

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR SESSION  
August 2, 2021

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor Dave Smiglewski at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 2, 2021 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: DuWayne Galow, Sharon Pazi Zea, Steve Nordaune, Joe Fagnano and Scott Peterson. Council Member absent: Brad Peterson; Staff present: Finance Director Neal Carstensen and City Clerk Christine Kleven. Also in attendance: City Attorney Greg Holmstrom; EDA Director Linda Mathiasen; Todd Hagen from Ehlers; Tom Chervenky; and Nicole Zempel.

AGENDA ADDITIONS: Bond Sale; Goats for Invasive Species Control; American Rescue Plan; and Liquor Store Building.

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

BOND SALE: Ehlers Senior Municipal Advisor Todd Hagen reviewed the sale day report. Following discussion Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption calling for the sale of the General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2021A for \$1,320,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-79

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE  
OF GENERAL OBLIGATION IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2021A, PLEDGING  
FOR THE SECURITY THEREOF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, AND LEVYING A TAX FOR THE  
PAYMENT THEREOF

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With second by Galow, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

RICE PARK: Nicole Zempel presented GFRR plans to honor Steve Virnig with a disk golf tournament in conjunction with SquidFest; and a plaque at the first hole of the disk golf course. Steve's family would like to donate benches and painted trash receptacles for the park. M/S NORDAUNE/PAZI ZEA TO ACCEPT DONATIONS AND APPROVE OF THE ALL THE IDEAS PRESENTED HONORING STEVE VIRNIG. Motion passed unanimously by those present.

CHIPPEWA TERRACE: Greg Holmstrom gave an update relative to concerns in Chippewa Terrace.

FOOD TRUCKS: Due to fee regulations, permitting or taxing food trucks is not cost effective.

REPORTS: Airport Commission, Utilities Commission and Street Committee reports were presented at this time.

STREET & UTILITY – Transportation Bill funding will be used towards street patching and sidewalk replacement.

PARK BOARD: M/S NORDAUNE/PAZI ZEA TO APPOINT JOE NIELSON TO THE PARK BOARD. Motion passed unanimously by those present.

BRIDGE LIGHTING: M/S GALOW/PAZIZEA TO APPROVE THE TEAL BRIDGE LIGHTING REQUEST FOR SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL POLYCYSTIC OVARY SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH. Motion passed unanimously by those present.

LEGION REQUEST: The Legion is requesting use of the parking lot August 14 for the Ride to Remember/Riverside Jam event. M/S NORDAUNE/FAGNANO TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE PARKING LOT FOR THE EVENTS REQUESTED. Motion passed unanimously by those present.

INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL USING GOATS: James Olson has requested the approval to use goats as an invasive species control on his property. The first phase of grazing will begin next spring. It could take multiple phases to reach the desired results. M/S S. PETERSON/NORDAUNE TO APPROVE THE USE OF GOATS ON THE OLSON FARM FOR INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL. Motion passed unanimously by those present.

CONFLICT DISCLOSURE FOR SMALL CITIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: Pursuant to the Small Cities Development Grant Program, DEED requires full disclosure of any conflicts of interest for grant recipients. Following review of the letter received from City Attorney Blackwelder, Fagnano introduced a resolution and moved its adoption approving the letter as written.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-80

RESOLUTION APPROVING FULL DISCLOSURE OF ANY CONFLICT  
FOR SCDP GRANT RECIPIENT

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

TAX FORFEITED LANDS: Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to approve the Chippewa County Board's classification and sale of the following tax forfeited properties:

Parcel #40-095-0605	Property Description: Lot 1 Block 6 Highland Park 4th Addition.
Parcel #40-095-0610	Property Description: Lot 2 Block 6 Highland Park 4th Addition.
Parcel #40-095-0645	Property Description: Lot 9 Block 6 Highland Park 4th Addition.

Parcel #40-095-0742	Property Description: Lot 42 Block 7 Highland Park 4th Addition.
Parcel #40-095-0743	Property Description: Lot 43 Block 7 Highland Park 4th Addition.
Parcel #40-095-0744	Property Description: Lot 44 Block 7 Highland Park 4th Addition.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-81

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHIPPEWA COUNTY  
BOARD'S CLASSIFICATION OF TAX-FORFEITED LANDS

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

AIRPORT HANGER CONSTRUCTION: The Airport Commission recommends approval of the proposed construction project and Hangar Lease Agreement by Ryan Christopherson. Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to authorize construction and execute a lease agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-82

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION  
AND EXECUTION OF A HANGAR LEASE  
AGREEMENT – RYAN CHRISTOPHERSON

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

UTILITY LINE CLEARING: Upon the recommendation of the Utilities Commission, Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption calling for bids for clearing of the city's electrical lines. Ground to sky trimming will be required in some cases.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-83

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR BIDS  
2021 UTILITY LINE CLEARING

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

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN: The City will receive funding in 2021 and 2022.

LIQUOR STORE BUILDING: Council is open to renovation negotiations for a new restaurant opportunity.

ADJOURN: M/S/P NORDAUNE/S. PETERSON TO ADJOURN at 8:14 p.m.

David Smiglewski  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Kleven  
City Clerk