CITY OF GRANITE FALLS
OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
December 15, 2025

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor Steve Nordaune at 7:09 p.m., Monday, December 15, 2025, 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 and City Clerk Christine Kleven. Also present: Tracy Peterson, Bernie Robinson, and Tribune Editor Jessica Jacobson-Stolen.

CONSENT AGENDA: M/S B. PETERSON/GALOW TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA: Minutes, Bills, Police Chief's Report, Correspondence, and Meetings & Events. Motion passed unanimously by those present.

SMALL CITIES DEVELOPMENT SECTION 3: B. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption approving the Section 3 Plan for the Riverview Apartments Rehabilitation Project funded through the Small Cities Development Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-120

RESOLUTION APPROVING SMALL CITIES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
SECTION 3 PLAN – RIVERVIEW APARTMENTS

(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

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

SMALL CITIES DEVELOPMENT SECTION 3: Galow introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption approving the Section 3 Plan for the Granite Falls Streetscape Project funded through the Small Cities Development Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-121

RESOLUTION APPROVING SMALL CITIES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
SECTION 3 PLAN – STREETSCAPE PROJECT

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

FINANCE DIRECTOR CONTRACT: Tracy Peterson was present and welcomed by the Mayor and Council. Opdahl introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption approving the three-year Finance Director contract with Tracy Peterson. B. Peterson abstained.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-129

RESOLUTION APPROVING FINANCE DIRECTOR
CONTRACT FOR 2026-2028

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With second by Pullan, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

REPORT: EDA Board report was acknowledged at this time.

BUDGET: The following budget items were acted on:

Introduced by B. Peterson:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-122

RESOLUTION APPROVING TAX LEVY
PAYABLE 2026

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

Introduced by Galow:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-123

RESOLUTION APPROVING GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR YEAR 2026

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

Introduced by B. Peterson:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-124

RESOLUTION APPROVING SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
AND ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGETS FOR 2026

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

Introduced by Galow:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-125

RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFERS
OF GENERAL FUNDS
TO VARIOUS CITY FUNDS FOR 2026 BUDGET

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

Introduced by B. Peterson:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-126

RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFERS
OF ENTERPRISE FUNDS TO THE 2026 GENERAL
AND AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION FUND

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

Introduced by B. Peterson:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-127

RESOLUTION APPROVING 5-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN
AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE – ALL FUNDS

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

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER LEASE AGREEMENT: staff reviewed details of the new agreement with Yellow Medicine County. Janitorial services will be included; however, going forward additional costs for IT services will be a city expense. Following the recommendation to approve of the new lease agreement, B. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption authorizing the execution of said lease.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-128

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF
LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER LEASE AGREEMENT
WITH YELLOW MEDICINE COUNTY

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

WALL INSPECTION: Council reviewed a proposal from Barr Engineering to conduct a structural inspection of concrete and rubble/block retaining walls located along both sides of the creek downstream of the hydroelectric powerhouse, from the Minnesota River to the Oak Street culvert. Pullan introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, approving the proposal from Barr Engineering for inspection of the walls along both sides of the creek, as described above, in an amount not to exceed $12,000, is hereby approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-130

RESOLUTION APPROVING ENGINEERING SERVICES
FOR WALL INSPECTION

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With second by Galow, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 237: M/S B. PETERSON/PULLAN TO HAVE THE SECOND READING AND APPROVE THE PUBLICATION SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS SECTION SIX INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM, AND RECALL, AMENDING SECTION 6.04 ENTITLED FORM OF PETITION AND SIGNATURE PAPERS TO ADD A "DATE OF BIRTH" LINE TO THE FORM, AMENDING 6.10 ENTITLED REFERENDUM PETITIONS TO ADD A "DATE OF BIRTH" LINE TO THE FORM, AND AMENDING 6.13 ENTITLED RECALL PETITIONS TO ADD A "DATE OF BIRTH" LINE TO THE FORM. Motion carried unanimously by those present. The ordinance will become effective following publication.

HWY 67 IMPROVEMENTS: Tabled.

CITY CANNON: Consensus of the City Council to move the cannon indoors for safekeeping, with permanent placement to be determined at a later date.

ADJOURN: M/S B. PETERSON/OPDAHL TO ADJOURN AT 7:39 PM.

Steve Nordaune
Mayor

ATTEST: Christine Kleven,
City Clerk