

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
June 20, 2023

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor Dave Smiglewski at 7:02 p.m., Tuesday, June 20, 2023, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: DuWayne Galow, Brad Peterson, Joe Fagnano and Scott Peterson. Council absent: Sharon Pazi Zea. Staff present: Finance Director Neal Carstensen and City Clerk Christine Kleven. Also in attendance, City Attorney Jeremy Blackwelder, Chris Anderson, Melissa Streich UMRDC Communication Coordinator, and EDA Director Kyle Haugen.

CONSENT AGENDA: M/S B. PETERSON/GALOW TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH ADDITIONS OF 6B7 CITY POLICE CAR AND 7C THC VIOLATION AS FOLLOWS: Minutes, Bills, Finance Report, Fire Department Report, Correspondence and Meetings & Events. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

VOLSTEAD MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY GRANT: Terri Dinesen and Scott Tedrick were in attendance to answer any questions about the grant. Following discussion Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption authorizing submittal of the Historical Society grant application.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-82

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATION
TO THE MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

PRAIRIE WATERS UPDATE: Melissa Streich provided an annual update. In the past membership has been divided equally between the City and EDA. Following discussion Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption to continue Tier II membership and pay the city's half of the fee.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-83

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRIBUTION TO
WESTERN MINNESOTA PRAIRIE WATERS
REGIONAL TOURISM PROGRAM

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

TURBINE #3 CLEANING: Chris Anderson explained the cleaning needed from foam residue. Two companies offered options and quotes. The city engineer and staff recommend the dry ice cleaning offered by L & S for \$21,000. Galow introduced a resolution and moved its adoption accepting the quote as presented from L & S.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-84

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE LOWEST
QUOTE TO CLEAN TURBINE #3

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

THC: Attorney Jeremy Blackwelder shared details of a THC compliance check. Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption imposing the following penalties:

Laurie Knutson will be fined \$50 pursuant to 117.12 (A)(I).

Down on the Korner, LLC, will be fined \$1000 and the license to sell THC products will be suspended for a period of seven (7) days, beginning on June 22.

The City Council has decided that upon payment of the \$1000 fine, the period of license suspension will be reduced to no less than three (3) days, which is the minimum suspension allowed by ordinance.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-85

RESOLUTION VIOLATION
SALE OF THC PRODUCT TO MINOR

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

REPORTS: Kilowatt Community Center and EDA reports were acknowledged at this time.

EDA: Haugen updated council on current and future housing initiatives.

MINNESOTA AVENUE SPEED LIMIT SIGNS: Speeding concerns have been expressed by citizens and staff. M/S GALOW/NORDAUNE TO 15 MILES AN HOUR ON MINNESOTA AVENUE. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

BENCH DONATION IN MEMORIAL PARK: M/S NORDAUNE/B. PETERSON WILL LAURIE AUS NEAR ZIP LINE IN HONOR OF HER PARENTS MONSON. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

MEMORIAL PARK SIGNAGE: M/S NORDAUNE/FAGNANO TO APPROVE SIGNAGE FOR MEMORIAL PARK. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

SQUIDFEST SPONSORSHIP: Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption sponsoring Squidfest with a \$1,000 donation.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-86

RESOLUTION APPROVING A DONATION TO THE SQUIDFEST CELEBRATION

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

HWY 23 COALITION: Following discussion, Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption to approve membership for \$1,500 in the HWY 23 Coalition.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-87

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP IN THE HWY 23 COALITION

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

CHIPPEWA COUNTY FORFEITED PROPERTIES: Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption approving the Chippewa County Board's classification of tax-forfeited lands and authorizing the sale of the following described parcels of land located in Chippewa County:

Parcel #	Property Description:
Parcel #40-095-0716	Lot 16 Block 7 Highland Park 4 th Addition.

Parcel #40-095-0717	Lot 17 Block 7 Highland Park 4 th Addition.
Parcel #40-095-0719	Lot 19 Block 7 Highland Park 4 th Addition.
Parcel #40-095-0720	Lot 20 Block 7 Highland Park 4 th Addition.
Parcel #40-095-0724	Lot 24 Block 7 Highland Park 4 th Addition.
Parcel #40-095-0725	Lot 25 Block 7 Highland Park 4 th Addition.
Parcel #40-095-0820	Lot 2 Block 8 Highland Park 4 th Addition.
Parcel #40-095-0830	Lot 3 Block 8 Highland Park 4 th Addition.
Parcel #40-095-0840	Lot 4 Block 8 Highland Park 4 th Addition.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-88

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHIPPEWA COUNTY
BOARD'S CLASSIFICATION OF TAX-FORFEITED LANDS

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

SURPLUS INVENTORY: Following discussion B. Peterson introduced a resolution and moved its adoption declaring the 2014 Interceptor as surplus and authorizing its sale.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-89

RESOLUTION DECLARING CITY OWNED PROPERTY AS SURPLUS
AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAME THRU AUCTION SERVICE

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

JULY 3RD MEETING. Council agreed to keep the scheduled July 3rd regular meeting.

CLOSED MEETING: Mayor Smiglewski closed the meeting at 8:12 p.m. to discuss the sale of city owned property.

REOPEN MEETING: Mayor Smiglewski reopened the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

PRENTICE PLACE COMMONS: Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption accepting the offer from the Granite Falls Chamber of Commerce to purchase 761B Prentice Place Commons for \$21,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-90

RESOLUTION APPROVING SALE OF
PRENTICE PLACE COMMONS SPACE

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

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

Dave Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Kleven
City Clerk