

## **COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **1. Economic Development Committee Meeting-October 21, 2025**

Sign-In: Keith Burton (Chairperson), Kim Pierson, Greg Garcia, Jim Hawkins. Bob Pickerell, City Clerk, Jenna DeYong, Mayor Parkinson, Attorney Tonya Genovese, Dan McDowell, Mary Davis, Jason Smith and Randy LeMaster were present.

Jerry Harrington was absent.

Alderpersion Burton called the meeting to order.

#### **A. Discussion and Approval of the Ralph Building Project Contract**

Alderpersion Burton advised that the discussion and approval of the Ralph Building Project Contract would be tabled until November 4, 2025.

#### **B. Discussion and Approval of The Mill Art Studio and Elevator Contract**

Alderpersion Burton deferred to Economic Development Director Cathy Hamilton.

Hamilton advised there had been a construction meeting this afternoon and shared updated information.

She stated there was a \$150,000 savings identified and the Construction Contract with Pfund would reflect that. To ensure due diligence, the request is to hold \$150,000 in an owner-held contingency, keeping the budget at 1.3 million.

Alderpersion Smith inquired if the \$3,000,000 DCEO grant was in the city's account.

Mayor Parkinson stated it was a grant from Katie Stuart that was specific to a downtown rebuild/revitalization grant.

Smith stated he understood but questioned if the city had the funds or was waiting on them.

Hamilton advised that the Council approved the DCEO Grant Agreement in September 2025, and it is a reimbursable grant, adding the city would need to spend the funds first.

#### **Mayor Parkinson stated the funding for the projects is broken down as follows:**

IL DCEO Grant-Specific to downtown builds

ARPA Funds-Previously allocated

Downtown Bldg Fund Budget 25/26

TIF & BLDG Revenue FY22-FY25

FY26/27 TIF Surplus (Downtown)

Mayor Parkinson stated that these are all special revenue sources, and are all allocated for Downtown Projects. He added that no money would be coming out of the General Fund.

Hamilton added the downtown leases create revenue that is put in a separate fund for downtown buildings.

Mayor Parkinson advised that the strategy of the Downtown Asset Fund is to build a portfolio of downtown properties, not one singular piece. He added that the cinema did not make money for a period and is now seeing profit. He stated that The Mill is brand new and still trying to get its name out

there (noting it took Edwardsville 4 years to show a profit). He stated the goal of the Downtown Portfolio is to make money.

Aldersperson LeMaster questioned whether, if the contract was voted down, the money would have to go to other places downtown.

Mayor Parkinson stated no, the city would lose a lot of it, because these specific projects have been approved by the state.

Aldersperson Smith questioned if there was a worry about the DCEO Grant being recalled with the Government shut down.

Mayor Parkinson stated that no, they are state funds, not federal funds.

Aldersperson Davis questioned if the construction would interfere with upcoming Mill Events.

Mayor Parkinson stated the placement of the elevator has changed, and the construction company would build a wall around the area to look nice, losing a small amount of space for rentals. Adding construction would be done Monday through Friday.

Motion by Aldersperson Burton, seconded by Aldersperson McDowell to approve The Mill Art Studio and Elevator Contract. All voted yes; the motion carried.

**C. An Ordinance to approve the purchase of properties at or before the December 2025 Madison County Tax Auction**

Aldersperson Burton advised the proposed Ordinance would authorize up to \$24,000 for the purchase of properties from the Madison County Tax Auction, adding that a list of properties should be available in November.

Director Hamilton stated the City has purchased properties in the past few years for the Housing Program.

Motion by Aldersperson Burton, seconded by Aldersperson LeMaster to approve an Ordinance to approve the purchase of properties at or before the December 2025 Madison County Tax Auction. All voted yes; the motion carried.

**D. An Ordinance authorizing and approving the execution of a first amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement for proposed area in Route 3 Corridor Industrial Park Conservation Area between the City of Granite City and Penny Lane I, LLC**

Director Hamilton advised the proposed Ordinance between the City and Penny Lane I, LLC allowed the City to pay out what was owed, adding the only change was new landscaping and fencing.

Motion by Aldersperson Burton, seconded by Aldersperson Davis to approve an Ordinance authorizing and approving the execution of a first amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement for proposed area in Route 3 Corridor Industrial Park Conservation Area between the City of Granite City and Penny Lane I, LLC. All voted yes; the motion carried.

