

**CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
APRIL 8, 2025**

**COMMITTEE MEETING**

**1. Economic Development: 5:20-5:35**

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, Jason Smith and Randy LeMaster were present.

Jim Hawkins was absent.

Aldersperson Eavenson called the meeting to order.

Aldersperson Eavenson deferred to Economic Development Director Cathy Hamilton.

Director Hamilton advised that the Amended Ordinance and Intergovernmental Agreement was standard operating procedure. She stated Venice had requested the boundaries be expanded, adding the request would not change anything for the city.

Motion by Aldersperson Eavenson, seconded by Aldersperson McDowell to approve an Ordinance further amending Ordinance No.8463 to add territory to and modify incentives of the Southwestern Madison County Enterprise Zone. All voted yes; the motion carried.

Motion by Aldersperson Eavenson, seconded by Aldersperson McDowell to approve an Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Madison, the City of Granite City, the City of Venice and the City of Madison for the Southwestern Madison County Enterprise Zone. All voted yes; the motion carried.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

**2. The District: 5:35-5:50**

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

Jim Hawkins was absent.

Aldersperson Davis called the meeting to order.

Aldersperson Davis deferred to Arts and Entertainment Director Brenda Whitaker.

Director Whitaker announced the city had been awarded an additional \$10,000 in Grant Funds from Great Rivers & Routes. She stated the funds must be used on Route 66-themed events/projects. Whitaker advised that the city will hold events on June 21, 2025, and August 15, 2025. Whitaker advised that the Roadside attractions (through grant funds) were on schedule and should be done by June 15, 2025.

Director Whitaker gave a brief update on the cinema, noting the record-high numbers in attendance for Minecraft.

Mayor Parkinson stated The Mill Event Center's attendance has increased with a sold-out show on March 29, 2025. He said the venue was open to the public for Prom pictures on Saturday, April 5, 2025, due to the inclement weather.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

### **3. BREAK FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 5:50-6:15**

#### **GRANITE CITY TOWNSHIP**

#### **2060 DELMAR, GRANITE CITY IL**

### **4. Planning & Zoning:6:20-6:30**

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, Jason Smith and Randy LeMaster were present.

Jim Hawkins was absent.

Alderperson McDowell called the meeting to order.

Alderperson McDowell opened the floor for a discussion of the de-annexation of 2304 Arnold, 2305 Arnold and 2325 Arnold.

City Engineer Joe Juneau advised the council that the three properties are located on the exterior corporate boundaries of the city and could be de-annexed. He stated the concerns are the City's Motor Fuel Tax allocations are based per capita, adding if areas are de-annexed in the city, there is a potential to lose the population count in the census. In addition, that area is surrounded by the corporate boundaries of Granite City, and as more properties are annexed to the interior, if there is an area that is less than 60 acres, then those areas can be forcibly annexed into the city.

Alderperson Davis asked if the residents had filed to de-annex. Mayor Parkinson stated they had not filed anything, they had sent a request. He stated one of the residents had called and stated when they bought the house they believed it to be in the Township, adding they had not gone through the proper channels yet.

Aldersperson Smith questioned if, once the proper channels had been gone through, the residents could de-annex on their own.

Attorney Konzen stated it takes a vote by the Council, adding that the Council could not vote until 30 days after paperwork has been filed with the City Clerk.

Aldersperson McDowell stated the residents had discussed it among themselves. After speaking to one of the parties, he said they are basically in an area where they receive no benefits from the city, adding that the city does not respond to the area.

Mayor Parkinson stated he did not agree. He stated the city does patrol out there and if there was a 911 call it would come to the city. He stated they are receiving services, adding the city plows and is responsible for maintaining streets there. He said he was unsure of the reasoning of the residents, adding he assumed they would explain why they wanted to do this when they file the proper paperwork. Mayor Parkinson stated if the residents are saying they are not receiving services, that is incorrect.

Aldersperson McDowell stated it was a general feeling he gathered when speaking to the residents, adding it may be a moot point if the city annexes the area, they would be brought back in. Aldersperson McDowell said he is generally opposed to de-annexation, adding this is just the start of a discussion. He concluded that the residents should pursue the legal requirements, and if done, then it would be brought back to the Council.

Mayor Parkinson suggested that the City send the residents the legal procedure for them to move forward. Aldersperson McDowell asked Attorney Konzen to send the residents the necessary documentation. Attorney Konzen agreed.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

## **5. Finance: 6:30-6:45**

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, Jason Smith and Randy LeMaster were present.

Jim Hawkins was absent.

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

Aldersperson Eavenson deferred to City Engineer Joe Juneau.

Juneau stated that the Motor Fuel Tax Program Estimate was the Annual Maintenance budget that runs from May 1st-April 30th 2026, allocating funds for snow removal, pavement patching and all other city services that are funded through Motor Fuel Taxes.

Aldersperson Eavenson stated the lien forgiveness of the property was for an elderly resident who, due to health issues, moved closer to her daughter. She is asking for lien forgiveness on a debt that was acquired through a program the city ran.

Alderson Smith stated the program was run by Kathy Moore and Vivian Hudson before her and the debt has usually been forgiven.

Mayor Parkinson stated the debts were forgiven if the resident stayed in the house for a duration of time, and the resident met those requirements. He added the problem was the debt was not brought to the Council to write the debt off, adding it should have been done long ago.

Motion by Alderson Eavenson, seconded by Alderson LeMaster to forgive the lien on the property. All voted yes; the motion carried.

Alderson Eavenson deferred to Mayor Parkinson.

Mayor Parkinson advised the Annual Fuel Bid had come back with an original bid that was declined due to the company not giving an Option A for fixed pricing, which was requested. The city went out for re-bid and received two bids with M & M Service Company being the low bid. Mayor Parkinson stated that in past years the city chose Option A to be able to budget fixed costs.

Motion by Alderson Eavenson, seconded by Alderson McDowell to award the Fuel Bid to M&M Service Company selecting Option A. All voted yes; the motion carried.

Alderson Eavenson opened the floor for a discussion on equipment purchasing for the Public Works Department to allow in house paving of the streets.

Director Rick Daily advised the Council that he and the Mayor had attended the World Asphalt Trade Show in St. Louis, and found equipment that, if purchased, would benefit the city in the repair and paving of city streets. He stated that currently the two pieces the city owns are over twenty years old and in terrible shape. The new roller would be able to hook up to a pick-up truck and not need a trailer. The city was given a demo price of \$90,000, with free shipping and the company would fly in to train the employees. The paver can extend up to 15 feet wide and cost roughly \$330,000.

Alderson Eavenson stated the purchases were not in the current budget, in turn asking where the funding would come from. Mayor Parkinson stated Cathy Hamilton had a funding source.

Mayor Parkinson stated this was being brought up for discussion due to the amount of paving and repair the city streets need, the condition the current equipment is in and the turnaround time it takes to have it repaired.

Mayor Parkinson stated the city needed to get back to the company as soon as possible to not lose the demo deal, adding a spending ordinance would be brought back in two weeks.

Alderson Smith questioned where the funding source was coming from specifically. Finance Director Jessie Curran stated funding would come from Fund 70 or 71.

Alderson Eavenson stated it was a good opportunity to double up on the work and get city streets repaired.

Alderson Harrington asked what the turnaround would be once purchased. Daily stated a couple of weeks on the roller and 10–14 weeks on the paver.

Alderson Eavenson directed Attorney Konzen to prepare a spending Ordinance to be brought back in two weeks.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

#### **6. Risk Management: 6:45-6:50**

Sign-In: Kim Pierson (Chairperson), 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.

Jim Hawkins was absent.

Alderson Pierson called the meeting to order.

Motion by Alderson Pierson, seconded by Alderson Smith to go into closed session for litigation. All voted yes; the motion carried.

BEGIN CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Alderson Pierson, seconded by Alderson Smith to come out of closed session. All voted yes; the motion carried.

END OF CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Alderson Pierson, seconded by Alderson McDowell to approve a litigation settlement. All voted yes; the motion carried.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

## **TOWNSHIP MEETING**

Mayor Parkinson called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 Pierson, Alderperson Garcia and City Clerk Jenna DeYong were present.

Alderperson Hawkins was absent.

### **3. Township Board Minutes - Approval of The Township Board Meeting minutes from March 25, 2025**

Motion by Alderperson Davis, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve the Township Board Meeting minutes from March 25, 2025. All voted yes; the motion carried.

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

None

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

#### **A. Bill List - April 8, 2025**

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve the bills payable from the Town Fund in the amount of \$346,268.41.

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

Alderperson Hawkins was absent.

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve the bills payable from the General Assistance Fund in the amount of \$13,825.80.

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

Alderperson Hawkins was absent.

#### **B. Granite City Park Playground**

Mayor Parkinson advised the Granite City Park Playground Budget Item was approved in last year's budget. The diagram in the packet depicts what playground equipment will be constructed. Township supervisor Shipley was informed by Park Director Justin Brinkmeyer that construction would begin in July 2025.

### **6. Unfinished Business**

None

### **7. New Business**

None

### **8. Adjournment**

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes; the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

**Attest**

**Jenna DeYong, City Clerk**

## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Parkinson called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

### **1. Roll Call**

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Parkinson, Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Davis, Alderperson Eavenson, Alderperson Smith, Alderperson Harrington, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Pierson, Alderperson Garcia and City Clerk Jenna DeYong were present. Alderperson Hawkins was absent.

### **2. City Council Minutes - Approval of the City Council Meeting minutes from March 25, 2025.**

Motion by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve the City Council Meeting minutes from March 25, 2025. All voted yes; the motion carried.

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

#### **A. Six Mile Regional Library District-Eye Thrive Event**

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve road closures for the Six Mile Regional Library District-Eye Thrive Event. All voted yes; the motion carried.

### **4. Public Correspondence**

Resident Daniel Klueskins addressed the Council.

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

Mayor Parkinson stated the voter turnout in Granite City was consistent with the other cities throughout the county. He congratulated the Council, adding he was eager to get back to work.

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

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

None

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

##### **i. Approval of Grant Funds**

Alderperson Davis advised that a \$10,000 grant had been awarded to the City by Great Rivers & Routes, adding that the funds were to be used for specific Route 66 events.

Director Brenda Whitaker said the events would be Route 66-themed and held in June and August 2025.

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

##### **i. Approval of the Planning & Zoning Meeting minutes from March 25, 2025**

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve the Planning & Zoning Committee Meeting minutes from March 25, 2025. All voted yes; the motion carried.

##### **ii. A Resolution providing for the demolition or repair of a dangerous and unsafe building at 2205 E 24th Street**

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Eavenson to approve a Resolution providing for the demolition or repair of a dangerous and unsafe building at 2205 E 24th Street. All voted yes; the motion carried.

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

##### **i. Approval of the Legal & Legislative Committee Meeting minutes from March 25, 2025**

Motion by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve the Legal & Legislative Committee Meeting minutes from March 25, 2025. All voted yes; the motion carried.

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

##### **i. Approval of the Public Works Committee Meeting minutes from March 25, 2025**

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the Public Works Committee Meeting minutes from March 25, 2025.

##### **ii. Approval of the Tree Advisory Board Meeting minutes from March 13, 2025**

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve and place on file the Tree Advisory Board Meeting minutes from March 13, 2025. All voted yes; the motion carried.

##### **iii. An Ordinance to establish a handicap parking space at 2945 Fehling Road**

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

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by Alderperson Smith to approve Ordinances establishing handicap parking spaces at 2945 Fehling Road and 3040 Iowa Street.

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

Alderperson Hawkins was absent.

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

Alderperson Hawkins was absent.

##### **iv. An Ordinance to establish a handicap parking space at 3040 Iowa Street**

##### **v. Granite City Cool Cities Committee Meeting Agenda**

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve and place on file the Granite City Cool Cities Meeting Agenda for Thursday, April 10, 2025. All voted yes; the motion carried.

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

##### **i. Approval of the Police Committee Meeting minutes from March 25, 2025**

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve the Police Committee Meeting minutes from March 25, 2025. All voted yes; the motion carried.

##### **ii. Approval of the Fire and Police Commission Meeting for April 2, 2025**

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve and place on file the Fire and Police Commission Meeting Agenda from April 2, 2025. All voted yes; the motion carried.

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

No report

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

##### **i. Approval of the Risk Management Committee Meeting minutes from March 25, 2025**

Motion by Alderperson Pierson, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve the Risk Management Committee Meeting minutes from March 25, 2025. All voted yes; the motion carried.

##### **ii. Litigation**

Motion by Alderperson Pierson, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve a litigation settlement.

**ROLL CALL:** Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Davis, Alderperson Eavenson,



Aldersperson Smith, Aldersperson Harrington, Aldersperson LeMaster, Aldersperson Pierson and Aldersperson Garcia. All voted yes; the motion carried.  
Aldersperson Hawkins was absent.

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

**i. Approval of the Economic Development Committee Meeting minutes from March 25, 2025**

Motion by Aldersperson Eavenson, seconded by Aldersperson McDowell to approve the Economic Development Committee Meeting minutes from March 25, 2025. All voted yes; the motion carried.

**ii. An Ordinance further amending Ordinance No. 8463 to add territory to and modify incentives of the Southwestern Madison County Enterprise Zone**

Motion by Aldersperson Eavenson, seconded by Aldersperson Davis to approve an Ordinance further amending Ordinance No. 8463 to add territory to and modify incentives of the Southwestern Madison County Enterprise Zone.

**ROLL CALL:** Aldersperson McDowell, Aldersperson Pickerell, Aldersperson Davis, Aldersperson Eavenson, Aldersperson Smith, Aldersperson Harrington, Aldersperson LeMaster, Aldersperson Pierson and Aldersperson Garcia. All voted yes; the motion carried.

Aldersperson Hawkins was absent.

**FINAL PASSAGE:** Aldersperson McDowell, Aldersperson Pickerell, Aldersperson Davis, Aldersperson Eavenson, Aldersperson Smith, Aldersperson Harrington, Aldersperson LeMaster, Aldersperson Pierson and Aldersperson Garcia. All voted yes; the motion carried.

Aldersperson Hawkins was absent.

**iii. Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Madison, the City of Granite City, the City of Venice and the City of Madison for the Southwestern Madison County Enterprise Zone**

Motion by Aldersperson Eavenson, seconded by Aldersperson McDowell to approve the amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Madison, the City of Granite City, the City of Venice and the City of Madison for the Southwestern Madison County Enterprise Zone. All voted yes; the motion carried.

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

**i. Approval of the Finance Committee Meeting minutes from March 25, 2025**

Motion by Aldersperson Eavenson, seconded by Aldersperson Davis to approve the Finance Committee Meeting minutes from March 25, 2025. All voted yes; the motion carried.

**ii. 2025 Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance Program Estimate**

Motion by Aldersperson Eavenson, seconded by Aldersperson McDowell to approve the 2025 MFT Program Estimate as presented. All voted yes; the motion carried.

**iii. Lien Forgiveness**

Motion by Aldersperson Eavenson, seconded by Aldersperson LeMaster to approve lien forgiveness at 2743 Sunset Dr.

**ROLL CALL:** Aldersperson McDowell, Aldersperson Pickerell, Aldersperson Davis, Aldersperson Eavenson, Aldersperson Smith, Aldersperson Harrington, Aldersperson LeMaster, Aldersperson Pierson and Aldersperson Garcia. All voted yes; the motion carried.

Aldersperson Hawkins was absent.

**iv. Fuel Bids**

Motion by Aldersperson Eavenson, seconded by Aldersperson McDowell to award the Fuel Bid to M & M Service Company with Option A with fixed pricing.

**ROLL CALL:** Aldersperson McDowell, Aldersperson Pickerell, Aldersperson Davis, Aldersperson Eavenson,

Alderson Smith, Alderson Harrington, Alderson LeMaster, Alderson Pierson and Alderson Garcia. All voted yes; the motion carried.  
Alderson Hawkins was absent.

**v. Payroll**

Motion by Alderson Eavenson, seconded by Alderson LeMaster to approve payroll from the period of 3/16/2025-3/31/2025 in the amount of \$729,746.92.

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

**7. Report of Officers**

No report

**8. Unfinished Business**

None

**9. New Business**

Mayor Parkinson advised that an expenditure Ordinance would be presented in two weeks for equipment purchase, allowing for the Public Works Department to purchase a Roller and Paver. The purchase would give Public Works the needed tools to continue fixing roads throughout the city.

City Engineer Joe Juneau advised that the Council needed to approve the Resolution attached to the MFT for 2025.

Mayor Parkinson re-opened the Finance Committee.

Motion by Alderson Eavenson, seconded by Alderson McDowell to approve the Resolution as presented for the Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance Program.

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

**10. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk