

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR SESSION  
FEBRUARY 6, 2023

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor Dave Smiglewski at 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 6, 2023 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: DuWayne Galow, Sharon Pazi Zea, Steve Nordaune, Brad Peterson, Joe Fagnano and Scott Peterson. Staff present: City Manager Crystal Johnson, Finance Director Neal Carstensen and City Clerk Christine Kleven. Also in attendance: Fire Chief Ryan Haar and via zoom Dani Prados.

OATHS OF OFFICE: The city clerk administered the oaths of office to re-elected Council Members DuWayne Galow, Steve Nordaune and Brad Peterson.

CONSENT AGENDA WITH ADDITIONAL BILLS: M/S/P NORDAUNE/B. PETERSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: Minutes, Bills, Finance Report, Public Works Report, Correspondence and Meetings & Events.

CAIR: Dani Prados presented the 2023 CAIR theme: "Flora, Fauna and Fungi." Along with costs for the new artist, funding will also be used for the development of resource guide. With approval of the theme, the artist call will go out this week. Prados also requested the city's budgeted funding commitment of \$10,000. Following discussion, Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption approving the theme and \$10,000 funding requested.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-15

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2023  
CITY ARTIST IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM THEME AND DONATION

(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

With second by Fagnano, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

FIRE DEPARTMENT 2022 UPDATE: Chief Haar gave an overview of the past year. The department responded to 80 calls. Three new firefighters have joined the department and are in training. A grant was written to equip the new members with turnout gear. Nine veteran firefighters took pump training. Health initiatives cover topics like cancer awareness, mental health and heart disease. Granite Falls Area Foundation gave a generous donation that will be used for hose replacement. The Relief association donation was used for various equipment and training needs. State Farm was also successful in securing funding to purchase fire detectors to offer the community, and safety angel lights for the department. Not only is it a dedicated group, but also diverse. The different backgrounds of the members make for a well-rounded and knowledgeable group that work very well together.

REPORT: Utility Commission: Johnson presented before the Senate Energy, Utilities Environment, and Climate Committee with positive feedback regarding RDA funding. Utility tree trimming is on hold until conditions are more favorable.

TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSES: M/S/P NORDAUNE/S. PETERSON APPROVE YES HOUSE TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSES FOR EVENTS PLANNED ON FEBRUARY 9, 17, 25 AND MARCH 4.

LEE-MAR DONATION: Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption authorizing a donation of \$1,000 to the Lee Mar Ranch Equine Center.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-16

RESOLUTION APPROVING DONATION  
TO LEE-MAR RANCH EQUINE CENTER, INC.

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With second by Galow, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

ASSESSMENT SERVICES: B. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption accepting the proposal of Rural Appraisal Services to provide assessment services for calendar years 2023 and 2024 in the amount of \$34,068.75 per year.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-17

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL FROM  
RURAL APPRAISAL SERVICES FOR 2023 AND 2024 ASSESSMENT SERVICES

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With second by Nordaune, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

PERSONNEL: Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption approving three-year, non-union contracts for the Finance Director and City Clerk positions.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-18

RESOLUTION APPROVING  
FINANCE DIRECTOR AND CITY CLERK CONTRACTS

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With second by Fagnano, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

MEMORIAL PARK: Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption calling for bids for Phase IV Memorial Park Improvements.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-19

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR BIDS FOR  
PHASE IV IMPROVEMENTS – MEMORIAL PARK

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

GRANITE FALLS ENERGY DIVIDEND: Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to approve the allocation of the Granite Falls Energy Dividend to the Granite Falls EDA.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-20

RESOLUTION ALLOCATING GRANITE FALLS  
ENERGY DIVIDEND TO THE GRANITE FALLS EDA

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

SOFTBALL FIELD NAMING REQUEST: M/S NORDAUNE/B. PETERSON TO NAME THE SOFTBALL FIELD AFTER VERN ANDERSON. Motion failed by the following vote: Aye: B. Peterson, Nordaune, and Galow. Nay: S. Peterson, Fagnano, Pazi Zea and Smiglewski. M/S/P PAZI ZEA/S. PETERSON TO CREATE A PARKS AND FACILITIES NAMING POLICY.

CLOSED MEETING: Mayor Smiglewski closed the meeting at 8:14 p.m. to discuss sale of city property.

REOPEN MEETING: Mayor Smiglewski reopened the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

ADJOURN: M/S/P NORDAUNE/S. PETERSON TO ADJOURN AT 8:27 P.M.

David Smiglewski  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Kleven  
City Clerk