

**CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
OCTOBER 15, 2024**

COMMITTEE MEETING

1. Fire: 5:50-6:00

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

Aldersperson LeMaster called the meeting to order.

Mayor Parkinson advised there was a request from the Fire Department to get bids to replace 3 Command Vehicles that have reached their life cycle. He added there would be no vote on expenditures at this time. Aldersperson Eavenson questioned if a state bid was received would the city need to post for additional bids. Mayor Parkinson stated if a local dealer matched the state bid, the city may consider using them.

Motion by Aldersperson LeMaster, seconded by Aldersperson Harrington to post a bid for the replacement of three command vehicles. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

2. Planning & Zoning: 6:00-6:15

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

Aldersperson McDowell called the meeting to order.

Aldersperson McDowell opened the floor for discussion to re-consider the Special Use Permit on Madison Avenue. He indicated he was a NO, adding the area is not zoned for a tavern.

Mayor Parkinson stated this was an investment in the city. The building had been bought by the petitioner with hopes of opening up a Wine Bar similar to what Tinsel Town was. He added he felt an establishment of that nature would be successful in that location, noting there was another restaurant in the area. He stated he believed it would not be a late night bar atmosphere and the petitioner had been successful in two other cities.

Aldersperson Pierson stated she is a NO, adding the establishment would be next to residential homes and

the Council was a NO at the last meeting, adding there are other spots in the city that offer the services.

Aldersperson Eavenson concurred with McDowell and Pierson, stating that the petitioner should have looked into the zoning before the purchase, adding that the Planning Commission did not do their due diligence. He stood firm on the grounds of zoning and the protection of the community.

Aldersperson Pickerell and Smith were in support of the business being opened in the spirit of progress and a benefit to the city in the place of an empty building.

Motion by Aldersperson McDowell, seconded by Aldersperson Davis to deny the Special use Permit.

ROLL CALL: McDowell-aye, Pickerell-NO, Eavenson-aye, Davis-aye and Smith-NO. The aye's have it, motion carried.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

3. Finance: 6:15-6:30

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 Randy LeMaster were present.

Aldersperson Hawkins called the meeting to order.

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson LeMaster to approve an Ordinance affirming the salaries of the members of the City council. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson McDowell to approve an Ordinance affirming the fixed salary of the next-elected Mayor. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson Eavenson to go into closed session to discuss contract negotiations. All voted yes, motion carried.

BEGIN CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson Pierson to come out of closed session. All voted yes, motion carried.

END OF CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson LeMaster to approve an Ordinance to amend Ordinance 10225 concerning the compensation for the Freedom of Information Act position established per 5ILCS140/3.5(a). All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Pickerell to approve a Resolution approving an Agreement for Engineering and Survey Services. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

4. Risk Management: 6:30-6:50

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

Alderperson Pierson called the meeting to order.

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

Attorney Phillips updated the Council on the pending Hanks litigation. She advised that Hanks is ready to sign a release to get resolved, their Insurance Company is asking for documentation stating the money is unrecoverable. Hanks has asked that the City cover the deductible of \$44,000. Phillips questioned if the City would offer to pay half and ask Juneau to pay half.

Alderperson Hawkins asked if there is anything that establishes 50/50 liability. Phillips stated no. She added that Hanks has insurance coverage, and it is their hope that the City would pay the deductible.

Mayor Parkinson requested Phillips to contact Juneau's Attorney and question if they had intentions of giving restitution towards the deductible, adding it should be split three ways: Hanks, Juneau and the City. Hanks' email had been spoofed. Juneau's employee went around our protocols and directed the City's employee to change the routing information, and the employee did as directed without notifying a Supervisor.

Phillips will continue working with all parties to get a resolution.

Attorney Phillips updated the Council on the Kevin Link cases, the Funkhouser case and announced the final releases for the Flood Litigation were resolved.

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

Motion by Alderperson Pierson, seconded by Alderperson Smith 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 Dan McDowell.

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 October 1, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Hawkins to approve the Township Board Meeting minutes from October 1, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

4. Presentation of Communications

None

5. Finance Committee: Jim Hawkins, Chairperson

A. Bill List - October 15, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve the bills payable from the Town Fund in the amount of \$42,870.17.

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 LeMaster to approve the bills payable from the General Assistance Fund in the amount of \$14,632.56.

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.

B. Resolution establishing the compensation of the Assessor of the Town of the City of Granite City, Illinois

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve a Resolution establishing the compensation of the Assessor of the Town of the City of Granite City, Illinois.

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.

C. Resolution establishing the compensation of the Town Board Member of the Town of the City of Granite City, Illinois

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve a Resolution establishing the compensation of the Town Board Members of the Town of the City of Granite City.

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.

D. Resolution establishing the compensation of the Supervisor of the Town of the City of Granite City, Illinois

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve a Resolution establishing the compensation of the Supervisor of the Town of the City of Granite City.

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.

E. Resolution establishing the compensation of the Clerk of the Town of the City of Granite City, Illinois

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve a Resolution establishing the compensation of the Clerk of the Town of the City of Granite City.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Parkinson called the meeting to order at 7:07 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 October 1, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve the City Council Meeting minutes from October 1, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

3. Presentation of Communications

A. Road Closure for City Event, Boo Cruise

City Clerk Jenna DeYong advised the Council on the upcoming city-sponsored event "Boo Cruise" to be held on Saturday, October 19, 2024.

