

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR SESSION  
APRIL 1, 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 1, 2024 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: DuWayne Galow, Sharon Pazi Zea, Dan Barber, Brad Peterson, and Scott Peterson. Council Absent: Joe Fagnano. Staff present: City Manager Crystal Johnson, City Clerk Christine Kleven and Finance Director Neal Carstensen. Also present: EDA Director Kyle Haugen, Avera Granite Falls CEO Tom Kooiman, Brian Barber, Naomi Barber, McKenzie Finke, Karl Hegna, Kris McCoy, CAIR Dani Prados, Ashlee Edman, Joseph Edman, Farmers Union Oil Company representatives John Meyer and Pete Schmitz, and Advocate Tribune Editor Jessica Jacobs-Stolen.

OATHS OF OFFICE: The city clerk administered the oath of office to newly appointed Council Member Dan Barber.

CONSENT AGENDA: B. PETERSON/GALOW TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: Minutes, Bills, Correspondence and Meetings & Events. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

AVERA HOSPITAL UPDATE: Tom Kooiman gave an annual update of Avera Granite Falls.

BLUENOSE: M/S GALOW/PAZI ZEA TO GRANT PERMISSION TO UTILIZE THE SAME FENCED AREA AT THE REAR OF THE BUILDING FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON, AS WAS DONE LAST YEAR. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

M/S S. PETERSON/PAZI ZEA TO ALLOW BLOCKING OFF THE ENTIRETY OF THE PARKING LOT BY SORLIEN PARK FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL 50-MILE BIKE RACE ON JULY 13<sup>TH</sup>, THEN BLOCKING JUST THROUGH TRAFFIC DIRECTLY BEHIND THE BUILDING UNTIL 5 PM TO ENSURE THE SAFE FINISH OF THE EVENT. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

Consensus by council to also allow a food truck in the front of the Bluenose building in celebration of their 5<sup>th</sup> year anniversary.

ART IN RICE PARK: Dani Prados shared information on the Place Making Symposium, as well as 2 community art events from 10am – 2pm on April 13. Leah Cook, Former City Artist in Residence, will return to Granite Falls to initiate a project using town manhole covers for ink pressing onto T-shirts. M/S B. PETERSON/PAZI ZEA TO APPROVE THE USE OF MEMORIAL PARK FOR ART EVENTS ON APRIL 13.

TAX ABATEMENT REQUEST: John Meyer and Peter Schmitz are requesting a 15-year abatement for Farmers Union Oil Company new construction project, citing substantial cost overruns. They aim to gradually create four additional jobs as part of the project.

TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSES: M/S B. PETERSON/PAZI ZEA TO APPROVE TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE YES HOUSE: SOIREE ON APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup> AND OPEN MIC EVENTS APRIL 12, MAY 10, AND JUNE 14. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

WATERMAIN LOOP: Following discussion B. Peterson introduced a resolution and moved its adoption accepting the proposal from Rodeberg & Berryman for professional design engineering and construction administration services for the Granite Falls East Side Watermain Loop project, in an amount not to exceed \$170,000. Furthermore, directing the city engineer to prepare the final plans and specifications.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-43

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES AND DIRECTING PREPARATION OF FINAL PLANS AND SPECIFICATION FOR THE WATERMAIN LOOP PROJECT

(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

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

AIRPORT PAVEMENT PROJECT: Following discussion, Galow introduced a resolution accepting the lowest bid from Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC, in the amount of \$236,093.10 for the Airport Pavement Maintenance project. The following bids were received:

<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Total Base Bid</u>
Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC	\$236,093.10
American Road Maintenance	\$246,503.50
Asphalt Surface Technologies Corp.	\$247,501.00
Gee Asphalt Systems, Inc.	\$262,897.10

RESOLUTION NO. 24-44

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AIRPORT PAVEMENT

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

ESST LELS: Wage and Salary Committee recommends the Memorandum of Agreement proposing the Earned Sick and Safe Leave Time (ESST) Policy with LELS. Following discussion B. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to approve the ESST Memorandum of Agreement with LELS as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-45

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ESST  
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH LELS

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

SURPLUS INVENTORY: Public Works provided a list of miscellaneous surplus items. The guard rail will be removed from the list for future use and a section will be donated to Tamara Isfeld for an Art Council project. The picnic tables will be initially offered to local entities, with any remaining tables added to surplus inventory. Following discussion B. Peterson introduced a resolution and moved its adoption declaring the miscellaneous items presented as surplus and authorizing the sale of such items.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-46

RESOLUTION DECLARING CITY OWNED PROPERTY AS SURPLUS  
AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAME

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

TRANSFER OF FUNDS: in 2023 the city received a one-time Public Safety Aid payment from the state in the amount of \$117,584. Those funds can now be used for Police and Fire Department capital expenditures. B. Peterson introduced a resolution and moved its adoption to transfer \$117,584 from the General Fund to the Capital Items Fund.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-47

RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND  
TO CAPITAL ITEMS FUND

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

T-HANGAR LEASE AGREEMENT: S. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption authorizing the execution of a lease agreement with Andrew Cemnski for T-Hanger Unit #4. The lease is effective until August 31, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-48

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A  
HANGAR LEASE AGREEMENT – ANDREW CEMNSKI - UNIT #4

(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

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

COUNTY FAIR REQUESTS: Following discussion, Galow introduced a resolution and moved its adoption approving a donation of \$500 to each the Chippewa and Yellow Medicine County Fairs. The funding will be sourced from the newly established Community Fund Account, formed through the Granite Falls Energy Dividend.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-49

RESOLUTION APPROVING DONATIONS  
FROM THE COMMUNITY FUND ACCOUNT TO  
CHIPPEWA AND YELLOW MEDICINE COUNTY FAIRS

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

WESTERN FEST DONATION FUNDING: B. Peterson introduced a resolution and moved its adoption approving the Western Fest donation be sourced from the newly established Community Fund Account, formed through the Granite Falls Energy Dividend.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-50

RESOLUTION APPROVING DONATION  
FROM THE COMMUNITY FUND ACCOUNT TO  
WESTERN FEST

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

BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION: will meet April 11, 2024 - 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. at the Granite Falls City Hall Council Chambers.

ADJOURN: M/S S. PETERSON/PAZI ZEA TO ADJOURN AT 8:01 P.M.

Steve Nordaune  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Kleven  
City Clerk