

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 21st 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 9th 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

WHEREAS, Yellow Medicine School District and the Police Department would like to enter into an agreement for a School Resource Officer for three years beginning September 3, 2019 and ending the 30th day of August, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the school district will reimburse the city 69% of the costs for the School Resource Officer during the school term.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, authorizing execution of the School Resource Officer Agreement between the city and the Yellow Medicine County School District.

Adopted by the City Council this 21st day of October, 2019.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 204B.16 Subd. 1 was amended by the Minnesota Legislature during the 2017 session; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 204B.16, Subd. 1, provides that each year all municipalities must designate the polling place to be used during that year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, designating the polling places to be used in the 2020 election year as follows:

Medicine County Polling Place – Kilowatt Community Center
WARD 1 – Yellow
500 Kilowatt Drive

County Polling Place –
WARD 2 – Chippewa
City Hall
641 Prentice Street

Adopted the by the City Council this 21st day of October, 2019.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 19-153 council declared the Fire Department's grass rig as surplus and authorized its sale; and

WHEREAS, only one bid was received and that was from the Wood Lake Fire Department in the amount of \$1,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, accepting the bid received from the Wood Lake Fire Department the amount of \$1,000 for the sale of this equipment.

Adopted by the City Council this 21st day of October, 2019.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

WHEREAS, Water Treatment Plant Superintendent is in the process of completing a Source Water Protection Competitive Grant application for assistance with completion of the fencing project at the City's wells; and

WHEREAS, if the application is accepted there is a 50/50 split of the grant award from the city.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, approving submittal of the Source Water Protection Competitive Grant application to complete the fencing project at the city's well sites.

Adopted by the City Council this 21st day of October, 2019.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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 8th 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

WHEREAS, the City of Granite Falls, Minnesota (“City”) is exploring entering into an affiliate agreement with Avera Health, a South Dakota nonprofit corporation (“Avera”) through which the City will lease all of the City’s health care related real estate, buildings and fixtures, including its hospital and nursing home, and assign all of the health care system’s personal property, contracts and supplies, to a newly incorporated nonprofit subsidiary of Avera; and

WHEREAS, the City currently has outstanding loans held by the United States Department of Agriculture (“USDA”) in the form of three, 40-year bonds (each individually as a “Loan” and collectively as the “Loans”), each with essentially identical terms: (a) City of Granite Falls, Minnesota \$7,500,000 General Obligation Taxable Nursing Home Revenue Bond of 2016C October 18, 2016, (b) City of Granite Falls, Minnesota \$3,233,000 General Obligation Taxable Nursing Home Revenue Bond of 2016D October 18, 2016 and (c) City of Granite Falls, Minnesota \$600,000 General Obligation Taxable Nursing Home Revenue Bond of 2016E October 18, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the City’s plan to lease its health care facilities to Avera would cause the USDA, pursuant to 7 C.F.R. § 1951.224, to require the City to reclassify the Loans to non-program loans; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to continue its efforts to enter into an affiliate agreement with Avera.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA AS FOLLOWS:

RESOLVED, that Tom Kooiman, Chief Executive Officer of Granite Falls Health, be authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the USDA in the name and on behalf of the City, directly or by or through such attorneys as Tom Kooiman may designate or appoint, such documents as may be necessary to reclassify the Loans to non-program loans.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Tom Kooiman be authorized and directed to enter into negotiations with the USDA in the name and on behalf of the City, directly or by or through such attorneys as Tom Kooiman may designate or appoint, to amend the Loan agreements.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the City Council of Granite Falls hereby ratifies, confirms and approves all actions taken by Tom Kooiman, Tom Kooiman’s designated or appointed attorneys and other representatives of the City prior to the date hereof in furtherance of the foregoing resolutions.

Adopted by the City Council this 21st day of October, 2019

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation is conducting a solicitation for Transportation Alternatives (TA) projects; and

WHEREAS, the TA funding is available through a solicitation for project construction in fiscal year 2024; and

WHEREAS, the TA funding requires a 20% local match and the city must guarantee payment of all ineligible costs of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, authorizing submittal of a Letter of Intent for this grant solicitation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the city will secure and guarantee the local share and agrees to pay all ineligible costs of the proposed project.

Adopted by the City Council this 21st day of October, 2019.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 19-169 council authorized submittal of a Letter of Intent to submit a grant application to the Minnesota Department of Transportation Alternatives projects; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation has determined that for projects implemented with alternative funds, the city must agree to operate and maintain facilities constructed with the grant funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, that should the city be successful in receiving a grant from the Minnesota Department of Transportation Alternatives, the city hereby assumes full responsibility for the operation and maintenance of property and facilities related to the aforementioned transportation alternatives project.

