

**CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 21, 2025**

**COMMITTEE MEETING**

**1. Finance: 5:45 p.m.**

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

Aldersperson Hawkins called the meeting to order.

Aldersperson Hawkins advised there were items on the list included within the contract that would not be a priority and would not be done, the goal is to concentrate on the cornerstones of the project.

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson Eavenson to approve a contract with Pfund Construction. All voted yes, motion carried.

Aldersperson Hawkins advised the ARPA Presentation would be tabled until February meeting.

Aldersperson Hawkins discussed an Ordinance to protect Pension Funds. Hawkins advised the City has a statutory duty to fund the pensions and the Ordinance would protect the funds from being used for other projects with a 2/3 vote needed to amend the Ordinance. He stated the city had been close to bankruptcy and could not borrow any more money, paying down the pension debt will improve the city's credit rating.

Aldersperson Hawkins deferred to Director of Finance Heather Becker.

Director Becker presented an FY 25/26 Preliminary Budget overview, Becker stated the Finance Departments motto is "Protect the Tax Payers dollars". She stated this type of budget would allow the City to focus on budget requirements, budget growth and future projections in order to grow as a community.

Aldersperson Eavenson stated the presentation was great adding the city had come a long way from possible bankruptcy just two years ago to a Capital Development Plan. He stated this is solid finance planning, commending Becker and her team, the Mayor and Finance Chairperson Jim Hawkins.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

**2. Risk Management: 6:30 p.m.**

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

Aldersperson Pierson called the meeting to order.

Motion by Aldersperson Pierson, seconded by Aldersperson Hawkins to go into closed session to discuss ongoing litigation. All voted yes, motion carried.

BEGIN CLOSED SESSION

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

END OF CLOSED SESSION

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

## **TOWNSHIP MEETING**

Invocation was led by Daniel Klueskins.

In absence of the Mayor due to illness, Alderperson McDowell 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:** Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Davis, Alderperson Eavenson, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Hawkins, Alderperson Pierson, Alderperson Garcia and City Clerk Jenna DeYong were present.

Mayor Parkinson, Alderperson Smith and Alderperson Harrington were absent.

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

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

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

None

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

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

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve the bills payable from the Town Fund in the amount of \$51,335.54.

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

Alderperson Smith, Alderperson Harrington and Mayor Parkinson were absent.

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve the bills payable from the General Assistance Fund in the amount of \$16,581.58.

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

Alderperson Smith, Alderperson Harrington and Mayor Parkinson were absent.

### **6. Unfinished Business**

None

### **7. New Business**

None

### **8. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

In absence of the Mayor due to illness Alderperson McDowell called the meeting to order.

### **1. Roll Call**

**ROLL CALL:** Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Davis, Alderperson Eavenson, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Hawkins, Alderperson Pierson, Alderperson Garcia and City Clerk Jenna DeYong were present.

Mayor Parkinson, Alderperson Smith and Alderperson Harrington were absent.

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

Motion by Alderperson Pierson, seconded by Alderperson Hawkins to approve the City Council Meeting minutes from January 7, 2025. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

#### **A. Request for Road Closure March 1, 2025 for Mardi Gras Parade and Festivities**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve the request for road closures on March 1, 2025 for Mardi Gras Parade and Festivities. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

None

### **5. 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. Approval of the Graphic Review Board Minutes from January 2, 2025**

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve and place on file the Graphic Review Board minutes from January 2, 2025. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to concur with the Graphic Review Board and approve a LED sign in a residential area for Pizza World. All voted yes, motion carried.

##### **ii. A Resolution providing for the demolition or repair of a dangerous and unsafe building at 2604 E 27th Street**

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve a Resolution providing for the demolition or repair of a dangerous and unsafe building at 2604 E 27th St. All voted yes, motion carried.

##### **iii. Approval of a curb cut at 2543 Maryville Rd.**

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve a curb cut at 2543 Maryville Rd. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

No Report

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

##### **i. Approval of the Public Works Committee Meeting minutes from January 7, 2025**

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve the Public Works

Committee Meeting minutes from January 7, 2025. All voted yes, motion carried.

**ii. Ordinance Providing for the Placement of One Stop Sign at the Intersection of Ash Ave. and St. Clair Ave.**

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by Alderperson Hawkins to amend the Ordinance providing for the placement of a STOP sign at the intersection of Ash Ave. and St. Clair Ave. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by Alderperson Hawkins to approve an Ordinance providing for the placement of a STOP sign at the intersection of Ash Ave and St. Clair Ave as amended.

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

Alderperson Smith and Alderperson Harrington were absent.

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

Alderperson Smith and Alderperson Harrington were absent.

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

**i. Presentation of award to resident**

Chief Gary Brooks awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to civilian Phil Hobbs for his assistance on October 19, 2024, where Mr. Hobbs assisted an officer who was being battered by a defendant during an arrest after a retail theft at Hibbets Sports in Granite City. Mr. Hobbs assisted in the arrest of two defendants during the incident.

**ii. Action to hire Probationary Telecommunicator**

Motion by Alderperson Davis, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve hiring of a probationary telecommunicator. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

**i. Request to hire 2 Probationary Firefighters**

Motion by Alderperson LeMaster, seconded by Alderperson Davis to hire two probationary firefighters. All voted yes, motion carried.

**ii. Resignation of Firefighter Joshua Mayfield**

Motion by Alderperson LeMaster, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to place on file the resignation letter of firefighter Joshua Mayfield. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

No Report

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

**i. Approval of the Economic Development Committee Meeting minutes from January 7, 2025**

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve the Economic Development Committee Meeting minutes from January 7, 2025. All voted yes, motion carried.

Alderperson Eavenson stated the Mayor's next Speaking Series would be held on Tuesday, February 25th at The Mill Event Center.

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

**i. Resolution to Contract for Human Resources and Law Enforcement Training Services**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve a Resolution to contract for Human Resources and Law Enforcement Training Services.

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

Alderperson Harrington and Alderperson Smith were absent.

**ii. Resolution to Approve Agreement for Preconstruction Services with Pfund Construction, Inc.**

Motion to Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Eavenson approving a Resolution to approve an Agreement for Preconstruction Services with Pfund Construction, Inc.

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

Alderperson Harrington and Alderperson Smith were absent.

**iii. Payroll**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve the City Payroll from the period of 1/1/2025-1/15/2025 in the amount of \$729,067.21.

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

Alderperson Harrington and Alderperson Smith were absent.

**iv. Treasurer's Report**

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

**6. Report of Officers**

Fire Chief Todd Richey and Assistant Fire Chief Scott Nonn brought nine-year-old Aniyah Harris up to be recognized for her life saving efforts on December 19, 2024, when Aniyah came home from school and found her mother unresponsive. Aniyah called 911 and was able to get her mother the help she needed.

**7. Public Correspondence**

None

**8. Unfinished Business**

None

**9. New Business**

None

**10. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk