

Tuesday, November 26, 2024
Regular City Council Meeting November 26, 2024

City Council Chambers, Room 108
200 South Illinois Avenue
Carbondale, Illinois 62901
6:00 p.m.

1. Preliminaries to the City Council Meeting

Subject :	1.1 Roll Call
Meeting :	Nov 26, 2024 - Regular City Council Meeting November 26, 2024
Type :	Procedural

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1. Preliminaries to the City Council Meeting

Subject :	1.2 Citizens' Comments and Questions
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Citizens may address the City Council for up to four minutes on any agenda item. Public comments will be accepted for a maximum of 30 minutes per item. Those wishing to address the City Council should raise their hand to be recognized by the Mayor prior to approaching the podium. Speakers should provide their names for the minutes and end their comments when the four-minute time limit is announced. The Council may suspend or waive the speaker time limit with the consent of a majority of Council members present and are not required to respond to public remarks during the meeting.

1. Preliminaries to the City Council Meeting

Subject :	1.3 Council Comments, General Announcements, and Proclamations
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General Comments from the City Council and City Manager. Proclamations, Special Recognition, and Oaths of Office will periodically be administered at this time.

2. Public Hearings and Special Reports

Subject :	2.1 Review and Acceptance of the FY 2024 Audited Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Other Supplemental Financial Reports
Meeting :	Nov 26, 2024 - Regular City Council Meeting November 26, 2024
Type :	Action, Information
Recommended Action :	Accept and place on file the audited Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2024.
Goals :	Goal #3: Demonstrate fiscal responsibility and transparency while providing high-quality City services

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Originating Department: Finance

Background:

The audited Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2024, is submitted for review and acceptance by the City Council. The audit was performed by Kerber, Eck, & Braeckel (KEB) CPAs of the Marion office.

The ACFR has been submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for their review in obtaining the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting award. The City has received this award for the previous thirty-two fiscal years.

The primary financial statements for the Police Pension Fund and the Fire Pension Fund are included in the ACFR.

The 2024 ACFR is available for download from the [Financial Overview section of the City's website](#).

File Attachments

- [24 Carbondale Audit 2024-11-26.pdf \(4.763 KB\)](#)
- [24 Carbondale Board Presentation 2024-11-26.pdf \(8.146 KB\)](#)

3. Consent Agenda of the City Council

Subject :	3.1 City Council Meeting Minutes from November 12 and November 16, 2024
Meeting :	Nov 26, 2024 - Regular City Council Meeting November 26, 2024
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approve the minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting of November 12 and the Special City Council Meeting of November 16, 2024

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Originating Department:

City Clerk's Office

File Attachments

[Regular City Council Meeting Minutes 12 November 2024.pdf \(194 KB\)](#)

[Special City Council Meeting Minutes 16 November 2024.pdf \(187 KB\)](#)

3. Consent Agenda of the City Council

Subject :	3.2 Approval of Warrant for the Period Ending: 11/08 /2024 for the FY 2025 Warrant 1498 in the Total Amount of \$6,146,662.65
Meeting :	Nov 26, 2024 - Regular City Council Meeting November 26, 2024
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Accept the following report of payments made for the period ended: 11/08/2024 totaling \$6,146,662.65
Goals :	Goal #3: Demonstrate fiscal responsibility and transparency while providing high-quality City services

Public Content

Originating Department: Finance

Background:

File Attachments

[Warrant 1498 2024-11-26.pdf \(505 KB\)](#)

3. Consent Agenda of the City Council

Subject :	3.3 Reappointment to Boards and Commissions
Meeting :	Nov 26, 2024 - Regular City Council Meeting November 26, 2024
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Council is requested to concur with Mayor Harvey's recommended reappointment to Boards and Commissions

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Originating Department: Mayors Office

Background: Mayor Harvey recommends the following reappointment to Boards and Commissions:

3. Consent Agenda of the City Council

Subject :	3.4 Resolution Authorizing the City of Carbondale to Enter Into a Memorandum of Agreement with REACH Strategies for Ameren Illinois Community Engagement & Consultation (CEC) Program and Ordinance Approving a Budget Adjustment to Increase the Support Services FY2025 Budget in the Amount of \$75,000
Meeting :	Nov 26, 2024 - Regular City Council Meeting November 26, 2024
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approve Resolution Authorizing the City of Carbondale to Enter Into a Memorandum of Agreement with REACH Strategies for Ameren Illinois Community Engagement & Consultation (CEC) Program and Ordinance Approving a Budget Adjustment to Increase the Support Services FY2025 Budget in the Amount of \$75,000
Goals :	Goal #8: Use the downtown master plan as a guide to revitalize the City Center Goal #7: Build on, expand, and develop new relationships with SIU and other regional entities Goal #6: Enhance residential development/rehabilitation Goal #5: Provide high-quality City infrastructure Goal #4: Encourage progressive economic development, tourism, arts, and entertainment Goal #3: Demonstrate fiscal responsibility and transparency while providing high-quality City services Goal #2: Establish programs, processes, and networks to address diversity, inclusion, equity, and justice Goal #1: Provide a high quality-of-life and foster a sense of community for all residents

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Originating Department: Community Development Services

Background: In April 2022, the City of Carbondale City Council passed the Sustainability Action Plan (SAP) unanimously. Focus Area 1 of the SAP "Energy: Goal #1" states: "Reduce overall energy burden in buildings and transportation through energy efficiency actions and behavior change in order to reach the goal for reductions in emissions by 45% by 2030 and carbon-neutral by 2050" The 2019 Baseline of Government-scale Operations Emissions revealed that transportation accounts for 29.7% of total Government Operations Emissions (1838 MTCO2e) The 2019 Baseline of Community-scale Emissions revealed that transportation/mobile sources accounts for 30.6% of total Community-scale Emissions (125,333 MTCO2e)

Focus Area Energy: Goal #1 Subsection #2 Transportation states the City of Carbondale will, "optimize implementation of CEJA-funded electric vehicle funding mechanism to increase the number and

accessibility of EVs in the City and the Community, especially in disadvantaged areas." and "Commit the City of Carbondale to electric chargers (1 charger per public lot; 1 charger per 20 parking spaces in city lots), and electric vehicles (25% of vehicle fleet electric), by 2030, especially in disadvantaged areas"

The City of Carbondale is actively partnering with Southern Illinois University, the Carbondale Public Library, Ameren Illinois, and Egyptian Electric Cooperative to identify suitable locations for publicly accessible EV charging. As a first step, the City of Carbondale qualified for the Ameren Illinois "Community Engagement & Consultation (CEC) Program". This program is only available to communities within Ameren Illinois electric service territory. Financial support through the CEC Program will assist the City of Carbondale in conducting community and business engagement surrounding site suitability (i.e. where would our community members like to see public charging stations?)

The agreement, developed by the Ameren Illinois CEC Program, reaffirms the commitments made by the Carbondale City Council in April 2022 and identifies actionable steps to be taken to achieve the goals outlined in the Carbondale Community's Sustainability Action Plan. Amendments to the agreement will be made by the City of Carbondale when suitable locations are identified. Locations outlined in the plan are placeholders as staff work with Ameren Illinois and Egyptian Electric to identify service capacity and community partners to determine stakeholder perspectives.

File Attachments

- [Resolution Authorizing City of Carbondale to Enter MOA with REACH Strategies for Ameren CEC Program 2024-11-26.pdf \(123 KB\)](#)
- [Ordinance Approving a Budget Adjustment to Increase the Support Services FY2025 Budget by \\$75,000 2024-11-26.pdf \(20 KB\)](#)
- [Memorandum of Agreement - City of Carbondale.pdf \(143 KB\)](#)
- [Exhibit A - Ameren CEC Program Budget Adjustment 2024-11-26 \(1\).pdf \(16 KB\)](#)
- [AIC Carbondale Plan - Final.pdf \(7,212 KB\)](#)

3. Consent Agenda of the City Council

Subject :	3.5 Approval of Consent Agenda Items
Meeting :	Nov 26, 2024 - Regular City Council Meeting November 26, 2024
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approve all Consent Agenda items not pulled for separate consideration

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4. General Business of the City Council

Subject :	4.1 A Resolution to authorize the Interim City Manager to enter into a sales agreement to purchase properties from the Jackson County Trustee
Meeting :	Nov 26, 2024 - Regular City Council Meeting November 26, 2024
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Adopt a resolution authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into a sales agreement to purchase properties from the Jackson County Trustee

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Originating Department: Community Development

Background: City staff has aggressively pursued demolition of blighted residential structures since the award of a demolition grant in the amount of \$484,000 from the Illinois Housing Development Authority in September of 2023. Obtaining legal right to demolish the structures and securing ownership of the property is a significant amount of work involved in the process. When the property taxes on a property are not paid either by the owner or a tax buyer, then that property is listed for sale by the County's Trustee, Joseph E. Meyers and Associates. Municipalities have the option to buy these properties for the minimum bid amount of \$750, and all other bids from prospective buyers are not considered. From the City standpoint it is more efficient in personnel and economic terms to purchase the properties in this manner in order to demolish them, and retain the deed than securing the deed through other judicial means.

Staff is requesting authorization for the Interim City manager to enter into a contract to buy 507 E. Birch Street, which has already been demolished, but the deed not secured; 614 W. Owens, which has had a contract awarded for demolition; and 505 N. Marion, which will be bid in Round 4 of the IHDA funded demolition program. The total cost of the purchase will be \$2,412 which includes the \$750 purchase price for each address, plus a \$54 filing fee. These costs will be reimbursed by the IHDA demolition grant.

File Attachments

[Contract 507 E. Birch.pdf \(118 KB\)](#)

[Contract 614 W Owens.pdf \(118 KB\)](#)

[Contract 505 N Marion.pdf \(119 KB\)](#)

[Resolution Authorizing ICM to Enter into a Contract for Purchase of Real Property from The Jackson County Trustee 2024-11-26.pdf \(117 KB\)](#)

5. Adjournment of the City Council Meeting

Subject :	5.1 Adjourn meeting
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The Mayor will declare the meeting adjourned.