Adopted by the City Council this 21st day of October, 2019.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

BILLS PAID:

Total ADVOCATE-TRIBUNE:	633.00
Total ALMICH'S MARKET:	34.25
Total AMARIL UNIFORM CO:	110.55
Total ANDERSON, CATHY:	683.82
Total ANDERSON, CHRIS:	317.25
Total AUS FLOORS & MORE:	3,828.95
Total AUS, NANCY:	100.00
Total BEVERAGE WHOLESALERS:	598.20
Total BISBEE PLUMBING & HEATING:	5,571.56
Total BOEMER, LYNDSEE:	25.05
Total BOLTON & MENK INC:	3,600.00
Total BOND TRUST SERVICES CORP:	58,671.25
Total BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY:	27.42
Total BRANESS PEST CONTROL SERVICE:	255.00
Total BREAKTHRU BEVERAGE:	4,432.53
Total CENEX CREDIT CARD:	140.32

Total CENTRAL MN MUNICIPAL POWER:	130,149.13
Total CENTURYLINK:	1,918.78
Total CHAPPELL CENTRAL:	185.80
Total CINTAS:	183.24
Total CITIZENS ALLIANCE BANK:	5,352.85
Total CNH CAPITAL:	39.92
Total CREATIVE FORMS & CONCEPT:	148.72
Total DAVE'S ELECTRIC MOTOR CO LLC:	691.14
Total DAVID DROWN ASSOCIATES INC:	400.00
Total DITCH WITCH OF SOUTH DAKOTA:	338.69
Total EAGLE ENGRAVING INC:	34.40
Total ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSC OF MN:	295.00
Total FINKEN, JIM:	526.63
Total FLAHERTY & HOOD P.A.:	1,123.75
Total GOPHER:	92.19
Total GRAINGER INC, WW:	77.67
Total GRANITE FALLS BANK:	4,071.72
Total GRANITE FALLS CONSTRUCTION CO:	105.81
Total GRANITE FALLS, CITY OF:	26,242.27
Total GRANITE HARDWARE:	58.98
Total GRAYMONT CAPITAL INC:	4,624.70
Total GREAT PLAINS GAS CO.:	1,745.74
Total HAWKINS INC:	1,250.41
Total HOERNEMANN, PAUL:	50.00
Total HOLMSTROM & KVAM PLLP:	16,525.07
Total JOHNSON BROS WHOLESALE LIQUOR:	5,090.31
Total JOHNSON, CRYSTAL:	126.44
Total JT SERVICES:	1,579.59
Total K M FIRE PUMP SPECIALISTS:	650.90
Total KEELER-AUS, RAE ANN:	800.00
Total KIWANIS CLUB:	100.00
Total LEE'S AUTO & DIESEL:	308.00
Total LIGHT FUND:	3.95
Total LOCHER BROTHERS:	7,457.80
Total MADISON BOTTLING CO.:	4,730.88
Total MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC:	577.91
Total MARTIN MARIETTA AGGREGATES:	463.43
Total MARTIN TRUCKING:	273.40
Total MCGRANN SHEA CARNIVAL STRAUGHN:	1,170.00
Total MEDIACOM:	69.61
Total MINNESOTA PUMP WORKS:	560.00
Total MINNESOTA VALLEY TECH. INC:	52.20
Total MN DPT OF LABOR & INDUSTRY:	20.00
Total MN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES ASSN:	4,713.87
Total MN SECRETARY OF STATE-NOTARY:	240.00
Total MN VALLEY COOPERATIVE:	1,235.24
Total MN VALLEY TESTING LAB INC.:	200.00
Total OFFICE DEPOT:	150.60
Total OFFICE PEEPS:	3.00
Total PHILLIPS WINE & SPIRITS CO.:	1,568.10
Total PIONEERLAND LIBRARY SYSTEM:	23,332.18
Total REMINGTON RIDGE:	80.00
Total SAWMILL, THE:	209.02
Total SHRED-IT USA:	126.31
Total SMITH, DENNIS:	150.23
Total SOUTHERN WINE & SPIRITS OF MN:	4,697.90
Total T.A. LAURITSEN SEPTIC & DRAIN:	650.00
Total TIMM, DEREK:	3,442.50
Total UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY:	2,122.50
Total UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA:	45.00
Total UPS:	69.90
Total VERIZON WIRELESS:	7,289.43

Total VIKING COCA-COLA BOTTLING CO.:	372.55
Total WEST CENTRAL SANITATION:	635.44
Total WILLMAR FORKLIFT INC:	135.00
Total WINE MERCHANTS:	250.00
Total XEROX CORPORATION:	29.23
Total ZUMHOFE, STEVEN K.:	120.00
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Grand Totals:	351,164.18
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