

COMMITTEE MEETING

1. Economic Development-November 18, 2025

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

Jerry Harrington was absent.

Aldersperson Burton called the meeting to order.

A. Approval of the Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes from November 4, 2025

Motion by Aldersperson Burton, seconded by Aldersperson McDowell to approve the Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes from November 4, 2025. All voted yes; the motion carried.

B. Presentation: Datacenters

Aldersperson Burton introduced Jeff Lake from Cloverleaf Infrastructure.

Jeff Lake gave a brief presentation on Data Centers addressing common concerns of citizens regarding water usage, noise, energy rates, light pollution, jobs and tax revenue.

Lake stated new technology is being used to decrease environmental impacts. He advised the investment is nearly 1 billion dollars, generating millions in tax revenue.

Aldersperson LeMaster questioned if there were groups opposing data centers.

Lake stated yes, there are watch dog groups that follow data centers.

Mayor Parkinson stated data centers are coming and with them an increase in electrical use, which will cause a shared increase in cost to everyone on that grid. He added the city that has the data center will share in that cost but will benefit from the revenue of tax dollars and infrastructure improvements.

Aldersperson LeMaster questioned if the size of a Data Center was determined by the population or who occupies it.

Lake stated that the type of center makes the difference.

Aldersperson Burton asked if energy would be purchased by Ameren and if there would be any green energy.

Lake stated there will be no green energy on site.

Burton questioned if there would be first responder training.

Lake indicated there is a very complicated fire suppression system and first responder training would be needed.

Aldersperson Smith asked what the time frame to build/complete a center.

Lake stated 18 months to 2 years, looking at 2027 to early 2028.

Mayor Parkinson stated there would be more information and meetings in the future, adding this was

an initial informative meeting with no action required.

Lake stated he would leave his business cards to be available if questions arise.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

4. Public Works-November 18, 2025

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

Jerry Harrington was absent.

Aldersperson Pickerell called the meeting to order.

A. Approval of the Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes from November 4, 2025

Motion by Aldersperson Pickerell, seconded by Aldersperson Smith to approve the Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes from November 4, 2025. All voted yes; the motion carried.

B. Extend a handicapped parking space at 1202 Edison Ave

Motion by Aldersperson Pickerell, seconded by Aldersperson Smith to extend a handicapped parking space at 1202 Edison Avenue for an additional four years. All voted yes; the motion carried.

C. Establish a handicapped parking space at 2647 Iowa St.

Aldersperson Pickerell opened the floor to discuss the request to establish a handicapped space at 2647 Iowa Street. He stated he did not see the need for a space when there is a driveway that is able to hold multiple vehicles.

Attorney Genovese asked how common it is that requests are declined or discussed due to driveways being present when a person has a handicap and has applied with all the proper documentation. Does the council look past those parameters?

Aldersperson Pickerell stated it was a rental property, and asked what the need for it was.

Attorney Genovese said that would be a question for the owner or the person who applied, adding the question would be asked if the council had approved rental property in the past.

Mayor Parkinson stated it is a reasonable request to accommodate the law, whether it is owner-occupied or rental.

Aldersperson McDowell stated it is not uncommon for the council to discuss or consider applications based on driveways, etc.

Attorney Genovese stated the city chooses to allow for the handicapped parking spaces on public streets, it is not required by law.

Mayor Parkinson stated that with a handicapped space in front of the house, it may help her from having to move her vehicle if other family members need the driveway.

Aldersperson Pierson stated she is a single woman who has one personal vehicle and one work vehicle, and she moves them around to keep anyone from parking in front of her house.

Attorney Genovese stated it is a slippery slope, being privy to details about this specific individual but not necessarily digging into other individuals.

Aldersperson Smith asked if the council could be open up to a lawsuit.

Mayor Parkinson suggested tabling the request to gather more information.

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to table for two weeks. All voted yes; the motion carried.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

5. Finance-November 18, 2025

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

Jerry Harrington was absent.

Aldersperson Hawkins called the meeting to order.

A. Approval of the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from November 4, 2025

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson Pierson to approve the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from November 4, 2025. All voted yes; the motion carried.

B. Bid Results-Courtroom Grant

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson Pierson to award the Construction Bid to Tindall Construction in the amount of \$69,661.00 and the Painting Bid to ToonCo Painting Inc in the amount of \$71,076.00. All voted yes; the motion carried.

Aldersperson Smith questioned why the city was not using their painter and why the recommendation was for the higher bid.

Mayor Parkinson stated the size of the job and grant funds being used.

Project Manager Mike Braunagel stated the lower bid did not include a time frame the work could be completed and did not cover everything needed.

C. Review and Approval: Preliminary Engineering Agreement for Madison Ave Phase 5 Surface Transportation Project

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson LeMaster to approve the Preliminary Engineering Agreement for Madison Avenue Phase 5 for FY2029. All voted yes; the motion carried.

D. Presentation & Approval: Tax Levy

Aldersperson Hawkins deferred to Economic Development director Cathy Hamilton.

Hamilton gave a presentation on the proposed 2025 Tax Levy:

Hamilton stated that Real Estate Property Taxes are the most stable and reliable revenue source for the city, noting each community is different in combination of property tax versus other sales/use taxes. Property Tax Levy Results for TY21-TY24: created a 5 -year strategy plan for tax reduction, equalized assessed value growth, passed the benefit of ARPA funding onto property owners, increased transparency for Public Safety Pension Funding, and there was no Levy Increase in 2 of the 4 years.

Goals of Tax Levy 2025:

Compliance with Public Safety Pension Plan: Commitment of the City to meet State Statute of 90% funded by 2040, improving credit worthiness from Junk Bond status

Continued no increase to the General Fund for City Operations of Police, Fire and Public Works

No further levy increase of the Police and Fire Pension Fund until tax year 2031.

Hamilton discussed three options:

Levy Option 1- Levy Increase \$637,046, % Levy Increase 4.98

Levy Option 2- Levy Increase \$1,913,083, % Levy Increase 14.96

Levy Option 3- Levy Increase \$2,260,604, % Levy Increase 17.67

Hamilton advised the city has an opportunity to capture an estimated \$711,000 in taxes from Illinois American in new taxes.

Hamilton advised the next steps were approving the Public Hearing for the Truth in Taxation be set. A presentation on the Lauterbach Amen Actuarial Analysis and impact on Levy, Pension Fund update and Annual transparency. City Council Approval of Property Tax Levy.

Aldersperson Hawkins advised that the levy would need to be greater than 4.9 to continue moving forward, adding anything less would set the city back.

Aldersperson Hawkins stated the Tax Levy was not being voted on; the vote was to set the Public Hearing date.

Aldersperson LeMaster asked what would be said to the residents who would question the need to raise the tax levy for the purpose of pension payments when the city sold the Waste Water Treatment Plant to fix the pension deficit.

Mayor Parkinson stated that selling the Waste Water Treatment Plant to fix the deficit was partially right. The city sold it for the maximum amount of 86 million. The debt was 120 million, plus the debt service of 40 million in bonds that were sold, where 10 million went into the Fire Pension and 10 million into the Police Pension. The remaining 20 million was used to make payments over a five-year period (2017-2022). He said taxes cannot be reduced until we pay off the bonds and get out of debt on pension payments.

He advised that this is the one time, based on the actuaries, that the city will fall short of hitting the payment that needs to be made.

Adding that in the packet, there is a letter from the Pension Board laying out their expectations according to law. Those expectations are that the statutory payments are made that are required by law, or they have the right to intercept our tax dollars to ensure they get their money.

He said this is part of the plan that the council set in motion to fix the debt in the city. He added, we have to bite the bullet to stay on the amortization schedule. If not, we will have to dip into the 11-13 million dollars, which is for the payments down the road if things get rough.

We can either do the hard thing now to ensure the payments continue to be made and get the debt paid down like planned, or we cannot do it and dip into those funds and the next Mayor will be faced with the same pension crisis that we adopted. If we go backwards, we will have to amend the Ordinance that was put in place to protect those funds.

Aldersperson Hawkins encouraged the council to look at what other taxing bodies around us do, adding it is common practice. He stated we have a one-time opportunity now for this year with the Waste Water Treatment Plant coming on, this is the time to do it. He added he is fiscally conservative, and did not see another way without cutting services and sacrificing the financial integrity that has been built. He said the council would have to explain this to residents.

Aldersperson Burton stated, although he is new to the Council, he can see where the council and city have improved things over the past few years and once you have a strategy, altering it because things are becoming tough could cause us to go backwards. He added that taking the easy way out has consequences.

Mayor Parkinson stated it is either staying with the plan now or seeing a major tax increase when that money runs out.

E. A Resolution to Set Public Hearing for Tax Levy

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve a Resolution to set a Public Hearing for the Tax Levy for December 16, 2025. All voted yes; the motion carried.

F. Discussion: Granite City Firefighters Pension Fund

Motion to Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to place on file the letter from the Granite City Firefighters Pension Plan. All voted yes; the motion carried.

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes; the 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 Smith, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Hawkins, Alderperson Pierson, Alderperson Garcia, Alderperson Burton and City Clerk Jenna DeYong were present.

Alderperson Harrington was absent.

3. Township Board Minutes - Approval of the Township Board Meeting Minutes from November 4, 2025

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve the Township Board Meeting Minutes from November 4, 2025. All voted yes; the motion carried.

4. Presentation of Communications

None

5. Finance Committee: Jim Hawkins, Chairperson

A. Bill List: Town Fund-11/18, 2025

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve the bills payable from the Town Fund in the amount of \$45,453.99.

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

Alderperson Harrington was absent.

B. Bill List: General Assistance Fund-11/18/2025

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve the bills payable from the General Assistance Fund in the amount of \$18,099.36.

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

Alderperson Harrington was absent.

6. Unfinished Business

None

7. New Business

None

8. Adjournment

Motion by Alderperson LeMaster, seconded by Alderperson Smith to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes; the 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 Smith, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Hawkins, Alderperson Pierson, Alderperson Garcia, Alderperson Burton and City Clerk Jenna DeYong were present.
Alderperson Harrington was absent.

2. City Council Minutes - Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes from November 4, 2025

Motion by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve the City Council Meeting minutes from November 4, 2025. All voted yes; the motion carried.

3. Presentation of Communications

None

4. Public Correspondence

None

5. Mayor's Remarks

Mayor Parkinson recognized Boy Scout Troop 103 for attending the meeting to earn their Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge.

6. Report of Standing Committees:

A. Negotiations Committee: Greg Garcia, Chairperson

No report

B. The District Committee: Mary Davis, Chairperson

Alderperson Davis stated there were special Christmas events being held at The Mill Event Center, adding details could be found on the website.

Mayor Parkinson advised that due to construction in City Hall, there would be no display in the rotunda and the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony with the Holy Family Choir would be held at The Mill Event Center.

C. Planning & Zoning Committee: Dan McDowell, Chairperson

i. Granite City Transportation Electrification Plan

Alderperson McDowell advised the Granite City Transportation Electrification Plan is a grant of \$75,000 from Ameren.

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve the Granite City Transportation Electrification Plan. All voted yes; the motion carried.

D. Legal & Legislative Committee: Jason Smith, Chairperson

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

Motion by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of the Memorandum of Agreement with REACH Strategies and Ameren Illinois.

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

E. Public Works Committee: Bob Pickerell, Chairperson

i. An Ordinance designating a handicapped parking space for an additional four years at 2263 Grand Ave within the City of Granite City, Illinois

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve an Ordinance designating a handicapped parking space for an additional four years at 2263 Grand Ave within the City of Granite City, Illinois.

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

Alderperson Harrington was absent.

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

Alderperson Harrington was absent.

F. Police Committee: Jerry Harrington, Chairperson

i. October 2025 Chief STATS

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to place on file the Chief STATS for October 2025. All voted yes; the motion carried.

G. Fire Committee: Randy LeMaster, Chairperson

i. EMS Run Report

Motion by Alderperson LeMaster, seconded by Alderperson Smith to place on file the EMS Run Report for August 2025 through October 2025. All voted yes; the motion carried.

H. Risk Management Committee: Kim Pierson, Chairperson

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

Motion by Alderperson Pierson, seconded by Alderperson McDowell 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.

I. Economic Development Committee: Keith Burton, Chairperson

No Report

J. Finance Committee: Jim Hawkins, Chairperson

i. Bid Results-Courtroom Grant

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Burton to award the Construction bid to Tindall Construction in the amount of \$69,661.00 and the Painting Bid to ToonCo Painting Inc in the amount of \$71,076.00.

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

Alderperson Harrington was absent.

ii. Preliminary Engineering Agreement for Madison Ave Phase 5 Surface Transportation Project

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve the Preliminary Engineering Agreement for Madison Avenue Phase 5 for FY2029.

ROLL CALL: Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Davis, Alderperson Smith, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Hawkins, Alderperson Pierson, Alderperson Garcia and

Aldersperson Burton. All voted yes; the motion carried.

Aldersperson Harrington was absent.

iii. A Resolution approving the proposed 2025 Property Tax Levy for the City of Granite City

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson LeMaster to approve a Resolution setting the Public Hearing for the proposed 2025 Property Tax Levy for the City of Granite City. All voted yes; the motion carried.

iv. Payroll

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson Burton to approve payroll from the period of 11/01/2025-11/15/2025 in the amount of \$718,735.21.

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

Aldersperson Harrington was absent

v. Bill List

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson Pierson to approve the bills payable in the amount of \$701,583.94.

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

Aldersperson Harrington was absent.

vi. Finance Report

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson Smith to approve and place on file the Finance Report for October 2025. All voted yes; the motion carried.

7. Report of Officers

No Report

8. Unfinished Business

None

9. New Business

None

10. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk