OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
APRIL 20, 2026

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor Steve Nordaune at 6:00 p.m., Monday, April 20, 2026, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: DuWayne Galow, Beth Pullan, Dan Barber, Brad Peterson, Craig Opdahl, and Scott Peterson. Staff present: City Manager Crystal Johnson, City Clerk Christine Kleven and Tracy Peterson. Also present: EDA Director Amy Nordaune, City Engineer Mike Amborn, Avera CEO Tom Kooiman; Chamber members Carolyn Lindquist and Pam Rosenau; YES House staff Sierra Kallio, Shy Miguel and Luwaina Al-Otaibi; and Advocate Tribune Editor Jessica Stolen-Jacobson.

CONSENT AGENDA: M/S/P B. PETERSON/S. PETERSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, AS FOLLOWS: Minutes, Bills, Public Works Report, Correspondence and Meetings & Events.

STREETSCAPE SIDWALK PROJECT: Mike Amborn reviewed proposed project expansions to utilize remaining grant funds, including approximately $30,412 in additional work. S. Peterson moved to adopt a resolution approving the additional work and increase to the Streetscape Sidewalk Project contract.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-32

RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDITIONAL WORK AND INCREASING
THE CONTRACT AMOUNT FOR THE 2026 DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS
(STREETSCAPE SIDEWALK) PROJECT

(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

With second by Opdahl, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

AVERA GRANITE FALLS UPDATES: Tom Kooiman, CEO of Avera Granite Falls, reported stable operations in a challenging environment, with strong staff and board leadership. The nursing home is full, ambulance services average 200+ runs per month, and planning continues for a new hospital in 2030.

YES House update: Luwaina Al-Otaibi reported construction is complete and a grand opening is planned for April 26. The Creative Collaboration Team and Advisory Committees remain active. Ongoing programming includes the ‘Learn From Your Neighbor’ series, artist residencies, and visiting artists. Shy Miguel noted expanded youth programming to address gaps in school-based arts, as well as a mental health summit. Sierra Kallio, provides technical and program support, including assistance for seniors. Facilities are available for rent, supporting community engagement. The public is encouraged to visit and use the space.

EDA HOUSING PROJECT: EDA Director Amy Nordaune was present and provided a detailed overview of the bid results for the EDA duplex construction project. The bids were reviewed and discussed by the Board. The low bidder for general construction and

concrete was identified as Ethan Weber Construction, with a base bid of $353,520. Additional project components and associated costs were also presented, including excavation, soil boring, electrical, HVAC and plumbing, cabinetry, and flooring. The total estimated project cost, as presented and consistent with the engineer's estimate, is $1,381,310.49. Funding for the project will come from EDA reserves and bonding. It was noted that projected cash flow from anticipated rental income supports the project, and there is already a waiting list for occupancy. B. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to accept the bid package as presented and approve moving forward with construction of the EDA duplex project, utilizing the identified contractors and vendors, and authorizing funding through EDA reserves and bonding as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-33

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BIDS AND AUTHORIZING
CONSTRUCTION OF THE EDA DUPLEX PROJECT

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With second by Pullan, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

ANNUAL CHAMBER UPDATE: Carolyn Lindquist and Pam Rosenau were in attendance to share an annual update. In addition, the Chamber is asking for a donation in the amount of $3,500. Galow introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption approving a $3,500 donation.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-34

RESOLUTION APPROVING DONATION
TO GRANITE FALLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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

CRUIZERZ CAR SHOW: Troy Fiegen is requesting sponsorship and approval for the annual Cruizerz Car Show, scheduled for August 16. The request included the use of Rice Park and the temporary closure of Minnesota Avenue during the event. Following discussion, S. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to approve the request, including a $100 sponsorship and authorize closure of Minnesota Avenue as requested.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-35

RESOLUTION APPROVING SPONSORSHIP AND AUTHORIZING
CLOSURE OF MINNESOTA AVENUE FOR THE ANNUAL CRUIZERZ CAR SHOW

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

REPORTS: EDA and Airport Commission reports were acknowledged at this time.

LICENSES: M/S/P BARBER/S. PETERSON TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF AN ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE TO AMERICAN LEGION POST #69 dba VETERANS LOUNGE, FOR THE TERM MAY 1, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2027.

M/S/P B. PETERSON/BARBER TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF AN ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE TO BLUENOSE GOPHER BREWERY, FOR THE TERM MAY 1, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2027.

M/S/P BARBER/S. PETERSON TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF AN ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE TO JS VENTURES LLC dba GRANITE BOWL, FOR THE TERM MAY 1, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2027.

M/S/P B. PETERSON/S. PETERSON TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF AN ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE TO TOLLEY'S BAR & GRILL LLC, FOR THE TERM MAY 1, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2027.

M/S/P S. PETERSON/B. PETERSON TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF AN ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE TO LA PLAZITA, FOR THE TERM MAY 1, 2026, THROUGH APRIL 30, 2027.

M/S/P B. PETERSON/GALOW TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF AN ON-SALE 3.2 AND WINE LIQUOR LICENSES TO THE GRANITE FALLS BASEBALL ASSOCIATION, FOR THE TERM MAY 1, 2026, THROUGH APRIL 30, 2027

M/S/P S. PETERSON/B. PETERSON TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF THE THC LICENSE TO DOWN ON THE KORNER, FOR THE TERM MAY 1, 2026, THROUGH APRIL 30, 2027

LEGION REQUEST: M/S/P GALOW/PULLAN APPROVED THE AMERICAN LEGION'S USE OF THE PARKING LOT ADJACENT TO SORLIEN PARK FOR WESTERN FEST EVENTS, JUNE 25-27.

ORDINANCE: M/S/P B. PETERSON/S. PETERSON TO APPROVE THE 1ST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION ENTITLED WINTER BURIALS AND USE OF MAUSOLEUM.

LIQUOR STORE LOGO: The Council reviewed and voted on the proposed logo options for the Riverside Bottle Shop. Following review, a vote was taken to narrow the selection to Options 3, 5, and 6. Consensus by council to allow staff to use the 3 selected to determine the most effective use for promotional purposes.

SUBSTATION GRANT: Staff reported that the third Substation grant application has been awarded in the amount of $979,963. Financing the remaining balance will be brought forward for future discussion and consideration.

ADJOURN: M/S S. PETERSON/B. PETERSON TO ADJOURN AT 6:57 P.M.

Steve Nordaune
Mayor

ATTEST:
Christine Kleven
City Clerk