

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
May 20, 2024

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor Steve Nordaune at 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 20, 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: City Attorney Jeremy Blackwelder, SammyJo Miller, Tamara Isfeld, and Peg Hegland.

CONSENT AGENDA: B. PETERSON/S. PETERSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: Minutes, Bills, Building Inspector's Report, Finance Report, Police Chief's Report, Correspondence and Meetings & Events. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

LEGAL SERVICES: Jeremy Blackwelder reported that the city has been subpoenaed to provide information in the lawsuit between Horner Industrial Services, Inc. and Canyon Industries, Inc., currently in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, Indianapolis. The case pertains to the Turbine III replacement. All relevant documentation has been submitted; however, city staff may be required to give depositions. Blackwelder is not licensed to practice in Federal court. Therefore, the staff recommends hiring Boardman & Clark to represent the city if the case proceeds to court. Following discussion, Galow introduced a resolution and moved for its adoption, authorizing the execution of legal services on an hourly basis with Boardman & Clark as proposed.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-63

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR THE CITY IN THE MATTER OF HORNER INDUSTRIAL SERVICES, INC. V. CANYON INDUSTRIES, INC.

(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

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

FLOODWALL MURAL: SammyJo Miller presented examples of her artwork proposed for the flood wall project. She plans to apply for a grant to cover the costs. M/S FAGNANO/B. PETERSON TO APPROVE THE FLOOD WALL MURAL DESIGN AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

CROSSWALK ART: Tamara Isfeld presented a proposal for crosswalk art in the downtown area and requested a partnership with the city to supply the paint and supplies. S. Peterson introduced a resolution and moved for its adoption, approving the artwork as presented and authorizing a \$1,400 donation to cover the cost of paint and supplies.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-64

RESOLUTION APPROVING CROSSWALK ART IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA
AND AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR PAINT AND SUPPLIES

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

DOG PARK UPDATE: Peg Heglund and staff provided an update on the fundraising efforts for the development of the dog park. Despite ongoing initiatives, there remains a shortfall of approximately \$1,000. The Dog Park Committee is requesting city funds to bridge this gap and cover any additional costs that may arise during installation. Galow introduced a resolution and moved for its adoption to proceed with the project, authorizing the use of up to \$5,000 from the Community Fund Account to complete the project.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-65

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DOG PARK

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

REPORT: EDA was acknowledged at this time. The offer for the Highway 212 property sale was accepted by Edman Builders.

SEVERANCE FUND TRANSFERS: Following discussion Fagnano introduced a resolution and moved its adoption approving the following transfers into the Severance Pay Trust Fund:

Fund #	Fund	Amount
101	General	\$46,147
601	Electrical	6,447
602	Water	4,867
609	Waste Water	<u>32,539</u>
	Total for Transfer	\$90,000

RESOLUTION NO. 24-66

RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSED TRANSFERS
OF VARIOUS CITY FUNDS TO THE SEVERANCE PAY TRUST

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

POLE ATTACHMENT AGREEMENT- CENTURY LINK: staff provided details about the lengthy process that led to the proposed agreement. Following discussion, B. Peterson introduced a resolution and moved for its adoption, approving the Agreement for Joint Use of Poles with CenturyLink.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-67

RESOLUTION APPROVING CENTURYLINK JOINT USE OF POLES AGREEMENT

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

COUNTING WRITE-IN VOTES FOR MUNICIPAL RACES: Following discussion Barber introduced a resolution and moved its adoption approving the resolution for write-in votes for municipal Races as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-68

A RESOLUTION GOVERNING WRITE-IN VOTE COUNTING.

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

VFW POPPY DAY DONATION: Following the discussion, Galow introduced a resolution and moved for its adoption, approving a \$100 donation to the VFW Buddy Poppy Fund.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-69

RESOLUTION APPROVING DONATION TO
THE VFW BUDDY POPPY FUND

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

FENCE ORDINANCE – 2ND READING TABLED FOR MODIFICATIONS.

AMENDING SECTION 90.05 – 1ST READING B. PETERSON/BARBAR APPROVE 1ST READING
AMENDING SECTION 90.05 PROHIBITED USE AND PARKING OF MOBILE HOMES,
RECREATIONAL CAMPING VEHICLES, TRAILERS, BOATS AND BOAT TRAILERS. Motion
carried unanimously by those present.

COUNCIL TABLETS: TABLE AND ADD TO NEXT YEAR BUDGET.

VOLSTEAD HOUSE GRANT: Consensus to allow the Granite Falls Historical Society to
resubmit a MN Historical Society grant for improvements identified in the Volstead
House Museum Conditions Assessment.

ADJOURN: M/S S. PETERSON/B. PETERSON TO ADJOURN AT 8:04 P.M.

Steve Nordaune
Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Kleven
City Clerk