OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
November 3, 2025

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor Steve Nordaune at 7:00 p.m., Monday, November 3, 2025, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: DuWayne Galow, Dan Barber, Beth Pullan, Brad Peterson, and Craig Opdahl. Council Member Absent: Scott Peterson. Staff present: City Manager Crystal Johnson and City Clerk Christine Kleven.

CONSENT AGENDA: M/S S. PETERSON/OPDAHL TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: Minutes, Bills, Correspondence, and Meetings & Events.

REPORT: Utilities Commission report was acknowledged at this time.

2026 MOWING SEASON: Council discussed bids for the 2026 mowing season. One bid was received for cemetery mowing services; however, the bid was rejected due to the cost being higher than anticipated. The project will be rebid. Following discussion B. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to approve the mowing contracts as presented for the 2026 season:

City Properties: D & A Lawn Service for a grand total of $17,500.
Charges per section for the year:
Section 2 at $4,000
Section 3 at $6,500
Section 4 at $7,000

Dog Park: Justin Aurelius in the amount of $225 per time.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-110

RESOLUTION AWARDING MAINTENANCE
OF CITY PARKS AND OTHER PROPERTIES

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

POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT: The Commission discussed the proposed Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Bingham Lakes Wind, a 15-megawatt wind project located near Windom, Minnesota. CMPAS has elected to negotiate a PPA for the energy, capacity, and Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) produced by the project. CMPAS member participation is allocated using a "load-share ratio." The PPA cost is lower than current solar pricing and that entering into the agreement would allow the City to meet the new state Renewable Energy Standards beyond the year 2042.

Galow introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to approve entering into the Power Purchase Agreement with Bingham Lakes Wind.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-111

RESOLUTION APPROVING A POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT
WITH BINGHAM LAKES WIND

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

UTILITY LINE CLEARING/TREE TRIMMING: One bid was received from MN Valley Tree Service in the amount of $240,000. This project is a budgeted item in the Electrical Fund. B. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to award the bid to MN Valley Tree Service in the amount of $240,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-112

RESOLUTION AWARDING BID FOR
2026-2028 UTILITY LINE CLEARING PROJECT

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

AIRPORT RUNWAY LIGHTING RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT: The Council discussed the proposed State of Minnesota/Department of Aeronautics grant agreement for design and bidding administration services related to the Runway 15/33 Lighting System Reconstruction Project at the Granite Falls Municipal Airport.
The grant provides funding in the amount of $82,800 to cover costs associated with design and bid administration. After discussion, B. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to approve the grant agreement and enter into a service agreement for design and bid administration services for the project. The motion was adopted unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-113

RESOLUTION APPROVING
STATE AIRPORT FUND GRANT AGREEMENT
WITH THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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

INSURANCE: Council acknowledged the executed Liability Coverage Waiver Form indicating the city does not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minnesota Statutes 466.04.

M/S BARBER/S. PETERSON TO ADJOURN at 7:16 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Steve Nordaune
Mayor

ATTEST:
Christine Kleven
City Clerk