

**CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MAY 5, 2026**

COMMITTEE MEETING

1. Finance: May 5, 2026

Sign-In: Keith Burton (Chairperson), Kim Pierson, Greg Garcia, Jerry Harrington, Scott Moss, Bob Pickerell, City Clerk Jenna DeYong, Mayor Parkinson, Attorney Tonya 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 21, 2026

Motion by Aldersperson Burton, seconded by Aldersperson Pierson to approve the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from April 21, 2026. All voted yes; the motion carried.

B. Capital Improvement Resurfacing Program Award Authorization

Aldersperson Burton advised Joe Juneau was requesting the Mayor be given the authority to review and award the Capital Improvement Resurfacing Program Bid due to the essence of time and bid date falling between Council Meeting dates.

Motion by Aldersperson Burton, seconded by Aldersperson Pierson to authorize the Mayor to review and award the bid. All voted yes; the motion carried.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

3. Economic Development: March 3, 2026

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

Dan McDowell and Jim Hawkins were absent.

Alderperson Burton called the meeting to order.

A. Approval of the Economic Development/Planning & Zoning Committee Meeting Minutes from February 18, 2026

Motion by Alderperson Burton, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the Economic Development/Planning & Zoning Committee Meeting Minutes from February 18, 2026. All voted yes; the motion carried.

B. Discussion: Chat & Chew

Presentation was made by Shanieka Farrar, owner of Chat & Chew. Farrar outlined her vision for 1314 Niedringhaus Ave. She highlighted her menu items and plans for midweek Senior Socials with BINGO, Saturday Brunch and Soul Food Sunday with hopes of drawing traffic from the Metro East area.

Mayor Parkinson advised the space she is interested in is the old game room.

Alderperson Burton questioned if there were modifications to the space that she would expect the city to provide.

Farrar stated she would need everything from kitchen appliances to tables and chairs.

Alderperson Burton thanked her for the presentation and stated the Council would review her proposal.

C. Discussion: Spinners Pizza with a Porpoise

Presentation was made by Mark Notz, owner of "Spinner's Pizza with a Porpoise". Notz stated the location he was interested in was the old pizza place next to JJ's BBQ. He shared his ideas to develop the space at 1312 Niedringhaus Ave and provided a business plan (included in the Agenda Packet) outlining the mission of the restaurant as family-owned, dedicated to providing an affordable meal option for working adults, families and nearby residents.

Mayor Parkinson questioned what modifications, if any, he would expect from the city.

Notz advised the space would be required to have a hood system with a Type I hood, adding this would not be an item that would be taken with an owner if they chose to move. He stated his business plan was outlined in his proposal, adding he is willing to negotiate with the city.

There was a brief discussion about how Notz was brought to Granite City, the type of pizza they would serve and hours of operation.

Alderperson Burton thanked him for his presentation and stated it would be reviewed by the Council.

D. CLOSED SESSION: 5ILCS 120/2 Contract Discussion

Motion by Alderperson Burton, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to go into closed session to discuss contracts. All voted yes; the motion carried.

BEGIN CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Alderperson Burton, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to come out of Closed Session. All voted yes; the motion carried.

END OF CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Alderperson Burton, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to give the Mayor authority to negotiate with both interested parties and bring back contracts to the City Council for approval. All voted yes; the motion carried.

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

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

TOWNSHIP MEETING May 5, 2026

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

Invocation was led by Angelia Gower.

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 21, 2026.

Motion by Alderperson Pierson, seconded by Alderperson Harrington to approve the Township Board Meeting Minutes from April 21, 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 pay the bills payable from the Town Fund in the amount of \$37,447.31.

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 LeMaster to pay the bills payable from the General Assistance Fund in the amount of \$14,676.49.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING May 5, 2026

Mayor Parkinson called the meeting to order at 7:04 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 21, 2026

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes from April 21, 2026. All voted yes; the motion carried.

3. Presentation of Communications

None

4. Mayor's Remarks

Mayor Parkinson recommended Mandy Harris be appointed to the Tree Advisory Board. Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to appoint Mandy Harris to the Tree Advisory Board. All voted yes; the motion carried.

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

No report

D. Legal & Legislative Committee: Jason Smith, Chairperson

No report

E. Public Works Committee: Bob Pickerell, Chairperson

i. Emergency DEMO 2001 Missouri Avenue

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by Alderperson Moss to approve the Emergency DEMO of a building at 2001 Missouri Avenue.

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. Granite City Tree Advisory Board Meeting minutes from November 13, 2025.

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by Alderperson Moss to approve the Granite City Tree Advisory Board Meeting Minutes from November 13, 2025. All voted yes; the motion carried.

iii. Granite City Tree Advisory Board Meeting Agenda for May 14, 2026

Motion by Alderperson Pickerell, seconded by Alderperson Smith to approve the Granite City Tree Advisory Board Meeting Agenda for May 14, 2026. All voted yes; the motion carried.

F. Police Committee: Jerry Harrington, Chairperson

i. A Resolution authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Granite City and Madison County Emergency Telephone System Board

Motion by Alderperson Harrington, seconded by Alderperson Pierson to approve a Resolution authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Granite City and

Madison County Emergency Telephone System Board.

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

No report

I. Economic Development Committee: Scott Moss, Chairperson

No report

J. Finance Committee: Keith Burton, Chairperson

i. Capital Improvements Resurfacing Program Award Authorization

Motion by Alderperson Burton, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to authorize Mayor Parkinson to award the bid for the Capital Improvement Resurfacing Program. All voted yes; the motion carried.

ii. Ratification of Shared Use Path IDOT Grant Agreements

Motion by Alderperson Burton, seconded by Alderperson McDowell to ratify the Shared Use Path IDOT Grant Agreements.

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.

iii. Payroll

Motion by Alderperson Burton, seconded by Alderperson Millas to approve payroll for the period of 4/16/2026-4/30/2026 in the amount of \$793,322.42.

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.

iv. Bill List

Motion by Alderperson Burton, seconded by Alderperson LeMaster to approve the bills payable in the amount of \$1,436,127.82.

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.

v. Supplemental Bill List

Motion by Alderperson Burton, seconded by Alderperson Smith to pay the Supplemental Bill List in the amount of \$9423.75.

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.

6. Report of Officers

None

7. Appointments / Reappointments

A. Appointment of Mandy Harris to the Tree Advisory Board.

The appointment was made under Mayor's Remarks.

8. Unfinished Business

None

9. New Business

none

10. Public Correspondence

Resident Jessie Johnson addressed the council requesting that the alleyways behind the Wilson Park Gardens Apartments be vacated.

Mayor Parkinson stated the request would be forwarded to Legal.

Residents Charles McCoy, Mary McCoy and Austin Greene addressed the Council regarding DATA CENTERS.

Mayor Parkinson addressed both his time on the Port Authority Board and accusations about the timeline of the city's involvement with DATA CENTERS.

11. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Attest

Jenna DeYong, City Clerk