CITY OF GRANITE FALLS
OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
July 7, 2025

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor Steve Nordaune at 7:00 p.m., Monday, July 7, 2025, 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 and City Clerk Christine Kleven. Also present: Ryan Meehan, Tribune Editor Jessica Jacobs-Stolen.

CONSENT AGENDA: M/S/P B. PETERSON/S. PETERSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION OF 6B 4 LIME POND RIPRAP: Minutes, Bills, Public Works Report, Correspondence, and Meetings & Events.

REPORTS: Park Board and Utilities Commission reports were acknowledged at this time.

CO2 CONTRACT: Galow introduced a resolution and moved its adoption approving the proposal from American Welding & Gas for the purchase and delivery of liquid carbon dioxide for the Water Treatment Plant in the amount of $240 per ton.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-66

RESOLUTION WAIVING CALLING FOR QUOTES
AND ACCEPTING QUOTE FOR PURCHASE
AND DELIVERY OF LIQUID CARBON DIOXIDE

(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

With second by Pullan, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

BASEBALL ASSOCIATION LIQUOR LICENCE: The Baseball Association submitted a request for Council consideration to prorate their liquor license fee, as their operations run only for three months rather than the full calendar year. Following discussion, S. Peterson introduced a resolution and moved its adoption approving the prorated liquor license fee in the amount of $500.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-67

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PRORATED LIQUOR LICENSE FEE
FOR THE BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

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

LIME POND RIPRAP: Staff provided an update on the Lime Pond Riprap project, which is eligible for Federal EDA Disaster Relief Funding. The total estimated project cost is approximately $500,000, with 80% covered by the grant and a 20% City match required. Discussion followed regarding funding options for the City's share, including the possibility of an interfund loan from the Electric Fund or inclusion in a bond issue that has not yet been finalized. Preliminary engineering and design work is required. Galow introduced a resolution and moved its adoption to approve proceeding with preliminary engineering and design, committing to the local match, and authorizing the Southwest Regional Development Commission (RDC) to submit the grant application on the City's behalf.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-68

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AND DESIGN WORK FOR THE LIME POND RIPRAP PROJECT, COMMITTING TO LOCAL MATCH FUNDING, AND APPROVING GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION BY RDC

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

CENTERPOINT FRANCHISE ORDINANCE: The Gas Franchise Ordinance with CenterPoint is due for renewal. Proposed changes include an adjustment to the franchise fee and modifying the payment schedule from monthly to quarterly.

M/S/P B. PETERSON/OPDAHL TO APPROVE THE 1st READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS MINNESOTA GRANTING CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., d/b/a CENTERPOINT ENERGY MINNESOTA GAS ("CENTERPOINT ENERGY"), ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, A NONEXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, REPAIR AND MAINTAIN FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE TRANSPORTATION, DISTRIBUTION, MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF GAS ENERGY FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE USE AND TO USE THE PUBLIC GROUND OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, FOR SUCH PURPOSE; AND, PRESCRIBING CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF.

CENTERPOINT FEE: 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 CHAPTER 20, LISTING OF UNCODED ORDINANCES IN EFFECT, AND IN PARTICULAR, CITY CODE ORDINANCE NO. _____, GRANTING A GAS FRANCHISE TO CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., D/B/A CENTERPOINT ENERGY MINNESOTA GAS ("CENTERPOINT ENERGY").

COUNTY ROAD 5 TRAIL BIDS: On Monday, July 7th, 2025 the City received five bids for the 2025 SDAH5 Trail Improvements Project:

BIDDER	BASE BID
Action Company LLC	$249,505.58
Duininck, Inc	$282,277.00
Land Pride Construction	$338,156.00
Crow River Construction	$359,655.00
Central River Construction	$394,332.70

Action Company LLC submitted the lowest responsible bid. The total project cost, including engineering and contingencies, is $287,005.58. The project is supported by a Transportation Alternatives Grant in the amount of $189,840, with a City match of $59,665.58. The project was budgeted at $300,000. Galow introduced a resolution and moved its adoption to award the project to Action Company LLC, contingent upon a satisfactory reference check and verification that all submitted documentation is valid.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-69

A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE
2025 SDAH5 TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT TO ACTION COMPANY LLC

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

PERSONNEL: Council discussed a vacancy in the Police Department, declared the position vacant and, by unanimous consent, authorized staff to proceed with advertising the opening.

ADJOURN: M/S/P S. PETERSON/B. PETERSON TO ADJOURN AT 7:34 PM.

Steve Nordaune
Mayor

ATTEST: Christine Kleven
City Clerk