OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
September 2, 2025

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor Steve Nordaune at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 2, 2025, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: DuWayne Galow, Dan Barber, Beth Pullan, Brad Peterson, Craig Opdahl and Scott Peterson. City Manager Crystal Johnson, Finance Director Krista Listul, and City Clerk Christine Kleven. Also present: Jeremy LeBlanc, Gib Christensen.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT: Fire Chief Jeremy LeBlanc was in attendance to present details regarding the purchase of various department-related equipment, including turnout gear, radio and pager equipment, and Airpack equipment. Chief LeBlanc provided specifications and associated costs for each item. Financing for all items is included in the department's budget, with portions assisted by grant funding.

The Fire Chief highlighted that the purchase of Airpack equipment requires a resolution to enter into a one-year maintenance agreement. This agreement allows the department to utilize discounted pricing and reflects a change from the previous vendor, resulting in cost savings. Purchasing Details:

- Turnout Gear Replacement: Innotex Energy Coat and Pant, $3,243 each; 5 units totaling $16,215. This is under the budgeted amount of $28,186. This purchase does not include boots, helmets, or gloves.

- Radios and Pagers: 6 APX N30 portable radios with batteries, chargers, remote speaker microphones, and programming service; 2 Minitor VI pagers with batteries; 35 XTS 2500 batteries, totaling $26,751.78 (budget available $27,930.33).

- Air Pack Equipment: Total cost of $25,489.86 (budgeted $24,000).

Following discussion S. Peterson introduced the following resolution authorizing fire department equipment purchases and SCBA joint purchasing agreement:

RESOLUTION 25-81

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND SCBA JOINT PURCHASING AGREEMENT

(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

With second by Galow, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

STREET VACATION – Gib Christinsen located at 226 Baldwin Street was in attendance proposing to vacate a street between his property. City Manager Johnson shared in addition, Lisa Travis located at 657 Center Street, who also would be impacted, is expressing support to move forward with the vacation. A utility easement for this section of street will be required. Galow introduced the following resolution authorizing the initiation of a street vacation and, called for a public hearing on October 20, 2025.

RESOLUTION 25-82

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON STREET VACATION – PORTION OF STREET BETWEEN CENTER STREET AND SHORT STREET (ACCESSED FROM BALDWIN STREET)

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

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

BRIDGE LIGHTING: Women's Rural Advocacy Program, Inc. requested to light the bridge purple in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The request is for the period of October 8–15. M/S/P Opdahl/Pullan to approve the request as presented and to place it on the City's calendar as an annual event.

2026 BUDGET: The following resolutions pertaining to the 2026 budget were acted on:

Introduced by B. Peterson:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-83

RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSED TAX LEVY
PAYABLE 2026 AND CALLING PUBLIC HEARING FOR
GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR 2026

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

Introduced by Galow:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-84

RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSED
GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR YEAR 2026

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

Introduced by B. Peterson:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-85

RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSED
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
AND ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGETS FOR 2026

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

Introduced by B. Peterson

RESOLUTION NO. 25-86

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

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

Introduced by B. Peterson:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-87

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

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

Introduced by S. Peterson:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-88

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

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With second by Opdahl, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

STREET VACATION – It has been requested to vacate several platted roads located within the Yellow Medicine East (YME) school grounds, including the right-of-way along the side street parallel to Kilowatt Drive. Following discussion S. Peterson introduced the following resolution authorizing the initiation of a street vacation and, called for a public hearing on October 20, 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-89

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON
STREET VACATIONS - YME SCHOOL AREA

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

EXCESS EQUIPMENT: B. Peterson introduced the following resolution declaring surplus equipment as surplus and authorizing its sale through action.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-90

RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN CITY EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS AND
AUTHORIZING SALE AT AUCTION

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

CLOSED MEETING: Mayor Nordaune closed the meeting at 7:43 p.m. to discuss the sale of city owned property.

REOPEN MEETING: Mayor Nordaune reopened the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

SALE OF PROPERTY: The City Council reviewed a proposal to sell a small portion of Parcel 34-033-1300, located in the Yellow Medicine East (YME) track area, to the YME School for the amount of $1. This portion is part of a larger city-owned parcel that includes the Kilowatt Community Center and is not otherwise for sale. The Council confirmed that a utility easement will be maintained over the area being sold and that all legal expenses associated with the transaction will be the responsibility of YME School. Galow introduced the following resolution approving the sale of a portion of Parcel 34-033-1300 to Yellow Medicine East School, under the conditions outlined above.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-91

RESOLUTION APPROVING SALE OF A PORTION OF CITY PROPERTY
TO YELLOW MEDICINE EAST SCHOOL

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

M/S S. PETERSON/B. PETERSON TO ADJOURN at 7:52 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Steve Nordaune
Mayor

ATTEST:
Christine Kleven
City Clerk