CITY OF GRANITE FALLS
OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
Monday, June 15, 2026

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor Steve Nordaune at 6:00 p.m., Monday, June 15, 2026, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present: DuWayne Galow, Beth Pullan, Dan Barber, Brad Peterson, and Craig Opdahl. Council member absent: Scott Peterson. Staff present: City Manager Crystal Johnson, Finance Director Tracy Peterson and City Clerk Christine Kleven. Also present: EDA Director Amy Nordaune, David Drown Associates Shannon Sweeney, Abdo Supervisor John Stachel, Tribune Editor Jessica Jacobson-Stolen.

CONSENT AGENDA: M/S GALOW/B. PETERSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA CONSISTING OF: Minutes, Bills, Public Works Report, Correspondence, and Meetings & Events. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

The following items were addressed separately:

6A – YES House Liquor License was added to the agenda.
6B2 – Issuance of Bond for Fire Truck & Watermain Project was tabled.
7A – 2025 Audit was presented by John Stachel.

REPORTS: EDA report was acknowledged at this time.

YES HOUSE LIQUOR LICENCE: B. Peterson introduced a motion to approve the establishment of a Consumption and Display Permit for the YES House, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 340A.404, to allow alcohol to be brought onto the premises by guests solely for consumption during private events held at the facility. It was noted that YES House staff, employees, volunteers, and agents shall not sell, furnish, serve, or otherwise participate in the provision, handling, or distribution of alcoholic beverages on the premises. It was further noted that a $50 annual permit fee will be charged.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-52

ESTABLISHING CONSUMPTION
AND DISPLAY LICENSE FOR YES HOUSE

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

PUBLIC HEARING – EDA BOND: A duly noticed public hearing regarding the proposed issuance of a 15-year bond to finance the EDA housing project was called to order by Mayor Steve Nordaune at 6:05 p.m. Shannon Sweeney and Amy Nordaune participated in the discussion and responded to questions. Following an opportunity

for public comment and Council discussion, the public hearing was closed at 6:10 p.m.

Following the public hearing, B. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption approving the Housing Program and the preliminary issuance of a 15-year bond to finance the EDA housing project, consisting of the construction of two duplexes, for a total of four residential dwelling units.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-53

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HOUSING FINANCE PROGRAM AND THE ISSUANCE AND SALE BY THE GRANITE FALLS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ITS GENERAL OBLIGATION HOUSING DEVELOPMENT BONDS, SERIES 2026A (CITY OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, GENERAL OBLIGATION) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $950,000 BACKED BY THE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA

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

ELM TREE REMOVAL BIDS: Quotes were received on June 1, 2026, for the removal of diseased elm trees on city-owned property as part of the 2026 Diseased Elm Tree Removal Program. The following bids were submitted:

Contractor	Per-Inch Bid	Additional Stump Grinding Bid
North 40 Tree & Landscaping	$25.90	$6.50
Jacobson Tree Experts	$43.00	$14.00

Following review, Opdahl introduced a resolution and moved its adoption accepting the quote from North 40 Tree & Landscaping in the amount of $25.90 per diameter inch for tree removal and $6.50 per diameter inch for additional stump grinding.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-54

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING QUOTE FOR
REMOVAL OF DISEASED ELM TREES – 2025

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

PUBLIC HEARING -ELECTRIC RATE ADJUSTMENT: A duly noticed public hearing regarding the proposed electrical rate adjustment was called to order by Mayor Steve Nordaune at 6:15 p.m. The proposed adjustment includes a 3% overall increase to electric utility rates as recommended by Missouri River Energy Services (MRES), effective

with utility bills due in August 2026. The proposed changes include adjustments to residential, commercial, demand, and power cost adjustment (PCA) rates. Following opportunity for public comment and Council discussion, the public hearing was closed at 6:18 p.m.

Following the public hearing, B. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption approving a 3% electric rate adjustment.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-55

RESOLUTION APPROVING ELECTRICAL RATE ADJUSTMENT

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

POLICE EQUIPMENT: Staff presented a request from Chief Thull for Police Department equipment purchases including replacement portable radios and squad car computers. The portable radios will replace existing 2017 units, with seven (7) radios proposed for full-time officer use. The squad car computers will replace existing Police Department in-car equipment. The total purchases will be funded through the 2026 Capital Improvement Budget. Opdahl introduced a resolution and moved its adoption to approve the equipment purchases as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-56

RESOLUTION APPROVING POLICE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT PURCHASES - PORTABLE RADIOS AND SQUAD COMPUTERS

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

AIRPORT LIGHTING UPGRADE PROJECT: Staff presented four (4) bids received for the project, with the lowest bid submitted by Neo Electrical Solutions in the amount of $827,043.75.The total estimated project cost, including engineering and administration, is $1,059,500, resulting in a required local match of $105,950. The project is funded 90% through State funding and 10% local share. It was noted that the State has agreed to fund 90% of the revised total project cost, allowing the project to proceed in a single phase. Following discussion, Galow introduced a resolution and moved its adoption approving the bid award, construction administration services, and the MnDOT funding amendment request.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-57

RESOLUTION APPROVING BID AWARD, CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION, AND MNDOT FUNDING AMENDMENT – RUNWAY LIGHTING RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

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

HYDRO FACILITY BATTERY BANK REPLACEMENT: Staff presented two quotes for replacement batteries at the Hydro Plant. The batteries provide backup power for critical equipment serving the turbines and substation and have reached the end of their useful life. It was noted that CMPAS will assist City staff with installation at no cost. Two quotes were received. The low quote from Action Battery in the amount of $7,728.00 was recommended. Staff also noted that the battery charger originally quoted in the amount of $10,790.00 is not required and will not be purchased. Funding for the battery replacement is included in the 2026 budget. B. Peterson introduced the resolution and moved its adoption approving the purchase of replacement batteries from Action Battery in the amount of $7,728.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-58

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF
REPLACEMENT BATTERIES FOR THE HYDRO PLANT

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

212 BRIDGE MURAL: Council reviewed the proposed 212 project. Following discussion, Council expressed consensus that the mural may be better suited in a more visible location and directed staff to obtain an additional quote for lighting.

2025 ADUDIT: John Stachel presented the 2025 annual audit.

ADJOURN: M/S BARBER/B. PETERSON TO ADJOURN AT 7:18 PM.

Steve Nordaune
Mayor

ATTEST: Christine Kleven
City Clerk