

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 17, 2023

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor Dave Smiglewski at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 17, 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: EDA Director Kyle Haugen, Fire Department members: Barrett Eggebraaten and Eric Soine.

CONSENT AGENDA: M/S NORDAUNE/B. PETERSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS WITH THE ADDITION OF 6B6 ASPESTOS REMOVAL: Minutes, Bills, Public Work's Report, Correspondence and Meetings & Events. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRE TRUCK GRANT: Replacement of the 1992 second line engine #1812 is in the 2024 Capital Items Budget. The plan is to replace it with a much-needed upgrade that will combine 2 trucks into one - an aerial truck. Karen Anderson, independent grant writer is willing to write a FEMA grant which has a deadline in February. It requires a 5% match from the city with the remainder being grant funding. Following discussion Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption authorizing to move forward with the grant submittal.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-7

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO APPLY FOR
FEMA GRANT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

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

REPORT: Airport Commission report was acknowledged at this time.

EDA: EDA Director Kyle Haugen was in attendance to request approval of a loan from the 811 Revolving Loan Fund. Following discussion, Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption approving a loan to Woodbern Properties from the 811 Revolving Loan Fund in the amount equal to 15% of the negotiated purchase price (approximately \$8,250) of 140 8th Avenue. The loan will be at an interest rate of 3% with payments to be made over a 10-year period.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-8

RESOLUTION APPROVING LOAN FROM
811 REVOLVING LOAN FUND TO WOODBERN PROPERTIES

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With second by Galow, the resolution was adopted. B. Peterson abstained.

DEER DEPREDATION: Council reviewed a report from Police Chief Struffert relative to the special permit archery hunt held within the city limits in 2022. Ten permits were issued and six deer were harvested. Following discussion, M/S/P NORDAUNE/B. PETERSON TO APPROVE OFFERING THE ARCHERY DEER HUNT IN 2023.

MNVCLP: M/S/P NORDAUNE/PAZI ZEA TO APPOINT CITY MANAGER JOHNSON AS THE VOTING DELEGATE AND MAYOR SMIGLEWSKI AS AN ALTERNATE VOTING DELEGATE TO THE MINNESOTA VALLEY COOPERATIVE LIGHT & POWER ASSOCIATION.

SCHOLARSHIP YME: Fagnano introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption approving a donation from the Light Fund to the Scholarship YME program at the Yellow Medicine East School District in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) which shall be divided into four \$250 scholarships eligible to seniors whose parents/legal guardians are current customers of the Granite Falls Municipal Utility.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-9

RESOLUTION APPROVING \$1,000 DONATION
TO SCHOLARSHIP YME

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

MINNESOTA RIVER VALLEY SCENIC BYWAY: Following discussion Pazi Zea introduced a resolution and moved its adoption to support the Scenic Byway Alliance at the \$150 level.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-10

RESOLUTION APPROVING DONATION
TO MINNESOTA RIVER VALLEY SCENIC BYWAY

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With second by Nordaune, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

AIRPORT T-HANGAR RENTAL RATES: Following Airport Manager's recommendation to the Airport Commission and council, B. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption approving the new hangar rental rates at \$175.00 per month for the seven smaller units and the one larger hangar at \$1,200 per month.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-11

RESOLUTION SETTING HANGAR RENTAL RATES

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With second by Galow, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

LELS CONTRACT: Upon recommendation by the Wage & Salary Committee and negotiations with Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc., B. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to approve a three-year contract with the full-time police officers.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-12

RESOLUTION APPROVING UNION CONTRACT PROPOSAL
BETWEEN THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS AND LAW
ENFORCEMENT LABOR SERVICES, INC. FOR 2023-2025

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

ASBESTOS REMOVAL: Following discussion Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption accepting the quote from VCI Environmental for Asbestos Removal at 145 5th Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-13

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING QUOTE FOR
ASBESTOS REMOVAL FROM A BUILDING
AT 145 5th AVENUE

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

ORDINANCE: M/S NORDAUNE/S. PETERSON TO HAVE THE SECOND READING AND APPROVE THE PUBLICATION SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 20, ORDINANCE NO. 207.

ORDINANCE NO. 214, 2ND SERIES

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 20, LISTING OF UNCODED ORDINANCES IN EFFECT, AND IN PARTICULAR, CITY CODE ORDINANCE NO. 207 ADOPTED APRIL 1, 2022 GRANTING A GAS FRANCHISE TO GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO., A DIVISION OF MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC. ("GREAT PLAINS").

Motion carried unanimously. The Ordinance will become effective following publication.

ORDINANCE: 1st Reading Accessory Building – tabled.

CHARITABLE GAMBLING LICENSE: A charitable gambling license application was acknowledged at this time with no waiting period for the YME Hoops Club.

EDA Transfers: The Board reviewed transfers out of the Revolving Loan Fund (fund 811) to the Community Development Fund (fund 214) and determined that it would be more appropriate to transfer funds from the Community Housing Fund (fund 616). Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption approving transfers of EDA funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-14

RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFERS
OF EDA FUNDS

(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

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

ADJOURN: M/S/P NORDAUNE/S. PETERSON TO ADJOURN AT 7:47 P.M.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Kleven
City Clerk