

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR SESSION  
July 17, 2023

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor Dave Smiglewski at 7:00 p.m., Monday, July 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 and City Clerk Christine Kleven. Also in attendance: EDA Director Kyle Haugen; City Engineer Mike Amborn; Coalition of Greater MN Cities Shane Zahrt, Dani Prados; Community Artist in Residence Ellen Ogden; Letitia Thomas-Skalicky; Nicole Popplewell; Advocate Tribune News Editor Jessica Stolen-Jacobson; MN Commissioner of Ag Thom Peterson, & two guests.

CONSENT AGENDA: M/S/P NORDAUNE/S. PETERSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH A 7C BIKE USE ON PRENTICE STREET AGENDA ADDITION AS FOLLOWS:  
Minutes, Bills, Correspondence and Meetings & Events.

COALITION OF GREATER MN CITIES: Zahrt from Flaherty & Hood was in attendance to provide council with an annual update of the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities activities.

COMMISSIONER OF AG THOM PETERSON: Introduced himself and offered support as a resource to help with any agriculture related issues that affect the community.

COMMUNITY ARTIST IN RESIDENCE: Dani Prados introduced Ellen Ogden, the new Community Artist in Residence. She is open to recommendations and appropriate places for an art installation.

LEVEE IMPROVEMENT BIDS & PROJECT UPDATES: Mike Amborn presented a bid to restore both sides of the dam along the Minnesota River. Rachel Contracting had the only bid for \$317,290 with alternates of \$42,000 for a total of \$359,630. FEMA funding will cover all costs. Following discussion, Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption to accept the bid as proposed and recommended by Amborn.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-95

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID FOR LEVEE &  
RIVERBANK RESTORATION IMPROVEMENTS

(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

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

Amborn also commented on the Memorial Park Trail & Force Main Projects projected to begin this fall. The Street project continues with paving and landscaping to follow. Concrete cracking will be repaired by one of several options: seal with epoxy, cut out and saw cutting with grout or taking panels out and replacing.

BIKE USE ON PRENTICE STREET: The City Manager was contacted regarding bike use in the main street business district. Nicole Popplewell shared concerns and requested signage and possibly a bike safety class. M/S/P NORDAUNE/B. PETERSON TO POST SIGNS REQUIRING BIKES TO BE WALKED ON MAIN STREET. Consensus to encourage the Beautification Committee to apply for a grant that would be used to work with a local artist to create tree guards and bike racks.

REPORT: Airport report was acknowledged at this time. Two units in the T-Hangar are designated for airport related storage. One is planned to be used for the city and Ron Fagen is interested in the other. The fee is yet to be determined.

PARK BOARD: Park Board report was acknowledged at this time. Memorial Park fitness station signs are in disrepair. CAIR Ellen Ogden will propose a replacement.

EDA LOAN: Kyle Haugen presented an EDA approved RLF Loan to the Granite Falls Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$21,000 with a 10-year amortization and 5% interest rate. Following discussion, Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption approving the EDA RLF Loan to the Granite Falls Chamber of Commerce to purchase Prentice Place Commons, Suite #5 in the amount of \$21,000 at 5% interest for 10 years.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 23-96

#### RESOLUTION APPROVING 811 REVOLVING LOAN TO THE GRANITE FALLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

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

EV SITE PLAN: the EV (Electric Vehicle) charging station will be located on the west end of 142 US Hwy 212 -La Plazita building. The transformer will be positioned behind the gate to the north. M/S PAZIZEA/FAGNANO AGREE TO SITE PLAN AS PROPOSED. NORDAUNE APPOSED. MOTION PASSED.

YME EMPLOYMENT ADVERTISING: YME administration is requesting approval to use a van for advertising and promoting much needed employment opportunities. M/S/P NORDAUNE/GALOW TO ALLOW YME TO ADVERTISE ON THE SCHOOL VAN.

PAINTING FIRE HALL #2: A bid was proposed for painting Fire Hall #2. Following discussion, B. Peterson introduced a resolution and moved its adoption to award the bid for painting Fire Hall #2 in the Industrial Park to Jesse Bautista for \$9,855. A color will be chosen that blends well with the other industrial park buildings. Funding will come from Capital Items Budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-97

RESOLUTION AWARDING BID FOR PAINTING FIRE HALL #2

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With second by Nordaune, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

ACCESSORY BUILDING ORDINANCE: M/S/P NORDAUNE/B. PETERSON TO APPROVE THE 2<sup>nd</sup> READING OF ACCESSORY BUILDING ORDINANCE WITH A PUBLICATION SUMMARY. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 155, GENERAL PROVISIONS, BY AMENDING SECTION 155.02, DEFINITIUONS, ACCESSORY BUILDING OR USE TO READ AS FOLLOWS AND BY AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 150, BUILDING/COSTRUCTION REGULATIONS, BY ADDING 150.11 ACCESSORY BUILDINGS.

TOBACCO ORDINANCE 1<sup>ST</sup> READING – TABLED.

M/S/P NORDAUNE/S. PETERSON TO ADJOURN at 8:47 p.m.

Dave Smiglewski  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Kleven  
City Clerk