

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
MARCH 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, March 2nd, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: DuWayne Galow, Sarina Otaibi, Steve Schaub, Joe Fagnano and Scott Peterson. Council Member absent: Steve Nordaune. Staff present: City Manager Bill Lavin, Finance Director Michael Betker and City Clerk Joan Taylor. Also in attendance were Kayla Hegna and Advocate News Reporter Scott Tedrick.

MINUTES: M/S GALOW/SCHAUB TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 17th REGULAR MEETING. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

BILLS: M/S FAGNANO/SCHAUB TO APPROVE BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

LEE-MAR EQUINE CENTER: Kayla Hegna was in attendance to request city sponsorship of the 5th annual "Raise the Roof" event scheduled for April 25th to raise funds for repairs to the north and south entrances of the barn, refurbishing existing stalls and exterior fencing for horse turn-out areas. Following discussion Otaibi introduced a resolution approving sponsorship of the "Raise the Roof" event in the amount of \$1,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-21

RESOLUTION APPROVING SPONSORSHIP
OF 5TH ANNUAL "RAISE THE ROOF" EVENT –
LEE-MAR RANCH EQUINE CENTER, INC.

WHEREAS, the Lee-Mar Ranch Equine Center has requested sponsorship of the 5th annual "Raise the Roof" event scheduled for April 25th which will focus on raising funds for repairs to the north and south entrances of the barn, refurbishing existing stalls and exterior fencing for horse turn-out areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, approving a sponsorship of \$1,000 for calendar year 2015 to the Lee-Mar Ranch Equine Center, Inc. for the 5th annual "Raise the Roof" event.

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

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

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

FACILITIES AGREEMENT: Upon the recommendation of the Utilities Commission, Schaub introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption authorizing execution of the Revised & Restates Municipal Transmission Service Agreement between the city and Xcel Energy contingent upon receipt of the final draft and its review by CMMPA.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-22

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF REVISED & RESTATED
MUNICIPAL TRANSMISSION SERVICE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the facilities agreement between the city and Xcel Energy which allows for the transmission of WAPA power over lines owned by Xcel Energy expired on January 1, 2015;

WHEREAS, following review by the Utilities Commission the commission is recommending execution of an extension of the current agreement beginning January 1, 2015 through 2022 with a 2% annual increase in facilities charges, contingent upon receipt of the final draft of the agreement and review by CMMPA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, authorizing execution of the Revised & Restated Municipal Transmission Service Agreement between the city and Xcel Energy beginning in 2015 through 2022 contingent upon receipt of the final draft and review by CMMPA.

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

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

REPORT: The Fire Department report and Library Newsletter were acknowledged at this time.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: Council was advised that there are still openings on the Planning Commission, Utilities Commission and Kilowatt Community Center Board.

TAX FORFEITED LANDS: Galow introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to approve the Yellow Medicine County Board's classification and sale of tax forfeited land on parcel #34-300-2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-23

RESOLUTION APPROVING YELLOW MEDICINE COUNTY
BOARD'S CLASSIFICATION OF TAX-FORFEITED LANDS

WHEREAS, a Certificate of County Board of Classification of Forfeited Lands As Provided By Chapter 386, Laws 1935, as amended, has been received from the Yellow Medicine County Auditor certifying that certain parcels of land have been classified by the Yellow Medicine County Board as non-conservation lands, from the list of lands forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of taxes as provided by Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 282.01, as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, approving the Yellow Medicine County Board's classification of tax-forfeited lands and authorizing the sale of the following described parcel of land located in Yellow Medicine County.

Parcel #34-300-2018 Proper Address: 140 6th Avenue

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

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

2015 LEGISLATURE: Galow introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption approving support for House Bill #80.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-24

A RESOLUTION APPROVING SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL #80, A BILL TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF MARKED TRUNK HIGHWAY 212 AND COUNTY ROAD 140 INTERCHANGE

WHEREAS, US Highway 212 in Carver County is the only 2-lane High Priority Interregional Corridor; and

WHEREAS, US Highway 212 is a vital Corridor for Commerce in the State; and

WHEREAS, US Highway 212 needs to be further extended to the west to County Road 43 in Carver County in order to maintain its importance as a freight and commerce route connecting to the freeway system, to stimulate economic growth, to ease current and future traffic congestion, and to reduce its high fatal and serious injury crash rate; and

WHEREAS, Preliminary Design and environmental work has been completed on the first phase of the westward expansion; and

WHEREAS, the next steps are acquiring right-of-way, final design, and construction; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed County Road 140 interchange has received Planning Approval and Warrant Analysis Approval from both MnDOT and the Met Council; and

WHEREAS, the Preliminary Design of the County Road 140 interchange has also been completed and is a low investment, high return project that utilizes the existing bridge overpass; and

WHEREAS, the next steps are acquiring right-of-way, final design, and construction; and

WHEREAS, construction of the interchange at County Road 140 will mitigate current and future congestion in the region; and

WHEREAS, the Southwest Chaska Master Plan, which was approved in 2013 by the City of Chaska and Met Council, relies upon the interchange to boost economic development in the area by providing accessible land for industrial development that would ultimately attract over 4,000 additional jobs to the region; and

WHEREAS, the westward expansion of US Highway 212 and construction of an Interchange at County Road 140 has been a partnership of greater Minnesota and local jurisdictions in the Southwest Metro Area; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City Council of the City of Granite Falls hereby supports the submittal of House Bill #80 including holding a hearing to consider thereof, which appropriates \$20,000,000 to expand US Highway 212 to the west and \$8,000,000 to build the interchange at County Road 140.

