

**City of Edwardsville**

**Council Proceedings**

**May 04, 2021**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Edwardsville City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 118 Hillsboro Avenue in Edwardsville, Illinois, with Mayor Risavy presiding. Aldermen Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren, Stack and Burns were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present. Pastor Shank lead the council in an opening prayer.

Mayor Risavy welcomed everyone in attendance and those viewing on Cable Channel 993, Facebook and YouTube to the meeting.

Judge Bill Mudge was present to administer oaths of office. Judge Bill Mudge administered the Oath of Office to Art Risavy as the new Mayor of Edwardsville, Jack Burns Alderman Ward 2, SJ Morrison Alderman Ward 4, and Jennifer Warren Alderwoman Ward 6.

Mayor Risavy nominated Michelle Boyer for the position of City Clerk. Motion by Morrison, seconded by Stack, to approve the Appointment of Michelle Boyer as City Clerk. Roll Call: Six Ayes, with Aldermen Burns, Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren and Stack voting aye. Motion carried.

Judge Bill Mudge administered the oath of office to Michelle Boyer at City Clerk.

Mayor Risavy nominated Elizabeth Grant for the appointment to Alderman Ward 7. Motion by Morrison, seconded by Burns to approve the appointment of Elizabeth Grant as Alderman Ward 7. Roll Call: Six Ayes, with Alderman Burns, Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren and Stack voting aye. Motion carried.

City Clerk Michelle Boyer administered the oath of office to Elizabeth Grant Alderwoman Ward 7.

Mayor Risavy asked if any citizens wished to address the council. No public comment was made or submitted.

Mayor Risavy nominated the following for Aldermanic Committees:

## **ALDERMANIC COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

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### **ADMINISTRATIVE & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Will Krause, Chair

Janet Stack

Jack Burns

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Jack Burns, Chair

Jennifer Warren

Elizabeth Grant

### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Janet Stack, Chair

Chris Farrar

Jennifer Warren

### **PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE**

SJ Morrison, Chair

Chris Farrar

Elizabeth Grant

Motion by Morrison, seconded by Stack, to approve the Aldermanic Committee Appointments. Roll Call: Seven Ayes, with Aldermen Burns, Grant, Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren and Stack voting aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Risavy nominated the following for City Officials:

### **Appointments of City Officials**

## **DEPARTMENT AND DIVISION HEADS**

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### **Executive and Administrative**

City Administrator -Kevin Head

Director of Finance -Jeanne Wojcieszak

### **Legal Department**

City Attorney -Jeffrey Berkbigler

### **Department of Human Resources**

Director -Amanda Tucker

**Department of Police**

Director -Jay Keeven

**Department of Public Works**

Director -Eric Williams

City Engineer -Ryan ZwiJack

City Planner -Emily Fultz

**Fire Department**

Chief -James Whiteford

Deputy Chief -Brendan McKee

**Parks & Recreation Department**

Director -Nate Tingley

**Information Technology & Communications**

Director -Devin Gray

**Economic/Community Development**

Director -James Arnold

Motion to approve by Stack, seconded by Farrar, to approve the City Officials Appointments. Roll Call: Seven Ayes, with Aldermen Burns, Grant, Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren and Stack voting aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Risavy nominated the following for Boards and Commissions:

**BAND BOARD**

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Lynn Ripper Term Ending April 2026

Carol Frisse Term Ending April 2026

**BEAUTIFICATION AND TREE COMMISSION**

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Susan Bautsch Term Ending April 2024

Kim Schoenfeld Term Ending April 2024

## **COOL CITIES INITIATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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Dr. Rachel Tompkins

Reappointed Annually

Jamie Henderson

Tom Kinsella

Brigham Dimick

Cara Lytle

Stephanie Malench

Bradley J. Sauer

Kristen Pauli

## **BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

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Roger Huber

Term Ending April 2024

Mary Ann Harris

Term Ending April 2024

## **FIRE PENSION BOARD**

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Rich Hampton

Term Ending April 2023

## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

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Jennifer Wilkins

Term Ending April 2024

Tom May

Term Ending April 2024

Tony Green

Term Ending April 2024

## **LIBRARY BOARD**

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Robert LaRose

Term Ending April 2024

Gary Denué

Term Ending April 2024

Jessica DeSpain

Term Ending April 2024

## **MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE SYSTEM TRUST COMMITTEE**

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Rick Welle

Term Ending April 2024

## **PLAN COMMISSION**

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Mike Pierceall

Term Ending April 2025

John McDole

Term Ending April 2025

Andrea Miracle

Term Ending April 2025

## **POLICE PENSION BOARD**

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Rich Hampton

Term Ending April 2023

## **RECREATION, ARTS, AND SPECIAL EVENTS BOARD**

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Jeanette Mallon

Term Ending April 2024

## **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

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Ann Robertson

Term Ending April 2028

Motion to approve by Morrison seconded by Burns, to approve the Appointments of Boards and Commissions. Roll Call: Seven Ayes, with Aldermen Burns, Grant, Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren and Stack voting aye. Motion carried.

### **State of the City Address:**

Mayor Risavy gave a State of the City address highlighting the ongoing projects for the City of Edwardsville, such as the new zoning guidelines, new commercial and residential developments and road improvements. The Mayor acknowledged and thanked all of the individual departments on their accomplishments to make this city a great place to live and raise your family.

Mayor Risavy addressed the pandemic and the effects on businesses in the Edwardsville community. He complimented local businesses on the ability to pivot during the pandemic. Mayor Risavy addressed many projects the city has on the horizon. These projects are: the new fire station, establishment of the Human Relations Committee, downtown parking, new commercial developments, road improvements and the library renovation.

There being no further action required, Council adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

  
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Art Risavy, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Michelle A. Boyer, City Clerk