

CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JANUARY 7, 2025

COMMITTEE MEETING

1. Public Works: 6:00-6:05

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.

Alderperson Pickerell called the meeting to order.

Alderperson Harrington stated residents are getting their vehicles hit and no one is stopping to report it, he stated Alderperson Eavenson brought it to the Council in the last meeting and there is a need for a STOP sign on the corner of St. Clair and Ash.

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson Smith to approve a STOP sign at the corner of St. Clair and Ash. All voted yes, motion carried.

Mayor Parkinson added that there would be a city camera added in that area as well.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

2. Economic Development: 6:05-6:50

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 advised that the request for the demolition releases were discussed in a prior meeting and were to facilitate the closing of the parcels approved in Resolution 2024-71.

Director Hamilton gave a presentation focusing on:
Importance of Historical Neighborhoods/Downtown
Efforts to Implement a Market rate
Fundamentals of neighborhood revitalization program and Downtown Buildings

Director Hamilton introduced Matthew Pfund, President of Pfund Construction for questions regarding the Construction Contract to provide design and preconstruction services for the city.

Mr. Pfund stated he sees great potential in the city and is looking forward to the opportunity to work with the Administration.

Aldersperson Eavenson stated he had met with Pfund and the plans were to create areas that families want to be a part of. He added the plan had been in the works for several years and the city needs to invest in the long-term plan for success.

Aldersperson Hawkins questioned if the plan would be to build one home at a time or multiple homes together. Mr. Pfund stated the idea is to build multiple homes, watching the market to represent the neighborhood, adding that property values decline due to derelict houses and empty lots.

Mayor Parkinson stated the plan is to continue new development throughout the city planning for the future.

Aldersperson Hawkins questioned if the 10-year agreement with a buyer to not flip the property would be long enough. Pfund stated it is a pilot program that the Mayor created.

Mayor Parkinson stated he asked for more than 10 years but the County Board granted 10, adding it was the only incentive available for the program.

Discussion by the council regarding the Property Tax Abatement available to property owners that improve and/or renovate residential property within the "Southwestern Madison County Enterprise Zone".

Aldersperson McDowell asked if the city would be able to access tax credits, Director Hamilton indicated yes.

Aldersperson Eavenson stated the zoning Ordinance may need revamped. Hamilton advised some lots would need to be consolidated to conform to what buyers expect.

Aldersperson LeMaster asked what types of housing would be built to ensure families would purchase them. Pfund indicated 3-bedroom homes with 2 baths.

Aldersperson Pickerell and Eavenson both felt the change made by the School Board to bring neighborhood type of schools back would help bring families back to the area.

Motion by Aldersperson McDowell, seconded by Aldersperson Davis to approve the Demolition Lien release on 1304, and 1320-22 19th St. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Aldersperson Eavenson, seconded by Aldersperson LeMaster to approve an RFQ for Residential Developer/Home Builder for City owned vacant properties. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

TOWNSHIP MEETING

Mayor Parkinson called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Hawkins, Alderperson Pierson, Alderperson Garcia and City Clerk Jenna DeYong were present.

3. Township Board Minutes - Approval of the Township Board Meeting minutes from December 17, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Garcia, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the Township Board Meeting minutes from December 17, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

4. Presentation of Communications

None

5. Finance Committee: Jim Hawkins, Chairperson

A. Bill List - January 7, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the bills payable from the Town Fund in the amount of \$45,272.79.

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 Harrington to approve the bills payable from the General Assistance Fund in the amount of \$13,743.39.

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. Old Business

None

7. New Business

None

8. Adjournment

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Parkinson called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 December 17, 2024 City Council Meeting minutes

Motion by Alderperson Garcia, seconded by Alderperson Hawkins to approve the City Council Meeting minutes from December 17, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

3. Presentation of Communications

None

4. Mayor's Remarks

Mayor Parkinson read a letter of resignation from Granite City Firefighter Dustin Becker.

5. Report of Standing Committees:

A. Negotiations Committee: Greg Garcia, Chairperson

No Report

B. The District Committee: Mary Davis, Chairperson

i. Approval of The District Committee Meeting minutes from December 17, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Davis, seconded by Alderperson Eavenson to approve The District Committee Meeting minutes from December 17, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

C. Planning & Zoning Committee: Dan McDowell, Chairperson

i. An Ordinance of the City of Granite City re-zoning pins 22-2-19-24-11-201-041, 22-2-19-24-11-201-042, 22-2-19-24-11-201-043, 22--2-19-24-11-201-044 located at 1725 Delmar Ave, 1729 Delmar Ave, 1733 Delmar Ave and 1737 Delmar Ave in Granite City, Illinois and amending the City's Zoning Ordinance to reflect same

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to invoke the omnibus rule approving items i through iii.

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.

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, motion carried.

ii. An Ordinance of the City of Granite City Re-Zoning PIN 22-2-19-24-11-201-045 located at 1741 Delmar Ave, Granite City, Illinois and amending the City's Zoning Ordinance to reflect same

iii. An Ordinance of the City of Granite City Re-Zoning PINS 22-2-19-24-11-201-012, 22-2-19-24-11-201-011 located at 1734 & 1736 Cleveland Blvd, Granite City, Illinois and amending the City's Zoning Ordinance to reflect the same

iv. A Resolution providing for the demolition or repair of a dangerous and unsafe building at 2921 Harding Ave.

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to invoke the Omnibus Rule approving items iv through vii.

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.

v. A Resolution providing for the demolition or repair of a dangerous and unsafe building at 2141 State Street

vi. A Resolution providing for the demolition or repair of a dangerous and unsafe building at 2526 Grand Ave

vii. A Resolution providing for the demolition or repair of a dangerous and unsafe building at 2701 Buxton Ave-Front and Rear

D. Legal & Legislative Committee: Jason Smith, Chairperson

i. Approval of the Legal & Legislative Committee Meeting minutes from December 17, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve the Legal & Legislative Committee Meeting minutes from December 17, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

ii. An Ordinance to repeal Ordinance 10201, concerning the Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers Act

Motion by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve an Ordinance to repeal Ordinance 10201, concerning the Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers Act.

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.

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, motion carried.

E. Public Works Committee: Bob Pickerell, Chairperson

No Report

F. Police Committee: Jerry Harrington, Chairperson

i. Chief STATS for November 2024

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve and place on file the November 2024 Chief STATS. All voted yes, motion carried.

ii. Chiefs STATS for December 2024

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve and place on file the December 2024 Chief STATS. All voted yes, motion carried.

iii. Promotions: Sgt. Carter Burford to Lieutenant & Officer Daniel Grayson to Sergeant

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Hawkins to approve the promotion of Sgt. Carter Burford to Lieutenant and Officer Daniel Grayson to Sergeant. All votes yes, 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 December 17, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Pierson, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve the Risk Management Committee Meeting minutes from December 17, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

I. Economic Development Committee: Brad Eavenson, Chairperson

i. Approval of the Economic Development Committee Meeting from December 17, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve the Economic Development Committee Meeting minutes from December 17, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

ii. A Resolution to release demolition liens and related filings to facilitate closing on purchase of parcels approved in Resolution 2024-71.

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson Davis to approve a Resolution to release demolition liens and related filings to facilitate closing on of purchase of parcels approved in Resolution 2024-71.

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.

iii. RFQ Approval

Motion by Alderperson Eavenson, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve an RFQ as discussed in committee. All voted yes, motion carried.

J. Finance Committee: Jim Hawkins, Chairperson

i. Approval of the Finance Committee Meeting minutes from December 17, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve the Finance Committee Meeting minutes from December 17, 2024. All voted yes, motion carried.

ii. Payroll

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the payroll from the period of 12/16/2024-12/30/2024 in the amount of \$746, 112.19.

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.

iii. Bill List

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the bills payable from December 2024 in the amount of \$2,672,901.96

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

None

8. Unfinished Business

None

9. New Business

None

10. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk