

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
JULY 7, 2014

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor David Smiglewski at 7:30 p.m., Monday, July 7th, 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: City Manager Bill Lavin, Finance Director Michael Betker and City Clerk Joan Taylor. Also in attendance were EDA Director Justin Bentaas, Ambulance Director Gene Hughes, Matt Vos from Abdo, Eick & Meyers, RaeAnn Keeler Aus, Senior Advocate Robin Bendel and members of the Senior Advocacy Board and Library Board, Eric Edman from Prairie Five, Nick Koos and Bob Bush from WSN, Also in attendance was Advocate Tribune News Editor Scott Tedrick.

MINUTES: M/S NORDAUNE/SCHAUB TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE June 15th REGULAR MEETING. Motion carried unanimously.

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

2013 AUDIT: Matt Vos from Abdo, Eick & Meyers was in attendance to present the 2013 audit report.

AMBULANCE SERVICES: Gene Hughes was in attendance to request council authorization to enter into an Ambulance Service Contract which would compensate the ambulance for its services in an amount of \$7,500 per year; and to enter into a contract with the townships served by the ambulance at a cost of \$75 per-section served per year. This will enable the ambulance service to purchase new or replacement ambulances and equipment on a regular basis as it deems necessary. Following discussion Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption authorizing execution of the contract.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-103

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AMBULANCE SERVICE CONTRACT

WHEREAS, an Ambulance Service Contract has been proposed that would allow the ambulance to charge the City of Granite Falls on a yearly basis and townships serviced by the city's ambulance on a cost-per-section basis for the purpose of purchasing new or replacement ambulances and equipment as they may deem necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, authorizing execution of the Ambulance Service Contract on behalf of the City of Granite Falls to compensate the ambulance in the amount of \$7,500 per year for its services; said contract to begin January 1, 2015 and run through December 31, 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED authorizing the execution of the Ambulance Service Contract with the townships serviced by the ambulance on a \$75 per-section fee per year; said contract to begin January 1, 2015 and run through December 31, 2019.

Adopted by the City Council this 7th day of July, 2014.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

With second by Schaub, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

ORDINANCE: Following discussion regarding the Ambulance Service Contract M/S NORDAUNE/GALOW TO HAVE THE FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 31: BOARDS, DEPARTMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS, SECTION 31.16, HOSPITAL BOARD, BY ADDING PARAGRAPH F, PAYMENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND COLLECTION AND BY ADOPTING BY REFERENCE CITY CODE TITLE 1, GENERAL PROVISIONS AND CHAPTER 10, GENERAL CODE CONSTRUCTION; GENERAL PENALTY Motion carried unanimously.

FOOD SHELF: RaeAnn Keeler-Aus was in attendance to discuss with council the future of the food shelf in Granite Falls.

LIBRARY/SENIOR CENTER: Members of the Senior Advocacy Board, the Library Board and Prairie Five were in attendance to discuss the air quality issues in both the Library and Senior Center. Those present were advised that an architect will complete an inspection of the building on Wednesday, July 9th and following this a course of action will be laid out with a report of findings and recommendations which will be presented to council for consideration.

HWY 67/212: Representatives from WSN Nick Koos and Bob Bush discussed with council the Highway 212 and 67 mill and overlay projects scheduled to begin in 2015. Council was advised that there will be an open house held on July 17th from 4:30 to 6:30 here at City Hall to discuss these projects with the public. Bob Bush also advised council that there will be a local share required for that portion of the project within the city limits.

REPORTS: The following reports were acknowledged at this time: Building Inspection, Finance, Fire Department, Kilowatt Community Center Board, Public Works and Utilities Commission report.

PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE: The following bids were received for the Pedestrian Bridge Rehabilitation Project.

Robert R. Schroeder Construction	\$1,490,287.30
Duininck, Inc.	\$1,911,210.70

Following discussion and upon the recommendation of the city's consulting engineers, Galow introduced a resolution and moved its adoption accepting the bid received from Robert R. Schroeder Construction in the amount of \$1,490,287.30 contingent upon compliance with the Disadvantage Business Enterprise.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-104

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID FOR
REHABILITATION OF THE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 14-72 the city called for bids for the Pedestrian Bridge Rehabilitation Project SP 098-060-002; and

WHEREAS, the following bids were received:

Robert R. Schroeder Construction	\$1,490,287.30
Duininck, Inc.	\$1,911,210.70

WHEREAS, following a review of the bids submitted it has been recommended by the city's consulting engineers to accept the low bid received from Robert R. Schroeder Construction in the amount of \$1,490,287.30 contingent upon compliance with the Disadvantage Business Enterprise.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, accepting the bid submitted by Robert R. Schroeder Construction in the amount of \$1,490,287.30 for the Pedestrian Bridge Rehabilitation Project SP 098-060-002 contingent upon compliance with the Disadvantage Business Enterprise.

Adopted by the City Council this 7th day of July, 2014.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

With second by Schaub, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

TAX ABATEMENT: Nordaune introduced the following resolution calling for a public hearing to consider a tax abatement relative to funding for the pedestrian bridge project.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-105

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED
PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS FOR THE ROEBLING
SUSPENSION BRIDGE RENOVATION PROJECT

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council (the "Council") of the City of Granite Falls, Minnesota (the "City"), as follows:

Recitals.

Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.1812 through 469.1816, as amended, both inclusive, authorize the City, upon satisfaction of certain conditions, to grant an abatement of all or a part of the taxes levied by the City on real property within its boundaries.

It is a legal requirement that the City hold a public hearing prior to adoption of a resolution granting any property tax abatements.

Hearing. A public hearing on the consideration of the property tax abatement will be held at the time and place set forth in the Notice of Hearing attached hereto as Exhibit A and hereby made a part hereof.

Notice. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said hearing in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A to be given one publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the City at least 10 days but not more than 30 days before the hearing. The newspaper must be one of general interest and readership in the City, and the notice must be published at least once.

Councilmember Nordaune moved for the adoption of the foregoing resolution, and said motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Schaub and upon a vote being taken thereon after full discussion thereof, the following voted in favor thereof: Galow, Otaibi, Nordaune, Smiglewski, Schaub, Fagnano and Peterson.

and the following voted against the same: None

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Adopted on July 7, 2014, by the Granite Falls City Council.

David Smiglewski, Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

CITY CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the City of Granite Falls, Minnesota (the "City"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the attached and foregoing extract of minutes with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a full, true and complete transcript of the minutes of a meeting of the City Council of the City, duly called and held on the date therein indicated, insofar as such minutes relate to the calling of a public hearing on a proposed property tax abatement.

WITNESS my hand this 7th day of July, 2014.

City Clerk
Granite Falls, Minnesota

EXHIBIT A

CITY OF GRANITE FALLS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS
FOR THE ROEBLING SUSPENSION BRIDGE RENOVATION PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Granite Falls, Minnesota, will hold a public hearing at 8:00 p.m., on Monday, July 21, 2014, to be held at the Granite Falls City Hall, 641 Prentice Street, Granite Falls, Minnesota, on the proposal that the City abate property taxes levied by the City on the properties identified as tax parcel numbers (the "Properties"):

40-180-0110	40-180-0120	30-300-2225	34-300-2303	34-303-1404	34-300-2212
40-120-0730	40-140-0170	34-300-2201	34-300-2305	34-303-1406	34-300-2411
40-120-0740	40-150-0105	34-300-2204	34-300-1302	34-300-2214	34-300-2406
40-120-0720	40-150-0110	34-300-2206	34-300-1408	34-300-2217	34-300-2404
40-140-0115	40-150-0115	34-300-2219	34-300-1409	34-300-2310	34-300-2402
40-140-0120	40-150-0120	34-300-2220	34-300-1410	34-300-2316	34-300-2401
40-140-0130	40-150-0125	34-300-2225	34-300-1411	34-300-2321	
40-140-0140	40-150-0130	34-300-2306	34-300-1412	34-300-2106	
40-140-0150	40-150-0135	34-300-2301	34-303-1401	34-300-2107	

40-150-0190 34-300-2222 34-300-2302 34-303-1402 34-300-2210
40-150-0205 34-300-2223 34-300-2304 34-303-1403 34-300-2211

The total amount of the taxes proposed to be abated by the City on the Properties for up to a 15 year period is estimated to be not more than \$625,000. The City Council will consider the property tax abatement for the pedestrian bridge renovation project known as the Roebling Suspension Bridge located in the City.

The City proposes to issue General Obligation Tax Abatement Bonds in the amount not to exceed \$625,000 to finance the pedestrian bridge renovation project.

All interested persons may appear at the July 21, 2014 public hearing and present their views orally or in writing.

With second by Schaub, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

NURSING HOME: Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption authorizing execution of the Electric Service Territory Agreement between the City and Minnesota Valley Cooperative Light & Power Association relative to electric service to the new nursing home.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-106

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF
ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the land acquired by the Hospital for construction of the new nursing home lies within the electrical service territory of the Minnesota Valley Cooperative Light and Power Association; and

WHEREAS, the city and the Minnesota Valley Cooperative Light and Power Association have reached an agreement relative to the city extending its electric service to this location.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, authorizing execution of the Electric Service Territory Agreement between the city and the Minnesota Valley Cooperative Light and Power Association.

Adopted by the City Council this 7th day of July, 2014.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

With second by Galow, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

ORDINANCE: M/S NORDAUNE/PETERSON TO HAVE THE SECOND READING AND SUBSEQUENT ADOPTION OF CITY CODE CHAPTER 91, ANIMAL REGULATIONS, BY AMENDING SECTION 91.01, DEFINITIONS, FARM ANIMALS.

ORDINANCE 170, SECOND SERIES

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 91, ANIMAL REGULATIONS, BY AMENDING SECTION 91.01, DEFINITIONS, FARM ANIMALS, AS FOLLOWS:

The City of Granite Falls does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 91, Section 91.01, Definitions, Farm Animals, is amended to read as follows:

FARM ANIMALS. Those animals associated with a farm or performing work in an agricultural setting. Unless otherwise defined, the animals shall include members of the equestrian family (horses and mules), bovine family (cows and bulls), sheep, poultry (chickens and turkeys), fowl (ducks and geese), swine (excluding Vietnamese pot bellied pigs), goats, bees and other animals associated with a farm, ranch or stable.

Section 2. This ordinance to become effective from and after its passage and publication according to law.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Granite Falls, Minnesota, this 7th day of July 2014, by the following vote: Aye: Galow, Otaibi, Nordaune, Smiglewski and Peterson. Nay: Schaub and Peterson.

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor, City Clerk

David Smiglewski, Mayor

This Ordinance published in the *Granite Falls-Clarkfield Advocate Tribune* on the 9th day of July 2014.

Motion carried by the following vote: Aye: Galow, Otaibi, Nordaune, Smiglewski and Peterson. Nay: Schaub and Fagnano.

2014 FLOOD: Council was advised that city staff is in the process of estimating costs associated with flood damage and recovery. This information will be provided to YMC Emergency Management who is in the process of filing all the damage estimates for the county.

SANITARY SEWER LIFT STATION: Staff advised council that the excavation work should begin at the site this week.

TURBINE REPLACEMENT: Council reviewed the minutes of the progress meeting held on June 27th.

CHARITABLE GAMBLING: A gambling license application was acknowledged at this time for the Granite Falls Lions Club to hold it's a raffle at the Ag Open. This application was acknowledged with no waiting period.

RAILROAD CROSSING: Council Member Galow asked if the railroad could be contacted regarding repair to the crossing at the intersection of County Roads 5 and 38. Staff will contact the TCW Railroad Company to see what can be done.

ADJOURN: M/S/P NORDAUNE/SCHAUB TO ADJOURN at 9:30 p.m.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

BILLS PAID:

Total 2XL CORPORATION:	119.98
Total ABDO EICK & MEYERS:	10,510.00
Total ADVOCATE-TRIBUNE:	2,006.53
Total ALPHA WIRELESS:	212.51
Total ANDERSON, KARRIE:	35.58
Total ARTIC GLACIER INC:	449.65
Total AUS, JOHN:	75.00
Total BARR ENGINEERING CO.:	6,772.00
Total BATTERY WHOLESALE INC:	24.24
Total BETKER, MIKE:	221.88
Total BEVERAGE WHOLESALERS INC:	394.25
Total BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY:	652.38
Total BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY:	225.55
Total BRITZ:	758.62
Total CENEX CREDIT CARD:	144.93
Total CENTURYLINK:	201.36
Total CHAPPELL CENTRAL:	1,782.16
Total CHIPPEWA COUNTY:	120.00
Total CITIZENS ALLIANCE BANK:	30.00
Total CIVIC SYSTEMS:	3,417.00
Total CNH CAPITAL:	133.99
Total COLLECTION BUREAU:	50.00
Total CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU:	911.43
Total DAVE'S ELECTRIC MOTOR CO:	59.85
Total DC SIGNS:	200.00

Total DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY:	17,087.32
Total FIRST ADVANTAGE LNS SCREENING SOLUTIONS:	32.00
Total G & K SERVICES:	188.48
Total GOPHER STATE ONE-CALL:	81.20
Total GRANITE FALLS, CITY OF:	20.75
Total HAMRE, ROGER:	15.00
Total HAWKINS INC:	783.89
Total HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS:	96.96
Total HILLYARD-HUTCHINSON:	63.27
Total HOERNEMANN, PAUL:	255.00
Total HORIZON COMMERCIAL POOL SUPPLY:	41.08
Total HULS BROS TRUCKING INC:	26,657.00
Total JOHNSON BROS WHOLESALE LIQUOR:	4,910.55
Total K M FIRE PUMP SPECIALISTS:	1,155.50
Total KEEPRS:	816.81
Total KOTEK, NICOLLE:	160.00
Total KRANITZ, FRANK:	325.00
Total LIGHT FUND:	23,039.02
Total LINCOLN PIPESTONE RURAL WATER:	70.34
Total LOCHER BROTHERS:	8,458.97
Total MADISON BOTTLING CO.:	19,238.40
Total MADISON NATIONAL LIFE:	270.06
Total MARCO:	68.32
Total MEDIACOM:	55.29
Total MERCURY PAYMENT SYSTEMS:	1,650.49
Total MESERB:	1,066.75
Total MINNESOTA LIFE:	1.14
Total MN DEPT OF COMMERCE:	52.22
Total MN DEPT OF REVENUE:	47,884.02

Total MN DPT OF ADMINISTRATION:	197.39
Total MN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES ASSN:	3,913.57
Total MN NCPERS-496000:	80.00
Total MN PUBLIC TRANSIT ASSOCIATION:	300.00
Total MN VALLEY TESTING LAB INC.:	526.50
Total MVTV:	362.70
Total NELSON AUTO CENTER:	28,950.82
Total NIELSEN, BETSY:	60.00
Total NORTH CENTRAL BUS & EQUIPMENT:	37.44
Total OFFICE DEPOT:	50.10
Total OFFICE PEEPS:	109.12
Total OLERUD, JAMIE:	39.69
Total PARKVIEW FORD:	199.67
Total PETERSEN, JODI:	362.50
Total PHILLIPS WINE & SPIRITS CO.:	7,704.71
Total PICT'S BODY SHOP:	304.00
Total PITNEY BOWES INC.:	382.17
Total POSTMASTER:	990.32
Total PROACTION SAFETY & SALES:	1,058.00
Total REZNECHEK, DONALD:	63.00
Total RHODA, DANA:	36.54
Total RIGGE, JACOB:	47.89
Total RODEBERG & BERRYMAN INC.:	15,625.65
Total SAWMILL, THE:	654.94
Total SENTRY SYSTEMS INC:	92.02
Total SHRED-IT SIOUX FALLS:	35.95
Total SIOUX VALLEY WIRELESS:	19.95
Total SMIGLEWSKI, DAVID:	213.19
Total SOUTHERN WINE & SPIRITS OF MN:	1,256.46
Total STRUFFERT, BRIAN:	25.00
Total SW-WC SERVICE COOPERATIVES:	32,148.00
Total T & R ELECTRIC:	342.00
Total TAYLOR, JOAN:	100.00
Total TOSTENSON SEPTIC LLC:	300.00

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Total UNIVERSAL ACOUSTIC & EMISSION TECH:	181.24
Total USA BLUEBOOK:	53.04
Total UTILITIES PLUS ENERGY SERVICES:	8,496.56
Total VANCO SERVICES:	42.25
Total VERIZON WIRELESS:	1,974.52
Total VESSCO INC.:	746.58
Total VIKING COCA-COLA BOTTLING CO.:	208.00
Total VISA:	1,667.42
Total WBM WINE & SPIRITS:	7,621.93
Total WILLIE'S KORNER STORE:	372.58
Total WILLMAR ELECTRIC SERVICE:	306.00
Total WINE MERCHANTS:	120.00
Total YELLOW MEDICINE CO HWY DEPT:	514.80
Total YELLOW MEDICINE EAST:	1,000.00
Grand Totals:	303,947.93