

## **COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **1. Public Works-December 2, 2025**

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

Aldersperson Pickerell called the meeting to order.

#### **A. Approval of the Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes from November 18, 2025**

Motion by Aldersperson Smith, seconded by Aldersperson McDowell to approve the Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes from November 18, 2025. All voted yes; the motion carried.

#### **B. Review the request to establish a handicapped parking space at 2647 Iowa Street**

Motion by Aldersperson Smith, seconded by Aldersperson McDowell to approve a request establishing a handicapped parking space at 2647 Iowa Street. All voted yes; the motion carried.

#### **C. Request to extend a handicapped parking space at 1707 Edison Ave.**

Motion by Aldersperson Pickerell, seconded by Aldersperson Smith to invoke the omnibus rule for items C-E. All voted yes; the motion carried.

Motion by Aldersperson Pickerell, seconded by Aldersperson Smith to extend handicapped parking spaces at 1707 Edison Ave, 2135 Bryan Ave and 2525 Sheridan Ave. All voted yes; the motion carried.

#### **D. Request to extend a handicapped parking space at 2135 Bryan Ave**

#### **E. Request to extend a handicapped parking space at 2525 Sheridan Ave**

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

## **2. Legal & Legislative-November 18, 2025**

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

Jerry Harrington was absent.

Aldersperson Smith called the meeting to order.

### **A. Approval of the Legal & Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes from November 4, 2025**

Motion by Aldersperson Smith, seconded by Aldersperson Davis to approve the Legal & Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes from November 4, 2025. All voted yes; the motion carried.

### **B. A Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of Memorandum of Agreement with REACH Strategies and Ameren Illinois**

Aldersperson Smith deferred to City Engineer Joe Juneau.

Juneau advised that the proposed Resolution was for a \$75,000.00 grant from Ameren which can be used for electronic motorcycles and charging stations. He stated the grant needs to be executed by the end of the year.

Motion by Aldersperson Smith, seconded by Aldersperson Davis to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of the Memorandum of Agreement with REACH Strategies and Ameren Illinois. All voted yes; the motion carried.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

### 3. Planning & Zoning-December 2, 2025

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

Alderson McDowell called the meeting to order.

#### A. Discussion: Request for Lien Abatement 1728 Grand Ave

The owner of CP Trans Co addressed the Council regarding his request for lien abatement for 1728 Grand Ave, which adjoins his property at 1720 Grand Ave. He would like to purchase the property contingent on the lien being forgiven to expand his business. He stated he would immediately secure the property by fencing it in and paving the area for parking.

Alderson McDowell stated the lien was for \$18,000. He asked if the owner would be willing to pay \$9,000. CP Trans Co. owner stated he could pay \$6,000.

Mayor Parkinson stated there were currently fines for the owners' current property. He shared photos showing high grass, weeds and derelict vehicles parked on the property.

CP Trans Co's owner stated he had spoken with an inspector and some of the vehicles pictured did not belong to him. He stated his property had been cleaned up and he had never received a citation.

Mayor Parkinson stated the property is zoned residential, and he would have to go before the planning board before making any changes. CP Trans owner stated he was not planning on making that requested property commercial.

Mayor Parkinson stated he is leery of what the property will become. He asked the owner to schedule an appointment with Building & Zoning Manager Greg Koberna and the request would be revisited in 2 weeks.

Alderson Hawkins asked if there could be a contingency to waiving the lien if the property was citation free for several years. Mayor Parkinson stated that could be looked at.

Alderson McDowell stated the request would be revisited in two weeks.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

#### **4. Finance-December 2, 2025**

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

Aldersperson Hawkins called the meeting to order.

##### **A. Approval of the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from November 18, 2025**

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson LeMaster to approve the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from November 18, 2025. All voted yes; the motion carried.

##### **B. City Phone System**

Aldersperson Hawkins deferred to IT Director Brian Daniels.

Daniels reported that the current citywide system is at end-of-life, and reliability cannot be guaranteed. He stated his department has reviewed a number of solutions and found that Verizon would be the best solution to replace the existing phone system. He stated the bid from Verizon was \$24,000, adding the bid price will expire on December 29, 2025. The new system will bring the city into the next generation of phone systems. The system would allow for desk phones, computer workstations and a mobile app that will provide full service to the city extension. It will also provide cellular priority to our first responders and those responsible for city services during times of both internet and power outages.

Aldersperson Davis asked if the city pays a monthly amount now.

Daniels stated they do at \$500 a month between City Hall and the Police Department, adding the fees would increase.

Aldersperson Burton questioned if there would be a need for new hardware to update equipment.

Daniels stated there is a possibility, but nothing up front to get started.

Aldersperson Burton stated that, from a business standpoint, you have to have a phone system that works in all areas and can't ever be down. Aldersperson Hawkins agreed.

Aldersperson McDowell asked the monthly price, and how long the price would hold. Hawkins indicated roughly \$2500 a month, and Daniels stated going forward that price was locked in.

##### **C. Preliminary Engineering Agreement for Wilson Park Multi-Use Connector Illinois Transportation Enhancement Project**

Aldersperson Hawkins deferred to Danelle Juneau.

Juneau stated the city was awarded an ITEP Grant. She stated the city would fund the Preliminary Engineering and Construction portions using MFT funds, which would then in turn be reimbursed through ITEP at 100%.

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson Burton to approve the Preliminary Engineering Agreement for Wilson Park Multi-Use Connector Illinois Transportation Enhancement Project. All voted yes; the motion carried.

#### **D. Presentation: Pension Report Funding & Public Safety Pension Plan 2040**

Aldersperson Hawkins deferred to Economic Development Director Cathy Hamilton.

Hamilton gave a brief presentation outlining the Pension Report and Public Safety Pension Plan 2040. She stated that Pension Funds are a problem statewide and a heavy debt to the city. The debt was too high, and the city could not make the payments. The bond money generated in 2017 to repay the debt has all been distributed. The sale of the Waste Water Treatment Plant helped reduce the liability in 2023-2024 from 121 million to 42 million in 2025. The previous payments were 9.3 million annually, now reduced to 5.1 million. She advised that based on the previous plan, the city would owe a payment of 17 million in 2041, adding that the amount has been reduced to 2.2 million and the pensions will be fully funded if the market stays consistent. The plan requires a tax levy increase in 2025, 2031 and 2033 to accomplish this goal.

Hamilton stated the Fire Pension Fund continues to increase but still lags behind the Police Pension Fund.

Aldersperson McDowell questioned why the Fire Pension was underfunded when the city had paid the same amount for both pensions.

Hamilton stated she did not know.

Mayor Parkinson said the money may not be invested in the same funds.

Aldersperson McDowell requested that funding be evaluated by the Finance Department to be sure the Council/City is doing the best they can.

Mayor Parkinson asked McDowell for clarification: "Is the ask to verify whether the actuarial evaluations are correct?" Adding he believed they were.

Mayor Parkinson stated "statutorily that we have no authority on how the pension board invests, adding that our plan will ensure our debt service is paid by 2040."

Aldersperson Hawkins stated the City Phone System was on the Council Agenda and asked if it should have been voted on. The Mayor stated it could not. City Clerk DeYong and Attorney Genovese advised it in fact could have/should be.

Aldersperson Hawkins asked if there were any objections to voting, hearing none.

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson McDowell to approve the new City Phone System. All voted yes; the motion carried.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

## Risk Management-November 18, 2025

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

Alderpersion Pierson called the meeting to order.

### A. Approval of the Risk Management Committee Meeting Minutes from October 21, 2025

Motion by Alderpersion Pierson, seconded by Alderpersion McDowell to approve the Risk Management Committee Meeting Minutes from October 21, 2025. All voted yes; the motion carried.

### B. Review & Approval: Insurance Renewal

Alderpersion Pierson deferred to Risk Manager Craig Knight.

Knight discussed the renewal of health, workers' compensation and property insurance.

He advised that there is a 12.1% increase in the health plan, with the monthly average changing from \$157,799.27 to \$176,892.99, making the yearly estimated cost \$2,122,715.88.

He advised that there was an 8.76% increase in the property liability plan with a new annual premium of \$713,963.00.

He advised the increase in workers' compensation was at 7% with the annual cost changing from \$168,363.00 to \$180,142.00.

Motion by Alderpersion Pierson, seconded by Alderpersion McDowell to approve the Insurance renewal. All noted yes; the motion carried.

### C. A Resolution to renew Worker's Compensation, Liability, and Property Insurance Coverages with the Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust

Motion by Alderpersion Pierson, seconded by Alderpersion Smith to approve a Resolution to renew Worker's Compensation, Liability and Property Insurance Coverage with the Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust. All voted yes; the motion carried.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

## **TOWNSHIP MEETING: December 2, 2025**

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

Invocation was led by Pastor Sherman Poster.

### **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 Harrington, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Hawkins, Alderperson Pierson, Alderperson Garcia, Alderperson Burton and City Clerk Jenna De Yong were present.

### **3. Township Board Minutes - Approval of the Township Board Meeting Minutes from November 18, 2025**

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve the Township Board Meeting Minutes from November 18, 2025. All voted yes; the motion carried.

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

#### **A. December 2025 Calendar of Events**

Clerk Jenna DeYong presented the December 2025 calendar of events.

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

#### **A. Bill List: Town Fund-12/2/2025**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve the bills payable from the General Assistance Fund in the amount of \$128,065.29. All voted yes; the motion carried.

#### **B. Bill List: General Assistance Fund-12/2/2025**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the bills payable from the General Assistance Fund in the amount of \$16,341.12. All voted yes; the motion carried.

### **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.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING: December 2, 2025**

Mayor Parkinson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

### **1. Roll Call**

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

### **2. City Council Minutes - Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes from November 18, 2025**

Motion by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson Burton to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes from November 18, 2025. All voted yes; the motion carried.

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

None

### **4. Public Correspondence**

Mr. Phil Callis addressed the Council.

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

None

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

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

##### **i. Agreement between the City of Granite City, IL & Painters District Council 58**

Motion by Alderperson Garcia, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve the Agreement between the City of Granite City and Painters District Council 58.

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

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

##### **i. Director of Arts and Tourism Report**

Motion by Alderperson Davis, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to place on file the Director of Arts and Tourism Report. All voted yes; the motion carried.

Alderperson Davis advised pictures with Santa would be available at the Granite City Cinema starting Saturday, December 6, 2025.

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

No report

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

No report

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

No report

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

##### **i. Request to hire a probationary Patrol Officer**

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve hiring a probationary Patrol Officer.

**ROLL CALL:** Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Davis, Alderperson Smith, Alderperson Harrington, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Hawkins, Alderperson Pierson,

Aldersperson Garcia and Aldersperson Burton. All voted yes; the motion carried.

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

No report

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

No report

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

No report

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

**i. City Phone System**

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson Davis to approve the new contract for the new city phone system.

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

**ii. Preliminary Engineering Agreement for Wilson Park Multi-Use Connector Illinois Transportation Enhancement Project**

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson Harrington to approve the Preliminary Engineering Agreement for the Wilson Park Multi-Use Connector Illinois Transportation Enhancement Project.

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

**iii. Payroll**

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson Smith to approve payroll from the period of 11/16/2025-11/30/2025 in the amount of \$749,904.97.

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

**iv. Bill List**

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson Harrington to approve the bills payable in the amount of \$457,139.57.

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

**v. Supplemental Bill List**

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson Pierson to approve the Supplemental Bill List in the amount of \$3,018.75

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

**7. Report of Officers**

None

**8. Unfinished Business**

None

**9. New Business**

None

**10. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk