

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR SESSION  
JANUARY 21, 2014

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor David Smiglewski at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: DuWayne Galow, Sarina Otaibi, Steve Nordaune, Steve Schaub, Joe Fagnano and Scott Peterson. Staff present: Finance Director Michael Betker and City Clerk Joan Taylor. Also in attendance were Lucas Youngsma from the DNR and Advocate Tribune News Editor Scott Tedrick.

MINUTES: M/S NORDAUNE/SCHAUB TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 6<sup>th</sup> REGULAR MEETING. Motion carried unanimously.

SOUTHWEST INITIATIVE FOUNDATION: Following discussion Galow introduced a resolution and moved its adoption authorizing the city's contribution to Southwest Initiative Foundation for 2014 in the amount of \$1,250.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-7

RESOLUTION APPROVING DONATION  
TO SOUTHWEST INITIATIVE FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, the EDA Board at its January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting authorized a donation to the Southwest Initiative Foundation in the amount of \$1,250.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, approving a matching donation of \$1,250 for calendar year 2014 to the Southwest Initiative Foundation.

Adopted by the City Council this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2014.

David Smiglewski  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor  
City Clerk

With second by Schaub, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

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

DNR: DNR Area Hydrologist Lucas Youngsma was in attendance Tuesday evening to present to the city a plaque in recognition of the flood mitigation activities the city has undertaken over the past several years. As a result of the city's efforts the city's rating class for flood insurance improved thereby qualifying some residents for a 25% discount on flood insurance premiums and other residents a 10% discount on premiums.

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

DEER DEPREDATION: Council reviewed a report from Assistant Police Chief Beninga relative to the special permit archery hunt held within the city limits in 2013. Ten permits were issued and a total of three deer were harvested. Following discussion, M/S NORDAUNE/SCHAUB TO OFFER THE ARCHERY DEER HUNT AGAIN IN 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

MNVCLP: M/S NORDAUNE/SCHAUB TO APPOINT CITY MANAGER LAVIN AS THE VOTING DELEGATE AND MAYOR SMIGLEWSKI AS AN ALTERNATE VOTING DELEGATE TO THE MINNESOTA VALLEY COOPERATIVE LIGHT & POWER ASSOCIATION. Motion carried unanimously.

ASSESSMENT SERVICES: Following discussion Nordaune introduced a resolution rescinding Resolution No. 14-4 in its entirety.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-8

RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 14-4  
IN ITS ENTIRETY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 14-4; council accepted the proposal of Redwood Valley Enterprises, LLC to provide assessment services for calendar year 2014 in the amount of \$30,000; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that this was not the proposal for 2014 it was an invoice for services provided in 2013; and

WHEREAS, it being in the best interest of the city to rescind Resolution No. 14-4.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, rescinding Resolution No. 14-4 in its entirety.

Adopted by the City Council this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2014.

David Smiglewski

Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor  
City Clerk

With second by Galow, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

LIVING AT HOME/BLOCK NURSE PROGRAM: Council reviewed a letter received from Mary Ims, Program Director of the Living at Home/Block Nurse Program requesting the city's continued support for this program. After discussion, Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to donate \$1,000 in support for the Living at Home/Block Nurse Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-9

RESOLUTION APPROVING \$1,000 DONATION  
TO LIVING AT HOME/BLOCK NURSE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Mary Ims, Program Director, requested a donation from the City of Granite in continuing support of the Granite Falls Living at Home/Block Nurse Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, approving a donation to the Granite Falls Living at Home/Block Nurse Program in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000).

Adopted by the city council this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2014.

David Smiglewski  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor  
City Clerk

With second by Fagnano, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

"DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS": Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption approving a donation from the Light Fund to the "Dollars for Scholars" program at the Yellow Medicine East School District in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) which shall be divided into four \$250 scholarships eligible to seniors whose parents/legal guardians are current customers of the Granite Falls Municipal Utility.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-10

RESOLUTION APPROVING \$1,000 DONATION  
TO "DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS"

WHEREAS, the Yellow Medicine East Chapter of Dollars for Scholars, has requested a donation from the city in the amount of \$1,000 in continuing support of the Dollars for Scholars program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, approving a donation from the Light Fund to the "Dollars for Scholars" program at the Yellow Medicine East School District in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) which shall be divided into four \$250 scholarships which shall be eligible to seniors whose parents/legal guardians are current customers of the Granite Falls Municipal Utility.

Adopted by the City Council this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2014.

David Smiglewski  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor  
City Clerk

With second by Schaub, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

RENEWAL FUEL STANDARDS: Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption opposes any reduction in the RFS and calls on the EPA to protect current targets for ethanol production.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-11

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RENEWABLE FUEL STANDARD

**WHEREAS**, the Granite Falls community has greatly benefited by the construction of an ethanol plant at an estimated value of 65 million dollars creating thirty-eight well paying jobs with an annual payroll of \$2.7 million; and

**WHEREAS**: The Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) has been a successful, forward-looking policy that drives down the price of gasoline, creates jobs, sparks new business and investment in our community and reduces our dependence on foreign oil; and

**WHEREAS**: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has recently proposed reducing the RFS targets for ethanol, which will have serious negative consequences for our local consumers, businesses and community; and

**WHEREAS:** The RFS drives down the price of gas, saving consumers an average of \$1.09 a gallon in 2011 and allowing our community members to keep more of their hard-earned money; and

**WHEREAS:** Ethanol can produced here in Minnesota, which creates jobs and sparks news businesses and investment in our community, supporting over \$5 billion in economic activity and 12,500 jobs in Minnesota each year according to an independent study by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture; and

**WHEREAS:** Using more Minnesota-made fuels reduces our dangerous dependence on foreign oil, keeping more of our money here at home instead of sending it overseas, often to countries hostile to the United States; and

**WHEREAS:** Ethanol is a cleaner-burning fuel than gasoline, reducing greenhouse gas emission and protecting our air, land and water; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That our community opposes any reduction in the RFS and calls on the EPA to protect current targets for ethanol production.

Adopted by the City Council this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2014.

David Smiglewski  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor  
City Clerk

With second by Galow, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

**VOLSTEAD HOUSE:** Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption authorizing execution of the grant agreement with the Minnesota Historical Society to assist the city in repair or replacement of the Volstead House foundation.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-12

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF GRANT AGREEMENT  
VOLSTEAD HOUSE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 13-89 council approved submittal of a grant application to the Minnesota Historical Society Legacy Fund for assistance to the city for repair or replacement of the Volstead House foundation; and

WHEREAS, the city has been notified that the grant has been approved in the amount of \$153,990.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, authorizing execution of the Minnesota Historical & Cultural Heritage Grant Agreement between the city and the Minnesota Historical Society in the amount of \$153,990 to assist the city in repairs to the Volstead House.

Adopted by the City Council this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2014.

David Smiglewski  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor  
City Clerk

With second by Peterson, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE: Council was advised that EnviroSolutions has completed its review of the 90% plan set and has forwarded it onto SHPO for its review.

PIONEERLAND LIBRARY SYSTEM: Council was advised that Joe Fagnano's term on the Pioneerland Library System Board expired as of December 31, 2013 and a new representative will need to be appointed.

CABLE FRANCHISE RENEWAL: Council reviewed the results of the cable TV survey.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL: Upon the recommendation of the Safe Routes to School Committee Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption approving the recommendations of the committee as follows:

- "Stop" signs for east and west bound traffic at the intersection of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Granite Street;
- "No Parking" signage along 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue during school hours to be placed in mutually agreed upon areas; and
- "No Left Turn During School Hours" sign for southbound traffic from Kilowatt Drive onto 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-13

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING RECOMMENDATION OF  
SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, over the past few years the Yellow Medicine East School District has been working with the Safe Routes to School Committee in an attempt to address safety areas around the school for student who walk, bike or are transported by parents or bus; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Routes to School Committee is now recommending the following:

- "Stop" signs for east and west bound traffic at the intersection of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Granite Street:
- "No Parking" signage along 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue during school hours to be placed in mutually agreed upon areas; and
- "No Left Turn During School Hours" sign for southbound traffic from Kilowatt Drive on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, approving the recommendations as state above.

Adopted by the City Council this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2014.

David Smiglewski  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor  
City Clerk

With second by Schaub, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

PERSONNEL: Council was advised that the Wage & Salary Committee continues to negotiate with the three unions.

ADJOURN: NORDAUNE/SCHAUB TO ADJOURN AT 8:15 P.M.

David Smiglewski  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor  
City Clerk

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Total ABDO EICK & MEYERS:	5,100.00
Total ACS:	1,700.05
Total ADVOCATE-TRIBUNE:	285.40
Total AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASS'N:	310.00
Total AMERICAN WELDING SUPPLIES:	51.68
Total ARNESON DISTRIBUTING INC.:	51.00
Total AUS, NANCY:	50.00
Total BAKER BROS. CONSTRUCTION INC.:	1,182.50
Total BARR ENGINEERING CO.:	3,377.70
Total BISBEE PLUMBING & HEATING:	300.00
Total BOND TRUST SERVICES CORP:	753,168.69
Total BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY:	533.86
Total BRINDLEE MOUNTAIN FIRE APPARATUS LLC:	4,950.00
Total CENTRAL MN MUNICIPAL POWER:	129,486.56
Total CENTURYLINK:	1,789.22
Total CITIZENS ALLIANCE BANK:	29,609.10
Total CIVIC SYSTEMS:	40,217.46
Total CNH CAPITAL:	20.50
Total COALITION OF GREATER MN CITIES:	5,012.00
Total COLLECTION BUREAU:	120.62
Total DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP:	316.77
Total DAN'S SHOP INC:	40.83
Total DAVE'S ELECTRIC MOTOR CO:	101.00
Total DAVIS TYPEWRITER CO:	17.46
Total DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY:	29,338.04
Total Department of Human Resources:	19,294.82
Total DLS LLC:	1,067.50
Total EXCEL OVERHEAD DOOR:	77.00
Total FARMERS COOP OIL CO OF ECHO:	8,407.68
Total FARMERS UNION OIL CO.:	3,685.39
Total FIRST ADVANTAGE LNS SCREENING SOLUTIONS:	32.00
Total G & K SERVICES:	169.93
Total GOPHER STATE ONE-CALL:	100.00
Total GRANITE FALLS BANK:	4,071.71
Total GRANITE FALLS LUTHERN CHURCH:	90.00
Total GRANITE FALLS, CITY OF:	304.00
Total GRANITE TRUE VALUE:	1,340.70
Total GREAT PLAINS GAS CO.:	12,577.43
Total HOERNEMANN, PAUL:	255.00
Total JOHNSON BROS WHOLESALE LIQUOR:	8,108.67
Total KEELER-AUS, RAE ANN:	600.00
Total KOTEK, NICOLLE:	60.00
Total KRANITZ, FRANK:	325.00
Total LADY SLIPPER GARDEN CLUB:	2,000.00
Total LOCHER BROTHERS:	4,501.25
Total MADDEN GALANTER HANSON LLP:	456.83
Total MADISON BOTTLING CO.:	7,588.40
Total MADISON NATIONAL LIFE:	248.21
Total MARCO:	189.29
Total MARTIN TRUCKING:	484.60
Total MCPA-MN CRIME WATCH:	45.00
Total MEDIACOM:	63.21
Total MINNESOTA VALLEY SERVICES LLC:	5,343.75
Total MINNESOTA VALLEY TECH. INC:	72.00

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Total MN DEPUTY REGISTRARS ASSN:	173.00
Total MN DPT OF ADMINISTRATION:	88.62
Total MN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES ASSN:	8,413.57

Total MN REGION V EMERGENCY MGMT ASSN:	15.00
Total MN RURAL WATER ASSN:	200.00
Total MN TRANSPORTATION ALLIANCE:	200.00
Total MN VALLEY COOPERATIVE:	1,391.16
Total MN WEST:	350.00
Total NARTEC INC:	69.85
Total NIELSEN, BETSY:	20.00
Total NORTH CENTRAL BUS & EQUIPMENT:	69,731.00
Total ODDEN, KAREN:	22.08
Total OFFICE DEPOT:	82.50
Total OFFICE PEEPS:	80.15
Total PAUSTIS & SONS:	972.00
Total PETERSEN, JODI:	362.50
Total PHILLIPS WINE & SPIRITS CO.:	3,816.42
Total PRENTICE PLACE COMMONS ASSN:	154.58
Total REGION VI CHIEFS ASSOCIATION:	25.00
Total REGIONAL DEVELOP. COMMISSION:	520.00
Total RODEBERG & BERRYMAN INC.:	176.00
Total SHRED-IT SIOUX FALLS:	78.05
Total SOUTHWEST INITIATIVE FOUNDATION:	1,250.00
Total STREICHER'S:	72.97
Total UPS:	29.67
Total USA BLUEBOOK:	49.27
Total VANHOOF, DENNIS:	83.36
Total VERIZON WIRELESS:	2,521.46
Total VISA:	2,115.84
Total WATER CONSERVATION SERVICE INC:	1,480.50
Total WBM WINE & SPIRITS:	4,945.73
Total WEST CENTRAL SANITATION:	324.95
Total WINE MERCHANTS:	240.00
Total XCEL ENERGY:	1,243.68
Total XEROX CORPORATION:	38.37
Total YELLOW MEDICINE CO HWY DEPT:	5,369.40
Total ZUMHOFFE, STEVE:	1,167.67
Grand Totals:	<u>1,196,564.16</u>