

**CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 2025**

COMMITTEE MEETING

1. Public Works: 6:15-6:25

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

Aldersperson Pickerell called the meeting to order.

Aldersperson Pickerell advised of an Ordinance Amendment to Ordinance 3452 concerning Snow Routes. Aldersperson Eavenson questioned if towing on a snow route would be at the expense of the city or owner of the vehicle. Mayor Parkinson consulted with counsel and stated it would be at the expense of the vehicles owner.

Motion by Aldersperson Pickerell, seconded by Aldersperson Smith to approve an Ordinance to amend Ordinance 3452 concerning the City Snow Routes. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

2. Finance: 6:25-6:50

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.

Aldersperson Hawkins advised that the 2024 Motor Fuel Tax Revised General Maintenance Program would be to add \$150,000 and move to a fiscal year no longer calendar year.

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson Eavenson to approve the Revised General Maintenance Program for 2024 MFT. All voted yes, motion carried.

Aldersperson Hawkins stated the Resolution authorizing the agreement for Madison Ave was for the 23rd through 29th Street improvement project.

City Engineer Joe Juneau stated it is a Federal project and Federal procedures must be used, adding certified letters would be sent out, and an informational meeting would be held at City Hall.

Aldersperson McDowell questioned if there would be street parking once the project is completed.

Juneau stated there would be no parking once completed, but it would be addressed with IDOT. McDowell asked if a vacant lot where the city had demolished the structure could be turned into a lot for neighborhood parking. Mayor Parkinson stated it could be looked into. He added residents should be given the opportunity for curb cuts if possible for driveways. Juneau agreed.

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve a Resolution to authorize an agreement for negotiation of easements for improvements to Madison Ave. All voted yes, motion carried.

Grant Writer Paula Hubbard and Deputy Finance Director Jessie Curran presented the ARPA REPORT which included ARPA facts, goals, projects and initiatives.

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, 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 January 21, 2025

Motion by Alderperson Pierson, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the Township Board Minutes from January 21, 2025. All voted yes, motion carried.

4. Presentation of Communications

None

5. Finance Committee: Jim Hawkins, Chairperson

A. Bill List - February 4, 2025

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the bills payable from the Town Fund in the amount of \$30,849.89.

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 Garcia to approve the bills payable from the General Assistance Fund in the amount of \$12,561.48.

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 Pierson to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Parkinson called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 January 21, 2025

Motion by Alderperson Davis, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve the City Council Meeting minutes from January 21, 2025. All voted yes, motion carried.

3. Presentation of Communications

4. Mayor's Remarks

A. MESD Letter of appreciation

Mayor Parkinson read the letter from MESD Executive Director, Mike Nordstrom.

B. Announcement of Roadway Projects

Mayor Parkinson announced that neighborhood roadways would be fixed throughout the city. He asked residents to reach out to their alderpeople to report a roadway in need of repair. Mayor Parkinson stated the work would be done with the city's newly purchased equipment.

5. Report of Standing Committees:

A. Negotiations Committee: Greg Garcia, Chairperson

No report

B. The District Committee: Mary Davis, Chairperson

Alderperson Davis reminded everyone to follow The Mill's Facebook/website for upcoming events, adding that Mardi Gras will be March 1, 2025.

C. Planning & Zoning Committee: Dan McDowell, Chairperson

i. A Resolution providing for the demolition or repair of a dangerous and unsafe building at 1027 21st 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 1027 21st Street. All voted yes, motion carried.

ii. A Resolution providing for the demolition or repair of a dangerous and unsafe building at 2205-07 Grand Ave

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 2205-07 Grand Ave. 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 amend Ordinance No 3452 concerning Snow Routes

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No 3452 concerning Snow Routes.

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

Aldersperson Pierson and Aldersperson Garcia. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

ii. Approval of the Granite City Tree Advisory Board Meeting minutes from October 10, 2024

Motion by Aldersperson Pickerell, seconded by Aldersperson Garcia to approve the Granite City Tree Advisory Board Meeting minutes from October 10, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

iii. Approval of the Granite City Tree Advisory Board Agenda for February 13, 2025

Motion by Aldersperson Pickerell, seconded by Aldersperson Pierson to approve and place on file the Granite City Tree Advisory Board Agenda for February 13, 2025. All voted yes, motion carried.

F. Police Committee: Jerry Harrington, Chairperson

No report

G. Fire Committee: Randy LeMaster, Chairperson

i. Request to hire 2 Probationary Firefighters

Motion by Aldersperson LeMaster, seconded by Aldersperson Smith to hire two Probationary Firefighters.

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

H. Risk Management Committee: Kim Pierson, Chairperson

i. Approval of the Risk Management Committee Meeting minutes from January 21, 2025

Motion by Aldersperson Pierson, seconded by Aldersperson Garcia to approve the Risk Management Committee Meeting minutes from January 21, 2025. All voted yes, motion carried.

I. Economic Development Committee: Brad Eavenson, Chairperson

No report

J. Finance Committee: Jim Hawkins, Chairperson

i. Approval of the Finance Committee Meeting minutes from January 21, 2025

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson Harrington to approve and place on file the Finance Committee Meeting minutes from January 21, 2025. All voted yes, motion carried.

ii. Update of Fire and Police Pension Fund

Economic Development Director Cathy Hamilton gave an update on the Fire and Police Pension Funds. Hamilton stated that the State Statutory requirement to be 90% funded by 2040 was the first goal of the Mayor and Council. She added that working with actuarial and investment experts has provided the city options and structure for repaying the debt to make the City compliant by 2040.

Hamilton, advised the City had received updated numbers from Lauterbach and Amen that show, after the \$60,000,000 dollar infusion into the funds and the April 2025 payment, the city will be projected to be 81% funded in the Police Pension Fund and 71% funded in the Fire Pension Fund.

Hamilton, advised the next critical step for the Council is to pass a protection Ordinance that ensures that the next Mayor and City Council carry fourth meeting the funding goal by 2040.

iii. 2024 MFT Revised General Maintenance Program

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson Harrington to approve the 2024 MFT Revised General Maintenance Program. All voted yes, motion carried.

iv. A Resolution to authorize negotiation and acquisition of permanent and temporary easements for improvements to Madison Avenue

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve a Resolution to authorize negotiation and acquisition of permanent and temporary easements for improvements to Madison Ave. All voted yes, motion carried.

v. Payroll

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the City payroll from the period of 1/16/2025 to 1/31/2025 in the amount of \$753,267.42.

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. Bill List

Motion by Alderperson Hawklins, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve the bills payable from January 2025 in the amount of \$8,025,073.33.

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.

6. Report of Officers

None

7. Public Correspondence

The following resident addressed the council: Nina Jackson

8. Unfinished Business

None

9. New Business

None

10. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk