

**CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
APRIL 21, 2026**

COMMITTEE MEETING

1. Finance:

Sign-In: Keith Burton (Chairperson), Kim Pierson, Greg Garcia, Jerry Harrington, Scott Moss, Bob Pickerell, City Clerk Jenna DeYong, Mayor Parkinson, Attorney Genovese, Dan McDowell, Michalene Millas, Jason Smith and Randy LeMaster were present.

Aldersperson Burton called the meeting to order.

A. Approval of the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from April 7, 2026

Motion by Aldersperson Burton, seconded by Aldersperson McDowell to approve the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from April 7, 2026. All voted yes; the motion carried.

B. 2026 Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance Program Estimate

motion by Aldersperson Burton, seconded by Aldersperson McDowell to approve the 2026 Motor Tax Fuel Maintenance Program estimate. All voted yes; the motion carried.

C. An Ordinance amending the Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2025, and ending April 30, 2026

Motion by Aldersperson Burton, seconded by Aldersperson Pierson to approve an Ordinance amending the Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2025 and ending April 30, 2026. All voted yes; the motion carried.

D. An Ordinance adopting the Annual Budget for the City of Granite City for Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2026, and Ending April 30, 2027.

Motion by Aldersperson Burton, seconded by Aldersperson Moss to approve an Ordinance adopting the Annual Budget for the City of Granite City for fiscal year beginning May 1, 2026 and ending April 30, 2027. All voted yes; the motion carried.

E. An Ordinance establishing May 1, 2026- April 30, 2027, salaries for Appointed City Officials who are not members of Collective Bargaining Units

Motion by Aldersperson Burton, seconded by Aldersperson LeMaster to approve an Ordinance establishing May 1, 2026–April 30, 2027 salaries for Appointed City Officials who are not members of the Collective Bargaining Units. All voted yes; the motion carried.

F. A Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Cathy Hamilton for Economic Development Services

Motion by Aldersperson Burton, seconded by Aldersperson Moss to approve a Resolution authorizing the execution of Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Cathy Hamilton for Economic Development Services. Alderspersons Burton, McDowell, Moss and Pierson in favor. Aldersperson LeMaster opposed. The motion carried.

G. A Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Paula Hubbard for Grant Writing

Motion by Aldersperson Burton, seconded by Aldersperson LeMaster to approve a Resolution authorizing the execution of Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Paula Hubbard for Grant Writing. All voted yes; the motion carried.

H. Annual Report 2021-2026 Grants

Presentation by Grant Writer Paula Hubbard of the Annual Grant Report that was provided in the Agenda packet.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

1. Public Works: March 24, 2026

Sign-In: Bob Pickerell (Chairperson), Randy LeMaster, Keith Burton, Jason Smith, Michalene Millas, Dan McDowell, Attorney Madelyn Foster, Mayor Parkinson, City Clerk Jenna DeYong, Jim Hawkins, Jerry Harrington and Kim Pierson were present.

Greg Garcia was absent.

Aldersperson Pickerell called the meeting to order.

A. Approval of the Planning & Zoning/Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes from March 3, 2026

Motion by Aldersperson McDowell, seconded by Aldersperson Pickerell to approve the Planning & Zoning/Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes from March 3, 2026. All voted yes; the motion carried.

B. Request for a second handicapped parking space at 1620 Moro Ave

The request for a second handicapped parking spot was rescinded.

Motion by Aldersperson McDowell, seconded by Aldersperson Pickerell 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 Daniel Klueskins.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

ROLL CALL: Mayor Parkinson, Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Smith, Alderperson Harrington, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Pierson, Alderperson Garcia, Alderperson Burton, Alderperson Millas, Alderperson Moss and City Clerk Jenna DeYong were present.

3. Township Board Minutes - Approval of the Township Board Meeting Minutes from April 7, 2026

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve the Township Board Meeting Minutes from April 7, 2026. All voted yes; the motion carried.

4. Presentation of Communications

None

5. Finance Committee: Keith Burton, Chairperson

A. Bill List - Town Fund

Motion by Alderperson Burton, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve the bills payable from the Town Fund in the amount of \$44,498.78.

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

B. Bill List - General Assistance Fund

Motion by Alderperson Burton, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve the bills payable from the General Assistance Fund in the amount of \$20,129.04.

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

6. Unfinished Business

None

7. New Business

None

8. Adjournment

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

2. City Council Minutes - Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes from April 7, 2026

Motion by Alderperson Pierson, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes from April 7, 2026. All voted yes; the motion carried.

3. Presentation of Communications

A. Request from Nick Pavia to close 23rd Street from Madison Avenue to Grand Avenue on Saturday, May 16, 2026, from 12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of Pavia's Place and the one-year anniversary of The Golf Station

Motion by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the request for road closure by Nick paria on May 16, 2026.

from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. All voted yes; the motion carried.

4. Mayor's Remarks

A. Arbor Day Award Presentation

Members of Cool Cities presented Mayor Parkinson with an Arbor Day Award with a flag to be flown outside City Hall.

5. Report of Standing Committees:

A. Negotiations Committee: Greg Garcia, Chairperson

No report

B. The District Committee: Kim Pierson, Chairperson

No report

C. Planning & Zoning Committee: Dan McDowell, Chairperson

i. Plan Commission Minutes from April 2, 2026

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Smith to place on file the Plan Commission Minutes from April 2, 2026. All voted yes; the motion carried.

ii. Chouteau Township letter concerning Zoning Ordinance

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Smith to place on file a letter from Chouteau Township. All voted yes; the motion carried.

iii. An Ordinance adopting Article 17 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Granite City

Alderperson McDowell stated the Plan Commission voted 8 to 2 to approve Article 17 with a request of two additional considerations; one was a 500ft setback which he felt could be negotiated later and the second a reduction of sound from 65 to 60 decibels, adding that it had already been dropped from 70 to 65. McDowell noted he had two separate hearing charts that state anything less than 70 is potentially safe.

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Smith to approve an Ordinance adopting Article 17 as presented.

ROLL CALL: Alderperson McDowell-aye, Alderperson Pickerell-aye Alderperson Smith-aye, Alderperson Harrington-no, Alderperson LeMaster-no, Alderperson Pierson-aye, Alderperson Garcia-aye, Alderperson Burton-no, Alderperson Millas-aye and Alderperson Moss-aye. The aye's have it,

motion carried.

FINAL PASSAGE: Alderperson McDowell-aye, Alderperson Pickerell-aye, Alderperson Smith-aye, Alderperson Harrington-no, Alderperson LeMaster-no, Alderperson Pierson-aye, Alderperson Garcia-aye, Alderperson Burton-no, Alderperson Millas-aye and Alderperson Moss-aye. The aye's have it, motion carried.

D. Legal & Legislative Committee: Jason Smith, Chairperson

No report

E. Public Works Committee: Bob Pickerell, Chairperson

No report

F. Police Committee: Jerry Harrington, Chairperson

i. Request to hire a Probationary Police Officer

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Moss to approve the request to hire a Probationary Patrol Officer.

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

G. Fire Committee: Randy LeMaster, Chairperson

No report

H. Risk Management Committee: Michalene Millas, Chairperson

i. An Ordinance declaring a 2007 Fire Truck as surplus and to authorize the sale or transfer

Motion by Alderperson Millas, seconded by Alderperson Smith to approve an Ordinance declaring a 2007 Fire Truck as surplus and to authorize the sale or transfer.

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

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

I. Economic Development Committee: Scott Moss, Chairperson

No report

J. Finance Committee: Keith Burton, Chairperson

i. 2026 Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance Program Estimate

Motion by Alderperson Burton, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve the 2026 Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance program.

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

ii. An Ordinance amending the Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2025 and ending April 30, 2026

Motion by Alderperson Burton, seconded by Alderperson Smith to approve an Ordinance amending the Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2025 and ending April 30, 2026.

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

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

iii. An Ordinance adopting the Annual Budget for the City of Granite City for Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2026 and ending April 30, 2027

Motion by Alderperson Burton, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve an Ordinance adopting the Annual Budget for the City of Granite City for Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2026 and ending April 30, 2027.

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

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

iv. An Ordinance establishing May 1, 2026 - April 30, 2027 salaries for Appointed City Officials who are not members of Collective Bargaining Units

Motion by Alderperson Burton, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve an ordinance establishing May 1, 2026-April 30, 2027 salaries for Appointed City Officials who are not members of the Collective Bargaining Units.

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

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

v. A Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Cathy Hamilton for Economic Development Services

Motion by Alderperson Burton, seconded by Alderperson Moss to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Cathy Hamilton for Economic Development Services.

ROLL CALL: Alderperson McDowell-aye, Alderperson Pickerell-aye, Alderperson Smith-aye, Alderperson Harrington-aye, Alderperson LeMaster-no, Alderperson Pierson-aye, Alderperson Garcia-aye, Alderperson Burton-aye, Alderperson Millas-aye and Alderperson Moss-aye. The aye's have it; motion carried.

vi. A Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Paula Hubbard for Grant Writing

Motion by Alderperson Burton, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Paula Hubbard for Grant Writing.

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

vii. Payroll

Motion by Alderperson Burton, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve payroll from the period of 4/1/2026-4/15/2026 in the amount of \$732,427.82.

ROLL CALL: Alderperson McDowell, Alderperson Pickerell, Alderperson Smith, Alderperson

Harrington, Alderperson LeMaster, Alderperson Pierson, Alderperson Garcia, Alderperson Burton, Alderperson Millas and Alderperson Moss. All voted yes; the motion carried.

viii. Bill List

Motion by Alderperson Burton, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to pay the bills payable in the amount of \$764,167.80.

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

ix. Supplemental Bill List

Motion by Alderperson Burton, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to pay the Supplemental Bill List in the amount of \$18,217.50.

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

x. March 2026 Finance Report

Motion by Alderperson Burton, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve and place on file the March 2026 Finance Report. All voted yes; the motion carried.

6. Report of Officers

No report

7. Appointments / Reappointments

None

8. Unfinished Business

None

9. New Business

None

10. Public Correspondence

The following residents addressed the City Council regarding DATA CENTERS: Robin Stark, Jacob Sedabres, Heather Groetecke, Noelle "Wrenne" Abreos, Linda Blunt, Rebecca Wells and Daniel Kleuskens.

11. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk