

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
FEBRUARY 20, 2024

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor Steve Nordaune at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 20, 2024 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: DuWayne Galow, Brad Peterson, Joe Fagnano and Scott Peterson. Council absent: Sharon Pazi Zea. Staff present: City Manager Crystal Johnson, Finance Director Neal Carstensen and City Clerk Christine Kleven. Also in attendance: EDA Director Kyle Haugen; Fire Department members: Chief Ryan Haar, Eric Soine, Barrett Eggebraaten; Dr. Kathleen Jordan Committee Members: Mary Kelly, Carol Heen, Peggy Kvam; and YES House Program Coordinator Luwaina Al-Otaibi.

CONSENT AGENDA: M/S B. PETERSON/GALOW TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: Minutes, Bills, Finance Report, Police Chief Report, Correspondence and Meetings & Events. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

YES HOUSE: Luwaina Al-Otaibi shared past year events, completed construction projects as well as future plans and goals. The YES House is open to the public as a gathering space. An advisory council will be organized this fall.

TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSES: M/S FAGNANO/B. PETERSON TO APPROVE A TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE YES HOUSE RIVER VALLEY RIPPLE ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE EVENT. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

DR. KATHLEEN JORDAN EVENT: Peggy Kvam gave a brief biography of Dr. Jordan. Mary Kelly gave on her medical education and work at the sanitorium. TB is still the number one killer in the world. Carol Heen shared the long-term goals and inquired about city requirements to hold the event September 12-16, 2024.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Ryan Haar gave an update on members, services, and equipment. Insurance Audit was complete and resulted in a better ISO rating for the city 4- 4Y. The 2003 Ford grass rig is scheduled for replacement. Five quotes were received. The Fire Department recommends the quote from Heiman for \$99,757.07. Following discussion B. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption approving the quote from Heiman for \$99,757.07 to purchase a new grass rig. This will be funded through the Capital Improvement budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-20

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A QUOTE
TO PURCHASE A NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT GRASS RIG

(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

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

The 1993 pumper truck was also discussed as it will need to be replaced in the near future. Barrett Eggebraaten shared details and the advantages of purchasing an aerial truck over a pumper truck.

EDA: SMALL CITIES PROGRAM: EDA Director Haugen was in attendance to request authorization to enter into a Professional Service Contract with the UMRDC in the amount of \$17,000 to administer the Small Cities Development Program (SCDP). Following discussion S. Peterson introduced a resolution authorizing execution of the contract with the UMRDC as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-21

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT
FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH UMRDC

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

Haugen also requested a public hearing to comply with DEED requirements. M/S B. Peterson/Galow calling for a public hearing to offer SCDP Streetscape Application information. Said hearing to be held on March 18, 2024 at 7:15 p.m.

APPOINTMENT: M/S B. PETERSON/FAGNANO TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MIKE ENSTAD TO THE UTILITIES COMMISSION. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

ELECTRIC RATE STUDY: Upon the recommendation of the Utilities Commission, Galow introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption authorizing execution of the Electric Rate Study proposal received from Missouri River Energy Services. The study will be paid for by CMPAS.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-22

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL TO
COMPLETE ELECTRIC RATE STUDY

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

THE MINNESOTA TRANSPORTATION ALLIANCE: Following discussion, B. Peterson introduced a resolution and moved its adoption to approve membership in The Minnesota Transportation Alliance with a membership fee of \$235 for 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-23

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP
IN THE MINNESOTA TRANSPORTATION ALLIANCE

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

MINNESOTA RIVER VALLEY SCENIC BYWAY: Following discussion B. Peterson introduced a resolution and moved its adoption to support the Scenic Byway Alliance at the \$150 level.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-24

RESOLUTION APPROVING DONATION
TO MINNESOTA RIVER VALLEY SCENIC BYWAY

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

GRANITE FALLS ENERGY DIVIDEND: Following discussion B. Peterson introduced a resolution and moved its adoption authorizing the establishment of a dedicated account within the General Fund, specifically designated for community related initiatives.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-25

RESOLUTION ALLOCATING GRANITE FALLS ENERGY DIVIDEND

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

KCC HVAC SYSTEM: the HVAC system at the Kilowatt Community Center is leaking and in need of repair. \$15,000 is budgeted for repair. A quote was received from Chappell Central in the amount of \$13,000 -\$16,000 depending on final installation. Galow introduced a resolution and moved its adoption accepting the quote from Chappell Central.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-26

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING QUOTE FOR
REPAIRING KILOWATT COMMUNITY CENTER HVAC SYSTEM

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY UPDATE: The POST Board has implemented revisions to the Mandatory Vehicle Pursuit policy, necessitating an update by the Police Department to align with their model policy. Following discussion Fagnano introduced a resolution and moved its adoption of the changes to the policy as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-27

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CHANGES TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
MANDATORY VEHICLE PURSUIT POLICY

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

AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: following discussion and recommendation from the Airport Commission, B. Peterson introduced a resolution and moved its adoption to accept the grant award from the Department of Aeronautics for proposed improvements to the Airport in 2024. Below is a cost/project breakdown:

	<u>State</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Total</u>
Arrival/Departure Building Windows	\$31,230.45	1,643.71	\$ 32,874.16

RESOLUTION NO. 24-28

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
GRANT AGREEMENTS FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS

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

CHAMBER DONATION REQUESTS: The Library is not allowed to be a member of the Chamber; therefore, no donation will be made on its behalf. The Chamber has requested a donation from the city as well. It was noted during the council discussion that the Chamber may be considering legal action against the city. Following discussion B. Peterson introduced a resolution and moved its adoption to make a \$3,500 donation to the Chamber.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-29

RESOLUTION APPROVING A DONATION TO GRANITE FALLS
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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With second by Galow, the resolution was not adopted. Aye: Nordaune. Nay:
Galow, B. Peterson, Fagnano, and S. Peterson.

M/S B. PETERSON, FAGNANO TO HAVE THE FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY
OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 95, HEALTH AND
SAFETY; NUISANCES, BY AMENDING ORDINANCE 95.020, INOPERABLE/JUNK MOTOR
VEHICLES and clarifying outdoor furniture. Motion carried unanimously by those
present.

ADJOURN: M/S B. PETERSON/S. PETERSON TO ADJOURN AT 8:39 P.M.

Steve Nordaune
Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Kleven
City Clerk