

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
FEBRUARY 18, 2020

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Vice President Steve Nordaune at 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 18th in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: DuWayne Galow, Brad Peterson and Scott Peterson. Council Members absent: Mayor Smiglewski, Sharon PaziZea and Joe Fagnano. Staff present: Finance Director Neal Carstensen and City Clerk Joan Taylor. Also in attendance were Chris Kleven and Advocate Tribune News Editor Kyle Klausing.

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

REPORTS: The EDA Board report was acknowledged at this time. Council was advised that the Avera Granite Falls Board meeting minutes will not be shared with council but the hospital will update council a couple times a year on hospital's activities.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT: Following discussion and council's previous questions having been answered, B. Peterson introduced a resolution and moved its adoption accepting the quotes received to upgrade the sequencing batch reactors at the Wastewater Treatment Plant as follows:

Integrated Controls, Inc.	\$22,457
Parkson Corporation	<u>\$ 6,750</u>
Total	\$29,207

And to add a contingency of \$5,000 to cover the costs of an electrician if necessary.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-28

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING QUOTE FOR UPGRADE TO
SEQUENCING BATCH REACTORS – WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 20-1 council called for quotes to upgrade the Wastewater Treatment Plant sequencing batch reactors; and

WHEREAS, Integrated Controls, Inc. will furnish and install the hardware and software for the reactors and Parkson Corporation will provide recommendations to ICI for the control logic and will provide training for the operators; and

WHEREAS, the Utilities Commission is recommending accepting the quotes as follows:

Integrated Controls, Inc.	\$22,457
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Parkson Corporation	<u>\$ 6,750</u>
Total	\$29,207

WHEREAS, it is also recommended to have a contingency cost for an electrician on-call or on-site at the time of installation at a cost of approximately \$5,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, accepting the above quotes as presented to upgrade the Wastewater Treatment Plant sequencing batch reactors.

Adopted by the City Council this 18th day of February, 2020.

Steve Nordaune
Vice President

ATTEST:
Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

CITY CLERK: Staff advised council that Christine Kleven has been offered and has accepted the position of City Clerk to begin her duties on March 3, 2020. Also, the Wage & Salary Committee and Ms. Kleven has agreed on a three-year contract. Following discussion, Galow introduced a resolution and moved its adoption approving the contract between the city and the new City Clerk.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-29

RESOLUTION APPROVING CITY CLERK CONTRACT FOR 2020- 2022

WHEREAS, the Wage and Salary Committee and the City Clerk have reached an agreement for a three-year contract for the years beginning March 3, 2020 and December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, included in the three-year contract, among other items, will be the following hourly salary:

- \$25.93/hr for 2020
- \$27.36/hr for 2021
- \$28.98/hr for 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, approving the three-year contract with the City Clerk and

authorizing the Mayor and the City Manager to execute said contract.

Adopted by the City Council this 18th day of February, 2020.

Steve Nordaune
Vice President

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

CITY HALL: Following discussion, B. Peterson introduced a resolution and moved its adoption calling for bids to replace the City Hall server and the phone system.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-30

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR BIDS FOR
REPLACEMENT OF CITY HALL SERVER AND PHONE SYSTEM

WHEREAS, included in the 2020 Capital Improvements Budget is \$16,500 for the replacement of the City Hall server and phone system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, calling for bids for replacement of the City Hall server and phone system.

Adopted by the City Council this 18th day of February, 2020.

Steve Nordaune
Vice President

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

PUBLIC ACCESS COORDINATOR: Following discussion, S. Peterson introduced a resolution and moved its adoption renewing the contract with Paul Hoernemann to provide public access services for an additional year at \$105 per month.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-31

RESOLUTION RENEWING CONTRACT FOR
PUBLIC ACCESS COORDINATOR SERVICES – 2020

WHEREAS, Paul Hoernemann provided public access coordinator services for city in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Paul Hoernemann has requested renewal of said contract to perform the following services: broadcast of City Council meetings, schedule taped showings, play tapes when scheduled, copy and purchase tapes and edit when necessary at a contract amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$105) per month and an additional Fifty Dollars (\$50) for any requested special meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, renewing the Public Access Coordinator Services Contract for 2020 with Paul Hoernemann in the amount \$105 of per month and an additional \$50 for any special meetings when requested for 2020 as per the terms of said contract.

Adopted by the City Council this 18th day of February, 2020.

Steve Nordaune
Vice President

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

HYDRO PLANT REPAIRS: B. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption supporting funding by the State of Minnesota for the replacement of Hydro-Electric unit #3 and repairs to the Hydro-Electric Plant building.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-32

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FUNDING BY THE STATE OF MINNESOTA FOR THE
REPLACEMENT OF HYDRO-ELECTRIC UNIT NO. 3 AND REPAIRS TO THE HYDRO-
ELECTRIC POWER PLANT BUILDING

WHEREAS, Xcel Energy has retired in place it's Minnesota Valley Generating Station in Granite Falls, and

WHEREAS, the retirement in place of Xcel Energy's power plant has reduced the tax capacity of the city of Granite Falls by over \$6 million, and

WHEREAS, the retirement in place of the Xcel Energy’s power plant is resulting in a \$112,000 reduction of property taxes paid to the city by Xcel Energy, and

WHEREAS, the city of Granite Falls has a municipal electric utility, and

WHEREAS, in response to the significant reduction in taxes paid by the Xcel Energy plant, the city council of Granite Falls has increased the yearly transfer from the city’s Electric Fund to the city’s General Fund by \$100,000, and

WHEREAS, the city of Granite Falls operates a municipal electric utility that includes a hydro-electric plant on the Minnesota River with two recently rehabilitated turbine-powered generators which provides 10-15 percent of the city’s power needs, and

WHEREAS, the hydro-electric plant’s Unit Three is not workable and in need of replacement and, if replaced, could provide an additional 10-15 percent of the city’s power needs (for a total of 20-30 percent) at an estimated cost of \$2.35 million, and

WHEREAS, the additional power gained from replacing turbine /generator Unit 3 will be carbon-free, pollution-free and fuel-free renewable energy, and

WHEREAS, the city’s hydroelectric plant building is in need of an estimated \$400,000 in repairs,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA that the city supports efforts to gain funding from the State of Minnesota for the cost of replacing turbine /generator Unit 3 in the city’s hydro-electric power plant and making imperative structural repairs to the hydro-electric plant building, as provided for in SF3115/HF3335 and in SF3062/HF3020.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

LIBRARY: Galow introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption calling for quotes for the repair or replacement of the outside Library stairs.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-33

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR QUOTES FOR
REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF OUTSIDE STEPS

WHEREAS, the Capital Improvements Budget has funds to complete Library improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, calling for quotes to repair or replace the outside steps at the Library.

Adopted by the City Council this 18th day of February, 2020.

Steve Nordaune
Vice President

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

MEMORIAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS: Staff advised council that bids for Phase II improvements are due on February 27th to be considered by council at its May 3rd meeting. The bids for Phase III will be going out by the end of March.

HYDRO PLANT REPAIRS: Council was advised that the hearing held on Tuesday in front of the Energy Committee in St. Paul went well and the Energy Committee sent the bonding request on to the Finance Committee.

ADJOURN: M/S/P S. PETERSON/B. PETERSON TO ADJOURN at 7:17 p.m.

Steve Nordaune
Vice President

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

BILLS PAID:

Total 101 DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES INC:	22,599.72
Total 2XL CORPORATION:	84.35
Total ADVOCATE-TRIBUNE:	1,206.81
Total ALMICH'S MARKET:	610.39
Total AMERICAN WELDING & GAS INC:	88.01
Total ANDERSON, CHRIS:	389.62
Total ARTIC GLACIER INC:	69.67

