

**CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
OCTOBER 1, 2024**

COMMITTEE MEETING

1. Economic Development: 5:45-6:00

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

Randy LeMaster and Jim Hawkins were absent.

Alderson Eavenson called the meeting to order.

Alderson Eavenson advised the Council that the Resolution to establish a Public Hearing had been discussed, and it was the consensus of the council and the Mayor that it was not in the best interest of the city or residents. It was his recommendation to table indefinitely. No further discussion was had.

Motion by Alderson Eavenson, seconded by Alderson Harrington to table indefinitely the Resolution establishing a Time and Place for a Public Hearing to consider the Redevelopment Plan Project for the 2024 Amendment to America's Central Port Redevelopment Project Area. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Alderson McDowell, seconded by Alderson Davis to approve a Resolution to approve an Agreement to purchase Real Estate commonly known as 1304,1308,1324, 1326-1326A and 1340 Niedringhaus Ave, 2011 State St, 1304, 1308, 1311, 1316 and 1320 19th St, a 1.35 acre parcel off 24th St and 1.31 acre parcel without dedicated right-of-way adjacent to 2399 Adams St.

Alderson Eavenson added the properties would be purchased for \$525,000 with grant funding.

All voted yes, motion carried.

Alderson Eavenson stated the property at 2100 Lincoln had a structure torn down by the city following a fire and would be purchased by the city for \$1500.

Motion by Alderson McDowell, seconded by Alderson Davis to approve the Resolution authorizing the purchase of the property commonly known as 2100 Lincoln. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Alderson Eavenson, seconded by Alderson Harrington to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes, meeting adjourned.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

2. Finance: 6:00-6:15

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

Randy LeMaster and Jim Hawkins were absent.

Alderperson Eavenson called the meeting to order.

In the absence of Chairperson Hawkins, Alderperson Eavenson called the meeting to order.

Alderperson Eavenson deferred to City Engineer, Joe Juneau.

Juneau recommended awarding Christ Bros Asphalt, Inc. the base bid of \$274,894.05, for the MFT Edgewood Avenue resurfacing Program.

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to award the bid to Christ Bros Asphalt, Inc. All voted yes, motion carried.

Alderperson Eavenson deferred to Juneau to advise the council on the bids for the Worthern Park Splash Pad Improvement Bids.

Juneau indicated there were two bids; Gelly Excavating & Construction's base bid+Alternate was \$5,104,174.00 and Keller Construction was \$5,522,140.00. He stated both companies were over the anticipated project budget. It was his recommendation to hold the bids until additional funds are secured and awarded to Gelly Excavating & Construction for the amount of \$5,104,174.00.

Alderperson Eavenson stated that with the bids coming in so high, the discussion of intergovernmental work needs to be started. He suggested Mayor Parkinson, Justin Brinkmeyer (Granite City Park Districts Director of Parks & Recreation) and the Granite City School District Superintendent Don Harris have a meeting to discuss changes in the city to build on the youth sports programs, keeping them in Granite City. He mentioned there is a Park District Tournament being held in Granite City this weekend and having the use of the turf fields would showcase the city as a whole.

Mayor Parkinson agreed and stated the project would be done, and wanted it brought back in four weeks.

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson McDowell, to table the bid and bring it back at the November 6, 2024, meeting. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

3. Planning & Zoning: 6:15-6:20

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

Randy LeMaster and Jim Hawkins were absent.

Alderperson McDowell called the meeting to order.

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Smith to approve a curb cut at 1741 Olive Street. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

4. Legal & Legislative: 6:20-6:50

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

Randy LeMaster and Jim Hawkins were absent.

Alderperson Smith called the meeting to order.

Alderperson Smith opened the floor for discussion regarding the recent approval of the 4:00 a.m. Liquor License, he indicated the Ordinance was from 1983 and there were only possibly four other bars in the city that were eligible for the license if they applied.

Alderpersons Pickerell, Davis, McDowell, Garcia and Harrington expressed that they felt the bar being open until 4:00 a.m. was too late and not in the best interest of the community.

Alderperson Eavenson stated that the bar owner was within his right to have the license as he paid \$1500.00, adding that he was in favor of the Ordinance being revised.

Alderperson Pierson stated she felt the 4:00 a.m. closing time was too close to the beginning of the work day and possible work traffic.

Alderperson Smith suggested that a moratorium be set to permit the issuance of any further 4:00 a.m. licenses until the Liquor License can be revised, adding that there are currently 57 Ordinances that refer to the issuance of a Liquor License.

Alderperson Davis questioned what would happen to the current establishment that holds the license.

Mayor Parkinson explained his license expires April 30, 2025, and the establishment is being closely monitored for problems.

Alderperson Davis questioned if the price of a 4:00 a.m. license could be changed when revised and if the current establishment would be grandfathered in.

Mayor Parkinson stated it could, but the legality of the moratorium and revisions would have to be looked at with the guidance of legal counsel.

Motion by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson Pickerell to impose a moratorium of 4:00 a.m. Liquor License. All voted yes, motion carried.

Alderperson Smith advised that with the current discussion about the Liquor License there is a need for the Committee to come together and work on a revision. He stated the goal is to create one complete Ordinance and repeal all the others to come current with the times and what is best for the community.

Mayor Parkinson stated the website would archive the old ordinances and have the current ones available, helping to direct citizens.

Alderson Smith stated he would like to schedule a meeting for October 21, 2024, Alderson McDowell suggested doing bi-weekly meetings to tackle the outdated ordinances.

Alderson McDowell stated there is a lot of illegal dumping going on in the city, making it harder on inspectors. He would like to see the consequences for doing so more severe.

Mayor Parkinson stated the city is at the max amount for fines adding that catching the perpetrators is difficult because they often dump overnight. He added it is ultimately the responsibility of the owner to maintain their property and the city does all they can to help out when contacted about illegal dumping, including going through trash to try and find an address for the person dumping.

Alderson Pickerell stated he thinks the rental houses and landlords not paying their trash bills are a big part of the problem.

Mayor Parkinson stated that landlords are cited for trash services.

Alderson McDowell asked that the inspectors check out 2805 Oregon, he stated there were over 8 bags of trash stacked up.

Motion by Alderson Smith, seconded by Alderson Davis 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 Daniel Klueskins.

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 Pierson, Alderperson Garcia and City Clerk Jenna DeYong were present.

Alderperson LeMaster and Alderperson Hawkins were absent.

3. Township Board Minutes - Approval of the Township Board Meeting minutes from September 17, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Pierson, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the Township Board Meeting minutes from September 17, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

4. Presentation of Communications

None

5. Finance Committee: Jim Hawkins, Chairperson

A. Bill List - October 1, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve the bills payable from the Town Fund in the amount of \$35,120.89.

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 Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson Smith to approve the bills payable from the General Assistance Fund in the amount of \$13,502.78.

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 Harrington 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 Pierson, Alderperson Garcia and City Clerk Jenna DeYong were present.

Alderperson LeMaster and Alderperson Hawkins were absent.

2. City Council Minutes - Approval of the City Council Meeting minutes from September 17, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson Eavenson to approve the City Council Meeting minutes from September 17, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

3. Presentation of Communications

None

4. Mayor's Remarks

A. Appointment of Chris Mitchell to the Tree Advisory Board

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve the appointment of Chris Mitchell to the Tree Advisory Board. All voted yes, motion carried.

5. Public Correspondence

Caleb Agles requested to address the council asking for his Solicitors Permit (Charter) to be extended.

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Davis to extend the permit for an additional 90 days. All voted yes, motion carried.

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 September 17, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Davis, seconded by Alderperson Smith to approve The District Committee Meeting minutes from September 17, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

Alderperson Davis advised the Council of the upcoming October events in The District:

Saturday, October 5, 2024, is the last Melting Pot Market of the year and the Great inflatable Race will be held. The Cinema will be playing "Abbott and Costello meet Frankenstein" at the 11:30 am matinee.

On Sunday, October 6th and Saturday, October 12, 2024, "The Adams Family" will be showing at the 11:30 a.m. matinee.

On October 12, 2024, the Glow Parade will start at 6:00 p.m. ending, at Civic Park with food and live music.

C. Planning & Zoning Committee: Dan McDowell, Chairperson

i. Approval of the combined Planning & Zoning/Public Works Committee Meeting minutes from September 17, 2024

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Smith to approve the combined

Planning & Zoning/Public Works Committee Meeting minutes from September 17, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

ii. Curb Cut 1741 Olive Street

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve a curb cutting at 1741 Olive Street. All voted yes, motion carried.

iii. A Resolution to authorize the demolition of fifteen structures using funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Eavenson 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 Pierson and Alderperson Garcia. All voted yes, motion carried.

Alderperson LeMaster and Alderperson Hawkins were absent.

D. Legal & Legislative Committee: Jason Smith, Chairperson

i. Discussion and Possible Action: Liquor License Ordinance

Motion by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to place a moratorium on the 4:00 a.m. closing time for Liquor Licenses. All voted yes, motion carried.

E. Public Works Committee: Bob Pickerell, Chairperson

No report

F. Police Committee: Jerry Harrington, Chairperson

i. Approval of the Police Committee Meeting minutes from September 17, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve the Police Committee Meeting minutes from September 17, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

G. Fire Committee: Randy LeMaster, Chairperson

No report

H. Risk Management Committee: Kim Pierson, Chairperson

No report

I. Economic Development Committee: Brad Eavenson, Chairperson

i. Approval of the Economic Development Committee Meeting from September 17, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve the Economic Development Meeting minutes from September 17, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

ii. A Resolution establishing a Time and Place for a Public Hearing to consider the Redevelopment Plan and Project for the 2024 Amendment to America's Central Port Redevelopment Project Area

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

iii. A Resolution to approve an Agreement to purchase Real Estate commonly known as 1304, 1308, 1324, 1326-1326A and 1340 Niedringhaus Ave, 2011 State St, 1304, 1308,1311, 1316, and 1320 19th St, a 1.35 acre parcel off 24th St and a 1.31 acre parcel without dedicated right-of-way adjacent to 2399 Adams St.

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve a Resolution approving an agreement to purchase real estate commonly known as 1304,1308,1324,1326-1326A, and 1340 Niedringhaus Ave, 2011 State St, 1304, 1308,1311,1316 and 1320 19th St, a 1.35 acre

parcel off 24th Stand a 1.31 acre parcel without dedicated right-of-way adjacent to 2399 Adams St.
All voted yes, motion carried.

iv. A Resolution authorizing the purchase of the property commonly known as 2100 Lincoln Avenue from the office of the Madison County Trustee

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve a Resolution authorizing the purchase of the property commonly known as 2100 Lincoln Avenue from the office of the Madison County Trustee. All voted yes, motion carried.

J. Finance Committee: Jim Hawkins, Chairperson

i. Approval of the Finance Committee Meeting minutes from September 17, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve the Finance Committee Meeting minutes from September 17, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

ii. A Resolution to repair Fire Stations One, Two and Three, using funds from the American Rescue Act Plan of 2021

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve a Resolution to repair Fire Stations One, Two, and Three using funds from the American Rescue Act Plan of 2021.

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

Alderperson LeMaster and Alderperson Hawkins were absent.

iii. An Ordinance to create an Operational Reserve Fund known as Fund 10

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to amend and approve an Ordinance to create an Operational Reserve Fund known as Fund 10 with Amended language to read:

Existing Language:

1. There is hereby created a Fund 10, an operational reserve fund, in the budget of the City of Granite City, in the amount of 15.65 million dollars, consisting approximately six months' expenditures.

Revised To:

1. There is hereby created a Fund 10, an operational reserve fund, in the budget of the City of Granite City, in the amount of \$15.65 million dollars, constituting approximately six month's revenues and shall not be amended except by a two-thirds vote of the corporate authorities then holding office.

Existing Language:

2. Budget Ordinance No10228 is hereby amended to conform to this Ordinance. This budget amendment shall not be amended except by a two-thirds vote of the corporate authorities then holding office.

Revised To:

2. Budget Ordinance No10228 is hereby amended to conform to this Ordinance. This budget amendment shall allow for the immediate investment of all operational reserve funds in accordance with State Statue and City Ordinance.

All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve an Ordinance to create an Operational Reserve Fund known as Fund 10.

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

Alderperson LeMaster and Alderperson Hawkins were absent.

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

Alderperson LeMaster and Alderperson Hawkins were absent.

iv. An Ordinance to amend Budget Ordinance No. 10228 to authorize a \$1,000,000.00 transfer from Fund 70 to the Capital Development Fund also known as Fund 55 and to restrict the use of those transferred funds.

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve an Ordinance to amend Budget Ordinance No.10228 to authorize a \$1,000,000.00 transfer from Fund 70 to the Capital Development Fund, also known as Fund 55, and to restrict the use of those transferred funds.

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.

v. Awarding of the MFT Edgewood Avenue Resurfacing Program Bid

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson Davis to award the bid for the MFT Edgewood Avenue Resurfacing Program to Christ Brothers Asphalt, Inc. in the amount of \$274,894.05.

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

Alderperson LeMaster and Alderperson Hawkins were absent.

vi. Worthern Park Splash Pad Improvement Project Bids

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson Smith to table the Worthern Park Splash Pad Improvement Project to be brought back at the November 6, 2024, meeting. All voted yes, motion carried.

vii. Payroll

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve Payroll from the period of 9/16/2024-9/30/2024 in the amount of \$711,166.68.

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

Alderperson LeMaster and Alderperson Hawkins were absent.

viii. Bill List

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to pay the bills payable in the amount of \$33,155,550.77.

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

Alderperson LeMaster and Alderperson Hawkins were absent.

Aldersperson Eavenson reminded the council that the bill list includes the mandated pension payment of \$30,000,000.

7. Report of Officers

No report

8. Unfinished Business

None

9. New Business

None

10. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk