

**CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 19, 2024**

**COMMITTEE MEETING**

**1. Public Works: 5:50-5:55**

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, Jason Smith, Randy LeMaster and Mary Davis were present.

Aldersperson Pickerell called the meeting to order.

Motion by Aldersperson Smith, seconded by Aldersperson Eavenson to establish a handicap parking space at 2933 Dale Avenue for four years. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

**2. Police: 5:55-6:05**

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

Aldersperson Harrington called the meeting to order.

Aldersperson Harrington deferred to Assistant Police Chief Gary Brooks.

Assistant Chief Brooks advised the Council of the need to hire three probationary officers to replace two officers who had not completed their probationary period and moved on, and a third officer with the departure of Chief Novacich.

Aldersperson Eavenson questioned if the pool of candidates had grown.

Brooks indicated the last list had one candidate and the current list has eleven.

Aldersperson Hawkins asked if that attributed to the social media advertisements.

Brooks stated yes, multiple applicants advised they had seen the advertisements.

Motion by Aldersperson Harrington, seconded by Aldersperson Smith to approve the hiring of three probationary officers. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

### **3. Finance: 6:05-6:20**

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, Jason Smith, Randy LeMaster and Mary Davis were present.

Alderperson Hawkins called the meeting to order.

Alderperson Hawkins deferred to Greg Koberna.

Koberna advised that Animal Control needed a second vehicle, due to the number of calls, and it would be one of the vehicles requested under Public Works using ARPA Funds.

Alderperson Hawkins stated for items B through G he wanted to make sure it was understood that a vote to appropriate ARPA Funds was necessary to ensure the city did not lose the money,

Alderperson LeMaster inquired what the estimated amount of ARPA funds were left.

Mayor Parkinson stated the expenditures would close out the ARPA funds, adding they were essentials that would need to be replaced in the coming years and using the remainder of the ARPA funds for the purchase would save taxpayer dollars in the future.

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve a Resolution to authorize the purchase of six motor vehicles for the Police Department using funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve a Resolution to authorize the purchase of motor vehicles for the Public Works and Building & Zoning Departments using funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve a Resolution to authorize the purchase of Three Command Vehicles for the Fire Department using funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. All vote yes, motion carried.

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve a Resolution to authorize the demolition of fifteen structures using funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve a Resolution to authorize the funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to repair a wall at 1411 19th Street. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve a Resolution to authorize the purchase of a large format printer for the Building & Zoning Department using funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. All voted yes, motion carried.

Alderperson Hawkins stated he would be tabling two Ordinances in the Council Meeting regarding the contract with PFUND Construction and the Tax Levy to acquire additional information to be attached with the next Agenda to continue with transparency for the public.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

#### **4. Risk Management: 6:20-6:50**

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

Alderperson Pierson called the meeting to order.

Alderperson Pierson deferred to Risk Management Director Craig Knight.

Director Knight advised the council the city would be renewing the ICRMT Property and Liability Insurance for 2025 with a 7.4% increase in cost and renewing the IBPC Healthcare Insurance for 2025 with a 4.2% increase.

Motion by Alderperson Pierson, seconded by Alderperson Smith to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation. All voted yes, motion carried.

BEGIN CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Alderperson Pierson, seconded by Alderperson Smith to come out of Closed Session. All voted yes, motion carried.

END OF CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Alderperson Pierson, seconded by Alderperson Hawkins to accept the terms as suggested by the attorney in closed session. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

## **TOWNSHIP MEETING**

Mayor Parkinson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation was led by Reverend Giles.

### **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 November 6, 2024**

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve the Township Board Minutes from November 6, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

None

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

#### **A. Bill List - November 19, 2024**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve the bills payable from the Town Fund in the amount of \$47,154.12.

**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 Pierson to approve the bills payable from the General Assistance Fund in the amount of \$14,084.06.

**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 LeMaster, seconded by Alderperson Eavenson 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 November 6, 2024**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the City Council Meeting minutes from November 6, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

None

### **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**

##### **i. Approval of The District Committee Meeting minutes from November 6, 2024**

Motion by Alderperson Davis, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve The District Committee Meeting minutes from November 6, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

##### **i. Approval of the combined Planning & Zoning/Public Works Committee Meeting minutes from November 6, 2024**

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Eavenson to approve the combined Planning & Zoning/Public Works Committee Meeting minutes from November 6, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

##### **ii. Approval of the Graphic Review Board Meeting minutes from November 7, 2024**

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve the Graphic Review Board Meeting minutes from November 7, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to concur with the board and approve the petition from Central Christian Church at 2020 Johnson Road for a sign variance. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

Alderperson Smith advised the Council of the upcoming meeting on November 25, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. to continue revising the Liquor Licenses.

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

##### **i. An Ordinance establishing one handicapped parking space for four years at 2528 Sheridan Ave, within the City of Granite City**

The petitioner for the handicap parking space at 2528 Sheridan Ave called and canceled her request

for a sign to be placed in front of her home.

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

**i. October 2024 Chief STATS**

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

**ii. Request to hire three Probationary Police Patrol Officers**

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Hawkins to approve the hiring of three Probationary Patrol Officers. All voted yes, motion carried.

Mayor Parkinson stated he was happy that the Council continued to hire Fire and Police Officers with no cuts to ensure the safety of the citizens and community.

**G. Fire Committee: Randy LeMaster, Chairperson**

**i. Granite City Fire Department EMS Report for October 2024**

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

**H. Risk Management Committee: Kim Pierson, Chairperson**

**i. Renewal of ICRMT Property/Liability Insurance for 2025**

Pushed to the December 3, 2024 meeting.

**ii. Renewal of IPBC Healthcare Insurance 2025**

Pushed to the December 3, 2024 meeting.

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

**i. Approval of the Economic Development Committee Meeting minutes from November 6, 2024**

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve the Economic Development Committee Meeting minutes from November 6, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

**i. Approval of the Finance Committee Meeting minutes from November 6, 2024**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the Finance Committee Meeting minutes from November 6, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

**ii. A Resolution to authorize the purchase of six motor vehicles for the Police Department using funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve a Resolution to authorize the purchase of six motor vehicles for the Police Department using funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

**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.

Alderperson Hawkins stated he wanted the public to note that when they see ARPA funds being used they understand that the funds have to be used by December 31, 2024, or the city loses them. Mayor Parkinson added that the things that are being bought with ARPA are items that would need to be replaced within the next few years and using ARPA would save the citizens tax dollars from being used.

**iii. A Resolution to authorize the purchase of motor vehicles for the Public Works and Building & Zoning Departments using funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve a Resolution to authorize the purchase of motor vehicles for the Public Works and Building & Zoning Departments using funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

**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.

**iv. A Resolution to authorize the purchase of three Command Vehicles for the Fire Department using funds from the American Rescue Act of 2021**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve a Resolution to authorize the purchase of three Command Vehicles for the Fire Department using funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

**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 the demolition of fifteen structures using funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve a Resolution to authorize the demolition of fifteen structures using funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

**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. A Resolution to authorize the use of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act to repair a wall at 1411 19th Street**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve a Resolution to authorize the use of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to repair a wall at 1411 19th Street.

**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. A Resolution to authorize the purchase of a large format printer for the Building & Zoning Department using funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve a Resolution to authorize the purchase of a large format printer for the Building & Zoning Department using funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

**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.

**viii. An Ordinance to authorize a Design-Build Contract with PFUND Construction Company, Inc. using funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021**

Alderperson Hawkins stated the Ordinance would be tabled and brought back at the December 3, 2024, meeting with additional information for public transparency.

**ix. An Ordinance making a Tax Levy for the City of Granite City, Madison County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Beginning May 1, 2024, and Ending April 30, 2024**

Aldersperson Hawkins stated the Ordinance would be brought back at the December 3, 2024, meeting date with additional information for public transparency.

**x. Payroll**

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson Garcia to approve payroll from the period of 11/1/2024-11/15/2024 in the amount of \$682,558.07.

**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.

**xi. Treasurer's Report**

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

**xii. Supplemental Bill List**

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson Harrington to approve the Supplemental Bill list to be paid to Unsell Phillips in the amount of 14,017.10.

**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.

**7. Report of Officers**

No Report

**8. Unfinished Business**

None

**9. New Business**

None

**10. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk