

**CITY OF GRAYVILLE  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTIES OF WHITE AND EDWARDS  
March 14, 2022**

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The City of Grayville City Council was called to order on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 7:00 P.M., by Mayor Travis Thompson with the following members present at roll call: Commissioners Baldwin, Howell, and James. Also present for the meeting were, City Clerk JoEllen Seil, City Treasurer Sharon Walden, City Attorney Jay Walden, Police Chief Robert Hatcher, and citizen guest Andy Brock.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Mayor Thompson asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Baldwin made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Howell. Yeas: Commissioners Baldwin, Howell, James, and Mayor Thompson. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Sharon Walden read the Treasurer's Report. She reported \$1,870,118.36 in Restricted Funds, \$935,328.25 in Investments and \$299,503.79 in cash available for operations for a total balance of \$3,104,950.40. Treasurer Walden asked if there were questions. Commissioner James made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baldwin. The motion carried by all those present voting Yea.

**PURCHASE ORDER APPROVALS:** There were no purchase orders for approval.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:** There were no visitors requesting to be recognized at this time.

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:** Police Chief Robert Hatcher presented the monthly activity and vehicle mileage for the month. Chief Hatcher reported Brandon Smythe has completed week 8 of the academy. There were no questions for Chief Hatcher at this time.

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Attorney Jay Walden had nothing to report at this time.

**COMMISSIONER BALDWIN:** Commissioner Baldwin had nothing to discuss at this time.

**COMMISSIONER JORDAN:**

**COMMISSIONER HOWELL:** Commissioner Howell had nothing to report at this time.

**COMMISSIONER JAMES:** Commissioner James had nothing to report at this time.

**MAYOR THOMPSON:** Mayor Thompson had nothing to report at this time.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mayor Thompson asked for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of employees of the Police Department, and for the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body. Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the stated reason. Commissioner James seconded the motion. The motion carried by all those present voting Yea.

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner James. The motion carried by all those present voting Yea.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION:** Commissioner Baldwin made a motion to hire Cheyenne Esmo as a full-time Police Officer starting April 18, 2022. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion carried by all those present voting Yea.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING ORDINANCE NO. 922 REGULATING VIDEO GAMING:** Commissioner Howell made a motion to suspend discussion on Ordinance No. 922 Regulating Video Gaming. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. The motion carried by all those present voting Yea. Commissioner Baldwin then made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 922 Regulating Video Gaming. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion carried by all those present voting Yea.

**WATER FILTRATION PLANT:** Mayor Thompson said there was nothing to report at this time.

**GRAYVILLE WELCOME SIGNS:** Mayor Thompson presented some examples of the types of welcome signs and prices available through the company (THAM Signs) that installed the electronic sign at City Hall. Mayor Thompson said the cost of the brick sign is \$6,000.00 which is the type of sign he would recommend. Commissioner Baldwin said he thought the sign looked like it was for a new subdivision and said he would rather see one like the old welcome sign with the bikini which would bring more attention. Commissioner Baldwin agreed the location should be moved but thought it should be on the east side of Illinois Route 1. More discussion followed concerning new welcome signs and it was agreed more designs would be explored.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING ORDINANCE NO. 924 APPROVING REAL ESTATE SALE:** Mayor Thompson said Brent Speir has not yet received the purchase agreement for review. He said this will need to be tabled. Commissioner Howell made a motion to table the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance No. 924. Commissioner James seconded the motion. The motion carried by all those present voting Yea.

**AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR PARC GRANT AND BEGIN PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING:** Treasurer Sharon Walden said the PARC grant through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources will take engineering prior to making application. She said the city qualifies for 90% grant money and the grant would pay for swimming pool upgrades. Discussion followed. Commissioner Howell made a motion to proceed with the PARC grant application. Commissioner James seconded the motion. The motion carried by all those present voting Yea.

**AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RAISE GRANT:** Mayor Thompson said this grant would be for a Golf Cart Path from town to I-64 Plaza. Commissioner James made a motion to apply for the DOT Raise Grant, seconded by Commissioner Howell. The motion carried by all those present voting Yea.

**RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR POLICE VEHICLE:** Discussion concerning an application for a Rural Development Police Vehicle Grant was opened by Mayor Thompson. It was explained that the vehicle cannot be ordered ahead of grant approval, but a vehicle is needed for the 4<sup>th</sup> officer and the 2015 vehicle needs to be replaced. After discussion, Commissioner Baldwin made a motion to apply for the Rural Development grant for a Police Vehicle. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion carried by all those present voting Yea.

**PAVING QUOTES FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT PARKING LOT:** Mayor Thompson said only one quote has been received for the Police Department parking lot. Treasurer Walden said O'Daniel is suppose to be getting a quote completed. Commissioner James made a motion to table the paving of the Police Department parking lot, seconded by Commissioner Howell. The motion carried by all those present voting Yea.

**HEATING AND AIR INSTALLATION AT POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING:** Mayor Thompson said because Troyer quoted a split unit for the heating and air at the new Police Department building, they will ask Thomason Enterprises to also quote the split unit before moving forward. Commissioner James made a motion to table the heating and air installation at the Police Department building. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion carried by all those present voting Yea.

**REQUESTS FOR TIF ASSISTANCE:** There was nothing to discuss on the requests at this time.

**ADJOURN:** Since there was no further business to discuss, Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner James. The motion carried.

Approved: March 14, 2022

YEA

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Mayor Thompson

**YEA**

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**Commissioner Baldwin**

**PRESENT**

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**Commissioner Jordan**

**YEA**

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**Commissioner Howell**

**YEA**

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**Commissioner James**

**ATTEST:**

*Jo Ellen Seil*  
City Clerk

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