

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
OCTOBER 21, 2013

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor David Smiglewski at 7:30 p.m., Monday, October 21st, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: DuWayne Galow, Sarina Otaibi, Steve Schaub and Joe Fagnano. Council Members absent: Steve Nordaune and Scott Peterson. Staff present: City Manager Bill Lavin, Finance Director Michael Betker and City Clerk Joan Taylor. Also in attendance were members of the Granite Falls Fire Department and Advocate Tribune News Editor Scott Tedrick.

MINUTES: M/S SCHAUB/GALOW TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 7TH 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 Airport Commission, EDA Board, Police Chief, Granite Falls Historical Society and Finance.

AIRPORT: Upon the recommendation of the Airport Commission M/S SCHAUB/FAGNANO TO AUTHORIZE MINNESOTA FALLS TOWNSHIP TO USE THE ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE BUILDING FOR ITS MONTHLY MEETINGS. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

2013 UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS: Galow introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption calling for a final assessment hearing for the 2013 Utility Improvement Program to be held on November 18th at 7:45 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-127

RESOLUTION CALLING FINAL ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2013 UTILITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the city clerk having been directed to prepare a proposed assessment of the costs for the 2013 Utility Improvement Projects;

Utility Improvements:

- Watermain Loop (14th Avenue South of Trunk Highway 212) to include Sewer replacement (6th Street to Granite Street)
- Storm Sewer Outlet Industrial Park
- Storm Sewer (Alley between 8th Avenue and 9th Avenue)

- Running Track Storm Sewer

AND WHEREAS, the clerk has notified the council that such proposed assessments have been completed and filed in the clerk's office for public inspection,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA:

1. A hearing shall be held on the 18th day of November, 2013, in the City Hall at 7:45 p.m. to pass upon such proposed assessments and at such time and place all persons owning property affected by such improvements will be given an opportunity to be heard with reference to such assessments.

2. The city clerk is hereby directed to cause a notice of the hearing on the proposed assessment to be published once in the official newspaper at least two weeks prior to the hearing, and shall state in the notice the total cost of the improvement. The clerk shall also cause mailed notice to be given to the owner of each parcel described in the assessment roll not less than two weeks prior to the hearings.

3. The owner of any property so assessed may, at any time prior to certification of the assessment to the county auditor, pay the whole of the assessment on such property, with interest accrued to the date of payment, to the City of Granite Falls, except that no interest shall be charged if the entire assessment is paid before December 31, 2013. The property owner may at any time thereafter, pay to the County Auditor the entire amount of the assessment remaining unpaid, with interest accrued to December 31st of the year in which

such payment is made. Such payment must be made before November 15th or interest will be charged through December 31st of the succeeding year.

Adopted by the City Council this 21st day of October, 2013.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

2013 STREET IMPROVEMENTS: Schaub introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption calling for a final assessment hearing for the 2013 Street Improvement Program to be held on November 18th at 8:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-128

RESOLUTION CALLING FINAL ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2013 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the city clerk having been directed to prepare a proposed assessment of the costs for the 2013 Street Improvement Projects;

Street Improvements:

- 8th Street (7th Avenue to 10th Avenue)
- Bergeson Drive – Street Construction
- Alleyway (between 10th Avenue and 11th Avenue from 2nd Street to 3rd Street)
- Memorial Park Entrance
- Street Patching & Miscellaneous Projects

AND WHEREAS, the clerk has notified the council that such proposed assessments have been completed and filed in the clerk's office for public inspection,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA:

1. A hearing shall be held on the 18th day of November, 2013, in the City Hall at 8:00 p.m. to pass upon such proposed assessments and at such time and place all persons owning property affected by such improvements will be given an opportunity to be heard with reference to such assessments.
2. The city clerk is hereby directed to cause a notice of the hearing on the proposed assessment to be published once in the official newspaper at least two weeks prior to the hearing, and shall state in the notice the total cost of the improvement. The clerk shall also cause mailed notice to be given to the owner of each parcel described in the assessment roll not less than two weeks prior to the hearings.

3. The owner of any property so assessed may, at any time prior to certification of the assessment to the county auditor, pay the whole of the assessment on such property, with interest accrued to the date of payment, to the City of Granite Falls, except that no interest shall be charged if the entire assessment is paid before December 31, 2013. The property owner may at any time thereafter, pay to the County Auditor the entire amount of the assessment remaining unpaid, with interest accrued to December 31st of the year in which such payment is made. Such payment must be made before November 15th or interest will be charged through December 31st of the succeeding year.

Adopted by the City Council this 21st day of October, 2013.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Members of the Granite Falls Fire Department were in attendance to request council consider the purchase of a new pumper truck. Following discussion Galow introduced a resolution and moved its adoption authorizing execution of an Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing with Houston-Galveston Area Council which is a National Municipal Association purchasing alliance or cooperative created by a Joint Powers Agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-129

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF
INTERLOCAL CONTRACT FOR COOPERATIVE PURCHASING

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, authorizing execution of an Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing with Houston-Galveston Area Council which is a National Municipal Association purchasing alliance or cooperative created by a Joint Powers Agreement.

Adopted by the City Council this 21st day of October, 2013.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

Following the authorization of the contract with H-GAC, Schaub introduced a resolution and moved its adoption authorizing the Fire Department to proceed with identifying the equipment needed and deciding on a vendor and then to work the H-GAC for the purchase of a replacement for the pumper truck.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-130

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FIRE DEPARTMENT TO
WORK WITH H-GAC IN IDENTIFYING A REPLACEMENT PUMPER TRUCK

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 13-129 council authorized execution of an Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing with Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) which is a National Municipal Association purchasing cooperative ; and

WHEREAS, following the annual certification test completed by KM Fire Pump Specialists on the 1977 Ford pumper truck, the Fire Department was advised that the truck could not be recertified due to its condition; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department is requesting that a new pumper truck be purchased through H-GAC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, authorizing the Fire Department to proceed with identifying the equipment needed and deciding on a vendor and then to work the H-GAC for the purchase of a replacement pumper truck.

Adopted by the City Council this 21st day of October, 2013.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

Following the annual certification test completed by KM Fire Pump Specialists on the 1977 Ford pumper truck, the Fire Department was advised that the truck could not be recertified due to its condition and the Fire Department has requested city authorization to rent a pumper truck until a replacement can be purchased and delivered. Following discussion Galow introduced a resolution and moved its adoption authorizing the rental of a pumper truck until the city can replace the 1977 truck.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-131

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENTAL OF
FIRE DEPARTMENT PUMPER TRUCK

WHEREAS, following the annual certification test completed by KM Fire Pump Specialists on the 1977 Ford pumper truck the Fire Department was advised that the truck could not be recertified due to its condition; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No.13-130 council authorized the Fire Department to work with H-GAC for the purchase of a replacement pumper truck; and

WHEREAS, as it will be a number of months before a pumper truck can be purchased the Fire Department has requested the city authorize the rental of a pumper truck until a new truck is delivered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, authorizing the rental of a pumper truck until a new truck is purchased and delivered to the city.

Adopted by the City Council this 21st day of October, 2013.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

Since the 1977 Ford pumper truck can no longer be certified Schaub introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption declaring the 1977 Ford pumper truck as surplus and authorizing the sale of the truck.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-132

RESOLUTION DECLARING CITY OWNED

PROPERTY AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING SALE OF SAME

WHEREAS, Chapter 3, Section 2.70, Subd. 3 of the City Code authorizes that excess property, when no longer needed for a municipal purpose, shall be declared surplus and disposed of in the manner stated therein; and

WHEREAS, the city has determined that the Fire Department's 1977 Ford pumper truck cannot be recertified and can no longer be used by the Fire Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, declaring the 1977 Ford pumper truck as surplus property and authorizing the sale of same.

Adopted by the City Council this 21st day of October, 2013.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

GOLF CARTS: Council reviewed a draft ordinance prepared by City Attorney Holmstrom which would allow golf carts to be driven on city streets. Following discussion it was the consensus of council to review this ordinance further and discuss it at the November 4th meeting.

FLOOD MITIGATION: Staff advised council that a conference call between staff and the State Historic Preservation Office took place regarding the pedestrian bridge on Wednesday, October 15th. The city is now awaiting further information from Kent Rohr from Widseth, Smith and Knolting.

Council reviewed correspondence received from the Minnesota Historical Society and its finding of no historic properties will be affected by the Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Relocation Project. This finding will now be forwarded to the Federal EDA for review.

Council was advised that work continues on the secondary pumping station.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT: Council was advised that the automation concerns continue however with far less frequency and the software company has made frequent on-site visits to address the problems.

HANDICAPPED ACCESS RAMPS/SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT: Council again discussed the possibility of establishing a program whereby handicapped access ramps would be installed throughout the community. Also discussed was the revamping of the city's sidewalk replacement program. Following discussion it was the consensus of council to look into either the purchase or rental of a milling machine and to survey the city to identify the sidewalks that are in need of repair.

MEMORIAL PARK RESTROOM: Council reviewed information relative to replacement of the restroom in Memorial Park.

PERSONNEL: Staff reminded council that negotiations will soon begin with AFSCME, LELS and MAPE.

HIGHWAY 212: Schaub introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption in support of funding for U.S. Highway 212.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-133

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING FOR US HIGHWAY 212:
A CORRIDOR OF COMMERCE

WHEREAS US Highway 212 serves a critical role in connecting Greater Minnesota to Twin Cities markets in the Metropolitan Area and has been designated a High Priority Interregional Corridor while also being placed on the National Highway System;

WHEREAS US Highway 212 is heavily used by freight traffic with 1,850 heavy trucks in the corridor daily;

WHEREAS Freight traffic in Southwest Minnesota will potentially grow by 200 percent by 2030, increasing truck traffic on Highway 212 dramatically;

WHEREAS Traffic volumes in year 2030 are forecast to increase to between 21,000 and 28,000 vehicles per day or two to three times the existing traffic volumes, exceeding the capacity of the existing two-lane facility;

WHEREAS An Environmental Assessment has been approved for the 4.6 mile 2-lane gap between Cologne and Carver and is ready for construction in 2015 upon securing right-of-way and final design;

WHEREAS forty-one communities and local chambers of commerce have passed resolutions supporting improvements to Highway 212 to expand the capacity of this highway and the Board of Commissioners of every county along the corridor has passed such a resolution;

WHEREAS the current highway poses serious safety problems as it switches from a four lane facility west of Chaska to a two-lane highway, then switches back to a four lane highway around Cologne and back to a two-lane highway from Cologne to Norwood Young America and would be much safer and much better able to handle present and projected traffic flows if it were a continuous four-lane highway through this area;

WHEREAS Congress and the State of Minnesota have recognized the need to expand this critical trade link to the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area and have previously provided funding through the ISTEA Transportation Authorization bill, TEA-21 Authorization bill, the 2002 Transportation Appropriations bill, the 2003 Transportation Appropriations bill, the 2004 Transportation Appropriations bill and SAFETEA-LU;

WHEREAS The 2009 Environmental Assessment determined the project has a benefit-cost ratio of 3.2 or better, exceeding the minimum threshold of 1.0;

WHEREAS Multi-modal connections to or near Highway 212 include: freight rail lines, intermodal terminals, park-and-ride lots, transit service, state trails and airports.

WHEREAS The Minnesota Legislature created and funded the Corridors of Commerce program in 2013 specifically to fund corridors like US Highway 212 that contain 2-lane segments in an otherwise 4-lane corridor and that serve an important freight movement function;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Granite Falls strongly supports the inclusion of funding from the Corridors of Commerce program to help construct this \$38 million project to improve and expand US Highway 212 and that any maps or lists of Corridors of Commerce highways include US Highway 212.

