

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
APRIL 15, 2024

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor Steve Nordaune at 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 15, 2024 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: DuWayne Galow, Dan Barber, Brad Peterson, Joe Fagnano, and Scott Peterson. Council Absent: Sharon Pazi Zea. Staff present: City Manager Crystal Johnson, City Clerk Christine Kleven and Finance Director Neal Carstensen. Also present: EDA Director Kyle Haugen, Head Librarian Larissa Schwenk, Ray Martin, Ashlee Edman, Joseph Edman, and Jean Fagnano.

CONSENT AGENDA: B. PETERSON/GALOW TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, WITH THE ADDITION OF 6A10 LA PLAZITA ANNUAL LIQUOR LICENSE, AS FOLLOWS: Minutes, Bills, Finance Report, Police Chief Report, Fire Department Report, Public Works Report, Correspondence and Meetings & Events. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

NEIGHBORS UNITED RESOURCE CENTER FOOD SHELF: Ray Martin shared volunteer and food distribution statistics. Monetary donations are most beneficial since food can be purchased from Second Harvest at minimal costs, maximizing the impact of contributions.

LIBRARY UPDATES: Head Librarian Larissa Schwenk was in attendance to recap the past year and share resources available for all ages to utilize at the library.

REPORTS: EDA, Kilowatt Community Center, and Planning Commission reports were acknowledged at this time.

TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSES: M/S FAGNANO/S. PETERSON TO APPROVE TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE REQUESTS FROM THE GRANITE FALLS AREA ARTS COUNCIL FOR THE JUNE 6TH, JULY 11TH, AND AUGUST 1ST MAKERS MARKET EVENTS AND SEPTEMBER 14 SQUID FEST CELEBRATION. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

APPOINTMENTS: Scott Peterson has expressed his desire to step down from the KCC Board due to personal circumstances. Similarly, Joe Fagnano wishes to resign from the Pioneerland Board, and Sharon Pazi Zea seeks to resign from the Hospital Board. M/S GALOW/B. PETERSON TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF S. PETERSON TO THE PIONEERLAND LIBRARY SYSTEM AND DAN BARBER TO THE HOSPITAL BOARD. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

LICENSES: M/S/P GALOW/BARBER TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF AN ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE TO AMERICAN LEGION POST #69 dba VETERANS LOUNGE, FOR THE TERM MAY 1, 2024 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2025. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

M/S/P S. PETERSON/B. PETERSON TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF AN ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE TO BLUENOSE GOPHER BREWERY FOR THE TERM MAY 1, 2024 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2025.

M/S/P B. PETERSON/GALOW TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF AN ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE TO JS VENTURES LLC dba GRANITE BOWL, FOR THE TERM MAY 1, 2024 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2025.

M/S/P FAGNANO/S. PETERSON TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF AN ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE TO TOLLEY'S BAR & GRILL LLC, FOR THE TERM MAY 1, 2024 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2024. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

M/S/P S. PETERSON/B. PETERSON TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF AN ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE TO LA PLAZITA, FOR THE TERM MAY 1, 2024 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2025. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

INFANTS REMEMBERED REQUEST: Following discussion Galow introduced a resolution and moved its adoption accepting the proposal presented by Infants Remembered in Silence for the bridge lighting and endorsed a proclamation in support of October 15th as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-51

RESOLUTION ENDORSING OCTOBER 15TH AS PREGNANCY
AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE DAY

(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

With second by Barber, the resolution was adopted unanimously by those present.

LODGING TAX COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT: M/S FAGNANO/B. PETERSON TO APPROVE KYLE HAUGEN, SCOTT PETERSON, AND STEVE NORDAUNE AS THE CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE NEWLY FORMED LODGING TAX COMMITTEE. CRYSTAL JOHNSON AGREED TO ASSIST WITH LOGISTICAL SETUP. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

DOWNTOWN PLANTERS: the Beautification Committee received a SMAC grant for various downtown improvements. The committee has recommended the adoption of the mosaic design and requests approval from the council. M/S B. PETERSON/BARBER TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FROM THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE TO PROCEED WITH THE MOSAIC DESIGNS WORK ON THE PLANTERS. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

JOHN DEERE GATOR REPLACEMENT: Following discussion Galow introduced the following

resolution and moved its adoption accepting the lowest bid from Haug Implement in the amount of \$11,920.00 for the replacement of the 2004 JD Gator. The following bids were received:

Haug Implement Co. JD Gator TX	\$11,920.00
MTI Distributing Toro Workman GTX	\$13,114.20
MTI Distributing Toro Workman GTX EFI Lifted	\$14,239.74
MTI Distributing Toro Workman MDX	\$15,071.85

RESOLUTION NO. 24-52

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE LOWEST QUOTE TO PURCHASE A NEW JOHN DEERE GATOR

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With second by B. Peterson, the resolution was adopted unanimously by those present.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND TRANSFER: The Council approved the allocation of Ethanol Energy Dividend funding into the Public Improvement fund, specifying that it should be tracked separately. Additionally, the Council authorized the use of a portion of this funding for donations to both the Yellow Medicine and Chippewa County Fairs, as well as Western Fest. Fagnano introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to authorize the transfer from the General Fund to the respective fund.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-53

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS

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With second by S. Peterson, the resolution was adopted unanimously by those present.

LIME POND IMPROVEMENT: Two bids were received to complete the last phase of concrete yard improvements at the Water Treatment Plant lime pond. B. Peterson introduced a resolution and moved its adoption approving Soine Construction to move forward to complete the necessary concrete work. The following bids were received:

Soine Construction INC	\$21,000
Hornick Construction LLC	\$21,500

RESOLUTION NO. 24-54

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONCRETE YARD IMPROVEMENTS
AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT LIME POND

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With second by Galow, the resolution was adopted unanimously by those present.

NO MOW MAY: Following discussion M/S FAGNANO/B. PETERSON APPROVED THE "NO MOW MAY" INITIATIVE TO INCLUDE THE REAR YARD ONLY. THOSE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING WILL NEED TO REGISTER WITH THE CITY CLERK. ALL RESIDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN FRONT YARDS PER CITY ORDINANCE. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

TAX ABATEMENT REQUEST: M/S FAGNANO/GALOW TO DENY THE TAX ABATEMENT REQUEST AT THIS TIME. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

PERSONNEL: Greg Wilkening in the Public Works Department submitted a letter of retirement for June 28, 2024. M/S BARBER/B. PETERSON TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION, DECLARE THE POSITION OPEN AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO ADVERTISE TO FILL THIS VACANCY.

ADJOURN: M/S S. PETERSON/B. PETERSON TO ADJOURN AT 7:52 P.M.

Steve Nordaune
Mayor

ATTEST:
Christine Kleven
City Clerk