

**CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2024**

COMMITTEE MEETING

1. Legal & Legislative: 6:15-6:30

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

Jim Hawkins was absent.

Aldersperson Smith called the meeting to order.

Aldersperson Smith introduced States Attorney Tom Haine to address the council regarding the Unauthorized Camping Ordinance.

Tom Haine provided the council with his opinion on the Ordinance coming forth for approval. He stated municipalities across the county were being encouraged to pass the Ordinance providing for the same position and legal footing to protect them from lawsuits. Haine advised the Ordinance bans encampments while allowing for humane treatment of individuals.

Chief Novacich advised that Alton passed the Ordinance and drafted a list of resources for officers to hand out when they encounter the problems, trying to improve the quality of life for the residents while giving the homeless population a helping hand.

Haine discussed the details of a warning ticket, the legalities of due process and protection of personal property rights.

Aldersperson Smith questioned if a subject moved locations within the same day would that be considered the same incident.

Mayor Parkinson stated it would be a separate incident.

Haine stated fines can graduate per offense.

Aldersperson LeMaster questioned how long has the Ordinance been in effect in Alton, adding if it has been effective.

Haine stated the Ordinance has been in effect since January and Alton has seen improvement in the community.

Aldersperson Davis questioned if the Ordinance would given the Park District.

City Clerk DeYong advised that as a Park the answer is yes, adding the Park closes at 10 p.m. and it becomes a trespassing issue to be handled by the Police.

Aldersperson Eavenson stated he assumes it would be the same for School District Property as well.

Haine stated all public property.

Mayor Parkinson questioned Chief Novacich would put the policy in effect and provide the officers with materials if voted in.

Novacich stated they are currently working on a list of resources.

Mayor Parkinson questioned if the Chief would prefer the council wait to pass the Ordinance, Chief

Novacich stated he would like to see it passed immediately while they continue to work on resourses.

Haine stated Alton passed the Ordinance and built on it, adding the Ordinance clarifies how to deal with protecting property rights and protecting the city for liability.

Motion by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve the Ordinance prohibiting camping on public property within the City of Granite City. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

2. Public Works: 6:30-6:35

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

Jim Hawkins was absent.

Alderperson Pickerell called the meeting to order.

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by Alderperson Smith to establish a handicap parking space at 2914 E 34th St. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

3. The District: 6:35-6:40

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

Jim Hawkins was absent.

Alderperson Davis called the meeting to order.

Alderperson Davis advised there was a request by the Chamber of Commerce to use The Mill Event Center for their Annual Business & Industry Appreciation evening.

Mayor Parkinson stated The Mill was built for events like this, adding it is a Civic Event honoring local businesses not a rental event.

Alderperson Davis stated if it was held during the day there would be no charge, adding she did not see a problem with the request.

Aldersperson Eavenson questioned if Bar Service would be provided, Mayor Parkinson indicated it would and the city would receive revenue.

Motion by Aldersperson Davis, seconded by Aldersperson Eavenson to approve the request by the Chamber of Commerce to use The Mill Event Center on May 2, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

Aldersperson LeMaster commented that the recent concert held at The Mill was a great night and The District was flourishing.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

4. Police: 6:40-6:50

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

Jim Hawkins was absent.

Aldersperson Harrington called the meeting to order.

Aldersperson Harrington deferred to Chief Novacich.

Chief Novacich advised the need for 13 laptops and docking stations to be purchased for squad cars to bring the cars up to speed for the in-car cameras and enabling computers to be swapped out if the need occurs. He stated the money has already been allocated under the Violence Prevention Act.

Aldersperson Pickerell questioned if 13 would be enough.

Chief Novacich indicated all marked units would have them installed.

Motion by Aldersperson LeMaster, seconded by Aldersperson Davis to approve a Resolution to purchase 13-CDW-G Docking Stations and Computers for Police Vehicles. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

3. Township Board Minutes - Approval of the Township Board meeting minutes from February 20, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve the Township Board Meeting minutes from February 20, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

4. Presentation of Communications

None

5. Finance Committee: Jim Hawkins, Chairperson

A. Bill List - March 5, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve the bills payable from the Town Fund in the amount of \$44,427.60.

