

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR SESSION  
MARCH 4, 2013

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor David Smiglewski at 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: DuWayne Galow, Sarina Otaibi, Steve Nordaune, Steve Schaub and Joe Fagnano. Council Member absent: Scott Peterson. Staff present: City Manager Bill Lavin, Finance Director Michael Betker and City Clerk Joan Taylor. Others in attendance included Electrical Superintendent Don Reznechek, Water Plant Superintendent Mike Enstad, City Attorney Greg Holmstrom, City Engineers Dave Berryman and Mike Amborn, Members of the Utilities Commission, Todd Hagen – Ehlers & Associates, Ted Thull and Advocate Tribune News Editor Scott Tedrick.

MINUTES: M/S NORDAUNE/SCHAUB TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 19<sup>th</sup> REGULAR MEETING. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

BILLS: M/S NORDAUNE/GALOW TO APPROVE BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

CITY ORDINANCES: Ted Thull was in attendance to discuss with council the way city ordinances are enforced.

REPORTS: The Building Inspector's report was acknowledged at this time

BUILDING INSPECTOR: Council was advised that Darin Haslip requested renewal of the contract with 101 Development Resources, Inc. for building inspection services to the city for 2013 at the same contract price as 2012. Following discussion Galow introduced a resolution and moved its adoption renewing the contract with 101 Development Resources, Inc. at the same terms and conditions for 2013.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-27

RESOLUTION RENEWING CONTRACT FOR  
BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES – 2013

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

REPORTS: The following reports were acknowledged at this time, Kilowatt Community Center Board, Library Board, Park Board, Public Works and Utilities Commission.

KENNEL LEASE: Council reviewed a proposal received from Nancy Aus to renew the Kennel Lease Agreement. Following discussion Nordaune introduced a resolution and

moved its adoption to authorize execution of a renewal of the three-year Kennel Lease Agreement beginning January 1, 2013, as follows:

- \$50 per month lease amount; plus
- \$15 per day per dog or cat.
- \$15 per day if the animal is under a rabies hold

RESOLUTION NO. 13-28

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RENEWAL OF  
CITY KENNEL LEASE WITH NANCY AUS

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

FLOOD MITIGATION: Council was advised that Andrew Schmidt has approved the 30% design specifications for the pedestrian bridge. Mr. Rohr from WSN can now proceed with the 60% design specifications. Staff advised council that a meeting has been set with Kent Rohr and Andrew Schmidt to obtain input on the completed design specifications.

HYDROELECTRIC GENERATOR REPAIR: Todd Hagen from Ehlers & Associates was in attendance to discuss with council possible financing options to complete repairs to hydro generators 1 & 2. Following discussion it was the consensus of council to obtain cost information relative to the SCADA system replacement.

ASSESSMENT POLICY: Following discussion Schaub introduced a resolution and moved its adoption amending the city's assessment policy as it relates to storm sewer improvements for commercial, industrial and institutional/governmental property. The assessment policy will be change from 90% of the square footage of the lot to 60% of the square footage.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-29

RESOLUTION AMENDING ASSESSMENT POLICY

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

UTILITY AND STREET IMPROVEMENTS: City Engineers Dave Berryman and Mike Amborn were in attendance along with Todd Hagen to discuss the 2013 Utility Improvement and the 2013 Street Improvement Projects and financing for these projects.

As there was opposition to the proposed Industrial Park storm sewer project as presented at the preliminary public hearing, it was the consensus of council to reduce this project to the installation of only a larger outlet. In reducing this project it was also the consensus of council to delay the watermain loop on 9<sup>th</sup> Street from 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue in order to meet the 20% minimum assessment. Following discussion Schaub introduced a resolution ordering the 2013 Utility Improvement Project as revised and directing City Engineer Berryman to prepare the final plans and specifications.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-30

RESOLUTION ORDERING 2013 UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS  
AND DIRECTING PREPARATION OF FINAL PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

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

Following discussion and as there was no opposition of the proposed 2013 Street Improvement Project, Schaub introduced a resolution and moved its adoption ordering the 2013 Street Improvement Project and directing City Engineer Berryman to prepare final Plans and Specifications.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-31

RESOLUTION ORDERING 2013 STREET IMPROVEMENTS  
AND DIRECTING PREPARATION OF FINAL PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

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

WATER TREATMENT PLANT: Council was also updated relative to the Meter Replacement Project.

NURSING HOME: Staff advised council that Hospital Administrator Gerlach will be meeting with the Chippewa County Board relative to possible financing options relative to the construction of a nursing home in the city's Industrial Park.

MEMORIAL PARK RESTROOM: Following discussions it was the consensus of council for staff to obtain proposals relative to replacement or improvements to the Memorial Park restroom.

CANOE & KAYAK ACCESS: Council reviewed a summary of a meeting held at City Hall to discuss with CURE, city officials and the DNR, the possibility of developing canoe and kayak access locations on the river.

50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY – MN RIVER TRAIL: Council also reviewed an email regarding the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Minnesota River as a state trail which will be held May 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

ADJOURN: M/S/P NORDAUNE/SCHAUB TO ADJOURN at 8:55 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Smiglewski", written in a cursive style.

David Smiglewski  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor  
City Clerk