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

**Attest**

**Jenna DeYong, City Clerk**

## **2. Public Works Committee Meeting-October 21, 2025**

Sign-In: Bob Pickerell (Chairperson), Kim Pierson, Greg Garcia, Jim Hawkins, City Clerk Jenna DeYong, Mayor Parkinson, Attorney Tonya Genovese, Keith Burton, Dan McDowell, Mary Davis, Jason Smith and Randy LeMadster were present.

Jerry Harrington was absent.

Aldersperson Pickerell called the meeting to order.

### **A. Approval of the Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes from October 7, 2025**

Motion by Aldersperson Pickerell, seconded by Aldersperson Smith to approve the Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes from October 7, 2025. All voted yes; the motion carried.

### **B. Extend a handicapped parking space at 2225 Cleveland Blvd**

Motion by Aldersperson Pickerell, seconded by Aldersperson Smith to invoke the omnibus rule for items B-C, approving the extension of handicapped parking at 2225 Cleveland Blvd and 2904 E 24th St. All voted yes; the motion carried.

### **C. Extend a handicap parking space at 2904 E 24th St**

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

**Attest**

**Jenna DeYong, City Clerk**

### **3. Finance Committee Meeting-October 21, 2025**

Sign-In: Jim Hawkins (Chairperson), Kim Pierson, Greg Garcia, Bob Pickerell, City Clerk Jenna DeYong, Mayor Parkinson, Attorney Tonya Genovese, Keith Burton, Dan McDowell, Mary Davis, Jason Smith and Randy LeMaster were present.

Jerry Harrington was absent.

Aldersperson Hawkins called the meeting to order.

#### **A. Approval of the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from October 7, 2025**

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson Pierson to approve the Finance Committee Meeting minutes from October 7, 2021. All voted yes; the motion carried.

#### **B. An Ordinance establishing May 1, 2025–April 30, 2026, salaries for appointed City Officials who are not members of Collective Bargaining Units**

Aldersperson Smith questioned why the Ordinance was not done in or before May.

Mayor Parkinson stated he was trying to get all union contracts done first, adding that he is still working on White Collar Workers.

Aldersperson Davis asked if there were still ARPA Salary funds, adding she thought they ran out at the end of last year.

Mayor Parkinson stated they had been extended, he believed, until 2027 but would double-check.

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson McDowell to approve an Ordinance establishing May 1, 2025-April 30, 2026, salaries for appointed City Officials who are not members of Collective Bargaining Units. All voted yes; the motion carried.

#### **C. A Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Paula Hubbard for Grant Writing**

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson LeMaster to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Paula Hubbard for Grant Writing. All voted yes; the motion carried.

#### **D. A Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Cathy Hamilton for Economic Development Services**

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson LeMaster to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Cathy Hamilton for Economic Development Services. All voted yes; the motion carried.

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

**Attest**

**Jenna DeYong, City Clerk**

**4. The District: 6:35-6:50**

**The District Committee-October 7, 2025**

Sign-In: Mary Davis (Chairperson), Kim Pierson, Greg Garcia, Jerry Harrington, Jim Hawkins, Bob Pickerell, City Clerk Jenna DeYong, Mayor Parkinson, Attorney Tonya Genovese, Keith Burton, DanMcDowell and Jason Smith were present.

Randy LeMaster was absent.

Aldersperson Davis called the meeting to order.

Aldersperson Davis opened the floor for discussion of the use of The Mill Event Center by a charitable organization, naming the organization as The Rotary Club.

Mayor Parkinson stated it has been the practice that taxing bodies have use of The Mill Event Center for free, adding that in this case the event is to raise funds to upgrade a pavilion on a taxing body's property. He stated the purpose of the event would be considered an acceptable use for a taxing body.

Motion by Aldersperson Davis, seconded by Aldersperson Burton to approve the use of The Mill Event Center by the Rotary Club. All voted yes; the motion carried.

Aldersperson Burton stated the standard being used for free by a taxing body should be added to the agreement or a written policy. Mayor Parkinson stated he would have it added to the policy.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

## **PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed vacation of portion of Center Street/Alley**

The Hearing was called to order by Attorney Tonya Genovese. There were no public comments or discussion.

## **TOWNSHIP MEETING**

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

Invocation was led by Dennis Wilmsmeyer.

### **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 Smith, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Hawkins, Alderperson Pierson, Alderperson Garcia, Alderperson Burton and City Clerk Jenna DeYong were present.

Alderperson Harrington was absent.

### **3. Township Board Minutes - Approval of the Township Board Meeting Minutes from October 7, 2025**

Motion by Alderperson Pierson, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve the Township Board Meeting Minutes from October 7, 2025. All voted yes; the motion carried.

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

None

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

#### **A. Bill List-October 21, 2025**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve the bills payable from the Town Fund in the amount of \$47,909.07.

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Parkinson, Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Davis, Alderperson Smith, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Hawkins, Alderperson Pierson, Alderperson Garcia and Alderperson Burton. All voted yes; the motion carried.

Alderperson Harrington was absent.

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve the bills payable from the General Assistance Fund in the amount of \$17,812.58.

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Parkinson, Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Davis, Alderperson Smith, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Hawkins, Alderperson Pierson, Alderperson Garcia and Alderperson Burton. All voted yes; the motion carried.

Alderperson Harrington was absent.

### **6. Unfinished Business**

None

### **7. New Business**

None

### **8. Adjournment**

Motion by Alderperson Pierson, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes; the 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 Smith, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Hawkins, Alderperson Pierson, Alderperson Garcia, Alderperson Burton and City Clerk Jenna DeYong were present.  
Alderperson Harrington was absent.

### **2. City Council Minutes - Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes from October 7, 2025**

Motion by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes from October 7, 2025. All voted yes; the motion carried.

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

None

### **4. Public Correspondence**

Resident Daniel Klueskins addressed the Council.

### **5. Mayor's Remarks**

#### **A. Certificate of Recognition-Logan Braden**

Mayor Parkinson presented Logan Braden with a Certificate of Recognition for his actions on XXXXXXXX where he found the wallet of Rhonda McDowell in St. Louis and returned it to her home.

### **6. Report of Standing Committees:**

#### **A. Negotiations Committee: Greg Garcia, Chairperson**

No Report

#### **B. The District Committee: Mary Davis, Chairperson**

No Report

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

##### **i. A Resolution by the City of Granite City approving the recommendations of the Illinois aRt3 Planning Study and supporting their implementation**

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve a Resolution by the City of Granite City approving the recommendations of the Illinois aRt3 Planning Study and supporting their implementation.

**ROLL CALL:** Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Davis, Alderperson Smith, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Hawkins, Alderperson Pierson, Alderperson Garcia and Alderperson Burton. All voted yes; the motion carried.

##### **ii. An Ordinance vacating a portion of Center Street and an alley lying North of Hillmer's Subdivision**

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve an Ordinance vacating a portion of Center Street and an alley lying North of Hillmer's Subdivision.

**ROLL CALL:** Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Davis, Alderperson Smith, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Hawkins, Alderperson Pierson, Alderperson Garcia and Alderperson Burton. All voted yes; the motion carried.

Alderperson Harrington was absent.

**FINAL PASSAGE:** Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Davis, Alderperson Smith, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Hawkins, Alderperson Pierson, Alderperson Garcia and Alderperson Burton. All voted yes; the motion carried.  
Alderperson Harrington was absent.

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

No Report

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

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by Alderperson Hawkins to invoke the omnibus rule for items i-iii. All voted yes; the motion carried.

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by Alderperson Hawkins to approve an Ordinance designating a handicapped parking space for an additional four years at 2451 Delmar Ave, 2930 Edwards, and 2575 Grand Ave within the City of Granite City, Illinois.

**ROLL CALL:** Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Davis, Alderperson Smith, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Hawkins, Alderperson Pierson, Alderperson Garcia and Alderperson Burton. All voted yes; the motion carried.

Alderperson Harrington was absent.

**FINAL PASSAGE:** Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Davis, Alderperson Smith, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Hawkins, Alderperson Pierson, Alderperson Garcia and Alderperson Burton. All voted yes; the motion carried.

Alderperson Harrington was absent.

**i. An Ordinance designating a handicapped parking space for an additional four years at 2451 Delmar Ave within the City of Granite City, Illinois**

**ii. An Ordinance designating a handicapped parking space for an additional four years at 2930 Edwards Street within the City of Granite City, Illinois**

**iii. An Ordinance designating a handicapped parking space for an additional four years at 2575 Grand Ave within the City of Granite City, Illinois**

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

No Report

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

No Report

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

No Report

**I. Economic Development Committee: Keith Burton, Chairperson**

**i. Approval of the Ralph Building Project Contract**

Motion by Alderperson Burton, seconded by Alderperson Davis to table the Ralph Building Project Contract until November 4, 2025. All voted yes; the motion carried.

**ii. Approval of The Mill Art Studio and Elevator Contract**

Motion by Alderperson Burton, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve The Mill Studio and Elevator Contract.

**ROLL CALL:** Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Davis, Alderperson Smith, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Hawkins, Alderperson Pierson, Alderperson Garcia and Alderperson Burton. All voted yes; the motion carried.

Alderperson Harrington was absent.

**iii. An Ordinance to approve the purchase of properties at or before the December 2025 Madison County Tax Auction**

Motion by Alderperson Burton, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve an Ordinance to approve the purchase of properties at or before the December 2025 Madison County Tax Auction.

**ROLL CALL:** Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Davis, Alderperson Smith, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Hawkins, Alderperson Pierson, Alderperson Garcia and Alderperson Burton. All voted yes; the motion carried.

Alderperson Harrington was absent.

**FINAL PASSAGE:** Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Davis, Alderperson Smith, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Hawkins, Alderperson Pierson, Alderperson Garcia and Alderperson Burton. All voted yes; the motion carried.

Alderperson Harrington was absent.

**iv. An Ordinance authorizing and approving the execution of a first amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement for proposed area in Route 3 Corridor Industrial Park Conservation Area between the City of Granite City and Penny Lane I, LLC**

Motion by Alderperson Burton, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve an Ordinance authorizing and approving the execution of a first amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement for proposed area in Route 3 Corridor Industrial Park Conservation Area between the City of Granite City and Penny Lane I, LLC.

**ROLL CALL:** Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Davis, Alderperson Smith, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Hawkins, Alderperson Pierson, Alderperson Garcia and Alderperson Burton. All voted yes; the motion carried.

Alderperson Harrington was absent.

**FINAL PASSAGE:** Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Davis, Alderperson Smith, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Hawkins, Alderperson Pierson, Alderperson Garcia and Alderperson Burton. All voted yes; the motion carried.

Alderperson Harrington was absent.

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

**i. Presentation and Approval of the FY 24/25 Audit**

Presentation of the FY 24/25 Audit by Schmersahl Treloar & Co.

The Audit was found to be clean with no findings.

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Burton to approve the Audit. All voted yes; the motion carried.

**ii. An Ordinance establishing May 1, 2025–April 30, 2026, salaries for appointed City Officials who are not members of Collective Bargaining Units**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve an Ordinance establishing May 1, 2025-April 30, 2026 salaries for appointed City Officials who are not members of Collective Bargaining Units.

**ROLL CALL:** Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Davis, Alderperson Smith, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Hawkins, Alderperson Pierson, Alderperson Garcia and Alderperson Burton. All voted yes; the motion carried.

Alderperson Harrington was absent.

**FINAL PASSAGE:** Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Davis, Alderperson Smith, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Hawkins, Alderperson Pierson, Alderperson Garcia and Alderperson Burton. All voted yes; the motion carried.

Alderperson Harrington was absent.

**iii. A Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Paula Hubbard for Grant Writing**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Paula Hubbard for Grant Writing. All voted yes; the motion carried.

**iv. A Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Cathy Hamilton for Economic Development Services**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Cathy Hamilton for Economic Development Services. All voted yes; the motion carried.

**v. Payroll**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Smith to approve payroll from the period of 10/01/2025-10/15/2025 in the amount of \$705,346.45.

**ROLL CALL:** Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Davis, Alderperson Smith, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Hawkins, Alderperson Pierson, Alderperson Garcia and Alderperson Burton. All voted yes; the motion carried.  
Alderperson Harrington was absent.

**vi. Bill List**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve the Bill List in the amount of \$1,586,402.74.

**ROLL CALL:** Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Davis, Alderperson Smith, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Hawkins, Alderperson Pierson, Alderperson Garcia and Alderperson Burton. All voted yes; the motion carried.  
Alderperson Harrington was absent.

**vii. Supplemental Bill List**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Smith to approve the Supplemental Bill List in the amount of \$16,280.33.

**ROLL CALL:** Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Davis, Alderperson Smith, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Hawkins, Alderperson Pierson, Alderperson Garcia and Alderperson Burton. All voted yes; the motion carried.  
Alderperson Harrington was absent.

**viii. September 2025 Finance Report**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve and place on file the September 2025 Finance Report. All voted yes; the motion carried.

**7. Report of Officers**

None

**8. Unfinished Business**

None

**9. New Business**

None

**10. Adjournment**

Motion by Alderperson LeMaster, seconded by Alderperson Davis to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes; the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

**Attest**

**Jenna DeYong, City Clerk**