

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
March 6, 2023

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor Dave Smiglewski at 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 6, 2023 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: DuWayne Galow, Sharon Pazi Zea, Steve Nordaune, Brad Peterson, and Joe Fagnano. Absent: Scott Peterson. Staff present: Finance Director Neal Carstensen and City Clerk Christine Kleven. Also in attendance: EDA Director Kyle Haugen; Neighbors United Resource Center Food Shelf Chairman Ray Martin; Avera Health Administrator Tom Kooiman; and Public Works Director John Aus.

CONSENT AGENDA: M/S NORDAUNE/GALOW TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION OF 7E GAMBLING PERMIT AS FOLLOWS: Minutes, Bills, Finance Report, Police Chief's Report, Fire Department Report, Public Work's Report, Correspondence and Meetings & Events. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

NEIGHBORS UNITED RESOURCE CENTER FOOD SHELF: Ray Martin shared volunteer and food distribution statistics as well as a brief history of the service in Granite Falls. Cash donations are most useful since Second Harvest offers food that can be purchased for minimal cost.

HOSPITAL UPDATE: Tom Kooiman reported on staffing, patient care, building updates and future plans.

2023 STREET & UTILITY PROJECT: City Engineer Mike Amborn was in attendance to discuss the bids received for the 2023 Street & Utility Improvement project. The following bids were received on February 28th: A quote package is being developed for the forcemain project.

Bidder	Base Bid
Joe Riley Construction, Inc.	\$1,104,837.62
Duininck, Inc.	\$1,147,095.30
Brouwer Construction, LLC	\$1,222,822.25
Crow River Construction, Inc.	\$1,275,492.00
Central Specialties, Inc.	\$1,417,729.50

Upon recommendation by the city engineer, Fagnano introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to award the bid for the 2023 Street & Utility Improvement project to the low bidder, Joe Riley Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,104,837.62 and calling for a final assessment hearing.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-21

RESOLUTION AWARDING BID AND CALLING FINAL ASSESSMENT HEARING
FOR 2023 STREET & UTILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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

PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT: John Aus shared details on equipment replacement needs for the Public Works Department, which include: 2007 pickup truck, 2008 dump truck and 2009 loader. All three are earmarked for replacement in the 2024 budget but will need to be ordered now to get delivery in 2024. Additional quick attach options are requested for the loader. A combination of reserves and a 10-year bond with a 7 year trade in option are being considered for financing. M/S NORDAUNE/B. PETERSON TO ORDER ALL 3 PIECES OF EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING THE QUICK ATTACH OPTIONS FOR THE LOADER. MOTION PASSED BY THOSE PRESENT.

REPORTS: The following reports were acknowledged at this time: Utilities Commission and EDA.

EDA: Kyle Haugen was in attendance to discuss the results of the inspection on the sewer line that runs under the Liquor Store/La Plazita building. To prevent future issues staff is recommending accepting a quote to reline the existing pipe and add a cleanout. The quote for \$28,890 is from Midwest Pipe Lining. La Plazita has agreed to pay \$5,000 towards the repair cost. Galow introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption accepting the quote from Midwest Pipe Lining for \$28,890 to reline the sewer pipe, and add a cleanout, under the Liquor Store/La Plazita building.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-22

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING QUOTE FOR REPAIRING SEWER PIPE UNDER THE LIQUOR STORE/LA PLAZITA

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

Haugen also shared the EDA has submitted a preapplication for a commercial and multifamily rental Small Cities Development Program grant. A public hearing is needed. Full application is due in May. M/S Nordaune/Fagnano to call for a Public Hearing March 20th at 7:30.

CITY AIRPORT T-HANGER: M/S NORDAUNE/GALOW TO ACCEPT A DONATION FROM RON FAGEN TO INSULATE THE NEW T-HANGAR JET POD. MOTION PASSED BY THOSE PRESENT. Consensus of council to accept a two-year lease agreement with Ryan Christopherson for the new T-Hangar Jet Pod. Following the two-year agreement, the city will enter into an agreement with Ron Fagen.

LIMITED USE PERMIT FOR MEMORIAL PARK: Following discussion Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption approving a limited use permit at Memorial Park with the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-23

RESOLUTION APPROVING MEMORIAL PARK
LIMITED USE PERMIT

(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

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

AFSCME: Upon the recommendation of the Wage and Salary Committee, Fagnano introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption approving the three-year (2023-2025) contract with the AFSCME Union.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-24

RESOLUTION APPROVING UNION CONTRACT PROPOSAL
BETWEEN THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS AND AFSCME COUNCIL 65

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

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - LELS: Following discussion, Pazi Zea introduced a resolution and moved its adoption authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Understanding modifying the agreement with Law Enforcement Labor Services.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - LELS

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

HYDRO PLANT CHANGE ORDER 1: Staff discussed recommendations from BARR. Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption for Change Order #1 adding an inspection and removing two components of the Hydroelectric Powerhouse Intake Area repairs project resulting in a decrease in total cost.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF
CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 - HYDROELECTRIC PLANT INTAKE AREA REPAIRS

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

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

ADJOURN M/S/P NORDAUNE/B. PETERSON AT 8:34 P.M.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Kleven
City Clerk