Adopted by the City Council this 21st day of October, 2013

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

ADJOURN: M/S/P SCHAUB/FAGNANO TO ADJOURN at 8:30 p.m.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

BILLS PAID:

Total ADVOCATE-TRIBUNE:	225.55
Total ALPHA WIRELESS:	1,503.73
Total AMERICAN WELDING SUPPLIES:	50.02
Total ANDERSON, TED:	75.00
Total ARTIC GLACIER INC:	125.16
Total AUS, JOHN:	600.00
Total AUS, NANCY:	50.00
Total BEVERAGE WHOLESALERS INC:	65.60
Total BOLTON & MENK INC:	4,616.90
Total BOND TRUST SERVICES CORP:	58,491.25
Total BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY:	251.11
Total BRODERSON, MEGAN:	250.00
Total CENTRAL MN MUNICIPAL POWER:	138,177.07
Total CENTURYLINK:	1,812.13
Total CHAPPELL CENTRAL:	761.20
Total CNH CAPITAL:	428.60
Total COLLECTION BUREAU:	16.27
Total COUNTRYSIDE PUBLIC HEALTH:	750.00
Total CREATIVE FORMS & CONCEPT:	1,015.59
Total DAVIS TYPEWRITER CO:	3.54
Total DC SIGNS:	352.69
Total ENGINEERING UNLIMITED INC.:	97.54
Total FAHRNER ASPHALT SEALERS LLC:	182.00
Total FINKEN, JIM:	327.70
Total FIRE SAFETY U.S.A.:	255.00
Total G & K SERVICES:	167.87
Total GALLS INC.:	129.96
Total GEMPLER'S:	426.73
Total GRANITE TRUE VALUE:	810.65
Total GREAT PLAINS GAS CO.:	3,461.40
Total HACH COMPANY:	63.16
Total HAWKINS INC:	1,150.80
Total HILLYARD-HUTCHINSON:	88.37
Total HOERNEMANN, PAUL:	255.00
Total JOHNSON BROS WHOLESALE LIQUOR:	4,177.95
Total K M FIRE PUMP SPECIALISTS:	4,063.36
Total KRANITZ, FRANK:	325.00
Total LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES:	40.00
Total LEE SPORTS SURFACING LLC:	14,938.82
Total LOCATORS & SUPPLIES:	171.24
Total LOCHER BROTHERS:	5,467.45
Total MADISON BOTTLING CO.:	9,233.15
Total MADISON NATIONAL LIFE:	248.21
Total MARTIN MARIETTA AGGREGATES:	337.19
Total MARTIN TRUCKING:	267.40
Total MEDIACOM:	63.18
Total MINNESOTA VALLEY TECH. INC:	125.00
Total MN DPT OF ADMINISTRATION:	109.33
Total MN VALLEY COOPERATIVE:	1,370.12

Total MN VALLEY TESTING LAB INC.:	173.00
Total MOSS & BARNETT:	31.00
Total NIHCA:	115.00
Total OFFICE DEPOT:	165.97
Total ONYX ELECTRONICS:	631.90

Total OPDAHL, CRAIG:	596.84
Total PAUSTIS & SONS:	238.00
Total PETERSEN, JODI:	312.50
Total PHILLIPS WINE & SPIRITS CO.:	2,902.42
Total PRENTICE PLACE COMMONS ASSN:	154.58
Total RYER PLUMBING & HEATING:	122.27
Total SAWMILL, THE:	1,590.32
Total SHARE CORP.:	451.72
Total SHRED-IT SIOUX FALLS:	33.60
Total SOUTHERN WINE & SPIRITS OF MN:	2,303.53
Total SOUTHWEST WHOLESALE CO:	104.50
Total STRAND BOOK STORE:	15.51
Total STRUFFERT, BRIAN:	8.00
Total SUMMIT ENVIROSOLUTIONS:	18,565.15
Total T & R SERVICE:	15.00
Total TIMM, DEREK:	3,454.66
TOTAL FILTRATION SYSTEM:	103.57
Total TROY'S ELECTRIC COMPANY:	1,786.78
Total UPS:	22.76
Total VANHOOF, DENNIS:	49.00
Total VERIZON WIRELESS:	2,189.40
Total VIKING COCA-COLA BOTTLING CO.:	171.50
Total VISA:	3,945.53
Total WEBER, KYLE:	338.00
Total WEST CENTRAL SANITATION:	616.63
Total WILLIE'S KORNER STORE:	262.52
Total XEROX CORPORATION:	37.48
Total YELLOW MEDICINE EAST:	20,604.30
Total ZUMHOFFE, STEVE:	855.90

Grand Totals:	320,943.83
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