

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR SESSION  
OCTOBER 21, 2019

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor Smiglewski at 7:00 p.m., Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: Steve Nordaune, Brad Peterson, Joe Fagnano and Scott Peterson. Council Member absent: DuWayne Galow. Staff present: City Manager Crystal Johnson, Finance Director Neal Carstensen and City Clerk Joan Taylor. Also in attendance were Hospital CEO Tom Kooiman, Mary Gillespie and Tamara Isfeld, Assistant Police Chief Mitch Brovold, Janine Anderson along with area residents, by phone were Aaron Dobosenski and Darin Haslip and Advocate Tribune News Editor Kyle Klausing.

CONSENT AGENDA: M/S/P NORDAUNE/B. PETERSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: Minutes, Bills, Finance Report, Police Chief's Report and Meetings & Events.

ARTS COUNCIL: Mary Gillespie and Tamara Isfeld were in attendance to request a Letter of Support for the Art Council's grant application to the Artist on Main Street Program. Following discussion M/S NORDAUNE/S. PETERSON AUTHORIZING A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE GRANT APPLICATION OF THE ART'S COUNCIL. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

REPORT: The Planning Commission report and Street Committee report were acknowledged at this time.

REASSESSMENT: Following discussion concerning reassessing of special assessments on property located at 215 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, it was the consensus of council to resend a second letter to the property owner.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER: Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption authorizing execution of the School Resource Officer Agreement between the Yellow Medicine East School District and the city for a period of three years.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-164

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF  
SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AGREEMENT

(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

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

ELECTION: As mandated by the Secretary of State's office, Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption designating the polling places for the 2020 elections as the Kilowatt Community Center and City Hall.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-165

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING POLLING PLACES

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT: Pursuant to Resolution No. 19-153 council authorized the sale of the Fire Department's old grass rig. The one bid received was from the Wood Lake Fire Department in the amount of \$1,000. Following discussion, Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption accepting the bid received from the Wood Lake Fire Department for the sale of the grass rig.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-166

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID FOR SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

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

DEPT. OF HEALTH GRANT: Pursuant to Resolution 19-119 council authorized submittal of a Department of Health Grant to complete the fencing project at the city's well site. It has been suggested that the grant application be amended to include a hydrant. Following discussion, B. Peterson introduced a resolution and moved its adoption amending Resolution 19-119 to include the extra equipment as suggested.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-167

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 19-119  
SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATION  
TO THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Mayor Smiglewski opened a duly advertised public hearing at 7:16 p.m. to consider property located at 1507 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Following discussion with the owner of the property and area residents, Mayor Smiglewski closed the hearing at 7:50 p.m. At the close of the public hearing it was council consensus that the home owner must submit quotes from licensed contractors for electrical work, plumbing work and a general contract to finish the work on this structure and a time line for completion.

**HOSPITAL:** Hospital CEO Tom Kooiman and by phone attorney Aaron Dobosenski were in attendance to request council authorization to reclassify the USDA loan for the Nursing Home. Following discussion, Fagnano introduced a resolution and moved its adoption authorizing the reclassification of the USDA loan as requested.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-168**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACTION TO SEEK USDA LOAN RECLASSIFICATION AND  
NEGOTIATE USDA LOAN AMENDMENTS**

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

**MEMORIAL PARK:** Staff updated council concerning Phase 1 improvements to Memorial Park.

**FLOOD DAMAGE:** Staff is still working with FEMA relative to the 2019 high water damage.

**STREET IMPROVEMENTS:** Council was also updated relative to the 2019 Street/Utility Improvement Projects and Barber Circle/Daniels Drive Project.

**GREATER MN TRANSPORTATION GRANT:** Council reviewed the proposed project for a possible grant application to the Minnesota Department of Transportation. The proposed project is trail improvements along County Road 5 to Oak Street. Following discussion it was the consensus of council to approve Option A using the old County Road 5.

Also following discussion Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption approving the submittal of a Letter of Intent to apply for this grant, agree with the 20% local match and to commit to paying any ineligible costs for the project.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-169**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LETTER OF INTENT FOR  
GREATER MINNESOTA TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SOLICITATION GRANT**

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

B. Peterson also introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption agreeing to maintain the trail once completed.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-170

RESOLUTION AGREEING TO MAINTENANCE OF TRAIL  
UPON ACCEPTANCE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES GRANT

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

AIRPORT: Council was reminded of the DEED Airport Grant the city will be submitting for construction of the T-Hangar Project at the Airport.

FIRE RELIEF FUND: Council was advised that the Fire Relief Fund wants to purchase a 6-wheeler which will allow them to cover area where the grass rig is not the best option. Once purchased, they will be donating this equipment to the city.

HIGHWAY 23/212: Staff advised council that MnDOT has asked that the rock garden at the corner of Highway 212 and 23 be removed to allow for the reconstruction of this intersection.

ADJOURN: M/S/P NORDAUNE/S. PETERSON TO ADJOURN AT 8:20 p.m.

David Smiglewski  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor  
City Clerk