

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
July 3, 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 3, 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: Andrew Herschberger and Advocate Tribune News Editor Jessica Stolen-Jacobson.

CONSENT AGENDA: M/S/P NORDAUNE/S. PETERSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: Minutes, Bills, Correspondence and Meetings & Events.

REPORTS: Utilities Commission report was acknowledged at this time.

TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE: M/S/P B. NORDAUNE/B. PETERSON TO APPROVE A TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST FROM THE BASEBALL ASSOCIATION FOR THE JUNIOR LEGION STATE TOURNAMENT.

INVASIVE SPECIES GRANT PROPOSAL: A proposal for grant writing services was presented from the Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission (UMVRDC). The Conservation Partners Legacy (CPL) Grant Program is specific to continuing invasive species removal efforts in Memorial Park. Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption authorizing UMVRDC to develop and submit a grant for continued invasive species removal at a cost of \$4,750 plus direct charges and mileage.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-91

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND
SUBMISSION OF MEMORIAL PARK -INVASIVE SPECIES GRANT

(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

With second by Galow, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

HYDRO PLANT SUBSTATION UPGRADE: Circuit monitoring and controls for the hydro substation were reviewed. Following discussion, Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption approving the purchase and installation of the needed equipment from SEL for an estimated total cost of \$47,104.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-92

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF
CIRCUIT MONITORING AND CONTROLS FOR THE HYDRO SUBSTATION

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

CONTRACT WITH ZEF ENERGY: Following discussion Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption authorizing the execution of ZEF Energy Site Host & Owner Agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-93

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SITE HOST & OWNER AGREEMENT
MPCA DC FAST CHARGING CORRIDOR, PHASE 2 PROJECT

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With second by Fagnano, the resolution was adopted unanimously

BOAT LAUNCH SITE IMPROVMENTS: Public Works Director John Aus has recommended modifying the angle of the existing boat launch site located in Memorial Park. The DNR will supply the new cement ramp planks. Baker Brothers will assist at a cost of \$9,000. Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption to approve the plan to move forward with the project.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-94

RESOLUTION APPROVING MODIFICATION
OF MEMORIAL PARK BOAT LAUNCH

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With second by Galow, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

ACCESSORY BUILDING ORDINANCE: M/S/P NORDAUNE/B. PETERSON TO APPROVE THE 1ST READING OF ACCESSORY BUILDING ORDINANCE. 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.

CANNABIS UPDATE: Legislation has created a new Office of Cannabis Management. Council will wait for state direction before proceeding with an ordinance.

HYDRO PLANT FACILITY REPAIR: The concrete on the southern wall of hydro plant is cracking. The warranty has expired; however, the City Engineer can show contractor error. M/S/P NORDAUNE/B. PETERSON TO SEND A LETTER TO THE CONTRACTOR ECI SHARING THE FINDINGS AND REQUESTING THE WORK BE REDONE.

CHARITABLE GAMBLING: A gambling license application was acknowledged at this time for the Granite Falls Lions to hold a raffle on behalf of the Dance Line.

M/S/P B. PETERSON/S. PETERSON TO ADJOURN at 7:52 p.m.

Dave Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Kleven
City Clerk