

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
March 20, 2023

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by President Steve Nordaune at 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 20, 2023 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: DuWayne Galow, Sharon Pazi Zea, Brad Peterson, Joe Fagnano, and Scott Peterson. Council Member absent: Dave Smiglewski. Staff present: City Manager Crystal Johnson, Finance Director Neal Carstensen and City Clerk Christine Kleven. Also in attendance: EDA Director Kyle Haugen; Public Works Director John Aus; Chris Anderson UMRDC Planning Director Kristi Fernholz; and Terry Garcia.

CONSENT AGENDA: M/S GALOW/B. PETERSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: Minutes, Bills, Finance Report, Police Chief's Report, Correspondence and Meetings & Events. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

REPORT: The EDA report was acknowledged at this time.

APPOINTMENT: Introduced an application from Karl Hegna to join the Utilities Commission.

MEMORIAL PARK PLANT SURVEY: Following discussion, Fagnano introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to award the bid to Midwest Natural Resources for the rare plant survey at Memorial Park.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-27

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT
FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR MEMORIAL PARK PHASE IV
RARE PLANT SURVEY

(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

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

RIVERSIDE BOTTLE SHOP SECURITY SYSTEM: Following staff recommendations, Galow introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to award the bid from Blue Sky Security LLC. In the amount of \$8,767.29 for upgrading the security system at Riverside Bottle Shop. The company was recommended by another liquor store and included additional cameras than the lower priced bidder.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-28

RESOLUTION AWARDING BID
RIVERSIDE BOTTLE SHOP SECURITY SYSTEM

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

CALL FOR ASBESTOS INSPECTION 1210 6th Street: Following discussion, Galow introduced a resolution and moved its adoption to approve the VCI Environmental, Inc proposal to inspect the 1210 6th Street property for asbestos at a total cost of \$2,200.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-29
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL FOR
AN ASBESTOS INSPECTION

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

STANTEC FLOW MONITORING PROPOSAL: John Aus and Chris Anderson shared the challenges excess water getting into the storm sewer causes. Completing a study to find Inflow and Infiltration (I & I) will address those issues. The water flow from cracks and improper connections causes increased treatment costs and damage to the sewer system. Fagnano introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption accepting a Flow Monitoring proposal from Stantec Consulting Services to include tasks 1-3 for a total cost of \$67,216.

Task 1 - overall project management	\$ 3,520
Task 2 - field services and data collection	57,342
Task 3 - report	<u>6,354</u>
Total cost of tasks 1-3	\$ 67,216

RESOLUTION NO. 23-30

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT
WITH STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES
FOR I & I FLOW MONITORING

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

WESTERN FEST DONATION: B. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption donating \$400 to the Western Fest Celebration.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-31

RESOLUTION APPROVING DONATION
TO WESTERN FEST

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

WAPA CONTRACT: Staff summarized the contract. Following discussion, B. Peterson introduced a resolution and moved its adoption renewing the contract between the city, WAPA and CMPAS.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-32

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT
WITH CENTRAL MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY AND SERVICE TO
ADMINISTER RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATES

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

PUBLIC HEARING: Steve Nordaune opened a duly advertised public hearing at 7:30 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. Kristi Fernholz from the Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission (UMVRDC) provided an overview of the grant application and the proposed target area. She also reviewed conflict of interest requirements and found there are no issues with current council members. After discussion, and no public comment, the hearing was closed at 7:40 p.m.

UMVRDC will be responsible for general and field administration and Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership will be responsible for construction management services. Following the public hearing, B. Peterson, introduced a resolution Approving resolutions for Local Government; Declaring Slum & Blighted Area; and adopting the Citizen Participation Plan as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-33

LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION

(Copy on file in the city clerk's office)

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

Fagnano introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption declaring a slum and blighted area within the city with changes as requested.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-34

RESOLUTION DECLARING SLUM AND BLIGHTED AREA

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

Also Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved to adopt the Citizen Participation Plan as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-35

RESOLUTION ADOPTING CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

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

AGREEMENTS WITH LA PLAZITA: EDA Director Haugen was in attendance to present agreements to complete the sale of 142 US Hwy 212 to La Plazita Hispanic Market LLC. Following discussion, Pazi Zea introduced the following resolutions and moved for adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-36

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE AGREEMENT

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-37

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PARTY WALL AGREEMENT

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-38

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN
EASEMENT AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

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

"NO MOW MAY" – Consensus to allow residents to take part in the pollinator initiative to wait until June 1st to mow lawns.

CHARITABLE GAMBLING: A gambling license application was acknowledged at this time for Ride 2 Remember. Council acknowledged receipt of this application with no waiting period.

CLOSED MEETING: Council President Steve Nordaune closed the meeting at 7:50pm to discuss Prentice Place Commons Space.

REOPEN MEETING: Council President Steve Nordaune reopened the meeting at 8:00pm.

ADJOURN M/S S. PETERSON/B. PETERSON AT 8:01 P.M. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

Steve Nordaune
Council President

ATTEST:

Christine Kleven
City Clerk