

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 5, 2023

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor Dave Smiglewski at 7:00 p.m., Monday, June 5th, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: DuWayne Galow, Sharon PaziZea, Steve Nordaune, Brad Peterson, Joe Fagnano and Scott Peterson. Council Member absent: Steve Nordaune. Staff present: City Manager Crystal Johnson, Finance Director Neal Carstensen and City Clerk Christine Kleven. Also in attendance: EDA Director Kyle Haugen; Justin Nilson from Abdo; Jeremy Corner; Laurel Christianson; Jen Sneller; and Helen Stukel.

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

AUDIT REPORT: Justin Nilson from Abdo, Eick & Meyers was in attendance to report on the 2022 audit. B. PETERSON/PAZI ZEA TO ACCEPT THE AUDIT AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

RICE PARK PLAYGROUND UPDATE: Granite Falls Area Community Foundation Project IMPACT member Jeremy Corner shared progress and timeline for the completion of the playground project. Costs are higher than originally anticipated and the Foundation is requesting a temporary loan. Corner was thanked by B. Peterson for taking the lead and for sharing his exceptional expertise on this project. Fagnano introduced a resolution and moved its adoption authorizing temporary financing through the city if an EDA loan is not approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-73

RESOLUTION APPROVING A TEMPORARY LOAN
TO THE GRANITE FALLS AREA FOUNDATION

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

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Dave Smiglewski opened a duly advertised public hearing at 7:41 p.m. for the purpose of soliciting public comment relative to the submission of a Small Cities Development Program Grant application to the Department of Employment and Economic Development. Kyle Haugen provided an overview of the grant application and the proposed target area to rehab 40 units in Riverview Apartments and 8 Prentice Street commercial buildings. After discussion, and no public comment, the hearing was closed at 7:43 p.m.

Report: The Utilities Commission report was acknowledged at this time. Updates on unit #3 at the hydro plant as well as an RDA funding were shared.

SORLIEN PARK: Following discussion M/S S. PETERSON/B. PETERSON ALLOWING THE AMERICAN LEGION USE OF SOLIEN PARK FOR WESTERN FEST EVENTS JUNE 22-24. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

WATER PLANT PARK BURN: Chris Anderson requests permission to have the Fire Department burn the prairie grass adjacent to the Water Plant. M/S B. PETERSON/GALOW TO APPROVE THE CONTROLLED BURN OF THE PRAIRIE GRASS PLOT ADJACENT TO THE WATER PLANT. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE: Following discussion, M/S/P PAZI ZEA/GALOW TO APPROVE TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSES TO THE YES HOUSE FOR A SUMMER BIRTHDAY BASH ON SATURDAY JUNE 17TH AND LINE DANCING CLASS ON SATURDAY JUNE 24TH Motion carried unanimously by those present.

LITTLE LENDING LIBRARY: Kenton and Jessica Johnson would like to construct and maintain a little lending library in Rice Park in honor of their daughter Madeline. M/S PAZI ZEA/B. PETERSON TO APPROVE THE PLACEMENT OF A LITTLE LENDING LIBRARY IN FRONT OF ONE OF THE MATURE TREES IN RICE PARK. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

UTILITY POLE INSPECTION: Testing will determine the extent of decay, which poles need to be replaced and help create a timeline/plan of replacement. Two bids were received; however, Utility Asset Management is the only one that does ultrasonic testing that is considered to be the most effective and accurate type of testing. Following discussion Pazi Zea introduced a resolution and moved its adoption accepting the bid from Utility Asset Management Inc. for \$14,470.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-74

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING QUOTE FOR
INSPECTING UTILITY POLES

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

WATER PLANT CONCRETE: A concrete yard at the Water Treatment Plant lime pond would alleviate concerns navigating the heavy equipment used to maintain the pond. Soine Construction submitted the only quote. Pazi Zea introduced a resolution and moved its adoption approving Soine Construction to move forward to complete the necessary concrete work.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-75

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONCRETE YARD
AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT LIME POND

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

PUBLIC WORKS AIR COMPRESSOR: The Public Works Department is asking council to consider the purchase of a new air compressor. The model from Dave's electric is desired due to the lower RPM's which will handle the commercial use. Following discussion, S. Peterson introduced a resolution and moved its adoption accepting the quote from Dave's Electric. The following quotes were received:

Dave's Electric Motor Co.	\$ 4,814.59
NAPA Auto Parts	\$ 3,755.00

RESOLUTION NO. 23-76

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A COMPRESSOR PURCHASE
FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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

AIRPORT MAINTENANCE GRANT CONTRACT: This contract allows the city to continue to submit reimbursement for financial assistance equaling 75% of costs for maintenance and operation activities. S. Peterson introduced a resolution and moved its adoption authorizing to execute this Airport Maintenance Grant Contract.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-77

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
AIRPORT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION GRANT CONTRACT

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

DAMON FARBER MEMORIAL PARK: Staff shared proposed Memorial Park projects to be considered. B. PETERSON introduced a resolution and moved its adoption authorizing Damon Farber to continue proposed improvements with services billed on an hourly basis not to exceed \$6,000 for 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-78

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT
FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH DAMON FARBER
MEMORIAL PARK PHASE IV

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

TRANSFER ARPA FUNDS TO 2023 STREET/UTILITY CONSTRUCTION FUND: Following discussion S. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption authorizing the transfer the ARPA funding received in the amount of \$294,843.47 to the 450 Construction Fund. By way of reminder, this funding will be used towards the 2023 utility improvement project.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-79

RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSED TRANSFERS
OF ARPA FUNDS TO THE 450 CONSTRUCTION FUND

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

DEMOLITION QUOTES FOR 1210 6TH STREET AND 145 5TH AVENUE: One quote for demolition was received from H & H Construction. Following discussion B. Peterson introduced a resolution and moved its adoption accepting the bid received from H&H Construction in the amount of \$36,900.00 for demolition of structures located at 1210 6th Street and 145 5th Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-80

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DEMOLITION QUOTE

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

LIBRARY BOARD ORDINANCE: M/S B. PETERSON/S. PETERSON TO HAVE THE SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 215, 2ND SERIES OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 31 ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT" BY AMENDING SECTION 31.17, "LIBRARY BOARD", SUBDIVISION 1, "ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION" (A). Motion carried unanimously by those present. The Ordinance will become effective following publication.

HYDRO PLANT UPDATE: Following discussion S. Peterson introduced a resolution and moved its adoption declining the request from Canyon Hydro for additional compensation of \$142,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-81

RESOLUTION DECLINING REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PAYMENT
FROM CANYON INDUSTRIES

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

2023 STREET AND UTILITY PROJECT: Updates were presented at this time.

ADJOURN: M/S S. PETERSON/B. PETERSON TO ADJOURN AT 9:07 P.M.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Kleven
City Clerk