

**CITY OF GRAYVILLE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTIES OF WHITE AND EDWARDS
MAY 8, 2023**

The City of Grayville City Council was called to order on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7:00 P.M., by Mayor Travis Thompson with the following members present at roll call: Commissioners Baldwin, Jordan, Howell, and James. Also present for the meeting were, City Clerk JoEllen Seil, City Treasurer Sharon Walden, City Attorney Jay Walden, Commissioner Elect Scott Browning and Commissioner Elect Andrea Ford, Police Chief Robert Hatcher. Citizen guests included Andy Brock, Sky Thompson, Doug Ford, Harriet Burt, and Mike Carrell. Present for agenda items were Angie Sharp of Outcast Airbrush, and Dominic Hewitt representing Grayville Liquor Lake, Inc.

CONSENT AGENDA: The Consent Agenda, consisting of the April 24, 2023 regular minutes, the accounts payable and the payroll, was presented for approval. Commissioner James made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Howell. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: City Treasurer Sharon Walden presented the Treasurer's Report. She reported \$2,271,017.09 in Restricted Funds, \$942,191.33 in Investments and \$255,040.53 in cash available for operations for a total balance of \$3,468,248.95. Treasurer Walden asked if there were any questions. Commissioner Baldwin made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Commissioner James. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS: Mayor Travis Thompson read the results of the Municipal Election held April 4, 2023:

Mayor	Travis Thompson	135 votes (Elected)
Commissioner Scott Browning		121 votes (Elected)
Commissioner Andrea Ford		120 votes (Elected)
Commissioner Donovan Baldwin		102 votes (Elected)
Commissioner Chris James		78 votes (Elected)

Commissioner Jordan made a motion to approve the 2023 election results, seconded by Commissioner Howell. Yeas: Commissioners Howell, James, Baldwin, Jordan and Mayor Thompson. Nays: None. The motion carried. Mayor Thompson thanked Commissioners Jordan and Howell for their service. City Attorney Jay Walden did the swearing in of the Mayor and Council.

ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: Mayor Travis Thompson asked each council member for their departmental preferences which resulted in the following organization of the council: Commissioner Scott Browning - Gas Commissioner, Commissioner Andrea Ford - Finance Commissioner, Commissioner Donovan Baldwin - Water and Sewer Commissioner, and Commissioner Chris James - Street Department Commissioner. Mayor Thompson announced his committee choices as follows: Police Committee – Commissioners Ford and Baldwin; Park Committee – Commissioners James and Ford; Cemetery Committee – Commissioners Ford and Browning; Revolving Loan Committee – Commissioner Ford, Treasurer Sharon Walden and City Attorney Jay Walden. Commissioner James made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Baldwin. Yeas: Commissioners Browning, Ford, Baldwin, James, and Mayor Thompson. Nays: None. The motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF CITY CLERK, CITY TREASURER AND POLICE CHIEF: Mayor Thompson asked for a motion to appoint JoEllen Seil as City Clerk, Sharon Walden as Treasurer/Purchasing Officer, and Robert Hatcher as Chief of Police. Commissioner James made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Ford. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

APPOINTMENT OF LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS: Mayor Thompson also announced the appointed Library Board Members and Officers Kate Clark, Dennis Reese, Lana Pierson (Secretary), Dale Mosberger (Treasurer), Miranda Morris, Scott Browning, Linda Bova (FOIA Officer), Andy Brock (President) and Marionette Blood (Vice President). Mayor Thompson then asked for a motion to approve the committee appointments the library board members and officers. Commissioner Baldwin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner James. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PURCHASE ORDER APPROVALS: There were no purchase orders for approval at this time.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: No visitors wished to address the council at this time.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: Police Chief Robert Hatcher read the monthly activity report for the Grayville Police Department. Chief Hatcher said Officer Carlton Valant has completed his field training and is working on his own and doing well.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: City Attorney Jay Walden had nothing to report that would not be addressed in the business of the council.

COMMISSIONER BROWNING: Commissioner Browning had nothing to report at this time.

COMMISSIONER FORD: Commissioner Ford had nothing to report at this time.

COMMISSIONER BADLWIN: Commissioner Baldwin reported the flag pole is up at the new City Hall building. He said the brick work is done for the eternal flame and the flame is operational. He said it looks good and encouraged everyone to take a look.

COMMISSIONER JAMES: Commissioner James reminded the public not to leave grass clippings in the road when mowing.

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 following:

5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of employees of the Utilities Departments.

5ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

Commissioner Ford made a motion to adjourn into executive session for the stated reasons. Commissioner James seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Baldwin made a motion to adjourn executive session (and reconvene the regular session). Commissioner James seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION: Commissioner James made a motion to hire Sky Thompson as the Sewer Operator. Commissioner Andi Ford seconded the motion. Yeas: Commissioners Baldwin, James, Browning, and Ford. Nays: None. Mayor Thompson abstained from the vote. The motion carried.

Commissioner Baldwin made a motion to hire Trip Morris, Braden Hatcher, Braden Lynn and Zach Leavens for summer help. Commissioner James seconded the motion. Yeas: Commissioners James, Browning, Ford and Mayor Thompson. Nays: None. Commissioner Baldwin abstained from the vote. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

WATER FILTRATION PLANT: There was nothing to report on the filtration plant.

REQUEST TO VACATE ALLEY IN MARTIN'S ADDITION – STACEY SOLSBERRY: There was nothing to report on this matter.

SWIMMING POOL: There was nothing new to report on the swimming pool.

SALE OF EXCESS EQUIPMENT BY SEALED BID: Mayor Thompson announced the bids will be opened at the next meeting.

REQUEST TO VACATE ALLEY IN MARTIN'S ADDITION FOR 309 HOMES, LLC: Attorney Jay Walden said he prepared draft Ordinance No. 940. He said there is a portion of the adjoining property owned by Borowiak's United LLC, and with the assistance of Dave Dallas a description for the 26 feet by 42 feet portion will be added to the ordinance for consideration so 309 Homes can move forward.

APPROVE TIF #2 AGREEMENT – 309 HOMES, LLC: Mayor Thompson said this was previously approved and the formal agreement is ready for approval. Commissioner James made a motion to approve the TIF #1 Agreement with 309 Homes in the amount of \$21,440.00. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

APPROVE TIF 1 AGREEMENT – LOGAN BAILEY, LB FINANCIAL GROUP: Mayor Thompson said this was also previously approved for 50% (\$33,000.00) of the value of the purchase of real estate and the formal agreement is ready for approval. Commissioner Andi Ford made a motion to approve the TIF #1 Agreement with Logan Bailey. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

AMEND TRAFFIC CODE – NO TRUCKS: Commissioner Chris James said he would like no through semi truck traffic or trucks over 28 tons on streets off of North Street with the exception of 2nd Street for Meadowbrook Nursing Home deliveries. A great deal of discussion followed and after deciding to do more research, Commissioner James made a motion to table the matter. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 939 SETTING DATES, TIMES, PLACES FOR MEETINGS: The ordinance setting the dates, times and places for regular City of Grayville City Council meetings was presented for approval. Commissioner Andi Ford made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 939 setting dates, times and places for meetings for 2023-2024. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

REGULATION OF SOLICITORS AND PEDDLERS: Mayor Thompson asked the council members to think about door-to-door sales people. Discussion followed concerning not allowing any out-of-town solicitors. Commissioner James made a motion to table the amendment of Peddler's Ordinance No. 897. Commissioner Ford seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

REQUEST FOR TIF 1 FUNDS – ANGIE SHARP, OUTCAST AIRBRUSH: Mayor Thompson said a request for TIF #1 funds has been received from Angie Sharp for a roof and other TIF eligible expenses. He said the estimated costs are \$46,495.00 which would mean \$23,247.50 for the 50% split. Mayor Thompson asked if she had her sign estimate yet, and Ms. Sharp said not at present. It was discussed the agreement could be revised once that is received. Commissioner James made a motion to approve the Outcast Airbrush TIF 1 Agreement in the amount of \$23,247.50 which is 50% of the eligible costs. Commissioner Browning seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

REQUEST FOR CLASS A-B LIQUOR LICENSE AND GAMING LICENSE – GRAYVILLE LIQUOR LAKE, INC: Mayor Thompson opened discussion concerning the request for a Class A-B Liquor License for Grayville Liquor Lake, Inc. Dominic Hewitt was present to say the owner would provide hot food with seating. Commissioner James made a motion to approve the request for a Class A-B Liquor License and Gaming License for Grayville Liquor Lake, Inc. Commissioner Browning seconded the motion. Yeas: Commissioners James, Browning and Mayor Thompson. Nays: Commissioners Baldwin and Ford. The motion carried.

HORIZON HOSPITALITY REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL TIF #1 FUNDS: Mayor Thompson presented a request from Horizon Hospitality for additional TIF 1 Funds saying the amount would be 25% of additional costs or \$3,780.00. After discussion, Commissioner James made a motion to approve the additional TIF 1 funds for Horizon Hospitality. Commissioner Browning seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

REQUEST FOR TIF #1 FUNDING – BRENT SPEIR: After review of some of the items listed on the request by Brent Speir, Commissioner Andi Ford made a motion to table the request until the request could be reviewed for the eligibility of items. Commissioner James seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR DEPOT IMPROVEMENTS: There was nothing to report on this agenda item.

DOWNTOWN BENCHES: Commissioner Baldwin said one of the concrete benches with planters was damaged in an accident and needs to be replaced. He said it should be an insurance matter. He reported the other bench was moved to the new area by the eternal flame.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE PERMIT RESOLUTIONS: Resolutions for the Memorial Day Parade were presented for approval to get permission from the Illinois Department of Transportation to have intermittent closures of IL Route 1 and Old Illinois Route 130 during the parade time on

Monday, May 29, 2023. Commissioner Baldwin made a motion to approve the resolutions, seconded by Commissioner James. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

Approved: May 22, 2023

Yea

Mayor Thompson

Yea

Commissioner Browning

Yea

Commissioner Ford

Yea

Commissioner Baldwin

Yea

Commissioner James

ATTEST:

**JoEllen Seil
City Clerk**