

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
April 5, 2021

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Vice President Steve Nordaune at 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 5, 2021 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: DuWayne Galow, Sharon Pazi Zea, Brad Peterson, Joe Fagnano and Scott Peterson. Council Member absent: Mayor Smiglewski. Staff present: Finance Director Neal Carstensen, City Manager Crystal Johnson, and City Clerk Christine Kleven. Also in attendance: Eric Soine, Don Steffen and an unidentified guest. In attendance via telecom were: Michele Huggins; and Dani Prados Granite Falls City Artist-in-Residence.

AGENDA ADDITION: M/S PAZI ZEA/B. PETERSON to accept an agenda addition for the consideration of a quote from O'Day Equipment. Motion passed unanimously by those present.

CONSENT AGENDA: M/S GALOW/B. PETERSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: Minutes, Bills, Correspondence and Meetings & Events. Motion passed unanimously by those present.

REPORTS: The following reports were acknowledged at this time: Utilities Commission and Memorial Park Board.

HOUSING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT: Unanimous consensus to appoint Brad Peterson and Joe Fagnano to the Housing Committee.

PLANNING COMMISSION: A public hearing was held by the Planning Commission to hear comments regarding the rezoning of Parcels No: 34-423-0114 and No: 34-423-0310. Property owners Eric Soine and Don Steffen were both in attendance. Concerns of additional traffic and ground contamination were discussed and found to be unwarranted. The Planning Commission recommended moving forward with the rezoning request. Galow introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to approve the Ordinance amendment for rezoning the requested property from R1 District to C1 District.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-27

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN
AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE

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With second by Fagnano, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

HYDRO PLANT: Staff shared bid information. Following discussion B. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to accept the lowest bidder to complete repairs.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-28

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING LOWEST BID
FOR HYDRO PLANT REPAIRS

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With second by Pazi Zea, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

DISEASED ELM TREE REMOVAL: B. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption calling for quotes for the 2021 Diseased Elm Tree Removal Program; said quotes to be received by May 4th to be considered by council at its May 17th meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-29

RESOLUTION SOLICITING QUOTES FOR
REMOVAL OF DISEASED ELM TREES

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With second by Galow, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

CITY HALL EQUIPMENT: The equipment was previously offered to the school, unfortunately it is too dated for their needs. Following discussion Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption declaring the 2010 audio/video equipment as surplus and authorizing the sale of this equipment.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-30

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

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With second by Galow, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

SMALL CITIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: The EDA recommends approval of the SCDP program actions presented. Fagnano introduced the following resolution and moved for the adoption of an Income Reuse Plan and a Fair Housing Plan of Action.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-31

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF
SCDP INCOME REUSE PLAN

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With second by Pazi Zea, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-32

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE SCDP
FAIR HOUSING PLAN OF ACTION

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With second by Pazi Zea, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

O'DAY EQUIPMENT LLC: Staff shared fuel terminal issues at the Airport. The Airport Commission found funding through the Minnesota Department of Aeronautics. Participation requires a June 30th completion deadline. Keith Woods, Airport Manager, acquired two quotes with the lowest quote presented. Following discussion Galow introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to replace the outdated fuel terminal at the airport.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-33

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING QUOTE FOR
REPLACEMENT OF THE AIRPORT FUEL TERMINAL

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

ORDINANCE: Following discussion, M/S FAGNANO/S. PETERSON TO HAVE THE FIRST READING ADDING LANGUAGE TO ORDINANCE 155.02 ACCESSORY BUILDING AND USE. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION: will meet April 15, 2021 - 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. at the Granite Falls City Hall Council Chambers.

SPRING CLEANUP: Council was advised that the refuse haulers have designate Friday, May 7th from 8:00 a.m. until completion for the Citywide Spring Cleanup. More details will be advertised in the Advocate Tribune.

Also, Yellow Medicine County has established a drop off location in Granite Falls at the YMC Highway Shop to collect florescent bulbs, tires, and miscellaneous appliances on Saturday, May 1st from 9-11:00am.

CHARITABLE GAMBLING: A gambling license application was acknowledged at this time for Western Fest. Council acknowledged receipt of this application with no waiting period.

MEMORIAL PARK: Staff provided a progress report concerning Phase II Improvements to Memorial Park.

ADJOURN M/S S.PETERSON/GALOW AT 7:28 P.M. Motion passed unanimously by those present.