 2024. All voted yes, motion approved.

C. Request for Road Closure at 2811 Benton

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Smith to approve the road closure at 2811 Benton on April 31, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

4. Mayor's Remarks

Mayor Parkinson awarded Certificates of Achievements to Rocco Davis and Mark Becker for Golden Glove Championships and Colton Stearns for a Wrestling Championship.

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 February 20, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Davis, seconded by Alderperson Smith to approve The District Committee meeting Minutes from February 20, 2024, and March 5, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

ii. Approval of The District Committee Meeting Minutes from March 5, 2024

iii. Sub Grantee Agreement with Great Rivers & Routes

Motion by Alderperson Davis, seconded by Alderperson Eavenson to approve the Sub Grantee Agreement with Great Rivers & Routes.

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

C. Planning & Zoning Committee: Dan McDowell, Chairperson

i. Approval of the combined Planning & Zoning/Public Works Committee Meeting minutes from February 20, 2024

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Eavenson to approve the combined Planning & Zoning/Public Works Committee meeting minutes from February 20, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

ii. Building & Zoning Monthly Report for February 2024

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

iii. Plan Commission Agenda

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Davis to place on file the Plan Commission Agenda. All voted yes, motion carried.

iv. A Resolution providing for the demolition or repair of a dangerous and unsafe building at 3040 Dale Avenue

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Eavenson to invoke the Omnibus Rule for items iv and v. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve Resolutions for the demolition or repair of dangerous and unsafe buildings at 3040 Dale Ave and 2258 Grand Ave.

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

Alderperson Garcia was absent.

v. A Resolution providing for the demolition or repair of a dangerous and unsafe building at 2258 Grand Avenue

D. Legal & Legislative Committee: Jason Smith, Chairperson

i. Approval of the Legal & Legislative Committee Meeting minutes from March 5, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve the Legal & Legislative Committee Meeting minutes from March 5, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

E. Public Works Committee: Bob Pickerell, Chairperson

i. Approval of the Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes from March 5, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve the Public Works Committee meeting minutes from March 5, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

ii. An Ordinance to establish a Handicap Parking Space at 2914 E. 24th St.

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve an Ordinance to establish a Handicap Parking Space at 2914 E. 24th St.

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

Alderperson Garcia was absent.

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

Alderperson Garcia was absent.

F. Police Committee: Jerry Harrington, Chairperson

i. Approval of the Police Committee Meeting minutes from March 5, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve the Police Committee Meeting minutes from March 5, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

ii. February 2024 STATS

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve and place on file the February 2024 STATS. All voted yes, motion carried.

iii. Review and approval of bid for 23 new desktop computers and video cards for Police Department upgrades (Violence Prevention Grant expense)

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Hawkins to approve the purchase of 23 new desktop computers and video cards through the Violence Prevention Grant.

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

G. Fire Committee: Randy LeMaster, Chairperson

None

H. Wastewater Treatment Committee: Greg Garcia, Chairperson

None

I. Risk Management Committee: Kim Pierson, Chairperson

None

J. Economic Development Committee: Brad Eavenson, Chairperson

Alderperson Eavenson requested the Clerk schedule an Economic Development Committee Meeting for the April 2, 2024, meeting date.

K. Finance Committee: Jim Hawkins, Chairperson

i. Approval of the Finance Committee Meeting minutes from February 20, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve the Finance Committee meeting from February 20, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

ii. An Ordinance concerning the compensation of the City Clerk for the term beginning on or about May 1, 2025

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve an Ordinance concerning the compensation of the City Clerk for the term beginning on or about May 1, 2025.

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

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

iii. 2023 MFT Maintenance Expenditure Statement

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve the 2023 MFT Maintenance Expenditure Statement.

ROLL CALL: Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Davis, Alderperson

Eavenson, Alderperson Smith, Alderperson Harrington, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Hawkins and Alderperson Pierson. All voted yes, motion carried.
Alderperson Garcia was absent.

iv. 2023 MFT Maintenance Expenditure Statement Reimbursement to MFT Account

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the 2023 MFT Maintenance Expenditure Statement Reimbursement to MFT Account.

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

v. Payroll

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve payroll from the period of March 1-15, 2024 in the amount of \$909,854.63.

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

vi. Supplemental Bill List

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve the bills payable from the supplemental bill list in the amount of \$4393.24

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

vii. Treasurer's Report

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

7. Report of Officers

None

8. Unfinished Business

None

9. New Business

None

10. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk