

**CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MARCH 11, 2025**

COMMITTEE MEETING

1. The District: 5:05-5:20

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

Aldersperson Davis called the meeting to order.

Aldersperson Davis deferred to Mayor Parkinson.

Mayor Parkinson stated there was a proposal from Delec Table Eatery for the Lascelles Building to open a dining and entertainment destination in downtown Granite City. He introduced the owners and opened the floor for discussion.

Aldersperson Hawkins asked about the rewards program mentioned in the proposal. Owner Omar Nixon indicated the rewards' system would be through cryptocurrency.

Aldersperson LeMaster stated he looked forward to the restaurant opening.

Aldersperson Smith thanked the owners for branching out and bringing business to the city.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

2. Finance: 5:20-5:50

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.

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson Pierson to approve a Resolution for Motor Fuel Tax Allocation for Supplemental Preliminary Engineering Agreement Madison Avenue Phases 1-3 Improvement Project. All voted yes; the motion carried.

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson Eavenson to approve a Preliminary Engineering Agreement for Madison Avenue Phase 4 Surface Transportation Project. All voted yes; the motion carried.

Alderson Hawkins opened the floor for discussion of a possible contract with Tenury. He indicated he was not in favor of the contract, stating a three-year contract at a cost of 50% of recovered funds as reasons. He suggested the contract be tabled.

Alderson Smith questioned why the company had not come to present their proposal to the Council. Alderson Hawkins was unsure.

Alderson Eavenson stated he agreed with Alderson Hawkins that he does not see a cost saving for the city at 50%, adding he did not think Tenury coming back at a later date would change anything.

Motion by Alderson Hawkins, seconded by Alderson Pierson to reject the offer from Tenury, asking that the Committee be polled on approving a contract.

Roll Call: Hawkins-No, McDowell-No, LeMaster-No, Eavenson-No and Pierson-No. All voted no; the offer will be rejected.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

3. Public Works: 5:50-6:05

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.

Alderson Pickerell called the meeting to order.

Motion by Alderson Pickerell, seconded by Alderson McDowell to establish a handicap parking space at 2909 E 24th Street. All voted yes; the motion carried.

Alderson Pickerell deferred to Public Works Director Rick Daily.

Director Daily indicated there had been a request from a citizen to create a city-wide leaf/limb program. He stated the idea was to have a two-man team pick up debris from a residence that had been scheduled, allocating certain days of the week for each ward.

Director Daily stated two people could not cover the task within a day and there was no workforce available. He said the city currently picks up two times a year and has the leaf dump open to residents, adding that in cases of damaging storms, the city has done city-wide pick-ups.

Alderson Eavenson stated in the next contract with trash pick-up that the city needs to negotiate leaf/limb removal, not allowing the company to cap the number of residences needed for the service.

Mayor Parkinson stated the city does everything it can to accommodate residents when needed.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

4. Economic Development: 6:05-6:15

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

Alderperson Eavenson called the meeting to order.

Alderperson Eavenson deferred to Economic Development Director Cathy Hamilton.

Director Hamilton stated that no action was needed at this point. She said that while working through the city's infill program there were liens and fees that would need to be waived on city lots for DEMO liens, Sewer and Grass liens/fees totaling \$97,562.20.

Alderperson Eavenson stated the liens and fees were uncollectible and should be waived.

Mayor Parkinson stated that if the properties are sold to a taxpayer, the liens are waived, adding this is strictly cleaning up the titles and deeds.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

5. Risk Management: 6:15-6:50

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

Alderperson Pierson called the meeting to order.

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

BEGIN CLOSED SESSION

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

END OF CLOSED SESSION

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

TOWNSHIP MEETING

Invocation was led by Brian Daniels.

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 February 18, 2025

Motion by Alderperson Harrington seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve the Township Board Meeting minutes from February 18, 2025. All voted yes; the motion carried.

4. Presentation of Communications

A. Annual Notice of Town Meeting with Agenda to be held on April 8, 2025

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve and place on file the Annual Notice of Town Meeting with Agenda. All voted yes; the motion carried.

5. Finance Committee: Jim Hawkins, Chairperson

A. Bill List - March 11, 2025

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve the bills payable from the Town Fund in the amount of \$32,318.49.

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; the motion carried.

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the bills payable from the General Assistance Fund in the amount of \$12,333.94.

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; the motion carried.

6. Unfinished Business

None

7. New Business

None

8. Adjournment

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes; the motion was 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 February 18, 2025

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve the City Council Meeting minutes from February 18, 2025. All voted yes; the motion carried.

3. Presentation of Communications

4. Mayor's Remarks

Mr. Kevin Nicol presented the City with a plaque honoring Granite City native General Andrew Jackson Goodpaster.

A. Granite City Housing Authority Appointment of Lucas Van Buskirk due to resignation of Wilma Powell

Motion by Alderperson LeMaster, seconded by Alderperson Smith to approve the recommendation and appoint Lucas Van Buskirk to the Granite City Housing Authority Board. All voted yes; the motion carried.

5. Report of Standing Committees:

A. Negotiations Committee: Greg Garcia, Chairperson

No report

B. The District Committee: Mary Davis, Chairperson

Alderperson Davis thanked all participants in the Mardi Gras festivities.

C. Planning & Zoning Committee: Dan McDowell, Chairperson

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Eavenson to invoke the Omnibus Rule for items 1 through 3. All voted yes: the motion carried.

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve a Resolution providing for the demolition or repair of dangerous and unsafe buildings at 2305 Ohio, 2127 Lee Avenue and 2207 Nevada. All voted yes; the motion carried.

i. A Resolution providing for the demolition or repair of a dangerous and unsafe building at 2305 Ohio Avenue

ii. A Resolution providing for the demolition or repair of a dangerous and unsafe building at 2127 Lee Avenue

iii. A Resolution providing for the demolition or repair of a dangerous and unsafe building at 2207 Nevada Avenue

D. Legal & Legislative Committee: Jason Smith, Chairperson

i. Approval of the Legal & Legislative Committee Meeting minutes from February 18, 2025

Motion by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve the Legal & Legislative Committee Meeting minutes from February 18, 2025. All voted yes; the motion carried.

ii. An Ordinance to reschedule the two March Meetings of the Granite City City Council to March 11 and 25, 2025, from the previously scheduled regular meeting dates of March 4 and 18, 2025.

Motion by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve an Ordinance to reschedule the two March Meetings of the Granite City, City Council to March 11 and 25, 2025 from the previously scheduled regular meeting dates of March 4 and 18, 2025.

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; the motion carried.

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

E. Public Works Committee: Bob Pickerell, Chairperson

i. Approval of the Public Works Committee Meeting minutes from February 18, 2025

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve the Public Works Committee Meeting minutes from February 18, 2025. All voted yes; the motion carried.

ii. An Ordinance establishing a handicap parking space at 2410 Winters Dr

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by Alderperson Hawkins to approve an Ordinance establishing a handicap parking space at 2410 Winters Drive.

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; the motion carried.

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

F. Police Committee: Jerry Harrington, Chairperson

i. January 2025 STATS

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve and place on file the January 2025 STATS. All voted yes; the motion carried.

G. Fire Committee: Randy LeMaster, Chairperson

i. Approval of the Fire and Police Commission Meeting minutes

Motion by Alderperson LeMaster, seconded by Alderperson Smith to approve and place on file the Fire and Police Commission Meeting minutes from March 5, 2025. All voted yes; the 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 February 18, 2025

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve the Economic Development Committee Meeting minutes from February 18, 2025. All voted yes; the motion carried.

J. Finance Committee: Jim Hawkins, Chairperson

i. Approval of the Finance Committee Meeting minutes from February 18, 2025

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the Finance Committee Meeting minutes from February 18, 2025. All voted yes; the motion carried.

ii. A Resolution to authorize an agreement for a preliminary environmental site assessment for improvements to Madison Ave from 23rd Street to 29th Street

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve a Resolution authorizing an Agreement for a preliminary environmental site assessment for improvements to Madison Ave from 23rd Street to 29th Street. All voted yes; the motion carried.

iii. A Resolution to authorize an Agreement for a preliminary environmental site assessment and ADA compliance, resurfacing, and gutter improvements to Madison Avenue from 21st Street to 23rd Street

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve a Resolution authorizing an Agreement for a preliminary environmental site assessment, and ADA compliance, resurfacing and gutter improvements to Madison Avenue from 21st Street to 23rd Street. All voted yes; the motion carried.

iv. A Resolution to approve award of a bid for the replacement of a culvert at Terminal Avenue in Granite City, Illinois

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve a Resolution to award a bid for the replacement of a culvert at Terminal Avenue in Granite City, Illinois. All voted yes; the motion carried.

v. A Resolution to approve an Agreement with Tenurgy, LLC

As discussed in Committee, the contract/Resolution was rejected in vote.

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to reject the contract/Resolution with Tenurgy.

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 to reject the contract/Resolution, the motion carried.

vi. Payroll

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve payroll for the period of 2/16/2025-2/28/2025 in the amount of \$669,554.03.

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; the motion carried.

vii. Bill List

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the Bill List for February 2025 in the amount of \$1,603,589.14.

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; the motion carried.

6. Report of Officers

A. Street Department

i. Snow Storm Report

Mayor Parkinson presented the Snow Storm Report.

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve and place on file the Snow Storm Report. All voted yes; the motion carried.

7. Public Correspondence

None

8. Unfinished Business

None

9. New Business

Mayor Parkinson announced a City-Wide Clean-Up Day would be scheduled and volunteers would be needed from the community to help the Street Department on a Saturday, adding more details would be provided soon.

Aldersperson Eavenson encouraged the Council and audience to contact their state-level representatives in opposition to a proposed bill that would reduce the distance in which a registered sex offender can live to a school building and to the mandated reporting of the offender.

10. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk