

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR SESSION  
JANUARY 20, 2015

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor David Smiglewski at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</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: City Manager Bill Lavin, Finance Director Michael Betker and City Clerk Joan Taylor. Also in attendance were Police Chief Struffert, Assistant Chief Beninga and Patrolman Brovold, Ambulance Director Gene Hughes, Electrical Superintendent Don Reznechek, Tom Cherveney, Cordelle Thomasma from Barr Engineering and Advocate Tribune News Reporter Scott Tedrick.

MINUTES: M/S NORDAUNE/SCHAUB TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 5<sup>th</sup> REGULAR MEETING. Motion carried unanimously.

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

LIFE SAVING AWARDS: Ambulance Director Gene Hughes was in attendance to present lifesaving awards to Assistant Chief Joel Beninga and Patrolman Mitch Brovold.

REPORTS: The following reports were acknowledged at this time EDA Board, Fire Department, Hospital Board, Police Chief, Planning Commission and Granite Falls Historical Society.

DEER DEPREDACTION: Council reviewed a report from Assistant Police Chief Beninga relative to the special permit archery hunt held within the city limits in 2014. Ten permits were issued and a total of two deer were harvested. Following discussion, it was the consensus of council to offer the archery deer hunt again in 2015.

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.

ELM STREET: Following discussion and upon the recommendation of Police Chief Struffert it was the consensus of council to place a yield sign on Hungry Hollow Boulevard where it enters Elm Street.

PIONEERLAND LIBRARY BOARD: Council was advised of the need to appoint a member to the Pioneerland Library Board as Mr. Loewe has resigned.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: Nicole Zempel's name was submitted for consideration for appointment to the Park Board. Following a vote of council, M/S

FAGNANO/GALOW TO RE-APPOINT DAVE NORDAUNE TO THE HOSPITAL BOARD.  
Motion carried unanimously.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT: Upon the recommendation of the city's consulting engineer, Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption authorizing execution of Change Order No. 1 to the Water Treatment Plant Demolition Project.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-6

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF  
CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 – WATER TREATMENT PLANT DEMOLITION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 14-149 council accepted the bid received from MAAC, Inc. in the amount of \$607,000 for demolition of the old Water Treatment Plant and site restoration; and

WHEREAS, due to issues encountered during construction it has been recommended that Change Order No. 1 be approved which includes the following:

- Footings needed to be placed two feet deeper than originally planned to achieve 4' of cover for frost protection; and
- Forming and pouring a short piece of wall to support the existing retaining wall near the area where it connects to the new retaining wall; and
- Additional footings and retaining wall height made necessary by utilizing the north wall of the clearwell;

for a total increase to the contract price with MAAC, Inc. in the amount of \$16,238.30.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, authorizing execution of Change Order No. 1 to the contract with MAAC, Inc. as stated above for an increase in the contract price of \$16,238.30.

Adopted by the City Council this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

David Smiglewski  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor  
City Clerk

With second by Schaub, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

Due to construction changes relative to Change Order No. 1 Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption amending the Owner/Engineer Agreement with Stantec in the amount of \$10,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-7

RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT #2 TO THE  
OWNER/ENGINEER AGREEMENT – WATER TREATMENT PLANT DEMOLITION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 14-65 council authorized Amendment #1 to the Owner/Engineer Agreement relative to the Water Treatment Plant Demolition Project, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 15-6 council authorized execution of Change Order No. 1 for additional construction work necessary for the Water Treatment Plant Demolition Project; and

WHEREAS, Stantec has incurred additional engineering services due to the needed additional construction services in the amount of \$10,000.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, approving Amendment #2 to the Owner/Engineer Agreement with Stantec in the amount of \$10,000.

Adopted by the City Council this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

David Smiglewski  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor  
City Clerk

With second by Schaub, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

SOUTHWEST INITIATIVE FOUNDATION: Following discussion Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption authorizing the city's contribution to Southwest Initiative Foundation for 2015 in the amount of \$1,250.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-8

RESOLUTION APPROVING DONATION  
TO SOUTHWEST INITIATIVE FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, the EDA Board at its January 12<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 2015 to the Southwest Initiative Foundation.

Adopted by the City Council this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

David Smiglewski  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor  
City Clerk

With second by Schaub, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

WESTERN MINNESOTA PRAIRIE WATERS: Following discussion Schaub introduced a resolution and moved its adoption authorizing the city's contribution to Western

Minnesota Prairie Waters Convention and Visitors Bureau for 2015 in the amount of \$1,250.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-9

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRIBUTION TO  
WESTERN MINNESOTA PRAIRIE WATERS  
REGIONAL TOURISM PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Western Minnesota Prairie Waters Regional Tourism Program has requested a commitment from the city for its cooperative advertising and promotion of the five county region; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, authorizing a donation of \$1,250 for 2015 to Western Minnesota Prairie Waters Regional Tourism Program.

Adopted by the City Council this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

David Smiglewski  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor  
City Clerk

With second by Peterson, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

SCHOLARSHIP YME: Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption approving a donation from the Light Fund to the Scholarship YME 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. 15-10

RESOLUTION APPROVING \$1,000 DONATION  
TO SCHOLARSHIP YME

WHEREAS, the Yellow Medicine East Scholarship YMC has requested a donation from the city in the amount of \$1,000 in continuing support of the Scholarships YME program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, approving a donation from the Light Fund to the Scholarships YME 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

David Smiglewski  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor  
City Clerk

With second by Schaub, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

GRANITE FALLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Following discussion Schaub introduced a resolution supporting a heritage partnership grant application through the Minnesota Historical Society.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-11

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING GRANT APPLICATION  
TO THE MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WHEREAS, the Granite Falls Historical Society is in the process of completing a heritage partnership grant application through the Minnesota Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, the focus of this grant is to create a heritage tourism destination for Granite Falls with the main focus to be the era of the 1920's and Andrew Volstead's accomplishments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, approving partnering with the Granite Falls Historical Society in submittal of a heritage partnership grant application to the Minnesota Historical Society.

Adopted by the City Council this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

David Smiglewski  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor  
City Clerk

With second by Peterson, the resolution was adopted by the following vote: Aye: Galow, Nordaune, Smiglewski, Schaub, Fagnano and Peterson. Abstain: Otaibi.

**WETLANDS MANAGEMENT:** Council reviewed correspondence received from the DNR concerning the growth of cattails in Bullhead Slew on the south side of Trunk Highway 67. Following discussion it was the consensus of council for the city to apply for an Aquatic Plant Management Permit through the DNR which would allow the city to utilize a herbicide application to control and kill the cattails.

**MEMORIAL PARK:** The Regional Development Commission suggested that a task force be formed to provide input in preparing the Memorial Park Master Plan. It was suggested that a representative from the Park Board, the Granite Falls Area Arts Council, GFRR, Granite Falls Historical Society, Chamber of Commerce, and CURE be among the groups to contract for possible representation on this task force.

**SANITARY SEWER LIFT STATION:** Council reviewed an update relative to the Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Project.

**PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE:** Council discussed correspondence received regarding the bond funds relative to the Pedestrian Bridge Rehabilitation Project.

**RIVER ICE CONDITIONS:** Staff advised council that city staff has been monitoring ice conditions along the alleyway adjacent to Prentice Street. Council was advised that the river has dropped over 2 ½ feet over the last few days.

**WARNING SIRENS:** Electrical Superintendent Don Reznechek was in attendance to discuss with council the problems that have been experienced with the warning sirens.

Council was advised that the signals sent from the Sheriff's Office have been reset and is now working, one of the sirens will need to be replaced and new batteries installed in others.

CAPX 2020: Staff advised council that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has now formally approved CMMPA's right to recover revenue based on its ownership interest in the CAPX 2020 Project and now CMMPA can begin to distribute the revenue received to its membership. Since the city owns a share in the CAPX investment the city will now receive a monthly payment relative to the CAPX project from CMMPA.

TURBINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT: Cordelle Thomasma from Barr Engineering was in attendance to discuss with council the delays in the Turbine Replacement Project.

ADJOURN: NORDAUNE/SCHAUB TO ADJOURN AT 8:41 p.m.

David Smiglewski  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor  
City Clerk

**BILLS PAID:**

Total 2XL CORPORATION:	120.50
Total ADVOCATE-TRIBUNE:	97.00
Total ALMICH'S MARKET:	12.95
Total AMERICAN WELDING & GAS INC:	60.52
Total AUS, NANCY:	275.00
Total BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS:	19.39
Total BEHAVIORAL FORENSIC SERVICES:	350.00
Total BEVERAGE WHOLESALERS INC:	219.55
Total BOLTON & MENK INC:	474.00
Total BOND TRUST SERVICES CORP:	707,736.88
Total BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY:	15.18
Total C & C MAGNET:	297.00
Total CENEX CREDIT CARD:	30.50
Total CENTRAL MN MUNICIPAL POWER:	98,165.55
Total CITIZENS ALLIANCE BANK:	30,086.60
Total CLAREY'S SAFETY EQUIPMENT INC:	1,011.76
Total COALITION OF GREATER MN CITIES:	5,139.00
Total COLLECTION BUREAU:	50.00
Total DAN'S SHOP INC:	35.54
Total DAVE'S ELECTRIC MOTOR CO:	19.95
Total DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY:	29,338.04
Total EHLERS & ASSOCIATES INC.:	275.00
Total FARMERS UNION OIL CO.:	6,508.48
Total FIRST ADVANTAGE LNS SCREENINGSOLUTIONS:	90.00

Total FRENCH GLASS & SPECIALTY:	25.00
Total G & K SERVICES:	177.44
Total GOODTHUNDER, JENNIE:	100.00
Total GOPHER STATE ONE-CALL:	100.00
Total GRANITE AREA ARTS COUNCIL:	1,500.00
Total GRANITE FALLS BANK:	90,999.22
Total GRANITE FALLS ENERGY LLC:	1,657.66
Total GRANITE FALLS KILOWATT BASEBALL:	500.00
Total GRANITE TRUE VALUE:	.54
Total GREAT PLAINS GAS CO.:	10,466.84
Total HAWKINS INC:	2,181.38
Total HILLYARD-HUTCHINSON:	43.90
Total HJERPE CONTRACTING INC:	1,360.97
Total HOERNEMANN, PAUL:	255.00
Total HOLMSTROM & KVAM:	17,581.36
Total JOHNSON BROS WHOLESALE LIQUOR:	8,153.64
Total KEELER-AUS, RAE ANN:	600.00
Total KENNEDY, JEFF:	56.00
Total KKRC-FM:	595.00
Total KOTEK, NICOLLE:	80.00
Total KRANITZ, FRANK:	200.00
Total LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES:	99.00
Total LEE'S AUTO & DIESEL:	117.95
Total LIGHT FUND:	21.58
Total LOCHER BROTHERS:	7,953.97
Total MADISON BOTTLING CO.:	7,965.40
Total MADISON NATIONAL LIFE:	270.06
Total MARCO:	298.11
Total MARSHALL NORTHWEST PIPE:	162.66
Total MARTIN TRUCKING:	1,128.26

Total MCPA-MN CRIMEWATCH:	45.00
Total MEDIACOM:	55.29
Total MITLYNG ELECTRIC & REFRIG.:	445.80
Total MN CHIEFS OF POLICE:	165.00
Total MN DPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY:	25.00
Total MN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES ASSN:	8,703.41
Total MN REGION V EMERGENCY MGMT ASSN:	15.00
Total MN TRANSPORTATION ALLIANCE:	90.00
Total MN VALLEY COOPERATIVE:	1,376.22
Total MN VALLEY TESTING LAB INC.:	607.50
Total NIELSEN, BETSY:	60.00
Total OFFICE DEPOT:	113.36
Total OFFICE PEEPS:	29.47
Total PAUSTIS & SONS:	1,244.00
Total PETERSEN, JODI:	402.50
Total PHILLIPS WINE & SPIRITS CO.:	5,789.47
Total PRENTICE PLACE COMMONS ASSN:	100.51
Total RECREATION SUPPLY COMPANY:	34.98
Total REGIONAL DEVELOP. COMMISSION:	10,719.14
Total ROBERT L. CARR CO:	135,373.10
Total RYER PLUMBING & HEATING:	72.99
Total SAWMILL, THE:	149.26
Total SHRED-IT USA LOS ANGELES:	46.65
Total SR PERSPECTIVE:	85.50
Total STENGEL, ROB:	126.90
Total T & R ELECTRIC:	24,795.00
Total TSP:	284.63
Total UPS:	65.76
Total USA BLUEBOOK:	511.64
Total VERIZON WIRELESS:	3,276.51



Total VFW:	35.00
Total WATER CONSERVATION SERVICE INC:	1,429.20
Total WBM WINE & SPIRITS:	4,288.93
Total WEST CENTRAL SANITATION:	319.57
Total XCEL ENERGY:	1,268.55
Total XEROX CORPORATION:	46.32
Total YELLOW MEDICINE CO HWYDEPT:	2,176.00
Total YRC FREIGHT:	298.15

Grand Totals:	<u>1,239,750.64</u>
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