

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
August 7, 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 7, 2023, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: DuWayne Galow, Sharon Pazi Zea, Steve Nordaune, Joe Fagnano and Scott Peterson. Staff absent: Brad Peterson. Staff present: City Manager Crystal Johnson, Finance Director Neal Carstensen, and City Clerk Christine Kleven. Also in attendance: City Attorney Jeremy Blackwelder, RBS Manager Brian Schindele, Jessica Gorman, Adam Pruess and Ron Fagen.

CONSENT AGENDA: M/S NORDAUNE/S. PETERSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH 6B1 AND 7B TABLED, AND AGENDA ADDITION AS FOLLOWS: Minutes, Bills, Building Inspector's Report, Public Works Report, Correspondence, and Meetings & Events. Motion passed by those present.

WELCOMING WEEK PROCLAMATION: Jessica Gorman shared welcoming week (September 8th-17th) details honoring the spirit of unity bringing neighbors together across Granite Falls and Minnesota.

ORDINANCE: M/S S. NORDAUNE/GALOW TO HAVE THE READING OF AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, ESTABLISHING AN INTERIM THC MORATORIUM ON THE SALE OF THC PRODUCTS. Adopted by a vote of: Ayes: Galow, Nordaune, Fagnano and Smiglewski. Nays: Pazi Zea and S. Peterson. The ordinance will become effective upon publication.

Ron Fagen shared his disapproval to allow the use of THC in public places and encouraged the council to think about the children in our community when making decisions about this topic.

ORDINANCE: M/S S. NORDAUNE/PAZI ZEA TO HAVE THE READING OF AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, ESTABLISHING AN INTERIM THC MORATORIUM ON THE USE OF THC PRODUCTS IN PUBLIC PLACES. Adopted by a vote of: Ayes: Galow, Pazi Zea, Nordaune, Smiglewski and Fagnano. Nay: S. Peterson. The ordinance with change to Section 2A to read: It should be unlawful for any person to use cannabis flower and cannabis vapor cartridges in a Public Place, will become effective upon publication.

ORDINANCE: M/S NORDAUNE/GALOW TO HAVE THE FIRST READING AMENDING THE CITY'S TOBACCO ORDINANCE. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

LIQUOR STORE IMPROVEMENTS: Schindele shared some safety and maintenance needs. A committee will be formed to explore options. Council authorizes Johnson to implement new parking signage.

REPORT: Utility Commission report was acknowledged at this time.

LICENSES: M/S/P GALOW/S. PETERSON TO APPROVE AN ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE TO LA PLAZITA, FOR THE TERM SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2024.

PIONEERLAND 2024 INCREASE: Staff recommends leaving budget and covering any overages with reserves.

DONATION: Following review of correspondence received from the Southwest Initiative Foundation, Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption authorizing a donation for 2022 to the Southwest Initiative Foundation in the amount of \$1,325.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-110

RESOLUTION APPROVING DONATION
TO SOUTHWEST INITIATIVE FOUNDATION

(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

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

NONDOT DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY: Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption amending the city's Drug Testing Policy for transit as mandated by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-99

RESOLUTION AMENDING DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING POLICY
FOR NON-COMMERCIAL DRIVERS (NON-DOT)

(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

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

INVASIVE SPECIES PROPOSAL: Memorial Park is in need of additional invasive species removal. Staff recommends applying for grant funding. Public works staff will provide in-kind although a match is not required for this grant. Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to submit an application.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-100

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION
OF MEMORIAL PARK -INVASIVE SPECIES GRANT

(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

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

T-HANGAR LEASE AGREEMENTS: The Airport T-Hangars are available to lease. Galow introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption authorizing the execution of three-year lease agreements as follows:

Keith Woods – Unit #2
Dax Wanless – Unit #3
Keith Aakre – Unit #6

RESOLUTION NO. 23-101

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A
HANGAR LEASE AGREEMENT - KEITH WOODS - UNIT #2

(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-102

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A
HANGAR LEASE AGREEMENT – DAX WANLESS - UNIT #3

(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-103

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A
HANGAR LEASE AGREEMENT - KEITH AAKRE - UNIT #6

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

M/S NORDAUNE/S. PETERSON TO ADJOURN at 8:25 p.m. Motion passed unanimously by those present.

Dave Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Kleven
City Clerk