

**CITY OF GRAYVILLE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTIES OF WHITE AND EDWARDS
MAY 13, 2024**

The City of Grayville City Council was called to order at 7:00 P.M., on Monday, May 13, 2024 by Mayor Travis Thompson with the following members present at roll call. Commissioners Scott Browning, Andi Ford, Donovan Baldwin, and Chris James. Also present for the meeting were City Clerk JoEllen Seil, City Treasurer Sharon Walden, City Attorney Jay Walden, Police Chief Robert Hatcher, Officer Carlton Valiant, David Jordan, Andy Brock, Penny Pritchett, and J.C. Tinsley.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Thompson asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was made by Commissioner Chris James, and seconded by Commissioner Andi Ford. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: City Treasurer Sharon Walden read the Treasurer's Report. She reported \$2,058,892.54 in restricted funds, \$967,419.63 in investments and 73,619.73 in cash available for operations for a grand total of \$3,099,931.90. Commissioner Ford made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

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

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Hatcher read his monthly activity report highlighting 275 calls for service and the total mileage driven for the squad cars was 3,972.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: City Attorney Walden had nothing at this time.

COMMISSIONER BALDWIN: Commissioner Baldwin said a lot of properties are getting way overgrown and over junked. He said trash pickup day is this Friday and if people have things to put out get them to the curb and mow the grass.

COMMISSIONER FORD: Commissioner Ford reported income from CountryMark Oil was \$1,995.32 for the month of April, bring the year-to-date total to \$7,045.33. Commissioner Ford said in agreement with Commissioner Baldwin people need to take care of the lawns. She said some letters have been issued, but some of those properties are in foreclosure. She said if somebody does have a complaint on a property to please contact city hall so the city can do their due diligence to take care of it.

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

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

MAYOR'S REPORT: 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 reasons:

1. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.
2. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the pubic body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired.
3. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) Probable or Pending Litigation
4. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of employees of the Street Department.
5. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective negotiation 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 Baldwin 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: Mayor Thompson said there is no action to be taken but did comment that they are getting close on the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

OLD BUSINESS:

EASEMENT – VACATED PULAKSI STREET – WATER LINE EXTENSION PROJECT: There was nothing new to report on this.

NEW RESIDENT ATTRACTION PROGRAM: Attorney Walden said he is reviewing the application form and will have something for the code book on the program so that future councils will have something to reference.

SWIMMING POOL – HIRE POOL MANAGER(S): Mayor Thompson said he was not aware of any applicants. Treasurer Sharon Walden said there are applicants. Mayor Thompson said he will talk with them and get a manager or managers hired.

SWIMMING POOL CONCESSION STAND: A sole bid for operation of the Swimming Pool Concession Stand was opened. Canyon Neeley bid \$3.00 per day of operation for lease of the facility. Commissioner Baldwin made a motion to accept the proposal from Canyon Neeley. Commissioner James seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO 951 SETTING DATES, TIMES AND PLACES FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS: Mayor Thompson opened discussion about the meeting times. He suggested holding some daytime meetings to catch 2nd and 3rd shift workers. He suggested at least a couple per year. Discussion followed. Commissioner Baldwin said the 7:00 meeting is probably best for a 3rd shift worker, but not the 2nd shift worker. He suggested keeping the meetings at 7 P.M. WRUL news reporter J.C. Tinsley said he thought the city was required to have at least two daytime meetings per year. After more discussion, Commissioner Baldwin made a motion to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance NO. 951 with the meetings to be held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7:00 P.M. Commissioner Browning seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

MOTOR FUEL TAX PROGRAM BLR 12330 ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL (BID): Street Commissioner Chris James said the bid from Mt. Carmel Stabilization came in at \$48,315.00 for the oil and chip streets. He said this was under the engineer's estimate of \$52,704.00. Commissioner James made a motion to accept the bid from Mt. Carmel Stabilization. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

APPROVE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ANNUAL AUDIT CONTRACT: Treasurer Sharon Walden said it is time to again request proposals for the annual audit. She said this would be for a three-year contract for the fiscal year mat 1 to April 30 audit. Commissioner James made a motion to send out the RFP for the Annual Audits 5/1-4/30. Commissioner Ford seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

SALE OF EXCESS PROPERTY/EQUIPMENT: Mayor Thompson opened a bid for the Zero Turn Mower. He said Dean Colyer bid \$1100.00 for the mower "with all four wheels." After discussion, Commissioner Ford made a motion to accept the Dean Colyer bid for the mower at \$1100.00 with all four wheels. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

GRAYVILLE MOOSE LODGE REUEST OF SEPCIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE JUNE 22 – HOG ROAST: Commissioner Ford made a motion to approve the Class G Special Event Liquor License for the Grayville Moose Lodge for the June 22nd Hog Roast. Commissioner James seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

REQUEST FOR TIF #2 ASSISTANCE – THE LIQUOR BARN: Mayor Thompson said the Liquor Barn is requesting assistance for roof repair. He said the estimate is \$1800.00 and suggested doing an agreement for up to 50% or \$900.00 in reimbursement. Commissioner Ford made the motion to approve a TIF#2 Agreement for the Liquor Barn for 50% of their roof repair project which is \$900.00. Commissioner Browning seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

AMEND TRAFFIC CODE TO PREVENT U-TURNS ON EAST NORTH STREET: Commissioner James said he and the Chief of Police have talked about this and said when the water line project happens, the parking needs to be re-striped because the angles are incorrect. He said he doesn't want people to loop into the angled parking spaces causing a traffic hazard. Much discussion followed. Attorney Walden asked if anything was actually getting changed or if it was just a matter of signage to put all on notice of no U-turns. Chief Hatcher discussed the problem with the angle parking the way it is now and it is a hazard. Discussion followed about the problem being the striping. Chief Hatcher said there is a lot of traffic and he could write tickets all day long. Commissioner Ford made a motion to amend the Traffic Code to prevent U-Turns on East North Street. Commissioner James seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

GCAA REQUEST FOR UTILITY CREDIT: After discussion about the request for a utility credit by the GCAA, Commissioner Baldwin made a motion to approve a \$5,000.00 utility credit for the Grayville Community Arts Association. Commissioner Browning seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ADJOURN: Commissioner Ford made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Browning. The motion carried.

Approved: May 28, 2024

Mayor Thompson

Commissioner Browning

Commissioner Ford

Commissioner Baldwin

Commissioner James

ATTEST:

JoEllen Seil, City Clerk