

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
August 21, 2023

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor Dave Smiglewski at 7:00 p.m., Monday, August 21, 2023, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: DuWayne Galow, Brad Peterson, Joe Fagnano and Scott Peterson. Council Members absent: Sharon Pazi Zea and Steve Nordaune. Staff present: City Manager Crystal Johnson, Finance Director Neal Carstensen, and City Clerk Christine Kleven. Also in attendance: EDA Executive Director Kyle Haugen; Artist in Residence Ellen Ogden; Dani Prados; Talon Wilson; and Ben Dempsey.

CONSENT AGENDA: M/S B. PETERSON/S. PETERSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH 6B3 RADAR EQUIPMENT AGENDA ADDITION AS FOLLOWS: Minutes, Bills, Financial Report, Fire Department Report, Correspondence, and Meetings & Events. Motion passed unanimously by those present.

POPCORN STAND: Les Bergquist shared Kiwanis plans to upgrade the popcorn stand, add features to the area, and presented an option to address the concrete condition concerns surrounding the popcorn stand. Following discussion, B. Peterson introduced a resolution and moved its adoption to get utility questions answered, to acquire two quotes for up to \$10,000 for concrete, and to return for final approval from council.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-104

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR BIDS
FOR POPCORN STAND AREA CONCRETE WORK

(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

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

SQUIDFEST: Talon Wilson requested approval for a new community mural to be painted during Squidfest. It will cover the mural from last year and expand to the entire area between the pillars. M/S B. PETERSON/S. PETERSON TO APPROVE THE PAINTING OF A COMMUNITY MURAL DURING SQUIDFEST AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

CAIR: Ellen Ogden shared what her research has found as well as plans for implementing meaningful projects incorporating local flora, history and bridging WPA nostalgia with art and the community.

REPORT: EDA report was acknowledged at this time.

Revolving Loan Fund (RLF): The EDA Board recommends entering into an 811 RLF Loan with Valley Automotive. Following discussion B. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption approving the 811 RLF loan for Valley Automotive in the amount of \$100,000 at 5% interest with a 7-year term and a 15-year amortization contingent on private financing and payment of the loan fees by the borrower.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-105

RESOLUTION APPROVING LOAN FROM
811 REVOLVING LOAN FUND TO VALLEY AUTOMOTIVE, LLC

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

Housing Development Programs: EDA is looking at several options for addressing affordable housing needs in the community. The EDA Board has approved the purchase of 6-9 tax forfeited lots in Barber Circle. They are requesting removing or suspending assessments on any lots the EDA acquires. Staff recommends suspension during EDA ownership and that it should be revisited in 2 years. Fagnano introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption approving the suspension of the assessments on the EDA purchased forfeited lots with a review after 2 years.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-106

RESOLUTION SUSPENDING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT
GRANITE FALLS EDA LOT PURCHASE

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

PLEASANT STREET SIGNAGE: Public Works has requested "no parking" signs on the west side of Pleasant Street during the winter months. M/S B. PETERSON/GALOW TO PURSUE SIGNS AS PROPOSED WITH DATES RECOMMENDED BY PUBLIC WORKS STAFF.

LEGION REQUEST: The Legion has requested use of the parking lot for the 4th Annual Ribfest/Squidfest on September 16. M/S B. PETERSON/S. PETERSON TO ALLOW THE USE OF SORLIEN PARK AND THE ADJACENT PARKING LOT ON SEPTEMBER 16th FOR

THE 4TH ANNUAL RIBFEST/SQUIDFEST. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

PARK BOARD APOINTMENT: Ryan Mehan has requested joining the Park Board.

RESIDENTIAL UTILITY LOAN REQUEST: John and Kathleen Korthuis located at 180 6th Ave approached the city requesting a water and sewer line replacement loan. They would like the loan assessed to her property taxes. Following discussion, Galow introduced a resolution and moved its adoption approving a residential utility loan to John and Kathleen Korthuis in the amount of \$8,000.00. The loan will be at an interest rate of 9% with payments to be made over a 10-year period through an annual assessment.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-107

RESOLUTION APPROVING A RESIDENTIAL
UTLITY LOAN TO JOHN AND KATHLEEN KORTHUIS

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

BUSH PARK SUBSTATION: The current batteries are original to the building and have surpassed their life expectancy. Replacement of 20 Switch Gear Batteries is a budgeted item. Ziegler's quote includes ongoing maintenance at a total of \$29,309.71 (over budget by \$301.71). Staff recommends replacement. Galow introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption approving the purchase of the 20 Switch Gear Batteries for \$29,309.71.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-108

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE QUOTE TO PURCHASE
20 SWITCH GEAR BATTERIES AT THE BUSH PARK SUBSTATION

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT RADAR EQUIPMENT: Current equipment is no longer in compliance. B. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to approve updating Police Department radar equipment with lowest quote:

Kustom Signals	\$2,541.24
Stalker Radar	\$2,350.00

RESOLUTION NO. 23-109

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE LOWEST QUOTE
TO PURCHASE POLICE RADAR EQUIPMENT

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

ORDINANCE: M/S NORDAUNE/GALOW TO HAVE THE SECOND READING AND APPROVE THE PUBLICATION SUMMARY OF THE AMENDING OF THE CITY'S TOBACCO ORDINANCE. Motion carried unanimously by those present. The ordinance will become effective upon publication.

M/S S. PETERSON/B. PETERSON TO ADJOURN at 8:20 p.m. Motion passed unanimously by those present.

Dave Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Kleven
City Clerk