

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
FEBRUARY 2, 2015

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor David Smiglewski at 7:30 p.m., Monday, February 2nd, 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 was Advocate News Reporter Scott Tedrick.

MINUTES: M/S GALOW/NORDAUNE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 20th REGULAR MEETING. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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 declaring the structure located at 124 Fromm Circle as a public nuisance and directing the city attorney to obtain an order for removal.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-12

RESOLUTION DECLARING STRUCTURE AS A PUBLIC NUISANCE
AND DIRECTING CITY ATTORNEY TO OBTAIN AN
ORDER FOR REMOVAL OF PUBLIC NUISANCE BUILDING PURSUANT
TO GRANITE FALLS CITY ORDINANCE 150.09(A)(3)

WHEREAS, pursuant to an agreement between the homeowner and the building inspector an inspection of the structure located at 124 Fromm Circle was completed on September 11, 2014 for purposes of making findings and determination of whether or not said building constitutes a public nuisance building within the meaning of Granite Falls City Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, council has received the Building Inspector's report along with correspondence, wherein the Building Inspector has determined that the structure is a public nuisance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, that the structure located at 124 Fromm Circle is hereby declared a public nuisance building pursuant to Granite Falls City Ordinance §150.09 (A)(3); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Attorney is directed to proceed with obtaining an Order for Removal of Public Nuisance Building and Correction of Public Nuisance Conditions upon Real Estate Pursuant to Granite Falls City Ordinance §150.09 (A)(3).

Adopted by the City Council this 2nd day of February, 2015.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

With second by Nordaune, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

Also following discussion M/S NORDAUNE/GALOW TO HAVE THE CITY CREW SECURE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 275 5TH AVENUE AND BILL PROPERTY OWNER. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS: The following reports were acknowledged at this time Kilowatt Community Center Board, Public Works and Utilities Commission.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: M/S NORDAUNE/SCHAUB TO APPOINT NICOLE ZEMPEL TO THE PARK BOARD. Motion carried unanimously.

MEMORIAL PARK TASK FORCE: M/S NORDAUNE/GALOW TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE TO THE MEMORIAL PARK TASK FORCE: DENNIS VANHOOF, MARY GILLESPIE, MARY KELLY, MELANIE GACHEL, NANCY BEASLEY, PEG FURSHONG, SCOTT TEDRICK, STEVE SCHAUB, TERRI DINESEN. Motion carried unanimously.

VOLSTEAD HOUSE: Following discussion relative to a request from the Granite Falls Historical Society to use the Volstead House to host a Mystery Dinner Theater, M/S NORDAUNE/SCHAUB APPROVING THE USE OF THE VOLSTEAD HOUSE FOR THE GRANITE FALLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO HOST A MYSTERY DINNER THEATER. Motion carried unanimously.

PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE: Following discussion Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to request an extension for use of bonding dollars for the Pedestrian Bridge Project.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-13

RESOLUTION REQUESTING DEADLINE EXTENSION FOR EXPENDITURE OF STATE BONDING FUNDS

WHEREAS, the State Bonding Bill approved by the 2010 State Legislature included an authorization of \$512,000 to the City of Granite Falls for rehabilitation of an architecturally, culturally and historically significant pedestrian bridge that since 1935 has spanned the Minnesota River in the heart of the historic downtown Granite Falls; and

WHEREAS, this legislation required that the state bonding dollars be expended by June 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, due to extended government agency review due to the complex and historical nature of the project, combined with unusually high river levels at the project site, the city finds it necessary to request a deadline for the expenditure of state bonding dollars until December 31, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, requesting that legislation be introduced and approved by the 2015 Legislature to extend the completion date of the aforementioned project described above for the following reasons:

- The state bonding dollars required a dollar for dollar non-state match;
- In January 2012 the city submitted an application to the Federal Recreation Trail Program
- The city received a grant from the Federal Trail Program through the Scenic Byway Grant Program in August of 2012 totaling \$512,000
- The historical review process required prior to awarding bids concluded in February of 2014 with a finding of "No Adverse Effect"
- Bids were received and awarded by the Granite Falls City Council in July of 2014 totaling \$1,490,287
- A Notice of award was issued to the successful bidder dated August 6, 2014.
- Mobilization took place in October 2014 with the project construction beginning in November 2014
- Unusually high water levels at the project site due to ice jams downstream and high upstream water levels continue to cause unavoidable and unforeseeable delays in project construction;

The city hereby requests the 2015 State Legislature to pass legislation extending the deadline for the expenditure of state bonding dollars to December 31, 2015.

Adopted by the City Council this 2nd day of February, 2015.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

With second by Schaub, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

VOLSTEAD HOUSE: Council reviewed an update received from the project engineer.

SENIOR CENTER: An update was received relative to replacement of the HVAC system in the Senior Center.

TURBINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT: Council reviewed the draft minutes of a meeting held relative to the Turbine Replacement Project and cleaning of the powerhouse following sandblasting.

SANITARY SEWER LIFT STATION: An update relative to the Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Project was reviewed by council.

LEVEE CERTIFICATION: Council was advised of a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 4th at City Hall relative to levee certification.

ADJOURN: M/S/P NORDAUNE/SCHAUB TO ADJOURN at 7:58 p.m.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

BILLS PAID:

Total 101 DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES INC:	25,155.29
Total 2XL CORPORATION:	241.00
Total ABDO EICK & MEYERS:	8,000.00
Total ADVOCATE-TRIBUNE:	508.74
Total AFFILIATED MED CENTER:	91.05
Total ARNESON DISTRIBUTING INC.:	51.00
Total ARTIC GLACIER INC:	122.00
Total AUTO OWNERS INSURANCE:	1,141.00
Total BARR ENGINEERING CO.:	9,746.42
Total BEVERAGE WHOLESALERS INC:	268.80
Total BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY:	2,862.67
Total BSN SPORTS:	104.00
Total CARLSON & STEWART REFRIG INC:	916.82
Total CENTURYLINK:	2,077.18
Total CHAPPELL CENTRAL:	285.26
Total CITIZENS ALLIANCE BANK:	180.00
Total COCARD:	99.85
Total COUNTRYSIDE PUBLIC HEALTH:	91.00
Total CREATIVE FORMS & CONCEPT:	410.89
Total DAN'S SHOP INC:	5.98
Total DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES:	20,578.98
Total ENERGY SAVING SERVICES INC:	29,450.00
Total FERGUSON WATERWORKS SUPPLY:	158.78
Total FLEXIBLE PIPE TOOL COMPANY:	294.50
Total G & K SERVICES:	105.60
Total GEMPLER'S:	83.75
Total HAWKINS INC:	690.67
Total HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS:	69.10
Total HILLYARD-HUTCHINSON:	25.98
Total HOERNEMANN, PAUL:	255.00
Total HOIST FITNESS SYSTEMS:	47.00
Total HOLMSTROM & KVAM:	440.00

Total IRBY:	260.81
Total JOHNSON BROS WHOLESALE LIQUOR:	4,075.58
Total KOTEK, NICOLLE:	80.00
Total KRANITZ, FRANK:	200.00
Total LEAGUE OF MN CITIES INSTRUST:	63,049.00
Total LIGHT FUND:	24,787.88
Total LOCHER BROTHERS:	8,064.79
Total MADISON BOTTLING CO.:	6,020.75
Total MARCO:	38.42
Total MERCURY PAYMENT SYSTEMS:	1,850.11
Total MINNESOTA LIFE:	1.14
Total MINNESOTA VALLEY TECH. INC:	80.00
Total MN DEPT OF REVENUE:	27,124.00
Total MN DPT OF ADMINISTRATION:	67.21
Total MN DPT OF LABOR & INDUSTRY:	98.96
Total MN NCPERS-496000:	80.00
Total MN VALLEY TESTING LAB INC.:	171.50
Total NEIGHBORS UNITED YM FOODSHELF:	5,000.00
Total NIELSEN, BETSY:	80.00
Total OFFICE DEPOT:	72.25
Total OFFICE PEEPS:	96.51
Total PAAPE ENERGY SERVICES:	104.20

Total PETERSEN, JODI:	402.50
Total PHILLIPS WINE & SPIRITS CO.:	2,442.43
Total POSTMASTER:	1,263.11
Total PROTECTION SYSTEMS INC:	89.87
Total RECREATION SUPPLY COMPANY:	266.71
Total RODEBERG & BERRYMAN INC.:	59,284.63
Total RYER PLUMBING & HEATING:	50.00
Total SCHOLARSHIP YELLOW MEDICINE EAST:	1,000.00
Total SIOUX VALLEY WIRELESS:	19.95
Total SMIGLEWSKI, DAVID:	298.59
Total SOUTHERN WINE & SPIRITS OF MN:	1,290.22
Total SOUTHWEST INITIATIVE FOUNDATION:	2,500.00
Total SW-WC SERVICE COOPERATIVES:	31,942.50
Total T & L WELDING:	350.00
Total TROY'S ELECTRIC COMPANY:	587.34
Total UNIFORMS UNLIMITED:	494.71
Total USA BLUEBOOK:	226.04
Total VANCO SERVICES:	42.00
Total VARIETY FOODS LLC:	212.85
Total VESSCO INC.:	195.91
Total VIKING COCA-COLA BOTTLING CO.:	178.00
Total VISA:	322.74
Total WBM WINE & SPIRITS:	2,448.00
Total WESTERN MN PRAIRIE WATERS:	3,750.00
Total WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING & ASSC.:	3,554.16
Total WILLIE'S KORNER STORE:	205.89
Total YELLOW MEDICINE CO. AUDITOR:	2,958.07

Grand Totals:	362,337.64
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