

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
MAY 4, 2015

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Vice President Steve Schaub at 7:30 p.m., Monday, May 4th, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: DuWayne Galow, Sarina Otaibi, Steve Nordaune, Joe Fagnano and Scott Peterson. Council Member absent: David Smiglewski. Staff present: Finance Director Michael Betker and City Clerk Joan Taylor. Also in attendance were EDA Director Justin Bentaas, Mary Gillespie and Advocate News Reporter Scott Tedrick.

MINUTES: M/S NORDAUNE/PETERSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 20TH REGULAR MEETING. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

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

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Chamber Director Mary Gillespie was in attendance to request council approval for the use of Linde Plaza and the plaza south of the KK Berge Building for the Wednesday Farmer's Market and to extend the time of the market from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Following discussion M/S PETERSON/GALOW TO ALLOW THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO USE LINDE PLAZA AND THE PLAZA SOUTH OF THE KK BERGE BUILDING FOR THE FARMERS MARKET. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

WHITEWATER RAFTING: Justin Bentaas was in attendance requesting support for a grant application to the Legislative Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources for financing of a Feasibility Study of whitewater rafting here in Granite Falls. Following discussion Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption supporting the grant application to the Legislative Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-60

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR
FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR WHITEWATER RAFTING

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA supporting a grant application to the Legislative Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources for financing of a Feasibility Study on whitewater rafting here in Granite Falls.

Adopted by the City Council this 4th day of May, 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, Fire Department, Kilowatt Community Center Board, Planning Commission, Public Works and Utilities Commission.

LIQUID CO₂: As no quotes were received for the purchase of Liquid CO₂ for the Water Treatment Plant, Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to again solicit quotes for the purchase of Liquid CO₂.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-61

RESOLUTION SOLICITING QUOTES FOR
PURCHASE OF LIQUID CARBON DIOXIDE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 15-57 council called for quotes for the purchase and delivery of liquid carbon dioxide for the Water Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, no quotes were received at that time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, soliciting quotes for the purchase and delivery of liquid carbon dioxide, with quotes to be received no later than 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 14th to be considered by council at its May 18th meeting.

Adopted by the City Council this 4th day of May, 2015.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

DISEASED ELM TREE PROGRAM: The following bids were received for the 2015 Diseased Elm Tree Removal Program.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Per-Inch Bid</u>	<u>Additional Stump Grinding Bid</u>
Brian's Tree Service, Cottonwood	\$20.89	\$6.19
Carr's Tree Service, Ottertail, MN	\$26.75	\$4.75

Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption accepting the quote received from Brian's Tree Service in the amount of \$20.89 per inch for tree removal and \$6.19 for stump grinding for the 2015 Diseased Elm Tree Removal Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-62

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING QUOTE FOR
REMOVAL OF DISEASED ELM TREES – 2015

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 15-44, council called for bids for the removal of diseased Dutch Elm trees for the 2015 growing season; and

WHEREAS, the following quotes were received for the removal of diseased elm trees.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Per-Inch Bid</u>	<u>Additional Stump Grinding Bid</u>
Brian's Tree Service, Cottonwood	\$20.89	\$6.19
Carr's Tree Service, Ottertail, MN	\$26.75	\$4.75

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, accepting the quote received from Brian's Tree Service in the amount of \$20.89 per diameter inch and \$6.19 per diameter inch for any additional stump grinding on city-owned property for the 2015 Disease Elm Tree Removal Program.

Adopted by the City Council this 4th day of May, 2015.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

VOLSTEAD HOUSE: One bid was received from Barn Restoration Specialist Corp. in the amount of \$150,000 to complete the repairs to the foundation of the Volstead House foundation. Following discussion Fagnano introduced a resolution and

moved its adoption accepting the bid received from Barn Restoration Specialist Corp. to complete these repairs.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-63

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID FOR
VOLSTEAD HOUSE FOUNDATION REPAIRS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 15-46 the city called for bids for repairs to the Volstead House foundation; and

WHEREAS, a bid was received from Barn Restoration Specialist Corp. in the amount of \$150,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, accepting the bid received from Barn Restoration Specialist Corp. in the amount of \$150,000 to complete the repairs to the foundation of the Volstead House.

Adopted by the City Council this 4th day of May, 2015.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

AIRPORT: The following bids were received for the painting of the airport fuel tank and associated equipment along with 50 yellow bumper posts.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid</u>
George Slack, Alexandria, MN	\$2,500
B & L Utility Maintenance, South Haven, MN	\$7,803

Following discussion Galow introduced a resolution and moved its adoption accepting the bid received from George Slack for the painting of the airport fuel tank, equipment and the yellow bumper posts.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-64

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING QUOTE FOR PAINTING OF AIRPORT FUEL TANK,
ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT AND YELLOW BUMPER POSTS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 15-59 council called for quotes for the painting of the airport fuel tank, associated equipment and 60 yellow bumper posts; and

WHEREAS, the following quotes were received:

George Slack, Alexandria, MN	\$2,500
B & L Utility Maintenance, South Haven, MN	\$7,803

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, accepting the quote submitted by George Slack in the amount of \$2,500 to paint the airport fuel tank, associated equipment and 60 yellow bumper posts.

Adopted by the City Council this 4th day of May, 2015.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

LEGISLATURE: Galow introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption in support of SF1636 which proposes changes to the way electric generation property is valued for purposes of local taxation.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-65

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CHANGE IN ELECTRIC GENERATION TAXATION
SF1636

WHEREAS, the NSP-M Min is located in the City of Granite Falls; and

WHEREAS, the current valuation of the energy producing equipment (the "Equipment") of the Facility significantly contributes to the tax base of the City; and

WHEREAS, the valuation of this Equipment varies according to its upgrade and depreciation schedule; and

WHEREAS, SF 1636 is pending in the 2015 Legislature which would change the taxation of the Facility, eliminate the personal property tax on the Equipment, and replace it with a new method of determining market value based on energy capacity, energy production, and spent nuclear fuel storage; and

WHEREAS, the bill provides a more stable tax base over time, eliminating the volatility caused by the upgrade/depreciation cycle; and

WHEREAS, for those cities whose tax base decreases as a result of the new energy tax base valuation, the state provides transition aid to hold local property taxpayers harmless; and

WHEREAS, the bill provides for an increase in value over time based on increases in the retail price of electricity (the "Rate Adjustment"); and

WHEREAS, transition aid will continue until such time as the electric generation machinery tax base exceeds the 2015 taxable value of electric generation equipment (the "Transition Aid");

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESTOA, supporting the change in electric generation taxation as articulated in SF1636 (Sen. Skoe), provided the legislation continues to include the Rate Adjustment and the Transition Aid.

Adopted by the City Council this 4th day of May, 2015.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

AIRPORT: A quote was received from Blueglobes LLC in the amount of \$2,012.50 for the purchase of 45 taxiway reflective markers for the airport. Following discussion

Peterson introduced a resolution and moved its adoption accepting the bid received from Blueglobes LLC for the purchase of these reflectors for the new apron and taxiway to the north at the airport.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-66

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING QUOTE FOR PURCHASE OF
AIRPORT REFLECTORS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 15-59 council called for quotes for the purchase of new reflective markers for the new apron and taxiway to the north at the airport

WHEREAS, a quote was received from Blueglobes, LLC in the amount of \$2,012.50 for the purchase of 45 Flexstake taxiway reflective markers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, accepting the quote submitted by Blueglobes LLC in the amount of \$2,012.50 for the purchase of 45 taxiway reflective markers.

Adopted by the City Council this 4th day of May, 2015.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

RDC: Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption authorizing execution of a contract with the Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission in an amount not to exceed \$5,200 to provide Davis Bacon prevailing wage monitoring services to the city for the Volstead House Foundation Repairs Project.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-67

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT FOR FISCAL AGENT SERVICES FOR VOLSTEAD HOUSE REPAIRS

WHEREAS, the Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission has submitted a proposal to provide Davis Bacon prevailing wage monitoring services to the city for the Volstead House Foundation Repairs in an amount of \$65 per hour plus mileage, copy charges and miscellaneous expenses for a total fee not to exceed \$5,200.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, authorizing execution of a contract with Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission in an amount not to exceed \$5,200 to provide Davis Bacon prevailing wage monitoring services to the city for the Volstead House Foundation Repairs Project.

Adopted by the City Council this 4th day of May, 2015.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

TURBINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT: Following discussion relative to a proposal discussed during a conference call with Robert L. Carr Company it was the consensus of council to split the cost of cleaning the electrical generation equipment 50/50 with the contractor.

MEMORIAL PARK TASK FORCE: Council was advised that an open house has been scheduled for Thursday, May 21st from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall lobby to provide the public an opportunity to view the future plans for Memorial Park.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT SITE RESTORATION: Council reviewed an update relative to the Water Treatment Plant Site Restoration Project.

SANITARY SEWER LIFT STATION: Council discussed the update received from Stantec relative to the Sanitary Sewer Lift Station.

PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE: An update regarding the progress on the Pedestrian Bridge was discussed by council. The sandblasting and painting is now scheduled for May 25th and June 12th.

MEMORIAL PARK TRAIL: Council reviewed a letter and drawing received from City Engineer Berryman regarding repairs to the trail in Memorial Park. Staff is still awaiting a response regarding these repairs from the CAPX 2020 land agent.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: M/S NORDAUNE/PETERSON TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE TO THE RESPECTIVE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Joe Fagnano	Pioneerland Library System Board
Jean Fagnano	Library Board

Motion carried unanimously by those present.

LIQUOR SALE HOURS: Council discussed the possibility of amending the city ordinance to allow for liquor sales to extend to 2:00 a.m. It was the consensus of council to have

City Attorney Holmstrom draft an amended ordinance which would allow for 2:00 a.m. closing for review by council at its next meeting.

ADJOURN: M/S/P NORDAUNE/GALOW TO ADJOURN at 8:10 p.m.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

BILLS PAID:

Total 101 DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES INC:	4,194.07
Total 2XL CORPORATION:	120.36
Total ADVOCATE-TRIBUNE:	1,529.53
Total ALPHA WIRELESS:	38.80
Total ARNESON DISTRIBUTING INC.:	394.00
Total ARTIC GLACIER INC:	73.00
Total AUS FLOORS & MORE:	306.50
Total BARR ENGINEERING CO.:	5,154.74
Total BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY:	911.75
Total BRIAN'S TREE SERVICE:	595.00
Total BROTHERS FIRE PROTECTION CO:	225.00
Total CENTURYLINK:	207.08
Total CENTURYLINK-PHOENIX:	17.02
Total CHIPPEWA COUNTY:	14,514.97
Total CITIZENS ALLIANCE BANK:	30.00
Total CNH CAPITAL:	17.94
Total COCARD:	106.48
Total CORPORATE MECHANICAL:	1,484.71
Total DAN'S SHOP INC:	24.90
Total DAVE'S ELECTRIC MOTOR CO:	194.65
Total DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES:	20,578.98
Total ENERGY SAVING SERVICES INC:	8,424.10
Total FARM & HOME PUBLISHERSLTD:	130.80
Total FASTENAL COMPANY:	73.56
Total FINKEN, JIM:	75.00
Total G & K SERVICES:	170.01
Total GOPHER STATE ONE-CALL:	59.45
Total GRANITE FALLS AUTO PARTS:	1,716.21
Total GRANITE FALLS CONSTRUCTION CO:	365.00
Total GRANITE TRUE VALUE:	1,544.91
Total HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS:	94.38
Total HILLYARD-HUTCHINSON:	32.98
Total HITESMAN & WOLD:	577.00
Total HOERNEMANN, PAUL:	255.00
Total HOLMSTROM & KVAM:	911.35
Total IRBY:	140.94
Total JOHNSON BROS WHOLESALE LIQUOR:	3,489.21
Total KOTEK, NICOLLE:	80.00
Total KRANITZ, FRANK:	200.00
Total LEE'S AUTO & DIESEL:	25.00
Total LIGHT FUND:	30,759.66

Total LOCHER BROTHERS:	8,689.00
Total MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT INC.:	1,124.47
Total MADISON BOTTLING CO.:	8,602.53
Total MADISON NATIONAL LIFE:	298.40
Total MARCO:	271.64
Total MAY, JONATHAN:	73.75
Total MEIER ELECTRIC INC:	489.34
Total MERCURY PAYMENT SYSTEMS:	1,725.91
Total MINNESOTA LIFE:	1.14
Total MN DEPT OF REVENUE:	23,235.00
Total MN MUNICIPAL BEVERAGE ASSOC.:	530.00
Total MN NCPERS-496000:	80.00
Total MN VALLEY COOPERATIVE:	1,311.85

Total MN VALLEY TESTING LAB INC.:	469.50
Total MOSS & BARNETT:	886.50
Total MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES:	19.98
Total MVTV:	362.70
Total NIELSEN, BETSY:	60.00
Total OFFICE DEPOT:	144.28
Total OFFICE PEEPS:	162.63
Total PETERSEN, JODI:	402.50
Total PHILLIPS WINE & SPIRITS CO.:	2,271.17
Total POSTMASTER:	800.00
Total RODEBERG & BERRYMAN INC.:	16,326.23
Total RYER PLUMBING & HEATING:	732.17
Total SCHROEDER, ROSE MARY:	14.09
Total SIOUX VALLEY WIRELESS:	19.95
Total SVOBODNY, JENNIFER:	60.00
Total SW-WC SERVICE COOPERATIVES:	31,648.00
Total T.A. LAURITSEN SEPTIC & DRAIN:	175.00
Total TIMM, DEREK:	390.00
Total TJOSVOLD EQUIPMENT INC:	59.98
Total TOSTENSON SEPTIC LLC:	251.05
Total UPS:	13.08
Total VANCO SERVICES:	40.50
Total WBM WINE & SPIRITS:	2,509.90
Total WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING & ASSC.:	9,755.93
Total WILLIE'S KORNER STORE:	317.31
Total YELLOW MEDICINE CO. AUDITOR:	4,571.52

Grand Totals:	218,741.04
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