

ITEM I: Call to Order

- The Board of Aldermen of the City of Grain Valley, Missouri, met in Regular Session on January 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers located at Grain Valley City Hall
- The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mike Todd

ITEM II: Roll Call

- Clerk Jamie Logan called roll
- *Present: Arnold, Bray, Cleaver, Knox, Mills, Skinner*
- *Absent:*

-QUORUM PRESENT-

ITEM III: Invocation

- Invocation was given by Pastor Darryl Jones of Crossroads Church

ITEM IV: Pledge of Allegiance

- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Rick Knox

ITEM V: Approval of Agenda

- No Changes

ITEM VI: Proclamations

- None

ITEM VII: Public Comment

- None

ITEM VIII: Consent Agenda

- December 11, 2023 – Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting Minutes
- January 8, 2024 – Accounts Payable
- *Alderman Skinner made a Motion to Accept the Consent Agenda*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Knox*
 - *No discussion*
- *Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda was voted on with the following voice vote:*
 - *Aye: Arnold, Bray, Cleaver, Knox, Mills, Skinner*

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

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Alderman Tom Cleaver
Alderman Rick Knox
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- *Nay:*
- *Abstain:*

-Motion Approved: 6-0-

ITEM IX: Previous Business

- None

ITEM X: New Business

- None

ITEM XI: Presentations

- None

ITEM XII: Public Hearing

- None

ITEM XIII: Resolutions

Resolution No. R24-01 A Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter Into an Agreement With the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Solid Waste Management District as Related to Grain Valley's Participation in the 2024 Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program

- *Alderman Skinner moved to approve Resolution No. R24-01*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Bray*
 - *Program the City has been involved with for some time that allows residents to get rid of their Household Hazardous Waste through a mobile event in Grain Valley and participate in events hosted by other cities*
- *Motion to approve Resolution No. R24-01 was voted upon with the following voice vote:*
 - *Aye: Arnold, Bray, Cleaver, Knox, Mills, Skinner*
 - *Nay:*
 - *Abstain:*

-Resolution No. R24-01 Approved: 6-0-

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Resolution No. R24-02 A Resolution by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Grain Valley, Missouri Authorizing the City Administrator to Purchase Water Meters for the 2024 Meter Replacement Program

- *Alderman Arnold moved to approve Resolution No. R24-02*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Knox*
 - *Annual program since 2010 to replace 400 meters to keep a rotation of replacements to ensure proper functioning equipment*
- *Motion to approve Resolution No. R24-02 was voted upon with the following voice vote:*
 - *Aye: Arnold, Bray, Cleaver, Knox, Mills, Skinner*
 - *Nay:*
 - *Abstain:*

-Resolution No. R24-02 Approved: 6-0-

Resolution No. R24-03 A Resolution by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Grain Valley, Missouri Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter Into an Agreement With ClearSpan for Materials and Labor to Repair Salt Storage Building

- *Alderman Bray moved to approve Resolution No. R24-03*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Knox*
 - *This was brought up during budget time- the canopy protectant has weathered and needs replacement to protect the salt being stored*
- *Motion to approve Resolution No. R24-03 was voted upon with the following voice vote:*
 - *Aye: Arnold, Bray, Cleaver, Knox, Mills, Skinner*
 - *Nay:*
 - *Abstain:*

-Resolution No. R24-03 Approved: 6-0-

Resolution No. R24-04 A Resolution by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Grain Valley Authorizing the City Administrator to Expend Funds to Purchase Computer Equipment

- *Alderman Cleaver moved to approve Resolution No. R24-04*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Mills*

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- *This is the computer equipment replacement program similar to the vehicle replacement (VERP)- this is for this year's slated replacements*
- *Alderman Bray asked if there is a preferred vendor; Mr. Trosen stated Sourcewell*
- *Motion to approve Resolution No. R24-04 was voted upon with the following voice vote:*
 - *Aye: Arnold, Bray, Cleaver, Knox, Mills, Skinner*
 - *Nay:*
 - *Abstain:*

-Resolution No. R24-04 Approved: 6-0-

Resolution No. R24-05 A Resolution by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Grain Valley Authorizing the City Administrator to Expend Funds to Purchase Access Control Card Reader Equipment for City Facilities

- *Alderman Knox moved to approve Resolution No. R24-05*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Cleaver*
 - *This was brought up during budget time; the badge system cannot be worked on or expanded at this point – this new company will be utilized at the new Police Station as well*
 - *Alderman Knox asked if it can be expanded upon; it can be expanded upon in the future*
- *Motion to approve Resolution No. R24-05 was voted upon with the following voice vote:*
 - *Aye: Arnold, Bray, Cleaver, Knox, Mills, Skinner*
 - *Nay:*
 - *Abstain:*

-Resolution No. R24-05 Approved: 6-0-

Resolution No. R24-06 A Resolution by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Grain Valley, Missouri Authorizing the City Administrator to Purchase a 2025 Freightliner 108SD Dump Truck and Accessories for the Public Works Division

- *Alderman Mills moved to approve Resolution No. R24-06*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Skinner*
 - *This is the first replacement of the first dump truck purchased years ago per the vehicle replacement program*

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- *Alderman Arnold stated he is not against the purchase, but it is the largest purchase of the items looking at tonight and concerned about timing with the Jackson County Property Tax litigation. Asked if it should be pushed back to see where that goes so the City doesn't have to pull out of reserves to potentially cover the purchase*
- *Mr. Murphy stated this is funded from water/sewer and transportation and bulk from water/sewer fund which comes from enterprise funds – utility billing and not from the general fund that are funded by property taxes*
- *Alderman Bray asked how much from general – Mr. Murphy stated none since transportation and the water/sewer funds are funding this purchase*
- *Alderman Arnold wanted to make sure they are careful about that*
- *Mr. Craig stated there are four property tax levies: public health, general fund, debt services and parks*
- *Motion to approve Resolution No. R24-06 was voted upon with the following voice vote:*
 - *Aye: Arnold, Bray, Cleaver, Knox, Mills, Skinner*
 - *Nay:*
 - *Abstain:*

-Resolution No. R24-06 Approved: 6-0-

Resolution No. R24-07 A Resolution by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Grain Valley Authorizing the City Administrator to Sign an Agreement with the Blue Springs, Missouri Police Department for Confinement of Prisoners at the Blue Springs Police Department Detention Unit

- *Alderman Mills moved to approve Resolution No. R24-07*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Knox*
 - *We have had an agreement in the past with Blue Springs; Mayor asked if Blue Springs can take our prisoners; Chief Turner stated they can take our detainees again as Blue Springs staffing has improved*
 - *Alderman Skinner asked ratio of Ray County and Blue Springs; Chief stated Blue Springs is an initial stop if someone cannot bond out promptly- and generally for no more than 24 hours. Then they will go to Ray County; Alderman Skinner asked if Blue Springs is the only department that holds like this; Chief stated yes, Blue Springs is the only in the general area*
 - *Alderman Skinner asked who Independence uses; Chief stated Johnson County*

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- which is a similar situation to how Grain Valley handles*
 - *Ray County holds long term-Blue Springs won't hold long-term \$45 per 24-hour period and is relative in cost, but different hold times*
 - *They are booked in Grain Valley and Bonded in Grain Valley*
 - *Alderman Knox asked if 24-hour housing in the new facility; Chief stated not without staffing*
- *Motion to approve Resolution No. R24-07 was voted upon with the following voice vote:*
 - *Aye: Arnold, Bray, Cleaver, Knox, Mills, Skinner*
 - *Nay:*
 - *Abstain:*

-Resolution No. R24-07 Approved: 6-0-

Resolution No. R24-08 A Resolution by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Grain Valley Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute an Agreement With the Grain Valley School District for School Resource Services

- *Alderman Arnold moved to approve Resolution No. R24-08*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Skinner*
 - *This is the annual update with the Grain Valley School District over funding and responsibilities of the SROs*
 - *Alderman Arnold stated he feels presence is needed; noticed in the agreement the school district is only covering 50% of the costs – and the school has them 11 months of the year. He noticed the combat funds offset part of this. His concern is the school should cover more of their salary/benefits as we are covering vehicles, etc. The city is having trouble staffing the streets and suggested the schools could get their own security in the future potentially and feels a hard look should be given to this and to look at a fair reimbursement. He is also concerned this is an auto-renewing agreement – he feels future boards should have the opportunity to review regularly*
 - *Alderman Skinner asked if Alderman Arnold is suggesting it shouldn't be approved and not have SROs?*
 - *Alderman Arnold stated they should have SROs until something else can be done in the future and options should be reviewed*
 - *Alderman Skinner clarified and asked if tomorrow Chief suggested a security*

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company were to come in tomorrow and take out the SROs out of the schools and put back on the road if he'd be okay with that; Alderman Arnold feels we are short already on road officers and a lot of other surrounding communities are doing this

- *Alderman Skinner stated part of paying this as a city, the police officers can be called out of school to assist on the road if needed; Chief stated the school resource officers can be taken out of the schools if needed day to day*
- *Mr. Murphy stated they are asking for this to be approved today, but that does not mean Chief Turners discussions are still ongoing with the school board; Chief stated the school board budget runs a different cycle and begins July 1 and those items are being discussed; he is being respectful of the working relationship and are trying to balance the needs of the City and school district*
- *Alderman Skinner stated he doesn't feel there is an issue with security in the schools, but would want an SRO supervising them*
- *Alderman Arnold said if they are working to balance the time in the schools and portion the city pays for them is being worked on that that is a step in the right direction. He would like to strike the autorenewal from the agreement as he doesn't feel the future boards would have an opportunity to discuss these kinds of details; Alderman Skinner stated it was a resolution and isn't giving that authority; Alderman Arnold stated it is giving the City Administrator authority to sign*
- *Mr. Murphy stated the agreement runs January 1, 2024- December 31, 2024, and the terms state both parties will agree to the terms annually. This is the piece that makes this come back to the board annually for review of the agreement; Alderman Arnold stated this should be cognizant of the City of Grain Valley as a whole; Mr. Murphy stated dollar amounts like this are presented to the board*
- *City Attorney Lauber stated they review this agreement annually; Jan 1-Dec 31 and due to the way, the meetings fall and the holidays, it makes it hard for cities to handle it in a real-time manner. It does not auto-renew without review and approval by both the City and the School District*
- *Alderman Arnold wants to make sure the board has an opportunity annually to review; Mr. Murphy confirmed that this contract will come back every year.*
- *Alderman Arnold stated there is potentially another concern is that he believes the school board president that will sign the agreement, but he is a part-time city employee & stated this could be a conflict for him/school board*

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- *Alderman Knox asked if a crazy day, could the officers be pulled out during the school day for calls if necessary; Chief stated yes, this is understood by both parties and that the schools make up 20% of the population and understand the full city population should be served*
- *Alderman Skinner asked if officers can carry tasers in the school; yes*
- *Motion to approve Resolution No. R24-08 was voted upon with the following voice vote:*
 - *Aye: Arnold, Bray, Cleaver, Knox, Mills, Skinner*
 - *Nay:*
 - *Abstain:*

-Resolution No. R24-08 Approved: 6-0-

ITEM XIV: Ordinances

Bill No. B24-01: An Ordinance of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Grain Valley, Missouri, Amending Section 130.020 Court Costs

Bill No. B24-01 was read by City Clerk Jamie Logan for the first reading by title only

- *Alderman Knox moved to accept the first reading of Bill No. B24-01 and bring it back for a second reading by title only at the next regular meeting*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Arnold*
 - This is to update the ordinance to match the state law
- *Motion to accept the first reading of Bill No. B24-01 bring it back for a second reading at the next regular meeting was voted upon with the following voice vote:*
 - *Aye: Arnold, Bray, Cleaver, Knox, Mills, Skinner*
 - *Nay:*
 - *Abstain:*

-Motion Approved 6-0-

Bill No. B24-02: An Ordinance of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Grain Valley, Missouri, Amending Section 140.010 Community Center - Rental Rates and Section 140.020 Community Pool - Fee Schedule

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Bill No. B24-02 was read by City Clerk Jamie Logan for the first reading by title only

- *Alderman Mills moved to accept the first reading of Bill No. **B24-02** and bring it back for a second reading by title only at the next regular meeting*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Bray*
 - *This is another housekeeping item to update this section of the code to match the comprehensive fee schedule*
 - *Alderman Skinner asked if there is a non-resident rate for using city facilities; Mr. Davies stated yes, they are different rates and they were established by a prior board- City Attorney Lauber stated residents are paying taxes to help offset the prices and non-residents do not pay our rates and this is a way to level the playing field*
 - *Mayor Todd stated the higher usage items could be something that could be considered for higher fees – during the months the City utilizes the fields the most for sports, they are not rented out.*
 - *Alderman Skinner asked if our leagues play on the weekends; no, they are Monday-Thursday and when games begin – those teams lose practice time*
- *Motion to accept the first reading of Bill No. **B24-02** bring it back for a second reading at the next regular meeting was voted upon with the following voice vote:*
 - *Aye: Arnold, Bray, Cleaver, Knox, Mills, Skinner*
 - *Nay:*
 - *Abstain:*

-Motion Approved 6-0-

ITEM XV: City Attorney Report

- As of January 1st, the firm ownership has changed adding Jennifer Baird and Jeremy Cover as equity partners in the firm
- Mr. Lauber will be out of the office beginning Wednesday and will not be accessing emails/voicemails and will return January 22nd. While he is out, contact James Newell and Jennifer Baird from the Lees Summit office

ITEM XVI: City Administrator & Staff Reports

- City Administrator Ken Murphy
 - Tri-County shared a book for their 30-year history in their mailboxes

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- Deputy City Administrator Theresa Osenbaugh
 - Absent
- Police Chief Ed Turner
 - None
- Finance Director Steven Craig
 - None
- Parks & Recreation Director Shannon Davies
 - None
- Community Development Director Mark Trosen
 - Written report
- City Clerk Jamie Logan
 - Provided an update on the 4/2/24 election candidates

ITEM XVII: Board of Aldermen Reports & Comments

- Alderman Dale Arnold
 - None
- Alderman Brian Bray
 - Happy New Year – Alderman Bray and said thank you to Chief and the department for handling the calls that have been coming in
- Alderman Tom Cleaver
 - None
- Alderman Rick Knox
 - None
- Alderman Darren Mills
 - None
- Alderman Ryan Skinner
 - Seconded Alderman Bray’s comments: Alderman Skinner brought up a homeowners association in Woodbury; Ward III aldermen as well as Mayor Todd met with those homeowners before the meeting tonight. He’d like to request a meeting with City Staff to get some questions asked during that meeting and would like to learn what the next steps should be to determine who is at fault for what happened.
 - He would like the City attorney present at a future meeting
 - Mayor Todd stated the bullet points can be provided and go from there

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- Alderman Skinner stated the pool house that was built is right off of a property owner's property line and the plans stated something different
- City attorney stated liability would not be discussed outside of a closed meeting and stated bullet points can be reviewed by City Staff and follow with a closed session after that – if meeting with less than a quorum no notice is required and can meet, and fact find. Mr. Lauber stated there is not a lot a city can do in these matters but would like to see the information first and that many times they become civil matters.
- Alderman Skinner would like to review to potentially avoid these potential issues in the future. Would like to see the bullet points from the HOA and have an executive session to discuss as a board to be able to discuss intelligently in the future
- Alderman Bray stated the fact finding could be done with the Mayor and Alderman Bray/Skinner for their ward then after an executive session can be called.
- Alderman Skinner stated that there could be some ordinances that can be reviewed for future.
- Alderman Arnold stated depending on the findings and if no fault on the city, then no executive session would be needed. Alderman Skinner stated based off the meeting they had, an executive session would be needed (personnel), but this depends on what is found from the HOA bullet points.

ITEM XVIII: Mayor Report

- None except be safe with the weather

ITEM XIX: Executive Session

- *None*

ITEM XX: Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

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Jamie Logan
City Clerk

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Minutes approved by:

Mike Todd
Mayor

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