CITY OF GRANITE FALLS
OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
May 5, 2025

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Vice President Brad Peterson at 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 5, 2025, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present: DuWayne Galow, Dan Barber, Brad Peterson, Craig Opdahl, and Scott Peterson. Absent: Steve Nordaune, Beth Pullan. Staff present: City Manager Crystal Johnson and Finance Director Krista Listul. Also present: Public Works Director John Aus; City Engineer Mike Amborn; Terri Dinesen; Art Barber; Representing TSP Engineering Greg Schoer and Emma Velde; Jeremy LeBlanc, Barrett Eggebraaten & several other Fire Department Members.

CONSENT AGENDA: M/S GALOW/B. PETERSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED WITH THE ADDITION OF AN ADDITIONAL BILL OF $71,445 TO MINNESOTA VALLEY COOP LIGHT AND POWER ASSOCIATION, AS INTRODUCED BY CITY MANAGER CRYSTAL JOHNSON: Minutes, Bills, Public Works Report, Correspondence, and Meetings & Events. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

VOLSTEAD HOUSE IMPROVEMENT GRANT: Terri Dinesen, representing the Granite Falls Historical Society, addressed the Council to request authorization to submit a Minnesota Historical Society grant application for exterior improvements to the Volstead House Museum, as identified in the completed Conditions Assessment Plan. She advised that exterior work must be completed prior to any interior improvements. The estimated total project cost is $335,230. A local match of $30,000 is proposed from the City of Granite Falls, with an additional $10,000 match from the Granite Falls Historical Society. The grant pre-application is due at the end of May. Following discussion, Opdahl introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption approving the submittal of the grant application.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-45

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VOLSTEAD HOUSE MUSEUM AND COMMITTING LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS

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

LIQUOR STORE REMODEL PROJECT – BID REVIEW AND AWARD: Greg Schoer and Emma Velde were present to provide an overview of the project scope, address project details, and respond to questions from the Council. Two bids were received:

J&D Construction, Inc.	$205,600
Hasslen Construction Company, Inc.	$150,000

with the lowest responsible bid received from Hasslen Construction of Ortonville in the amount of $150,000 for the base bid. It was noted that the project will be financed using Liquor Store reserve funds. S. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption approving the lowest bid and authorize moving forward with the project.

RESOLUTION NO. 25- 46

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID AND AUTHORIZING
LIQUOR STORE REMODEL PROJECT

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

PURCHASE OF NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT PUMPER TRUCK: Fire Chief Jeremy LeBlanc and Barrett Eggebraaten were present to provide additional information and answer questions regarding the proposed purchase of a pumper truck to replace the current 1993 model. Two bids were received:

MacQueen Equipment, LLC	$1,059,268
Rosenbauer Minnesota, LLC	$1,009,403

Following discussion, S. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to approve the lowest bid and authorize the purchase of a new pumper truck from MacQueen Equipment, LLC in the amount of $1,059,268. The Council agreed to initially fund the purchase through the General Fund, with plans to issue a bond in midsummer to reimburse the General Fund.

RESOLUTION NO. 25- 47

RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE OF
FIRE DEPARTMENT PUMPER TRUCK

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

PRENTICE STREET COMMERCIAL SEWER LINE REPAIR: John Aus and Mike Amborn were in attendance to share additional details and answer questions. A map outlining the affected sewer line was provided, along with cost estimates. The businesses have been informed of the needed repairs. Following discussion, Galow introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to proceed with re-lining a section of the city sewer main and completing repairs to three shared private business

connections to address Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) issues. The proposed cost breakdown is as follows:

- Private service repairs: $6,716.67 per connection
- City main repair: $3,690 per connection

The three impacted businesses are:

- Western Mental Health
- The Falls Spaw
- The Tolifson Building

RESOLUTION NO. 25- 48

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SEWER MAIN RE-LINING
AND PRIVATE SERVICE CONNECTION REPAIRS

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

REPORT: Utilities Commission report was acknowledged at this time.

ELECTRICAL SUPPLY PURCHASE & WATER TANK INSPECTION: Jade Gillott provided a detailed breakdown of various needed supplies including junction boxes, wiring, and related components. Three quotes were received as follows:

Dakota Supply	$24,794.94
Wesco	$25,908.50
Border States	$29,872.21

Following review, the lowest quote was from Dakota Supply in the amount of $24,794.94. This purchase is budgeted under the supplies line item. S. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to accept the quote submitted by Dakota Supply in the amount of $24,794.94 to purchase electrical supplies.

RESOLUTION NO. 25- 49

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING QUOTE AND AUTHORIZING
PURCHASE OF ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES

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

In addition, two quotes were received for inspection services for the City's water tanks as follows:

Pittsburg Tank & Tower	$4,650
Maguire Iron	$10,125

The lowest quote, totaling $4,650, was submitted by Pittsburg Tank & Tower. This inspection will be financed through the water fund. S. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to accept the quote submitted by Pittsburg Tank & Tower in the amount of $4,650 to inspect the City's water tanks.

RESOLUTION NO. 25- 50

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING QUOTE FOR WATER TANK INSPECTION

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

PUBLIC ACCESS COORDINATOR CONTRACT: The current contract with Dylan Curfman as the Public Access Coordinator includes compensation of $52.50 per regular meeting and $50.00 per additional meeting. A request has been made to increase the rate to $60.00 per meeting. Following discussion, Barber introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to renew, with an increased rate to $60 per meeting, the contract with Dylan Curfman as Public Access Coordinator.

RESOLUTION NO. 25- 51

RESOLUTION APPROVING RENEWAL OF PUBLIC ACCESS COORDINATOR CONTRACT WITH DYLAN CURFMAN

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

1560 9th AVENUE UPDATE: The Council reviewed a proposal submitted by Larson regarding the cleanup of the property at 1560 9th Avenue. Per the proposal, Larson agrees to demolish the basement and cap utilities next to the foundation. All construction materials will be removed from the property—none may be left onsite during the waiting period. The existing hole will be fenced off for a period not to exceed 90 days. If the property is not sold for the purpose of building a new home within that time, Larson will fill the hole and seed the lot. All work is to be completed no later than June 7th. A demolition permit will still be required.

M/S Opdahl/Barber to accept the proposal from Larson as outlined. The City will place the condemnation proceedings on hold, with the understanding that if any part of the agreement is not met, condemnation proceedings will resume. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

CHARITABLE GAMBLING: A gambling license application was acknowledged at this time for Granite Falls Lions Club to hold its annual YME Danceline Raffle. Council acknowledged this charitable gambling application with no waiting period.

ADJOURN: M/S B. PETERSON/BARBER TO ADJOURN AT 8:19 PM.

Steve Nordaune
Mayor

ATTEST: Christine Kleven
City Clerk