

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
AUGUST 19, 2013

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor David Smiglewski at 7:30 p.m., Monday, August 19th, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: DuWayne Galow, Sarina Otaibi, Steve Schaub, Joe Fagnano and Scott Peterson. Council Member absent: Steve Nordaune. Staff present: Finance Director Michael Betker and City Clerk Joan Taylor. Also in attendance was Advocate Tribune News Writer Kathy Velde.

MINUTES: M/S SCHAUB/GALOW TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 5TH REGULAR MEETING. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

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

REPORTS: The following reports were acknowledged at this time EDA Board, Fire Department, Hospital Board, Park Board and Police Chief.

SALVATION ARMY HEATSHARE: Fagnano introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption authorizing execution of an agreement with the Salvation Army to continue participation in the HeatShare Program effective September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-101

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH
SALVATION ARMY TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN HEATSHARE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 93-133, council authorized execution of an agreement with the Salvation Army to administer its HeatShare program which furnishes financial assistance to special needs residents with payment of residential energy bills through the combined efforts of the Granite Falls Municipal Utilities and the Salvation Army; and

WHEREAS, in future years council authorized execution of agreements with the Salvation Army to continue participating in the HeatShare Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, authorizing execution of an agreement with the Salvation Army to continue participation in the HeatShare Program as administered by the Salvation Army, effective September 1, 2013 to August 31, 2014.

Adopted by the City Council this 19th day of August, 2013.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

MOTORIZED GOLF CARTS: Council again discussed the possibility of establishing an application for use of motorized golf carts in city streets by individuals with a disability. This matter was tabled to obtain further information.

KILOWATT COMMUNITY CENTER: The following quotes were solicited to replace the air handling unit in the pool area of the Kilowatt Community Center:

Corporate Mechanical	\$7,510.00
Division Mechanical Services	\$8,510.00
UHL	\$9,000.00

Following discussing and it being in the best interest of the city, Galow introduced a resolution and moved its adoption waiving calling for quotes and accepting the quote received from Corporate Mechanical in the amount of \$7,510 to replace the air handling unit in the pool area of the KCC.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-102

RESOLUTION WAIVING CALLING FOR QUOTES AND ACCEPTING QUOTE FOR AIR HANDLING UNIT – KILOWATT COMMUNITY CENTER

WHEREAS, the following quotes were solicited for the purchase and installation of an air handling unit for the pool area in the Kilowatt Community Center:

Corporate Mechanical	\$7,510.00
Division Mechanical Services	\$8,510.00
UHL	\$9,000.00

WHEREAS, it being in the best interest of the city to expedite the purchase of the air handling unit at the KCC, it has been recommended that council waive calling for quotes and accepting the quote from Corporate Mechanical in the amount of \$7,510 for the replacement of the air handling unit in the pool area of the KCC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, waiving calling for quotes and accepting the quote

from Corporate Mechanical in the amount of \$7,510 for the purchase and installation of the air handling unit at the Kilowatt Community Center.

Adopted by the City Council this 19th day of August, 2013.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

HIGHLAND PARK: Council reviewed correspondence received from Brett Almich explaining that he is raising funds to place an electronic scoreboard at the Highland Park ball field. He is inquiring if the city crew would be able to install the scoreboard. Following discussion M/S SCHAUB/GALOW RECOGNIZING THE DONATION OF AN ELECTRONIC SCOREBOARD FOR THE HIGHLAND PARK BALL FIELD AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY CREW TO INSTALL THE SCOREBOARD AT THE FIELD AFTER REVIEW OF THE PLANS AS PROPOSED BY BRETT ALMICH. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE: Council reviewed correspondence received from MnDOT, Office of Environmental Services, which has determined that the proposed work minimizes the changes to the bridge while accomplishing the purpose and need and will lead to a "no-adverse effect". Now the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office will have until September 6th to provide comments based upon the submittal of 60% of the plans. Council was also advised that a Corps of Engineers permit will be required for this project.

Regarding the sanitary sewer lift station, this project is also currently being reviewed by the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office. Once their review is completed the architect and engineering documents will be submitted to the Federal EDA for review.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT: Open House for the new Water Treatment Plant has been rescheduled for September 28th from 11:00 to 3:00. Council was also advised that the contractor continues to work on the final punch list.

2013 UTILITY/STREET IMPROVEMENTS: Council reviewed an update received from City Engineer Berryman relative to the 2013 Utility and Street Improvements.

HYDRO REPAIRS: The bid opening dates for the repairs to the hydro turbines and the upgrades to the SCADA system have been changed to September 9th and September 5th respectively.

PIONEERLAND LIBRARY SYSTEM: A final meeting will be scheduled for some time in September for the Granite Falls Library and Dawson Library to meet with Pioneerland Executive Director Mark Ranum to discuss issues of concern.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Smiglewski opened a duly advertised public hearing at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining input concerning the city's intent to implement an adjustment to the sewer rates. Council was provided with an overview of the sewer fund's financial condition noting that with this increase would generate approximately \$30,000 of additional revenue on an annual basis. After discussion the hearing was closed at 8:12 p.m.

SEWER RATES: Schaub introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to adjust the sewer rates from \$3.10/100 cu.ft. to \$3.35/100 cu.ft and an increase from \$4 to \$5 in the monthly availability charge to become effective with the utility bills due November 15, 2013 and the increase from \$3.35/100 cu.ft. to \$3.60/100 cu.ft and an increase from \$5 to \$5.50 in the monthly availability charge to become effective with the utility bills due May 15, 2014.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-103

RESOLUTION INCREASING SEWER RATES
EFFECTIVE WITH UTILITY BILLS DUE
NOVEMBER 15, 2013 AND MAY 15, 2014

WHEREAS, the Granite Falls City Council did advertise in the Granite Falls Advocate Tribune August 7th, for a public hearing to be held Monday, August 19, 2013, at 8:00 p.m. to receive input from the public of a two-stepped adjustment in sewer rates from \$3.10/100 cu.ft. to \$3.35/100 cu.ft and an increase from \$4 to \$5 in the monthly availability charge to become effective with the utility bills due November 15, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the second step increase in the sewer rates from \$3.35/100 cu.ft. to \$3.60/100 cu.ft and an increase from \$5 to \$5.50 in the monthly availability charge to become effective with the utility bills due May 15, 2014; and

WHEREAS, City Code, Chapter 3, Section 3.02, requires a published notice of adoption of such resolution thirty days prior to the effective date thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, approving the adjustment in sewer rates from \$3.10/100 cu.ft. to \$3.35/100 cu.ft and an increase from \$4 to \$5 in the monthly availability charge to become effective with the utility bills due November 15, 2013 and the increase from \$3.35/100 cu.ft. to \$3.60/100 cu.ft and an increase from \$5 to \$5.50 in the monthly availability charge to become effective with the utility bills due May 15, 2014.

Adopted by the city council this 19th day of August, 2013.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

PERSONNEL: M/S FAGNANO/SCHAUB AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO FILL THE POSITION OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WORK PERSON. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

ADJOURN: M/S/P SCHAUB/PETERSON TO ADJOURN at 8:19 p.m.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

BILLS PAID:

OSTER, AUDRA	1,543.19	EDA
ABDO EICK & MEYERS	2,500.00	EDA
ADVOCATE-TRIBUNE	197.00	EDA
AUS, JOHN	1,350.00	EDA
CENTURYLINK	110.64	EDA
CITIZENS ALLIANCE BANK	5,352.85	EDA
CRUSER, BERNIE	80.00	EDA
GRANITE FALLS BANK	4,071.72	EDA
GRANITE TRUE VALUE	137.82	EDA
LIGHT FUND	45.95	EDA
MINNESOTA VALLEY TECH. INC	22.50	EDA
MN DPT OF ADMINISTRATION	13.30	EDA
SAWMILL, THE	5,450.89	EDA

SOINE CONSTRUCTION INC	1,926.95	EDA
TIMM, DEREK	448.88	EDA
KOTEK, NICOLLE	100.00	GENERAL FUND
MN DNR	1,000.00	GENERAL FUND
NIELSEN, BETSY	40.00	GENERAL FUND
CITIZENS ALLIANCE BANK	158.00	GENERAL FUND
LINCOLN PIPESTONE RURAL WATER	85.48	GENERAL FUND
ACS	1,700.05	GENERAL FUND
ADVOCATE-TRIBUNE	967.66	GENERAL FUND
AMARIL UNIFORM CO	4,293.47	GENERAL FUND
AMERICAN WELDING SUPPLIES	51.68	GENERAL FUND
ARNESON DISTRIBUTING INC.	133.50	GENERAL FUND
ARTIC GLACIER INC	204.88	GENERAL FUND
AUS, NANCY	50.00	GENERAL FUND
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	61.87	GENERAL FUND
BAKKER, DIANE	150.00	GENERAL FUND
BENNETT & BENNETT TRANS. INC.	491.17	GENERAL FUND
BEVERAGE WHOLESALERS INC	357.20	GENERAL FUND
BOLTON & MENK INC	20,783.00	GENERAL FUND
BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY	2,000.38	GENERAL FUND
CENTRAL MN MUNICIPAL POWER	169,827.48	GENERAL FUND
CENTURYLINK	1,670.56	GENERAL FUND
COALITION OF GREATER MN CITIES	290.00	GENERAL FUND
COALITION OF UTILITY CITIES	1,439.00	GENERAL FUND
COTTONWOOD COOP OIL CO	3,060.00	GENERAL FUND
DAN'S SHOP INC		6.06 GENERAL FUND
DAVIS TYPEWRITER CO	29.90	GENERAL FUND
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY	18,589.41	GENERAL FUND
ECONOMART	131.66	GENERAL FUND
ELEMENT MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY	2,500.00	GENERAL FUND
FARMERS COOP OIL CO OF ECHO	2,555.00	GENERAL FUND
FARMERS UNION OIL CO.	381.40	GENERAL FUND
FRENCH GLASS & SPECIALTY	78.20	GENERAL FUND
G & K SERVICES	100.33	GENERAL FUND
GREAT PLAINS GAS CO.	2,383.32	GENERAL FUND
HOERNEMANN, PAUL	255.00	GENERAL FUND
HORIZON COMMERCIAL POOL SUPPLY	366.16	GENERAL FUND
JOHNSON BROS WHOLESALE LIQUOR	4,928.28	GENERAL FUND
KOTEK, NICOLLE	80.00	GENERAL FUND
KRANITZ, FRANK	325.00	GENERAL FUND
LALIM, JODI	382.50	GENERAL FUND
LEE'S AUTO & DIESEL	24.00	GENERAL FUND
LOCHER BROTHERS	9,101.77	GENERAL FUND
MADISON BOTTLING CO.	11,691.40	GENERAL FUND
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	248.21	GENERAL FUND
MARCO	129.52	GENERAL FUND
MARTIN TRUCKING	385.60	GENERAL FUND
MEDIACOM	55.29	GENERAL FUND
MN AWWA	245.00	GENERAL FUND
MN DPT OF ADMINISTRATION	79.42	GENERAL FUND
MN VALLEY COOPERATIVE	1,446.36	GENERAL FUND
MN VALLEY TESTING LAB INC.	389.00	GENERAL FUND
NIELSEN, BETSY	60.00	GENERAL FUND
PARKVIEW FORD	41.47	GENERAL FUND
PETTY CASH	177.94	GENERAL FUND
PHILLIPS WINE & SPIRITS CO.	3,572.64	GENERAL FUND
POLITICS IN MINNESOTA	149.00	GENERAL FUND
PRAXAIR INC	1,255.78	GENERAL FUND
RG INC	601.02	GENERAL FUND
SAWMILL, THE	831.73	GENERAL FUND
SOUTHERN WINE & SPIRITS OF MN	410.58	GENERAL FUND
TIMM, DEREK	2,968.45	GENERAL FUND
UNIVAR USA INC	56.00	GENERAL FUND
UPS	38.55	GENERAL FUND
VIKING COCA-COLA BOTTLING CO.	104.00	GENERAL FUND
WBM WINE & SPIRITS	1,504.16	GENERAL FUND
WEST CENTRAL ROOFING INC	883.78	GENERAL FUND

WEST CENTRAL SANITATION	614.25	GENERAL FUND
WILLIE'S KORNER STORE	231.89	GENERAL FUND
WILLMAR ELECTRIC SERVICE	301.39	GENERAL FUND
WINE MERCHANTS	120.00	GENERAL FUND
XCEL ENERGY	1,243.68	GENERAL FUND
XEROX CORPORATION	21.34	GENERAL FUND
YELLOW MEDICINE CO. TREASURER	279.50	GENERAL FUND
ZEE MEDICAL SERVICES	195.97	GENERAL FUND
OFFICE DEPOT	91.46	GENERAL FUND
OFFICE PEEPS	172.68	GENERAL FUND
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