OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS REGULAR SESSION JANUARY 5, 2015

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor David Smiglewski at 7:30 p.m., Monday, January 5th, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: DuWayne Galow, Sarina Otaibi, Steve Schaub and Joe Fagnano. Council Member absent: Steve Nordaune and Scott Peterson. Staff present: Finance Director Michael Betker and City Clerk Joan Taylor. Also in attendance were Police Chief Brian Struffert, YME Principal Ryan Luft and Peg Furshong from the Granite Falls Area Arts Council.

MINUTES: M/S SCHAUB/GALOW TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 15th 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.

GRANITE FALLS AREA ARTS COUNCIL: Per Furshong was in attendance to request a donation from the city for calendar year 2015. Following discussion Schaub introduced a resolution and moved its adoption authorizing a donation of \$1,500 to the Granite Falls Area Arts Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-1

RESOLUTION APPROVING DONATION TO GRANITE FALLS AREA ARTS COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Granite Falls Area Arts Council has requested financial assistance for the 2015 budget year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, approving a donation of \$1,500 for calendar year 2015 to the Granite Falls Area Arts Council.

Adopted by the City Council this 5th day of January, 2015.

David Smiglewski Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor City Clerk

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

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER: Police Chief Brian Struffert and YME Principal Ryan Luft were in attendance to request council authorization to enter into an agreement with the YMC School District to establish a School Resource Officer which will be funded through a grant received by Yellow Medicine County in the amount of \$10,000. Following discussion Galow introduced a resolution and moved its adoption authorizing execution of the School Resource Officer Agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Yellow Medicine County has received a \$10,000 grant to cover the costs associated with a part-time officer to be used as a School Resource Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, authorizing execution of the School Resource Officer Agreement between the city and the Yellow Medicine County School District.

Adopted by the City Council this 5th day of January, 2015.

David Smiglewski Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor City Clerk

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

BUILDING INSPECTOR: The Building Inspector's report was acknowledged at this time.

Upon the recommendation of the Building Inspector, Schaub introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption ordering the inspection of a structure located on Lot 2, Block 8 of Aaker's 3rd Addition pursuant to Minnesota Statute 463.15.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-3

RESOLUTION ORDERING INSPECTIONS OF STRUCTURES PER MINNESOTA STATUTE 463.15

WHEREAS, it has been reported to the City Council that the structure located on Lot 2, Block 8 of Aaker's 3rd Addition may be a hazardous building and constitute a fire hazard or a hazard to public safety or health due to disrepair and inadequate maintenance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, ordering the City Building Inspectors and, if necessary, the State Fire Marshall or Fire Chief to make an inspection of said building and make a report of said inspection within thirty (30) days hereof to the City Council for purposes of making findings and determination of whether or not said buildings constitute a "hazardous building" within the meaning of Minnesota Statutes 463.15.

Adopted by the City Council this 5th day of January, 2015.

David Smiglewski Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor City Clerk

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

- REPORTS: The following reports were acknowledged at this time Kilowatt Community Center Board, Utilities Commission and Public Works.
- CITY ENGINEER: M/S GALOW/SCHAUB TO RE-APPOINT RODEBERG & BERRYMAN AS THE CITY'S ENGINEERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015. Motion carried unanimously by those present.
- AIRPORT ENGINEER: M/S FAGNANO/SCHAUB TO RE-APPOINT BOLTON & MENK AS THE CITY'S AIRPORT ENGINEERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015. Motion carried unanimously by those present.
- ELECTRICAL ENGINEER: M/S SCHAUB/GALOW TO RE-APPOINT HDR ENGINEERING, INC. AS THE CITY'S ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015. Motion carried unanimously by those present.
- BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: M/S GALOW/SCHAUB TO RE-APPOINT RYAN FROMM TO THE AIRPORT COMMISSION. Motion carried unanimously by those present.
- YEILD SIGNAGE: Council reviewed a request to have a yield sign installed at the intersection where Hungry Hollow Boulevard enters Elm Street. Following discussion it was the consensus of council to have this reviewed by the Police Department for its recommendation.
- CITY ATTORNEY: Fagnano introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to enter into an agreement with Holmstrom & Kvam as the city attorneys for calendar year 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-4

RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH CITY ATTORNEY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015

WHEREAS, an Employment Agreement has been reached that is acceptable with the City Attorney and the City Council,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, approving an employment Agreement with Gregory L. Holmstrom, Spencer H. Kvam and Jeremy Blackwelder as City Attorney and Assistant City Attorneys, effective January 1, 2015.

Adopted by the City Council this 5th day of January, 2015.

David Smiglewski Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor City Clerk

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

SENIOR CENTER: Following discussion regarding the upgrade to the carpeting for the Senior Center, Fagnano introduced a resolution approving the update to the carpeting for an increase in the price of \$2,171.87 for a total cost of \$4,788.37.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-5

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHANGE IN CARPETING – SENIOR CENTER

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 14-78 council waived calling for quotes and accepted the quote from Aus Floors & More in the amount of \$2,616.50 to replace the carpeting at the Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, after further consideration it was recommended that a higher grade of carpeting be used in the Senior Center for an increase in the cost of the carpeting of \$2,171.87.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, authorizing the change in carpeting at the Senior Center increasing the total cost by \$2,171.87 for a total cost of \$4,788.37.

Adopted by the City Council this 5th day of January, 2015.

David Smiglewski Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor City Clerk

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

MEDIACOM: Council reviewed correspondence received from Mediacom indicating a rate adjustment.

TURBINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT: Council discussed the proposed delay in this project.

PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE: Council reviewed the update relative to the Pedestrian Bridge Project.

DISEASED ELM TREE REMOVAL PROGRAM: Council reviewed the year-end forestry report.

As noted in the report 8 trees and 5 stumps were removed during the 2014 season.

INSURANCE: Council acknowledged the executed Liability Coverage Waiver Form indicating the city does not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minnesota Statutes 466.04.

VOLSTEAD HOUSE: Council was advised that the bidding documents would be completed and ready for bidding in February or March.

PERSONNEL: Council was also advised that Gregory Barnes has been hired to fill the police officer position. He began his duties on January 1, 2015.

ADJOURN: M/S/P SCHAUB/ GALOW TO ADJOURN at 8:20 p.m.

David Smiglewski Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor City Clerk

BILLS PAID:

Total MN TRANSPORTATION ALLIANCE:

205.00

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20,167.41

393,671.57

35.00

154.80

Total YELLOW MEDICINE EAST:

Total ZEP:

Grand Totals:

Total YME JAZZY HI-KICK BOOSTER CLUB:

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