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

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve the bills payable from the General Assistance 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 Pierson and Alderperson Garcia. All voted yes, motion carried.
Alderperson Hawkins was absent.

6. Unfinished Business

None

7. New Business

None

8. Adjournment

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

2. City Council Minutes - Approval of the City Council Meeting minutes from February 20, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve the City Council Meeting minutes from February 20, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

3. Presentation of Communications

None

4. Mayor's Remarks

Mayor Parkinson advised the council of the upcoming temporary truck route on Cleveland Blvd to 20th Street and Adams Street for Prairie Farms Dairy while their in-ground diesel tanks are being removed, adding he will have it posted to the City website.

Mayor Parkinson introduced Madison County Sheriff Jeff Conner. Conner presented Granite City Police Chief Nick Novacich with a plaque acknowledging his time in the Major Case Squad as a Department Commander. Conner stated Chief Novacich has a total of 23 years in Law Enforcement, where he spent 12 years in the Major Case Squad, adding Chief Novacich resigned his position of Department Commander when he was promoted to Chief and now serves as a member of the Board of Directors.

5. Public Correspondence

None

6. Report of Standing Committees:

A. Negotiations Committee: Jason Smith, Chairperson

None

B. The District Committee: Mary Davis, Chairperson

i. A Resolution to approve Lease of 1416 20th Street Property

Motion by Alderperson Davis, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve a Resolution approving the lease at 1416 20th Street. All voted yes, motion carried.

ii. Request for use of The Mill Event Center

Motion by Alderperson Davis, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve the request of The Mill Event center by the South Western Madison County Chamber of Commerce on May 2, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

C. Planning & Zoning Committee: Dan McDowell, Chairperson

i. A Resolution providing for the demolition or repair of a dangerous and unsafe building at 2042 13th Street

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve a Resolution providing for the demolition or repair of a dangerous and unsafe building at 2042 13th Street.

ROLL CALL: Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Davis, Alderperson Eavenson, Alderperson Smith, Alderperson Harrington, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Pierson

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

D. Legal & Legislative Committee: Jason Smith, Chairperson

i. An Ordinance prohibiting Unauthorized Camping on Public Property within the City of Granite City

Motion by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve an Ordinance prohibiting unauthorized camping on public property within the City of Granite City.

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

Alderperson Hawkins was absent.

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

Alderperson Hawkins was absent.

E. Public Works Committee: Bob Pickerell, Chairperson

i. An Ordinance to place a "Slow-Children at Play" sign at 2915 Indiana Avenue

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve an Ordinance to place a Slow-Children at Play sign at 2915 Indiana Avenue.

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

Alderperson Hawkins was absent.

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Alderperson Hawkins was absent.

F. Police Committee: Jerry Harrington, Chairperson

i. A Resolution to purchase 13 CDW-G Docking Stations and Computers for Police Vehicles

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve a Resolution to purchase 13 CDW-G Docking Stations and Computers for the police vehicles.

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

Alderperson Hawkins 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

None

K. Finance Committee: Jim Hawkins, Chairperson

i. An Ordinance Concerning the Compensation of the City Clerk for the term beginning on or about May 1, 2025

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to table the Ordinance. All voted yes, motion carried.

Alderperson Eavenson in the absence of Chairperson Hawkins directed Attorney Konzen to meet with City Clerk DeYong and work out the verbiage to reflect stipends for the different levels of certifications as discussed in the prior meeting.

Mayor Parkinson suggested a tiered salary scale based on qualifications.

ii. Payroll

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve payroll for the period of 2/16/24-2/29/24 in the amount of \$792,060.72.

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

Alderperson Hawkins was absent.

iii. Bill List

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve the bills payable in the amount of \$3,140,084.75.

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

Alderperson Hawkins was absent.

7. Report of Officers

None

8. Unfinished Business

None

9. New Business

None

10. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk