

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR SESSION  
April 3, 2023

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor Dave Smiglewski at 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 3, 2023 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: City Manager Crystal Johnson, Finance Director Neal Carstensen and City Clerk Christine Kleven. Also in attendance: EDA Director Kyle Haugen; City Engineer Mike Amborn; Head Librarian Larissa Schwenk; James Wegner; Mark Kurilla; Todd Hagen; Autumn Cavender; Jessie Hennen; Miles Taylor; Audrey and Randy Fuller; Sharon Odegard; and an additional guest.

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

LIBRARY UPDATES: Head Librarian Larissa Schwenk was in attendance to recap the past year and share resources available for all ages to utilize at the library.

PUBLIC FORUM: Autumn Cavender shared concerns of Mayor conduct.

PUBLIC HEARING/2023 STREET & UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS: Mayor Smiglewski opened a duly advertised public hearing at 7:17 p.m. to consider the proposed final assessments for the 2023 Street and Utility Improvements. City Engineer Mike Amborn was in attendance to discuss the projects to be completed in this year's program. After questions and comments, Mayor Smiglewski closed the hearing at 7:27 p.m.

Following discussion Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption approving the final assessment roll as presented for the 2023 Street and Utility Improvements.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-39  
RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL ASSESSMENTS  
ON 2023 STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS

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

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION: Mark Kurilla, ZEF Energy Senior Project Manager, presented information and answered questions regarding electric cars, the history of the funding, charging station project cost, site development and return on investment.

BOND SALE: Todd Hagen, Ehlers Senior Municipal Advisor, was in attendance to present the pre-sale report. Following discussion Nordaune introduced a

resolution and moved its adoption authorizing the sale of \$1,615,000 in General Obligation Improvement Bonds Series 2023A.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-40

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF \$1,615,000  
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2023A

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

Galow introduced a resolution and moved its adoption determining the necessity to Issue \$570,000 in General Obligation Equipment Certificates of Indebtedness Series 2023A.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-41

RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO ISSUE \$570,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION  
EQUIPMENT CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS, SERIES 2023A

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

REPORTS: The UC and KCC report was acknowledged at this time.

APPOINTMENT: M/S NORDAUNE/GALOW TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF KARL HEGNA TO THE UTILITIES COMMISSION. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

BRIDGE LIGHTING: M/S NORDAUNE/S. PETERSON TO APPROVE THE BRIDE LIGHTING REQUEST FOR NATIONAL TOURISM WEEK – MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

MEMORIAL PARK PHASE IV CONTRACT: Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption authorizing execution of the grant contract in the amount of \$569,973.00 for Memorial Park Phase IV Improvements.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-42

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF GRANT CONTRACT WITH  
STATE OF MINNESOTA – MEMORIAL PARK PHASE IV

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

T-HANGAR LEASE AGREEMENT: The Airport Commission recommends approval of the Proposed "Jet Pod" Hangar Lease Agreement with Ryan Christopherson. Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption authorizing the execution of a two-year lease agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-43

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A  
HANGAR LEASE AGREEMENT – RYAN CHRISTOPHERSON

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

DISEASED ELM TREE REMOVAL: Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption calling for quotes for the 2023 Diseased Elm Tree Removal Program; said quotes to be received by May 4<sup>th</sup> to be considered by council at its May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-44

RESOLUTION SOLICITING QUOTES FOR  
REMOVAL OF DISEASED ELM TREES

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

BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION: will meet April 13, 2023 - 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. at the Granite Falls City Hall Council Chambers.

ADJOURN M/S NORDAUNE/S. PETERSON 8:45 P.M. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

Dave Smiglewski  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Kleven  
City Clerk