

**Legal & Legislative: January 20, 2026**

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

Aldersperson Smith called the meeting to order.

**A. Approval of Legal & Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes from December 16, 2025**

Motion by Aldersperson Smith, seconded by Aldersperson LeMaster to approve the Legal & Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes from December 16, 2025. All voted yes; the motion carried.

**B. Discussion: Ordinance to support the Cottage Food Act**

Aldersperson Smith advised that he was informed by City Clerk DeYong of the need for an Ordinance to support the Cottage Food Act, adding that the Ordinance would allow the city to mimic the County and State regulations for the sale of food from a home.

Attorney Genovese stated an Ordinance would allow for regulation at the city level.

Aldersperson Smith stated an Ordinance would be drafted and brought back in two weeks for approval.

**C. Approve changes to the Landlord Tenants Assistance Program**

Aldersperson Smith stated Ordinance 9832 would be amended to change the wordage (name) from Crime Free Housing Program to Tenants Assistance Program.

Mayor Parkinson advised the change was more than changing the name of the program. He stated the city is no longer running a Crime Free Housing Program and that the Ordinance was revamped to create a new program that assists both landlords and tenants.

Motion by Aldersperson Smith, seconded by Aldersperson Lemaster to approve the changes to reflect the new language. All voted yes; the motion carried.

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

**Attest**

**Jenna DeYong, City Clerk**

**Finance: January 20, 2026**

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

Aldersperson Hawkins called the meeting to order.

**A. Approval of Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from January 6, 2026**

Motion by Aldersperson Hawkins, seconded by Aldersperson Burton to approve the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from January 6, 2026. All voted yes; the motion carried.

**B. Fehling Road Drainage Improvements Bid Results**

Aldersperson Hawkins deferred to City Engineer Joe Juneau.

Juneau advised that the Memorandum was a point of information and no action was needed. He stated the city is still working with the School District to obtain the easement. Juneau advised that the low bid was considerably lower than the others, advising that he had checked the references of Midwest Industrial Contractors and felt confident in recommending them.

Aldersperson Hawkins advised there was a line item on the Council Agenda for action. Mayor Parkinson stated it could be removed with no action being taken.

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

**Attest**

**Jenna DeYong, City Clerk**

## **TOWNSHIP MEETING: January 20, 2026**

Mayor Parkinson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation was led by Jackson Moore from Grace Church.

### **1. Pledge of Allegiance**

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **2. Roll Call**

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Parkinson, Alderpersons McDowell, Pickerell, Smith, Harrington, LeMaster, Hawkins, Pierson, Garcia, Burton, and City Clerk Jenna DeYong were present.

### **3. Township Board Minutes - Approval of the January 6, 2026, Township Board Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Alderperson Garcia, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve the Township Board Meeting Minutes from January 6th, 2026. All voted yes; motion carried.

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

None.

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

#### **A. Bill List - Town Fund**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Smith to approve the bills payable from the Town Fund in the Amount of \$52, 942.81.

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

#### **B. Bill List - General Assistance Fund**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the bills payable from the General Assistance in the amount of \$16, 780.52.

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

### **6. Unfinished Business**

None.

### **7. New Business**

None.

### **8. Adjournment**

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Garcia 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: January 20, 2026**

Mayor Parkinson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

### **1. Roll Call**

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Parkinson, Alderpersons McDowell, Pickerell, Smith, Harrington, LeMaster, Hawkins, Pierson, Garcia, and Burton, and City Clerk Jenna DeYong were present.

### **2. City Council Minutes - Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes from January 6, 2026**

Motion by Alderperson Garcia, second by Alderperson Pierson to approve the City Council Meeting minutes from January 6th, 2026. All voted yes; the motion carried.

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

None.

### **4. Public Correspondence**

None.

### **5. Mayor's Remarks**

None.

### **6. Report of Standing Committees:**

#### **A. Negotiations Committee: Greg Garcia, Chairperson**

No report.

#### **B. The District Committee:**

##### **i. Request from ILCOPS for the use of The Mill Event Center on April 11, 2026**

Motion to approve the usage of The Mill Event Center to utilize the conference room for a fundraiser by Alderperson Pierson, seconded by Alderperson Garcia. All voted yes; the motion carried.

##### **ii. Great Rivers and Routes Update**

Great Rivers and Routes President and CEO presented to the Council and announced that the City of Granite City was receiving a \$300,000.00 grant money for economic opportunities. This is a no-match grant, meaning that the City does not have to provide any matching funds. The Governor has chosen Granite City as his location to visit to announce the funding on Monday, January 26th at the Neon Sign Park. 2026

The Mayor thanked Cory and complimented him for his collaboration with Arts & Entertainment Director Brenda Whitaker and the work they do in the community.

#### **C. Planning & Zoning Committee: Dan McDowell, Chairperson**

##### **i. Plan Commission Agenda for February 5, 2026**

Motion to approve the Plan Commission Agenda by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Smith. All voted yes; the 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 approve hiring of Probationary Dispatcher**

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve the hiring of a Probationary Dispatcher. All voted yes; the motion carried.

**ii. December 2025 Chief STATS**

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve the December 2025 Chief STATS. All voted yes; the motion carried.

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

**i. December 2025 EMS Report**

Motion by Alderperson LeMaster, seconded by Alderperson Smith to place the December 2025 EMS report on file. All voted yes; the motion carried.

**ii. Yearly EMS Report for 2025**

Motion by Alderperson LeMaster, seconded by Alderperson Smith to place the 2025 Yearly EMS run report on file. All voted yes; the motion carried.

**iii. National Fire Incident Reporting System Report for 2025**

Motion by Alderperson LeMaster, seconded by Alderperson Burton to place the National Fire Incident Reporting System 2025 report on file. All voted yes; the motion carried.

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

No report.

**I. Economic Development Committee: Keith Burton, Chairperson**

**i. Proposed Animal Control Agreement authorizing the Mayor to negotiate a lease**

Motion by Alderperson Burton, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to give authority to the Mayor to negotiate a lease of a City-owned property for the new Animal Control Agreement.

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

**ii. An Ordinance dissolving the Downtown Tax increment Redevelopment Plan and Project and distributing surplus funds held for said District**

Motion by Alderperson Burton, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve an Ordinance Dissolving the Downtown Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan and Project and Distributing Surplus Funds Held for Said District.

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

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

**iii. An Ordinance distributing Surplus Funds held for Route 203 District**

Motion by Alderperson Burton, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to approve an Ordinance Distributing Surplus Funds Held for Route 203 District.

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

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

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

**i. Fehling Road Drainage Improvements Bid Award**

No action was taken on this item.

## **ii. Payroll**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve payroll from the period of 01/01/2026 - 01/15/2026 in the amount of \$776,396.76.

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

## **iii. Bill List**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to approve the Bill List in the amount of \$2,952,306.61.

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

## **iv. Finance Report**

Motion by Alderperson Hawkins, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve the December 2025 Finance Report. All voted yes; the motion carried.

## **7. Report of Officers**

None.

## **8. Appointments / Reappointments**

### **A. Reappointment of current Plan Commission Members**

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Hawkins to reappoint the current Plan Commission members. All voted yes; the motion carried.

### **B. Appointment of Roger Goodman to Plan Commission**

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Garcia to appoint Roger Goodman to the Plan Commission. All voted yes; the motion carried.

Alderperson McDowell mentioned that this appointment comes on the heels of MaryJo Akeman's retirement from the Board. Alderperson McDowell thanked Ms. Akeman for her many years of service to the community.

## **9. Unfinished Business**

None.

## **10. New Business**

Mayor Parkinson spoke about the Granite City Data Center situation. The Mayor said that at the current time, the City is working on Zoning Ordinances to ensure that if a Data Center were to come to Grantie City, there would be restrictions on where they could actually exist. With the current zoning code, there are no restrictions and the upcoming Plan Commission meeting will address those issues. He asked the public to be patient and tolerant as the City researches Data Centers and gets the Ordinances in place to deal with them if they were to apply for licensing here.

## **11. Adjournment**

Motion by Alderperson McDowell, seconded by Alderperson Smith to adjourn the City Council Meeting. All voted yes; the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk