

**CITY OF GRAYVILLE  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTIES OF WHITE AND EDWARDS  
MAY 28, 2024**

The City of Grayville City Council was called to order at 7:00 P.M., on Tuesday, May 28, 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, Utility Manager Scott Irvine, Engineer Rex Gower, Jerry Pollard, Sky Thompson, Andy Brock 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 Donovan Baldwin. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** City Treasurer Sharon Walden read the Treasurer's Report. She reported \$2,059,198.68 in restricted funds, \$968,864.53 in investments and 96,437.76 in cash available for operations for a grand total of \$3,124,500.97. Commissioner Baldwin made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Ford 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.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** Engineer Rex Gower updated the council on the water main replacement project saying they will advertise for bids on June 24<sup>th</sup> and hold a bid opening prior to July 30<sup>th</sup>. He commented all that is needed is the easement on Pulaski Street. Rex Gower then commented on the Lead Service Line Inventory Grant along with the lagoon project, the Motor Fuel Tax projects and the on-hold bulk water plant project.

**UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT:** Utility Manager Scott Irvine read his monthly activity report. He said the swimming pool is running well and said the workers are doing brush pick up after the storm.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:** City Attorney Walden said he has a draft ordinance for amending the traffic code.

**COMMISSIONER BALDWIN:** Commissioner Baldwin said with clean up day, some people used it and tried to get their properties in order. He said there are still a lot of people that have yards that need attention. He again asked residents to mow and clean up their yards.

**COMMISSIONER FORD:** Commissioner Ford thanked Bob Houser and the summer help for getting the cemetery ready for Memorial Day. She said it looked fantastic. She also thanked the Moose Lodge, the 4-H and Tim & Becki Alcorn for the flag placements.

**COMMISSIONER BROWNING:** Commissioner Browning said Ron Sullivan talked to him about the city not keeping up with mowing on city property. Commissioner Browning said Mr. Sullivan emailed him on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and said it had been three weeks since the water tower was mowed. He said after the bottom section was not mowed when the top was. Commissioner Browning said Mr. Sullivan did thank all for the cleaning of the curbs and gutters.

**COMMISSIONER JAMES:** Commissioner James commented there are things still sitting out after clean-up day and commented those residents will have to clean it up themselves. Commissioner Baldwin commented on some of the ones not picked up on North Main Street. Commissioner Ford commented on storm debris and said the city will pick it up.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Thompson gave thanks for the Memorial Day Parade and the ceremony at the cemetery.

**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 public 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 City of Grayville.
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 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 Ford seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION:** Commissioner James made a motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 952 Approving the Sale of Property located at 201 W. Commerce Street. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioner Donovan Baldwin made a motion to advertise for sale by sealed bid property located at (122 S. Third Street) the corner of S. Third and W. South Streets with a reserve. Commissioner James seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**EASEMENT – VACATED PULAKSI STREET – WATER LINE EXTENSION PROJECT:** Attorney Walden has incorporated the description into the easement form and asked for approval to send it on to the Lingafelters. Commissioner Baldwin made a motion to approve the Pulaski Street easement. Commissioner Ford seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**NEW RESIDENT ATTRACTION PROGRAM:** Mayor Thompson said this will be Ordinance NO. 953 and will be tabled for the next meeting.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING ORDINANCE NO. 951 SETTING DATES, TIMES AND PLACES FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS:** Commissioner Chris James made a motion to suspend discussion on Ordinance No. 951. Commissioner Ford seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Commissioner James then made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 951, setting dates, times and places for council meetings. Commissioner Ford seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**APPROVE TIF #2 AGREEMENT – THE LIQUOR BARN:** Commissioner Baldwin made a motion to approve the TIF #2 Agreement with the Liquor Barn in the amount of \$900.00 which is 50% of the cost for roof repair. Commissioner Browning seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**UPDATE FYE 04/30/2024 BUDGET:** Mayor Thompson asked for a motion to update the 04/30/2024 budget. Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to approve the budget update, seconded by Commissioner James. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**ELECTRIC SUPPLY CONTRACTS FOR LARGER USE CITY PROPERTIES AND STREET LIGHTS:** Mayor Thompson said he would recommend entering into a contract

with the low bid which is Constellation Energy for a 12-month contract for both the city's commercial electric accounts and the street lighting. Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to approve the 12-month contract with Constellation Energy for the city's commercial accounts at .072880 and street lighting at .063050. Commissioner Browning seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT AS PART OF THE WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT:** Replacing sidewalks in the downtown area as part of the waterline replacement project was discussed. Mayor Thompson and Commissioner James both said a great deal can be saved by doing both projects. With the total cost for both being estimated at \$978,827.35, Mayor Thompson said the waterline project grant is for \$550,000.00 and the rebuild Illinois moneys are \$212,900.00. He said the remaining funds could come from TIF. Commissioner James said the water lines would be run under the sidewalks and save tearing up the road which will save a substantial amount. After discussion, Commissioner James made a motion to replace the sidewalks in the downtown area as part of the waterline replacement project. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**APPROVE MFT PROJECT – CEMETERY:** Commissioner James made a motion to approve the rehabilitation of the main cemetery section roadways through motor fuel tax at a cost of \$76,400.00. Commissioner Ford seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**REQUEST FOR TIF #1 ASSISTANCE – GERALD A. POLLARD, JR. JP'S GUNS & STUFF:** Mr. Gerald Pollard, Jr., was present to request assistance for the roof on his business. He said he would like to request 75% of the total cost of \$34,700.00 noting it will help not just his building, but the one next to him. After discussion, Commissioner Ford made a motion to approve the 75% request or \$34,700.00 to J.P. Guns for roof replacement. 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: June 10, 2024

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Mayor Thompson

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Commissioner Browning

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Commissioner Ford

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Commissioner Baldwin

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Commissioner James

ATTEST:

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JoEllen Seil, City Clerk