CITY OF GRANITE FALLS
OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
March 17, 2025

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor Steve Nordaune at 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 17, 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, Finance Director Krista Listul and City Clerk Christine Kleven. Also present: City Engineer Mike Amborn; Tribune Editor Jessica Jacobs-Stolen; Tamara Isfeld and Dani Prados.

CONSENT AGENDA: M/S/P GALOW/BARBER TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA: Minutes, Bills, Finance Report, Public Work's Report, Fire Department Report, Correspondence, and Meetings & Events.

COUNTY ROAD 5 TRAIL CALL FOR BIDS: City Engineer Mike Amborn attended the meeting to provide an overview of the proposed trail extension along County Road 5. In 2021, the City applied for and was awarded a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant to fund the construction of a 10-foot-wide bituminous trail**.** The project received $297,300 in grant funds, with a required City match of $107,460**.** B. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption calling for County Road 5 Trail bids.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-28

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CALL FOR BIDS
FOR THE COUNTY ROAD 5 TRAIL EXTENSION PROJECT

(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

With second by Pullan, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

WATERMAIN LOOP BID RESULTS & TCW RAIL PERMIT: On Wednesday, March 12, 2025, bids for the 2025 East Side Watermain Loop Improvements Project were received. City Engineer Mike Amborn was in attendance to present the bid results. A total of eleven bids were received, with the lowest bid submitted by Hjerpe Contracting Inc. from Hutchinson. The total project cost, including engineering, is $1,468,755.50, which is $279,244 below the engineer's estimate for the base bid and both alternates. The City received a $750,000 Community Energy Transition grant from the State to assist with funding the project. The City's grant match portion is covered through increased water rates to support the bond payment. B. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, accepting the lowest Base Bid 1 with alternates and authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Hjerpe Contracting Inc. This resolution also includes approval to engage Ehlers to begin work on the financial plan related to the project.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-29

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BIDS FOR THE 2025 EAST SIDE WATERMAIN LOOP IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND AWARDING CONTRACT TO HJERPE CONTRACTING INC.

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With second by Galow, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

A TCW Rail permit is required for the Watermain Loop Improvements Project. The agreement was reviewed by Engineer Mike Amborn, and the insurance requirements were reviewed by the League of Minnesota Cities. M/S/P B. PETERSON/GALOW APPROVE THE TCW RAIL PERMIT AGREEMENT FOR THE EAST SIDE WATERMAIN LOOP IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

REPORTS: Airport Commission, EDA and Park Board reports were acknowledged at this time.

NAVY AND MARINES 250TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT: Ron Fagen is planning an event on August 16th and 17th to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Navy and Marines. The Airport Commission has approved the event. M/S/P OPDAHL/S. PETERSON TO APPROVE THE AIRPORT EVENT COMMEMORATING 250th ANNIVERSARY OF THE NAVY AND MARINES.

CAMPING RATES: The Park board recommends the following increases for Memorial Park camping fees:

- RV with utilities increased from $22.00 to $25.00
- RV without utilities (rustic RV camping) to be $20.00. This is a new fee.
- Tent camping will remain the same at $15.00.

B. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, changing the camping fees as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-30

RESOLUTION INCREASING MEMORIAL PARK CAMPING FEES

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

DOWNTOWN PLAZA PUMP WORK – Dani Prados presented a design proposal from the Downtown Beautification Committee for painting the cover of the pump station located in the plaza near the K.K. Berge building. This project is funded by a state grant. M/S PULLAN/BARBER TO ACCEPT THE ART WORK AS PRESENTED.

MS BIKE RIDE: The CVB and Chamber provided additional information regarding the upcoming MS Bike Ride for reconsideration of the use of Rice Park. M/S/P B. PETERSON/PULLAN TO APPROVE THE USE OF RICE PARK FOR THE MS BIKE RIDE EVENT, WITH THE CONDITION THAT ACCESS TO HYDRANTS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES IS MAINTAINED.

AIRPORT MOWER: The cost split for the new airport mower will be $72,000 from the state, with the city contributing $8,180.95. Following discussion, S. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, approving the grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation - Aeronautics for the purchase of the new airport mower.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-31

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT AGREEMENT FOR AIRPORT
IMPROVEMENT - MOWER

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

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT PICKUP: two bids were received for the purchase of a new work truck for the Electrical Department:

- Saxon Fleet Service – $48,279.00 (State Bid)
- Lockwood Motors – $49,409.25

The new vehicle will replace the Electrical Department's 2006 truck. Both bids received were within the $65,000 budgeted amount. Following discussion, Galow introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, approving the purchase of a 2025 Ram 3500 truck from the lowest bidder, Saxon Fleet Services (State bid), in the amount of $48,279.00, and declaring the existing 2006 truck as surplus equipment.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-32

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF
A WORK TRUCK FOR THE ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

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

KK BERGE SEWER LOAN REQUEST: B. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption approving a commercial utility loan to Granite Area Arts Council in the amount of $7,156.00 at an interest rate of 8% with payments to be made over a 10-year period through an annual special assessment.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-33

RESOLUTION APPROVING A COMMERCIAL
UTLITY LOAN TO THE GRANITE AREA ARTS COUNCIL

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With second by Pullan, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

ORDINANCE: M/S/P S. PETERSON/B. PETERSON TO APPROVE THE 2ND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 115.26 CONSUMPTION AND POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON STREETS, PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PRIVATE PARKING LOTS TO WHICH THE PUBLIC HAS ACCESS.

ORDINANCE NO. 231 2ND SERIES

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, AMENDING CITY CODE 115 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY AMENDING 115.26 CONSUMPTION AND POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON STREETS, PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PRIVATE PARKING LOTS TO WHICH THE PUBLIC HAS ACCESS.

Motion carried unanimously. The Ordinance will become effective following publication.

ORDINANCE: M/S/P GALOW/PULLAN 2ND READING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE 98 PARKS BY AMENDING 98.047 ALCOHOL AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

ORDINANCE NO. 232 2ND SERIES

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, AMENDING CITY CODE 98 PARKS BY AMENDING 98.047 ALCOHOL AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

Motion carried unanimously. The Ordinance will become effective following publication.

BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION – APRIL 10, 2025 from 6:30-7:00pm.

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

Steve Nordaune
Mayor

ATTEST: Christine Kleven
City Clerk