

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
August 16, 2021

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor Dave Smiglewski at 7:00 p.m., Monday, August 16, 2021 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: DuWayne Galow, Sharon Pazi Zea, Steve Nordaune, Joe Fagnano, Brad Peterson and Scott Peterson. Staff present: Finance Director Neal Carstensen and City Clerk Christine Kleven. Also in attendance: EDA Director Linda Mathiasen; Dani Prados; Shane Zahrt from Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities; Craig Opdahl; Barrett Eggebraaten; and Michele Huggins.

CONSENT AGENDA: M/S NORDAUNE/B. PETERSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: Minutes, Bills, Finance Report, Police Department Report, Correspondence and Meetings & Events. Motion passed unanimously.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Craig Opdahl and Barrett Eggebraaten were in attendance to answer any questions regarding the Fire Department's request to replace the 2002 tanker/pumper truck. Following discussion Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption waiving calling for bids and accepting the state bid for the purchase of a 2022 Tanker Truck for the Fire Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-85

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING STATE BID FOR PURCHASE
OF TANKER TRUCK FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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With second by Galow, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

CGMC: Shane Zahrt from Flaherty & Hood was in attendance to provide council with an annual update of the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities activities.

EDA Report: Linda Mathiasen presented updates: Granite Square housing project is ready to go out for bids; new City website update request for approval; Artist benches are ready for installation; camper cabin rental is on hold; New Christmas Street décor has arrived; Market Study highlights were reviewed; and the Comprehensive Plan results will be reviewed at the September 7 Council meeting.

REPORT: Planning Commission report was presented at this time.

KILOWATT COMMUNITY CENTER: Upon recommendation of the KCC Board, B. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption approving a membership fee increase of 3% beginning September 1, 2021 for new memberships and upon renewing memberships of current members.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-86

RESOLUTION APPROVING FEE INCREASE
KILOWATT COMMUNITY CENTER

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With second by Nordaune, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT: Following discussion, Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption accepting services presented in the proposal from Barr Engineering for Hydro Electric Power Plant intake area repair design and engineering services as needed.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-87

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES
FOR HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER PLANT INTAKE AREA REPAIRS

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With second by Fagnano, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

INDUSTRIAL PARK UTILITIES: Following discussion and the recommendation by Mike Amborn, City Engineer, Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption calling for bids to extend utilities in the industrial park.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-88

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR BIDS FOR
INDUSTRIAL PARK UTILITY EXTENSION

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With second by Galow, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

INFANTS REMEMBERED IN SILENCE REQUEST: Following discussion Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption to proclaim October 15, 2021 as National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-89

CITY OF GRANITE FALLS
PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS DAY

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

SENIOR CENTER: A moisture issue with an exterior wall of the Library was discussed. Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption to accept a quote from Baker Bros. Construction to expose the wall for installation of a moisture barrier by Public Works.

RESOLUTION 21-90

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING QUOTE FOR
EXCAVATION WORK ON THE LIBRARY

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

DRIVER'S EXAM STATION: Fagnano introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to renew the Lease Agreement with the Department of Public Safety for use of the City Council Chambers at City Hall commencing October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023 to be used as a driver examination station for the sum of \$500 per year.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-91

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT TO
LEASE AGREEMENT WITH DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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

LODGING TAX ORDINANCE: Following discussion, M/S NORDAUNE/B. PETERSON TO HAVE THE FIRST READING UPDATING THE LODGING TAX ORDINANCE. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: Galow introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption calling for a public hearing for the City Council to determine if property located at 846 7th Street should be declared a public nuisance.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-92

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR PUBLIC HEARING
(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

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

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE: Dani Prados highlighted Squid Fest updates including a partnership with the Legion; Explore Minnesota is interested in promoting the event; and new websites available: Prairiesquidfest.com and Squidfestontheprairie.com.

ADJOURN: M/S/P NORDAUNE/S. PETERSON TO ADJOURN AT 8:48 P.M.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Kleven
City Clerk