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

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

Schaub introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption approving support for application to include County Road 140 interchange in the Capital Bonding Bill for 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-25

A RESOLUTION APPROVING SUPPORT FOR APPLICATION TO INCLUDE COUNTY ROAD 140 INTERCHANGE IN GOVERNOR'S CAPITAL BONDING BILL FOR 2015

WHEREAS, US Highway 212 needs to be improved in Carver County in order to maintain its importance as a freight and commerce route connecting to the freeway system to Greater Minnesota, to stimulate economic growth, to ease current and future traffic congestion, and to reduce its high fatal and serious injury crash rate; and

WHEREAS, a critical component of the improvements needed along the US Highway 212 corridor is an interchange at County Road 140;

WHEREAS, the interchange has been awarded Planning Approval and Warrant Analysis Approval from both MnDOT and the Met Council; and

WHEREAS, the Preliminary Design of the County Road 140 interchange has also been completed and is a low investment, high return project that utilizes the existing bridge overpass; and

WHEREAS, the next steps are acquiring right-of-way, final design, and construction; and

WHEREAS, construction of the interchange at County Road 140 will mitigate current and future congestion in the region; and

WHEREAS, the Southwest Chaska Master Plan, which was approved in 2013 by the City of Chaska and Met Council, relies upon the interchange to boost economic development in the area by providing accessible land for industrial development that would ultimately attract over 4,000 additional jobs and \$100s of millions of dollars in private investment to the region; and

WHEREAS, the westward expansion of US Highway 212 and construction of an Interchange at County Road 140 has been a partnership of greater Minnesota and local jurisdictions in the Southwest Metro Area in improve transportation within the corridor and boost commerce throughout the State; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City Council of the City of Chaska hereby supports the submittal of the interchange at County Road 140 project in the Governor's 2015 Capital Bonding Bill.

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

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS: City staff met with Ron LaFond from Stantec and City Engineer Berryman to discuss the scope of the WWTP project in light of the infiltration & inflow work that the city has and will be completing along with the new Sanitary Sewer Lift Station. Following discussions at this meeting it was recommended that the scope of Phase 1 Improvement may be changed and therefore it is recommended that further action relative to these improvements be tabled until the I & I work is completed and the new Sanitary Sewer Lift Station is online.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Smiglewski opened a duly advertised public hearing at 8:10 p.m. to consider the abatement of assessments on Chippewa County Parcel No 40-150-0410 and reassessment of these assessments to Chippewa County Parcel No. 40-150—0415. Mayor Smiglewski closed the hearing at 8:12 p.m.

Following the public hearing Galow introduced a resolution and moved its adoption abating the special assessments on Chippewa County Parcel No 40-150-0410 and to reassess these assessments to Chippewa County Parcel No. 40-150—0415.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-26

RESOLUTION ABATING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND
REASSESSMENT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 07-210 council adopted the special assessments relative to the 2007 Street & Utility Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the assessments for the improvements on Lincoln Street from TH 212 to East Park Street were assessed to the correct property owner; however, the incorrect parcel number was used; and

WHEREAS, it has been requested that council abate the assessments on Chippewa County Parcel No. 40-150-0410 and reassess them to Chippewa County Parcel No. 40-150—0415.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, abating the special assessments assessed against Chippewa County Parcel No. 40-150-0410 and reassessing these assessments to Chippewa County Parcel No. 40-150-0415.

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

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

VOLSTEAD HOUSE: Following discussion, Fagnano introduced a resolution and moved its adoption declaring the desk at the Volstead House as excess and offering it for sale.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-27

RESOLUTION DECLARING CITY OWNED PROPERTY AS SURPLUS
AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAME

WHEREAS, the City Code authorizes that excess personal property, when no longer needed for a municipal purpose, shall be declared surplus and disposed of in the manner stated therein; and

WHEREAS, the city has determined that a desk donated to the city located at the Volstead House is no longer needed and should be declared surplus property; and

WHEREAS, the city has recommended that the desk at the Volstead House be advertised for sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, declaring the desk located at the Volstead House as surplus property and authorizing the sale of same.

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

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

MEMORIAL PARK MASTER PLAN: Staff advised council that the first meeting of the Memorial Park Task Force will meet on March 25th at City Hall.

TURBINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT: Council reviewed an update and correspondence relative to the Turbine Replacement Project. A conference call with the contractor will be scheduled once the test results of the dust have been received from American Testing.

SANITARY SEWER LIFT STATION: Council also reviewed an update relative to the Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Project. Staff advised council that the final completion date is set for September 30, 2015.

PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE: Council reviewed a project update relative to the Pedestrian Bridge. Staff also advised council that following discussions with the State Revisors Office it was determined that a reauthorization of the city's appropriation of state bonding dollars would not be necessary.

SENIOR CENTER: Staff advised council that when the lighting for the Senior Center arrived approximately half of them were damaged. The remaining ones will be installed and when the damaged lights are replaced this project can be completed.

INTERSECTION OF 212 AND 23: Council reviewed an email received from MnDOT regarding the Emergency Vehicle Preemption (EVP) in the intersection of Highway 212 and 23. It was learned that installation of the EVP will take place when the upgrade to the intersection is included in the ADA improvements sometime in the future.

ADJOURN: M/S/P SCHAUB/PETERSON TO ADJOURN at 8:34 p.m.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

BILLS PAID:

Total 2XL CORPORATION:	120.50
Total ADVOCATE-TRIBUNE:	1,447.95
Total AFFILIATED MED CENTER:	177.85
Total ALEX AIR APPARATUS:	305.58
Total ALPHA WIRELESS:	272.00
Total ARNESON DISTRIBUTING INC.:	291.50
Total ARTISAN BEER COMPANY:	41.25
Total BARR ENGINEERING CO.:	3,347.09
Total BEVERAGE WHOLESALERS INC:	245.65
Total BLUE, RUSS:	18.71
Total BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY:	740.51
Total BRANESS PEST CONTROL SERVICE:	170.00
Total CENTURYLINK:	207.70
Total CG AUTOMATED SOLUTIONS USA INC:	2,801.32
Total CITIZENS ALLIANCE BANK:	263.01
Total CNH CAPITAL:	59.11
Total COCARD:	143.98
Total COLLECTION BUREAU:	20.48
Total CROWLEY, JIM:	25.00
Total DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP:	225.72
Total DAN'S SHOP INC:	9.61
Total DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES:	20,578.98
Total EXCEL OVERHEAD DOOR:	92.00
Total FERGUSON WATERWORKS SUPPLY:	3,030.65
Total FIRST ADVANTAGE LNS SCREENING SOLUTIONS:	37.00
Total G & K SERVICES:	83.92
Total GEMPLER'S:	175.20
Total GOPHER STATE ONE-CALL:	4.35
Total HALDEMAN-HOMME INC:	190.00
Total HAWKINS INC:	777.68
Total HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS:	60.10
Total HILLYARD-HUTCHINSON:	82.65
Total HOERNEMANN, PAUL:	255.00
Total JOHNSON BROS WHOLESALE LIQUOR:	3,121.64
Total KOTEK, NICOLLE:	80.00
Total KRANITZ, FRANK:	200.00
Total LEE MAR RANCH EQUINE CENTER:	1,000.00
Total LIGHT FUND:	23,587.79
Total LOCHER BROTHERS:	8,085.75
Total LS ENGINEERS:	10,240.00
Total MADISON BOTTLING CO.:	8,109.33
Total MARCO:	323.18
Total MARTIN TRUCKING:	234.20
Total MERCURY PAYMENT SYSTEMS:	1,460.44
Total MEYER'S REPAIR & TOWING INC:	260.05
Total MINNEAPOLIS, CITY OF:	204.00
Total MINNESOTA LIFE:	1.14
Total MINNESOTA VALLEY TECH. INC:	297.90
Total MN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:	23.00
Total MN DEPT OF HEALTH-WATER:	1,963.00
Total MN DEPT OF REVENUE:	25,481.00
Total MN DPT OF ADMINISTRATION:	46.96
Total MN DPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY:	100.00

Total MN NCPERS-496000:	80.00
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Total MN POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY:	400.00
Total MN PUBLIC TRANSIT ASSOCIATION:	265.00
Total MN RURAL WATER ASSN:	250.00
Total MN VALLEY TESTING LAB INC.:	257.00
Total MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES:	116.96
Total NIELSEN, BETSY:	80.00
Total OFFICE DEPOT:	191.77
Total OFFICE PEEPS:	278.89
Total PAUSTIS & SONS:	880.00
Total PETERSEN, JODI:	402.50
Total PHILLIPS WINE & SPIRITS CO.:	2,872.05
Total POSTMASTER:	1,600.00
Total RODEBERG & BERRYMAN INC.:	19,358.96
Total SIOUX VALLEY WIRELESS:	19.95
Total SVOBODNY, JENNIFER:	60.00
Total SW-WC SERVICE COOPERATIVES:	34,428.00
Total TDS MEDIA DIRECT INC:	125.00
Total TJOSVOLD EQUIPMENT INC:	429.30
Total UNIFORMS UNLIMITED:	142.60
Total VANCO SERVICES:	37.75
Total VERIZON WIRELESS:	3,502.21
Total WATER CONSERVATION SERVICE INC:	1,166.75
Total WBM WINE & SPIRITS:	4,938.38
Total WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING & ASSC.:	1,011.00
Total WINE MERCHANTS:	240.00
Total YELLOW MEDICINE CO HWY DEPT:	1,856.00
Total YME AFTER PROM:	100.00
Total ZEP:	119.33
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Grand Totals:	196,330.83
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