

**CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2024**

**COMMITTEE MEETING**

**1. Economic Development: 5:15-5:30**

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

Alderperson Eavenson called the meeting to order.

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve an Ordinance authorizing the distribution of Funds from the Route 203 Tax increment Financing District to Taxing Units. All voted yes, motion carried.

Alderperson Eavenson deferred to Mayor Parkinson.

Mayor Parkinson stated the Maryville Round-a-Bout was a project by the previous Administration and had been tabled for the last year. The consensus from the Public Meeting on Wednesday, September 4, 2024, is that the current residents were not in favor of selling their property. He stated the time and cost that the city would incur to acquire the property would be costly, adding he has a problem forcing someone to sell their homes when there is no benefit to the community.

Alderperson Eavenson added there would be a significant amount of money spent by the city on top of the grant, agreeing with the Mayor that forcing citizens to sell their property is a hard thing to do.

Discussion by council with the consensus that the Alderpersons do not agree with forcing citizens to sell their property in this instance.

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Davis to not pursue any action with the Maryville Round-a-Bout, ending the discussion and further action. All voted yes, motion carried.

Alderperson Eavenson stated the city would continue to look for solutions to traffic problems in that area.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

**2. Finance: 5:30-6:00**

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, Jason Smith and Randy LeMaster were present.

Aldersperson Hawkins called the meeting to order.

Finance Director Heather Becker discussed the transfer of \$1,000,000 from Fund 70 to the newly created Capital Development Fund (Fund 55) for neighborhood improvements, demolitions, street repairs and tree removals.

Aldersperson McDowell questioned if curb repair would be included, Mayor Parkinson stated curb repair gets into ADA regulations.

Economic Development Director Cathy Hamilton gave a brief description of the new Operational Reserve Fund known as Fund 10. She stated the City has not had an emergency fund in the past and would like to designate one for the city with a 6-month reserve.

Aldersperson Hawkins stated he would like to see the Ordinance protected by a "Super Majority" vote to protect the money used, and any changes made to the Ordinance, adding we need to make sure the funds are there for future obligations.

Mayor Parkinson agreed with Aldersperson Hawkins, adding the city had to ensure there are funds on hand to ensure we can meet pension payments and continue doing what we told the citizens we were going to do to make the city financially stable.

Fire Chief Todd Richey advised the council there was one qualifying bid for the RFP for construction/remodel/abatement and HVAC, adding he was impressed with the walk through he did with the company that had bid.

Mayor Parkinson questioned if the bid was within the amount budgeted. Chief Richey stated the budgeted amount for the project was \$300,000 and the bid was for \$289,268.

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson Eavenson to accept the bid by Tindall Construction for \$289,268. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson McDowell to go into closed session to discuss FOIA compensation. All voted yes, motion carried.

## **BEGIN CLOSED SESSION**

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

## **END OF CLOSED SESSION**

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

### **3. The District: 6:00-6:30**

Sign-In: Mary Davis (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 Randy LeMaster were present.

Aldersperson Davis called the meeting to order.

Motion by Aldersperson Davis, seconded by Aldersperson McDowell to go into closed session to discuss the renewal of a lease at 1314 Niedringhaus Ave. All voted yes, motion carried.

#### **BEGIN CLOSED SESSION**

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

#### **END OF CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Aldersperson Davis, seconded by Aldersperson Harrington to deny the renewal of the lease at 1314 Niedringhaus Ave, and accept all payments tendered to date, issuing a vacate of property order of 14 days to the business. All voted yes, motion carried.

Aldersperson Davis introduced Ray Warren, The Mill Event Center Manager to address the council. Ray Warren gave the council a brief description of his background and discussed the ideas and upcoming events to be held at The Mill.

Mayor Parkinson said he would like to see a price point for rentals brought to the council in the form of an Ordinance to adopt. Warren stated he would work on getting it done.

Aldersperson Eavenson stated he would like quarterly reports specifically showing revenue vs cost of operations.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

#### **4. Police: 6:30-6:35**

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

Aldersperson Harrington called the meeting to order.

Aldersperson Harrington deferred to Chief Novacich.

Chief Novacich advised the council that the 2015 Dodge Challenger was an asset forfeiture vehicle. The vehicle is currently assigned to the DEA task force officer. The vehicle needs to be updated to keep the officer safe and inconspicuous to continue doing his job successfully.

Mayor Parkinson questioned if additional funds would be used to replace the vehicle or would trade in

value be sufficient. Chief Novacich stated the vehicle is marketable and, if needed, funds from the Federal Drug Fund would be used to supplement the purchase.

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Smith to approve an Ordinance to declare surplus a 2015 Dodge Challenger Motor Vehicle and to authorize its trade for another vehicle all for the Granite City Police Department. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

#### **5. Planning & Zoning/Public Works: 6:35-6:50**

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.

Alderperson McDowell called the meeting to order.

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to award the Round 3 DEMO Bids to SHAFER for a total of \$202,699.00. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve an Ordinance to amend Chapter 12.16 of the Granite City Municipal Code to create a Tree Advisory Board. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve a Resolution to authorize a grant application to improve a multi-use connector to Wilson Park. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Eavenson 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, Alderperson Garcia and City Clerk Jenna DeYong were present.

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

Motion by Alderperson LeMaster, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve the Township Board Meeting minutes from September 3, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

None

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

#### **A. Bill List - September 17, 2024**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the bills payable from the Town Fund in the amount of \$34,373.59.

**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 Harrington to approve the bills payable from the General Assistance Fund in the amount of \$14,710.35.

**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 Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson McDowell 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 September 3, 2024**

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve the City Council Meeting minutes from September 3, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

#### **A. Granite City Area Community Foundation : Candy Cane Parade**

Motion by Alderperson Davis, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve the request for Road Closures for the Annual Candy Cane Parade on Saturday, December 7, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

City Clerk Jenna DeYong advised the council of a request by Nick's Bar & Grill for road closures for their 10th Anniversary Party.

Motion by Alderperson Pierson, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve the request from Nick's Bar & Grill pending the proper Insurance policy is turned into the Clerk, for road closures on Saturday, September 21, 2024, for their 10th Anniversary Party. All voted yes, motion carried.

### **4. Mayor's Remarks**

#### **A. Tree Advisory Board Appointees: Chairperson-Ricky Daily, Vice Chairperson-Justin Brinkmeyer and Secretary Carol Valencia**

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve the following members to the Tree Advisory Board: Rick Daily, Justin Brinkmeyer, Carole Valencia, Craig Knight, Bud Vickery, Freda Boling, Chris Carl, Roni Douglas, Tim Elliot, Jack Kerber, Don Lienemann, Sandy Loftus, Dan McDowell and Debbie Valencia. All voted yes, motion carried.

### **5. Public Correspondence**

Resident Kathy Smith addressed the Council regarding dilapidated properties in the city. Police Chief Novacich explained the process of seizing a home and the legal procedures that must be taken. The Director of Building & Zoning and the Director of Public Works assured her that properties are being taken care of as quickly as the legal process allows and grass is being cut by the city.

Smith questioned if the city was becoming a Sanctuary City. Mayor Parkinson assured her that had never been the topic of discussion by the Council and was not happening.

### **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 3, 2023**

Motion by Alderperson Davis, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve The District Committee Meeting minutes from September 3, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

**i. Approval of the combined Building & Zoning/Public Works Committee Meeting minutes from September 3, 2024**

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Eavenson to approve the combined Building & Zoning/Public Works Committee Meeting minutes from September 3, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

**ii. Approval of the Plan Commission Meeting Minutes from September 5, 2024**

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve and place on file the Plan Commission Meeting minutes from September 5, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Eavenson to deny the petition brought forth by the Plan Commission to allow for a Special Use Permit for a Tavern (C-4) on Madison Avenue Business District (B-1). All voted yes, motion carried.

**iii. A Resolution providing for the demolition or repair of a dangerous or unsafe building at 2156-58 Lee Ave**

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Eavenson to invoke the Omnibus Rule for items iii through vi. All voted yes, motion carried.

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 2156-58 Lee Ave, 1303 Garfield, 2160-62 Lee Ave and 2817 Lincoln.

**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 1303 Granite Ave**

**v. A Resolution providing for the demolition or repair of a dangerous and unsafe building at 2160-62 Lee Avenue**

**vi. A Resolution providing for the demolition or repair of a dangerous and unsafe building at 2817 Lincoln Avenue**

**vii. Awarding of Round 3 DEMO Bid**

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve and award the Round 3 DEMO Bids to SHAFER in the amount of \$202,690.00.

**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.

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

No Report

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

**i. An Ordinance to establish a handicap parking space for four years at 2346 Winters Drive**

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to invoke the Omnibus rule for items i and ii. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve an Ordinance to establish a handicap parking space for four years at 2346 Winters Drive and 2932 Grand Ave.

**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.

**ii. An Ordinance to establish a handicap parking space for four years at 2932 Grand Ave**

**iii. An Ordinance to amend Chapter 12.16 of the Granite City Municipal Code to create a Tree Advisory Board**

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve an Ordinance to amend Chapter 12.16 of the Granite City Municipal Code to create a Tree Advisory Board.

**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.

**iv. Approval of Tree Advisory Board Minutes**

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by Alderperson Hawkins to approve and place on file the Tree Advisory Board Minutes from Thursday, September 5, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

**v. A Resolution to authorize a grant application to improve a multi-use connector to Wilson Park**

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve a Resolution to authorize a grant application to improve a multi-use connector to Wilson Park. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

**i. August 2024 Chief Stats**

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

**ii. An Ordinance to declare surplus a 2015 DodgeChallenger Motor Vehicle and to authorize its trade for another vehicle all for the Granite City police department**

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Hawkins to approve an Ordinance to declare surplus a 2015 Dodge Challenger Motor Vehicle and to authorize its trade for another vehicle all for the Granite City Police Department.

**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. Approval of Promotions: Lieutenant Adam Connor to Captain, Sgt Nicholaus Roberts to Lieutenant and Officer Andrea Klumpp to Sergeant**

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Hawkins to approve the following promotions: Lieutenant Adam Connor to Captain, Sgt Nicholaus Roberts to Lieutenant and Officer Andrea Klumpp to Sergeant. All voted yes, motion carried.

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



**i. Granite Fire Department EMS Report for August 2024**

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

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

**i. Approval of the Risk Management Committee Meeting minutes from September 3, 2024**

Motion by Alderperson Pierson, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve the Risk Management Committee Meeting minutes from September 3, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

**i. Approval of the Economic Development Committee Meeting minutes from September 3, 2024**

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve the Economic Development Committee Meeting minutes from September 3, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

**ii. Maryville Road Round-A-Bout**

The City Council voted in Committee not to pursue the Maryville Round-a Bout. Mayor Parkinson stated the cost to the city to acquire the property needed and forcing families to sell their property was not something reflecting the best interest of the community.

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

**i. Approval of the Finance Committee Meeting minutes from September 3, 2024**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the Finance Committee Meeting minutes from September 3, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

**ii. Bid Awardal: RFP for construction/remodel/abatement/plumbing and HVAC**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to award the BID for the construction/abatement and HVAC to TIndall Construction in the amount of \$289,268.00.

**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.

**iii. Payroll**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve Payroll for the period of 9/1/2024-9/15/2024 in the amount of \$665,238.72.

**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. Treasurer's Report**

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

**v. Supplemental Bill List**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Davis to pay the Supplemental Bill list in the amount of \$10,233.39.

**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.

**7. Report of Officers**

None

**8. Unfinished Business**

None

**9. New Business**

None

**10. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk