

ITEM I: Call to Order

- The Board of Aldermen of the City of Grain Valley, Missouri, met in Regular Session on August 28, 2023, at 6:58 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 Wayne Geiger of First Baptist Church

ITEM IV: Pledge of Allegiance

- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Brian Bray

ITEM V: Approval of Agenda

- No changes

ITEM VI: Proclamations

- National Service Dog Month – Deborah Morrison and Mango
- Mayor Todd presented the proclamation to Ms. Morrison and Mango

ITEM VII: Public Comment

- None

ITEM VIII: Consent Agenda

- August 14, 2023 – Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting Minutes
- August 28, 2023 – 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*
 - *Nay:*
 - *Abstain:*

-Motion Approved: 6-0-

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Mike Todd
Alderman Dale Arnold
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ITEM IX: Previous Business

- Liquor License – Valley Moments
- Second presentation of a liquor license for Valley Moments – this is approved by the police department
- Requesting a motion to approve the liquor license for Valley Moments pending receipt of the outstanding state and county licenses
- *Alderman Skinner made a Motion to approve the liquor license for Valley Moments*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Bray*
 - *No discussion*
- *Motion to Approve the liquor license for Valley Moments was voted on with the following voice vote:*
 - *Aye: Arnold, Bray, Cleaver, Knox, Mills, Skinner*
 - *Nay:*
 - *Abstain:*

-Motion Approved: 6-0-

ITEM X: New Business

- None

ITEM XI: Presentations

- None

ITEM XII: Public Hearing

- *Mayor Todd opened the public hearing for **Property Tax Levy** at 7:03PM –*
- *A Public Hearing for Tax Levy for 2022 – there was an increase in the City’s assessed valuation– 4 parts to the levy*
 - *General Service .4685 current levy; .3907 proposed*
 - *Debt Service .8362 current levy; .5427 proposed*
 - *Parks and Recreation .1035; .0863 proposed*
 - *Public Health.0412; .0344 proposed*
- *1.4494 current total levy and proposing total levy at 1.0541*
- *This would be a considerable decrease going forward with the numbers we have at this time –at the time of the ordinance we will have a better idea of what will be proposed.*
- *Alderman Skinner asked if on September 11th if the numbers will remove those that have requested appeals; Mr. Murphy stated it should reflect information up to that point They have 54,000 appeals and have gone through 22,000 of them so far. Those numbers of the ones in the appeal process have been frozen. These numbers are coming in later than usual as these numbers need to be turned in to the county by the end of September.*

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- *Alderman Knox asked if there was an idea of how many appeals were being rolled back as a result of the appeal; No, the city does not have that information*
- *Alderman Arnold asked if the reduction is required by the Hancock law; yes*
- *Mr. Craig stated the county assesses in odd years and this year they are seeing and are seeing a 26.8% increase in the assessed valuation compared to last year – state law requires levies to be rolled back to keep revenue neutral; can increase up to 5% based on CPI- the City’s did roll back approximately .40 cents as a result*
- *Alderman Bray stated he has a general feeling that decreased increases are still more than 15%- he’s not confident the numbers are going to hold. He’s concerned if we go back too far what our options are to keep us in a better position*
- *Mr. Murphy stated every avenue is being reviewed at this point and we are checking the boxes and doing what we are supposed to do at this time*
- *Mayor Todd stated after talking with 41 action news recently, they mentioned they reached out to the auditor, and if a lawsuit occurs and rolled back to 2022 levels- then the board can take action for up to 3 years if that were to happen; Mr. Murphy stated it would require another public hearing*
- *Alderman Bray asked if the county responded to our letter we sent; One reached out to meet with Mayor and cancelled at last moment.*
- *Mayor Todd opened the floor to citizens for comment at 7:10PM for **Property Tax Levy** -*
 - None
- *Mayor Todd closed the public hearing for **Property Tax Levy** at 7:10PM-*

ITEM XIII: Resolutions

Resolution No. R23-62 A Resolution by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Grain Valley Establishing the Need to Amend the 2023 Budget to Allocate Funding from Park Reserve Funds for the Armstrong Park, All-Inclusive Playground Project

- *Alderman Bray moved to approve Resolution No. R23-62*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Arnold*
 - The funding mechanism for the playground is funds from LWCF, but it is a long process. The application was submitted in February of 2021. Bids came in higher than in 2021 which is the reason for the budget amendment to take care of the shortage.
- *Motion to approve Resolution No. R23-62 was voted upon with the following voice vote:*
 - *Aye: Arnold, Bray, Cleaver, Knox, Mills, Skinner*
 - *Nay:*
 - *Abstain:*

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-Resolution No. R23-62 Approved: 6-0-

Resolution No. R23-63 A Resolution by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Grain Valley, Missouri to Enter Into a Contract With Cunningham Recreation for the Installation of an All-Inclusive Playground at Armstrong Park

- *Alderman Cleaver moved to approve Resolution No. R23-63*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Mills*
 - This is the agreement with the company that will do the work; had to follow the federal guidelines for a firm to be eligible for the project. 11.5% increase from 2021.
 - Alderman Skinner asked for the timeframe for installation; Mr. Davies stated the next 3-4 months
 - Alderman Knox asked if both structures would be replaced; yes and waiting for removal to allow for minimal disruption. The swing sets would stay; some components will be repurposed to other parks in the system.
- *Motion to approve Resolution No. R23-63 was voted upon with the following voice vote:*
 - *Aye: Arnold, Bray, Cleaver, Knox, Mills, Skinner*
 - *Nay:*
 - *Abstain:*

-Resolution No. R23-63 Approved: 6-0-

ITEM XIV: Ordinances

Bill No. B23-24: An Ordinance Vacating the Platted Cul-De-Sac on the East and West Side of NW Jefferson Court

Bill No. B23-24 was read by City Clerk Jamie Logan for the second reading by title only

- *Alderman Arnold moved to accept the second reading of Bill No. B23-24 and approve it as ordinance #2430*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Skinner*
 - None
- *Motion to accept the second reading of Bill No. B23-24 and approve it as ordinance #2430 was voted upon with the following roll call vote:*
 - *Aye: Arnold, Bray, Cleaver, Knox, Mills, Skinner*
 - *Nay:*
 - *Abstain:*

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-Bill No. B23-24 Became Ordinance #2430 6-0-

Bill No. B23-25: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 415, Flood Hazard Prevention, of the Code of Ordinances, in Sections 415.010 (Statutory Authorization, Finds of Fact and Purposes)

Bill No. B23-25 was read by City Clerk Jamie Logan for the second reading by title only

- *Alderman Bray moved to accept the second reading of Bill No. **B23-25** and approve it as ordinance #2431*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Arnold*
 - None
- *Motion to accept the second reading of Bill No. **B23-25** and approve it as ordinance #2431 was voted upon with the following roll call vote:*
 - *Aye: Arnold, Bray, Cleaver, Knox, Mills, Skinner*
 - *Nay:*
 - *Abstain:*

-Bill No. B23-25 Became Ordinance #2431 6-0-

Bill No. B23-26: An Ordinance of the City of Grain Valley, Missouri, to Establish a Procedure to Disclose Potential Conflicts of Interest and Substantial Interests for Certain Municipal Officials

Bill No. B23-26 was read by City Clerk Jamie Logan for the second reading by title only

- *Alderman Cleaver moved to accept the second reading of Bill No. **B23-26** and approve it as ordinance #2432*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Arnold*
 - None
- *Motion to accept the second reading of Bill No. **B23-26** and approve it as ordinance #2432 was voted upon with the following roll call vote:*
 - *Aye: Arnold, Bray, Cleaver, Knox, Mills, Skinner*
 - *Nay:*
 - *Abstain:*

-Bill No. B23-26 Became Ordinance #2432 6-0-

Bill No. B23-27: An Ordinance by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Grain Valley, Missouri to Amend the City Code to Add Chapter 255 - Miscellaneous Provisions; Article I- Hunting; Section 255.010 Pertaining to the Discharge of Archery Devices Allowed Under Certain Conditions

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Bill No. B23-27 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. **B23-27** and approve it as ordinance #2433*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Skinner*
 - None
- *Motion to accept the second reading of Bill No. **B23-27** and approve it as ordinance #2433 was voted upon with the following roll call vote:*
 - *Aye: Bray, Cleaver, Knox, Mills, Skinner*
 - *Nay: Arnold*
 - *Abstain:*

-Bill No. B23-27 Became Ordinance #2433 5-1-

Bill No. B23-28: An Ordinance by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Grain Valley, Missouri authorizing the City Administrator to Amend the 2023 Budget to Allocate Funding from Park Fund Reserves for the Armstrong Park, All-Inclusive Playground Project

Bill No. B23-28 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. **B23-28** and bring it back for a second reading by title only*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Bray*
 - This is the ordinance relating to allocating funds to handle the increase for playground project
- *Motion to accept the first reading of Bill No. **B23-28** and bring it back for a second reading was voted upon with the following voice vote:*
 - *Aye: Arnold, Bray, Cleaver, Knox, Mills, Skinner*
 - *Nay:*
 - *Abstain:*

-Motion Approved 6-0-

Bill No. B23-28: An Ordinance by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Grain Valley, Missouri to Authorize the City Administrator to Amend the 2023 Budget to Allocate Funding from Park Fund Reserves for the Armstrong Park, All-Inclusive Playground Project

Bill No. B23-28 was read by City Clerk Jamie Logan for the second reading by title only

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- *Alderman Mills moved to accept the second reading of Bill No. **B23-28** and approve it as ordinance #2434*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Bray*
 - None
- *Motion to accept the second reading of Bill No. **B23-28** and approve it as ordinance #2434 was voted upon with the following roll call vote:*
 - *Aye: Arnold, Bray, Cleaver, Knox, Mills, Skinner*
 - *Nay:*
 - *Abstain:*

-Bill No. B23-28 Became Ordinance #2434 6-0-

ITEM XV: City Attorney Report

- None

ITEM XVI: City Administrator & Staff Reports

- City Administrator Ken Murphy
 - Look out for possible dates for the walkthrough of the new police station (September); Alderman Knox asked the opening date; still looking at the first quarter and on track
- Deputy City Administrator Theresa Osenbaugh
 - None
- Police Chief Ed Turner
 - None
- Finance Director Steven Craig
 - None
- Parks & Recreation Director Shannon Davies
 - None
- Community Development Director Mark Trosen
 - Absent
- City Clerk Jamie Logan
 - None

ITEM XVII: Board of Aldermen Reports & Comments

- Alderman Dale Arnold
 - None
- Alderman Brian Bray
 - None
- Alderman Tom Cleaver

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- None
- Alderman Rick Knox
 - None
- Alderman Darren Mills
 - None
- Alderman Ryan Skinner
 - None

ITEM XVIII: Mayor Report

- The Fair will be September 8th & 9th; the parade time is at 10am this year- 120+ vendor spots and the most he has seen than in the past.

ITEM XIX: Executive Session

- None

ITEM XX: Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

Minutes submitted by:

Jamie Logan
City Clerk

Date

Minutes approved by:

Mike Todd
Mayor

Date

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