Total AUS FLOORS & MORE:	3,009.34
Total AUS, NANCY:	100.00
Total AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS CO:	2,959.00
Total AVERA GRANITE FALLS:	33.21
Total BAKER BROS. CONSTRUCTION INC.:	2,170.00
Total BARBER, JON:	101.06
Total BARR ENGINEERING CO.:	2,744.78
Total BENNETT OFFICE TECHNOLOGIES:	152.06
Total BEVERAGE WHOLESALERS:	207.19
Total BOLTON & MENK INC:	1,800.00
Total BRANESS PEST CONTROL SERVICE:	100.00
Total BREAKTHRU BEVERAGE:	2,413.71
Total CENTRAL MN MUNICIPAL POWER:	107,232.28
Total CENTURYLINK:	1,913.23
Total CINTAS:	129.63
Total CITIZENS ALLIANCE BANK:	5,352.85
Total CNH CAPITAL:	11.28
Total DAKOTA MAILING AND SHIPPING EQUIP.:	1,269.90
Total DAN'S SHOP INC:	2,353.93
Total DAVE'S ELECTRIC MOTOR CO LLC:	229.98
Total DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY:	193.28
Total DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES:	5,772.21
Total DOYLE, TOM:	18.00
Total EHLERS & ASSOCIATES INC.:	3,000.00
Total ETHAN WEBER CONSTRUCTION LLC:	250.00
Total FARMERS COOPERATIVE ELEV. CO.:	155.92
Total FARMERS UNION OIL CO.:	5,747.78
Total FIRST ADVANTAGE:	68.38
Total FJERKENSTAD, NATHAN:	45.29
Total FLAHERTY & HOOD P.A.:	8,644.64
Total GALLS INC.:	259.96
Total GOPHER:	105.18
Total GOPHER STATE ONE-CALL:	4.05
Total GRAINGER INC, WW:	39.29
Total GRANITE FALLS BANK:	4,071.73
Total GRANITE HARDWARE:	297.92
Total GRAYMONT (WI) LLC:	1,888.33
Total GREAT PLAINS GAS CO.:	8,028.39
Total HIGHWAY 23 COALITION:	1,500.00
Total HOERNEMANN, PAUL:	50.00
Total HOLMSTROM & KVAM PLLP:	730.00
Total JOHNSON BROS WHOLESALE LIQUOR:	6,778.38
Total KDMA/KMGH:	97.00
Total LA CONSTRUCTION & DESIGN INC:	378.80
Total LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES:	649.00
Total LEAGUE OF MN CITIES INS TRUST:	67,320.00
Total LINCOLN PIPESTONE RURAL WATER:	44.06
Total LOCATORS & SUPPLIES:	519.95
Total LOCHER BROTHERS:	4,967.00
Total MADISON BOTTLING CO.:	9,151.80
Total MARTIN MARIETTA AGGREGATES:	536.46
Total MARTIN TRUCKING:	603.40
Total MEDIACOM:	69.61
Total MEYER'S REPAIR & TOWING INC:	17.73
Total MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL:	205.10
Total MINNESOTA PUMP WORKS:	1,143.00
Total MINNESOTA VALLEY TECH. INC:	329.20
Total MN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:	32.00
Total MN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES ASSN:	101.86
Total MN RURAL WATER ASSN:	300.00
Total MN VALLEY COOPERATIVE:	1,363.91
Total MN VALLEY TESTING LAB INC.:	394.50

Total NATIVE RESOURCE PRESERVATION LLC:	3,160.00
Total NCPERS GROUP LIFE INS:	48.00
Total OFFICE DEPOT:	66.92
Total OFFICE PEEPS:	233.59
Total PETERSON, PERRY:	30.52
Total PETTY CASH:	142.64
Total PHILLIPS WINE & SPIRITS CO.:	3,421.15
Total PITNEY BOWES INC.:	420.00
Total PRAIRIE 5 CAC INC.:	6,250.00
Total RECREATION SUPPLY COMPANY:	162.14
Total RENCO PUBLISHING INC:	86.85
Total SAWMILL, THE:	12,751.12
Total SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORP:	521.70
Total SHRED-IT USA:	54.27
Total SMIGLEWSKI, DAVID:	266.80
Total SOUTHERN WINE & SPIRITS OF MN:	1,609.79
Total SPORTSMITH:	523.65
Total STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES:	699.50
Total STAR ENERGY SERVICES:	88.00
Total STENGEL, ROB:	1,945.50
Total STUKEL, GENE:	725.00
Total SW-WC SERVICE COOPERATIVES:	42,218.00
Total TALKING WATERS BREWING CO. LLC:	220.00
Total THORPE, KENZIE:	25.44
Total TOMCO 2 SYSTEMS:	6,402.24
Total TROY'S ELECTRIC COMPANY:	1,072.91
Total UPS:	74.98
Total VERIZON WIRELESS:	4,226.57
Total WATER CONSERVATION SERVICE INC:	2,005.06
Total WEST CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS:	85.20
Total WEST CENTRAL SANITATION:	355.01
Total WILKENING, GREG:	150.00
Total XCEL ENERGY:	1,428.59
Total XEROX CORPORATION:	95.71
Total YELLOW MEDICINE ICS:	100.00
Total ZUMHOFE, STEVEN K.:	1,597.22
Grand Totals:	<u><u>388,469.18</u></u>