

ITEM I: Call to Order

- The Board of Aldermen of the City of Grain Valley, Missouri, met in Regular Session on February 26, 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*
- *Absent: Skinner*

-QUORUM PRESENT-

ITEM III: Invocation

- Invocation was given by Faith United Methodist Church

ITEM IV: Pledge of Allegiance

- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Todd

ITEM V: Approval of Agenda

- No Changes

ITEM VI: Proclamations

- None

ITEM VII: Public Comment

- None

ITEM VIII: Consent Agenda

- February 12, 2024 – Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting Minutes
- February 26, 2024 – Accounts Payable
- *Alderman Arnold 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*
 - *Nay:*
 - *Abstain:*

-Motion Approved: 5-0-

ITEM IX: Previous Business

- None

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

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ITEM X: New Business

- None

ITEM XI: Presentations

- Dr. Brad Welle presented on the School District Ballot Measure
- The ballot measure requests an increase of 65 cents – or net 25 cents after reducing the debt levy by 40 cents to the overall levy to improve pay for the teachers, add another school resource officer and some other positions
- The district is still growing and it is time to become more competitive with their pay – one item the school is looking to correct with this change is the reduced application pool or lack of applications being received for open teaching positions as they are about half of what they were a few years ago. The school district is aiming to be at the middle of the pack for salaries and the tax base would not support being number one and that is not the goal
- The financial impact example for a house with a market value of \$250,000 would be \$119
- Alderman Cleaver asked City of Grain Valley’s size, where does our teacher pay rank when looking at similar size community such as Oak Grove or Odessa; Dr. Welle stated (Grain Valley Schools) we compete well looking to the East and not well looking to the west, north or south
- Alderman Cleaver asked if we are in line with other cities our size ; Dr. Welle stated we are, but there aren’t many our size.
- Alderman Cleaver asked how we compare to Blue Springs and Lee’s Summit – with the passage of the levy we will compete with the first half of the teacher’s salary and the tail end of the careers we fall behind and we cannot compete
- Dr. Welle stated we can close some of the pay gap, to show good will, but will not catch up to that gap and hoping the other positives of being in this community will help make it up
- Mayor Todd stated he and his wife teach in Blue Springs and his wife looked at Grain Valley to take a position when their daughter was born 8-9 years ago, and at that time it would have been a \$10,000 pay cut back then; Dr. Welle shared we have the lowest tax levy rate in Jackson County – even with this passage still the school district should still be one of the lowest in the county
- Mayor Todd asked what % of student body is out of City limits and in county - Dr. Welle stated the vast majority is in the city limits – Stony Point and Matthews have some of the county students

ITEM XII: Public Hearing

- None

ITEM XIII: Resolutions

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Resolution No. R24-15 A Resolution by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Grain Valley Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute Task Order 2023-5 With Crawford, Murphy and Tilly, Inc. For Design of Intersection Improvements at Eagles Parkway and Kirby Road Subject to All Provisions Included in the On-Call Professional Engineering Services Agreement

- *Alderman Bray moved to approve Resolution No. R24-15*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Arnold*
 - *This is an item that was discussed during budget time and is a transportation project - This intersection has the schools and fire station right there and traffic can be pretty busy during certain times of day – there have been plans for a trail system in that area and also turning lanes; This will be funded from the transportation funds*
 - *Alderman Bray asked if there were any ideas of how this intersection could look; Mr. Murphy stated the design part of this project would provide this clarity; Mr. Trosen stated they are looking to widen the intersection, add turn lanes, and will work in conjunction with the trail project*
 - *Alderman Bray asked if we would work with the school since next to one of their buildings; yes, Mr. Trosen stated they do work with all involved*
 - *Mr. Murphy stated once the design is put together- grants could be looked at for some funding*
 - *Alderman Bray wanted to make sure a traffic circle was not in the plans*
- *Motion to approve Resolution No. R24-15 was voted upon with the following voice vote:*
 - *Aye: Arnold, Bray, Cleaver, Knox, Mills*
 - *Nay:*
 - *Abstain:*

-Resolution No. R24-15 Approved: 5-0

ITEM XIV: Ordinances

Bill No. B24-03: An Ordinance of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Grain Valley, Missouri, Amending Sections 110.050 and 110.060 of the Municipal Code

Bill No. B24-03 was read by City Clerk Jamie Logan for the second reading by title only

- *Alderman Knox moved to accept the second reading of Bill No. **B24-03** and approve it as ordinance #2444*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Mills*
 - *Alderman Arnold shared he was looking at this more in depth and saw under section C. the holiday meetings would be automatic cancellations – he feels it should be discussed by the board and take action as a board vs. autocancel*

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- Alderman Arnold asked to table bill B24-03 to look into how many holidays this would actually be – worried that the board is required to hold one meeting a month and is concerned it would catch future boards by surprise
- Alderman Knox seconded the motion to table to Bill B24-03
 - Alderman Cleaver asked Alderman Arnold if he was concerned 2 holidays in a month would cancel the two meetings in a month
 - Alderman Arnold stated at the first of each year the board could cancel any holiday meetings
 - Alderman Cleaver stated the meetings are over business and items that need to be taken care of and in the past the items would shift to the meeting prior or the next meeting- Mr. Murphy stated the 1 meeting a month is required and that did not change; he stated the intent is not to cancel the meeting all together if it is needed on another date in that month
 - Mr. Knox stated he'd like to see the auto cancel of holidays to be removed and have the option/action by the board; Alderman Cleaver said there would at least be the one meeting a month and it could be determined then
 - Mr. Murphy stated this is the board's meeting and this is the attempt to update the board procedures in code – and this is up to the board to decide how they'd like to proceed
 - Mr. Lauber responded to Alderman Mill's question of what they need to do next; he stated, there is a motion to postpone and a second that needs to be addressed first, that motion would be a motion to postpone and not table as tabling moves something within the same meeting and not to the next meeting; Mr. Lauber shared the verbiage of section C could be restated in a different way - example, if the holiday falls on a Monday, the board will discuss the meeting prior to the holiday to determine if another meeting should be scheduled
 - Alderman Knox asked if the initial motion to postpone is voted down, can it be modified tonight instead and stated that is how the board handles it now
 - Alderman Arnold doesn't want this to be rushed through and thinks everyone needs more time to think it through
- Motion to postpone Bill B24-03 to the next meeting was voted with the following roll call
 - *Aye: Bray, Arnold, Cleaver, Knox, Mills*
 - *Nay:*
 - *Abstain:*

-Motion Approved-

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Bill No. B24-04: An Ordinance of the City of Grain Valley Amending Chapter 342 of the Grain Valley Municipal Code - Alcohol-Related Traffic Offenses to Include Regulations for Operating Motor Vehicles Without an Ignition Interlock Device

Bill No. B24-04 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. **B24-04** and bring it back for a second reading by title only at the next regular meeting*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Arnold*
 - Chief Turner shared the amount of alcohol related fatalities in the United States and 1/3 of those are preventable – this is an effective tool that our neighboring agencies utilize and the state recognizes as well and this is to update our code to be able to match that; a couple of weeks ago there was a an occasion of a violation of this in the community that could not be charged
 - Alderman Arnold asked if an offender was not in their vehicle with a device, would that fall under driving while suspended- Mayor Todd clarified if the driver had a 2nd car for example that does not have a device instead of the one with a device, how is that treated - Alderman Arnold asked if they drove another car without the device, would they be driving while suspended – Chief Turner stated he could look into that
 - Mayor Todd asked if the officer pulls someone over, how does the officer know if they are supposed to have the interlock; Chief did not know if DOR is tracking that via vehicle tag, but with driver’s license
 - Alderman Arnold asked how the officer will know; Chief Turner stated the restriction is by person/Driver’s License would show the restriction
 - Alderman Bray asked if the DUI requiring to drive the vehicle with interlock , is a permitted child allowed to drive it with the offender in the passenger seat
 - Mayor Todd asked if someone is a known offender and an officer sees the individual driving another car and they know that person is supposed to be driving with Interlock can they pull them over- Chief stated he believes probable cause would likely be needed like any other traffic stop
- *Motion to accept the first reading of Bill No. **B24-04** 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*
 - *Nay:*
 - *Abstain:*

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ITEM XV: City Attorney Report

- None

ITEM XVI: City Administrator & Staff Reports

- City Administrator Ken Murphy
 - Theresa Osenbaugh received the unsung hero award at the Grain Valley Chamber of Commerce event Saturday night
- Deputy City Administrator Theresa Osenbaugh
 - None
- Police Chief Ed Turner
 - None
- Finance Director Steven Craig
 - None
- Parks & Recreation Director Shannon Davies
 - Armstrong Park construction of the all-inclusive playground started last week; the 5-12 year old existing playground is going to remain there until the other park is built – this project has been long overdue; the play components are being installed now and the next step is the drainage system followed by the concrete border around the playground then the final piece will be the poured in place surfacing material. They are hoping for end of March – first part of April if the weather permits for completion. This playground will be named after Kiki Claphan a 10-year employee of the City and long time employee of the school district
- Community Development Director Mark Trosen
 - None
- City Clerk Jamie Logan
 - None

ITEM XVII: Board of Aldermen Reports & Comments

- Alderman Dale Arnold
 - None
- Alderman Brian Bray
 - Alderman Bray shared there have been comments from the public related to debris blowing from the Police Station to the Butterfly Trail- Mr. Murphy stated this is still being constructed and the detention pond is not complete
- Alderman Tom Cleaver
 - None
- Alderman Rick Knox
 - None
- Alderman Darren Mills
 - None
- Alderman Ryan Skinner

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- Absent

ITEM XVIII: Mayor Report

- Mayor Todd asked how much fishing takes place at Butterfly Trail; Mr. Davies stated they stock the pond late April to early May annually in conjunction with a fishing derby; occasionally there is a second stocking each year with Grass carp to try and combat the moss that grows
- Alderman Arnold stated trout are put in by the conservation department in neighboring lakes and suggested we could reach out to them if they have interest in Butterfly
- Alderman Bray asked if there are limits there; Missouri State fishing regulations apply and Mr. Davies stated they could look to post regulations

ITEM XIX: Executive Session

- None

ITEM XX: Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Minutes submitted by:

Jamie Logan
City Clerk

Date

Minutes approved by:

Mike Todd
Mayor

Date

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