4. Mayor's Remarks

Mayor Parkinson acknowledged City Clerk Jenna DeYong who was awarded "Rookie of the Year" at the Illinois Municipal Clerks Banquet on Thursday, October 10, 2024. Clerk DeYong was also sworn in as the Vice President of the Organization.

5. Public Correspondence

Resident Rachel Henry addressed the Council regarding ongoing flooding. Mayor Parkinson and Alderperson Eavenson assured her they would look into a solution.

6. Report of Standing Committees:

A. Negotiations Committee: Greg Garcia, Chairperson

No Report

B. The District Committee: Mary Davis, Chairperson

Alderperson Davis shared the upcoming events in The District, October 19th-Boo Cruise from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00p.m., October 26, 2024 "Nightmare on Niedringhaus" from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The Cinema will be playing "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" on October 25th - 26th. She added there are many upcoming events at The Mill Event Center that are advertised on Facebook.

C. Planning & Zoning Committee: Dan McDowell, Chairperson

i. Approval of the Planning & Zoning Committee Meeting minutes from October 1, 2024

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve the Planning & Zoning Committee Meeting minutes from October 1, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

ii. Graphic Review Agenda

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve and place on file the Graphic Review Agenda. All voted yes, motion carried.

iii. A Resolution providing for the demolition or repair of a dangerous and unsafe building at 2437 E 23rd St.

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Davis to invoke the omnibus rule for items iii through v. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Alderson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve a Resolution providing for the demolition or repair of a dangerous and unsafe building at 2437 E 23rd St, 2216 Alexander Ave. and 2442 Lincoln Ave-Rear.

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 providing for the demolition or repair of a dangerous and unsafe building at 2216 Alexander Ave

v. A Resolution providing for the demolition or repair of a dangerous and unsafe building at 2442 Lincoln Avenue-Rear

vi. Plan Commission Petition for a Special Use Permit for a Tavern (C-4) on Madison Avenue in the Business District (B-1)

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Eavenson to deny the Petition for a Special Use Permit for a Tavern (C-4) on Madison Avenue in the Business District (B-1).

ROLL CALL: McDowell-aye, Pickerell-No, Davis-aye, Eavenson-aye, Smith-No, Harrington-aye, LeMaster-aye, Hawkins-No, Pierson-aye and Garcia-aye. The aye's have it, motion carried.

D. Legal & Legislative Committee: Jason Smith, Chairperson

i. Approval of the Legal & Legislative Committee Meeting minutes from October 1, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve the Legal & Legislative Committee Meeting minutes from October 1, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

ii. A Resolution to declare a moratorium on issuing Liquor Licenses with a closing time of 4:00 a.m.

Motion by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson Eavenson to approve a Resolution to declare a moratorium on issuing Liquor Licenses with a closing time of 4:00 a.m.

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.

E. Public Works Committee: Bob Pickerell, Chairperson

No Report

F. Police Committee: Jerry Harrington, Chairperson

No Report

G. Fire Committee: Randy LeMaster, Chairperson

i. Granite City Fire Department EMS Report for September 2024

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

ii. Approve Bid posting for three Fire Department Command Vehicles

Motion by Alderperson LeMaster, seconded by Alderperson Smith to approve a Bid posting for three Fire Department Command Vehicles. All voted yes, motion carried.

H. Risk Management Committee: Kim Pierson, Chairperson

No Report

I. Economic Development Committee: Brad Eavenson, Chairperson

i. Approval of the Economic Development Committee Meeting minutes from October 1, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve the Economic Development Committee Meeting minutes from October 1, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

ii. An Ordinance to declare certain funds surplus and to authorize return of the surplus funds to the tax units from the Route 203 Redevelopment Project A/K/A the Route 203 Tax Increment Financing District

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve an Ordinance to declare certain funds surplus and to authorize the return of the surplus funds to the tax units from the Route 203 Redevelopment Project A/K/A the Route 203 Tax Increment Financing District.

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.

iii. A Resolution to cancel the development of a roundabout at the intersection at Maryville Road, Stratford Lane and Emert Avenue

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to adopt a Resolution canceling the development of a roundabout at the intersection at Maryville Road, Stratford Lane and Emert Avenue.

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.

J. Finance Committee: Jim Hawkins, Chairperson

i. Approval of the Finance Committee Meeting minutes from October 1, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson to approve the Finance Committee Meeting minutes from October 1, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

ii. An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 10225 concerning the compensation for the Freedom of Information Act position established per 5ILCS140/3.5(a)

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve an Ordinance to amend Ordinance 10225 concerning the compensation for the Freedom of Information Act position established per 5ILCS140/3.5(a).

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.

Mayor Parkinson stated that FOIA's have increased drastically with the SAFE-T Act, which has caused a significant amount of work for the Attorney. He added that getting the public the information and being transparent does cost the city money.

iii. An Ordinance affirming the salaries of the members of the City Council

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve an Ordinance affirming the salaries of the members of City Council.

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.

Mayor Parkinson stated that the City Council did not seek an increase, thanking them for the hours of hard work and dedication to the city.

iv. An Ordinance to affirm the fixed salary of the next-elected Mayor

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve an Ordinance to affirm the salary of the next elected Mayor.

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.

Alderperson Hawkins noted that the Mayor did not seek an increase and mirrored the Council's thanks to him.

v. A Resolution to approve an Agreement for Engineering and Survey Services

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve a Resolution approving an Agreement for Engineering and Survey Services.

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. Payroll

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve payroll for the period of October 1-15, 2024 in the amount of \$666,757.89.

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. Treasurer's Report

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

7. Report of Officers

None

8. Unfinished Business

None

9. New Business

None

10. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk