

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR SESSION  
May 1, 2023

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor Dave Smiglewski at 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 1, 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, Finance Director Neal Carstensen and City Clerk Christine Kleven. Also in attendance: Jessica Stölen-Jacobson, Advocate Tribune Managing Editor; Countryside Public Health: John Rehorst and Ashlie Wubben; Alyssa Regnier; Rhonda Haar; Fire Chief Ryan Haar; Firemen: Holdyn Sand, Nick Lund, Bret Haar, Brayden Anderson, Jack Anderson, Eric Soine, Derrick Grund, Chris Anderson, T.J. McRae, Jeremy LeBlanc, Tyler Knutson, and Brett Haar; Ehlers Senior Municipal Advisor Rebecca Kurtz; Kathy Anderson; Mary Rice; Angie Midthun; Jenny Midthun; Steve Midthun; Jen Sneller; Ashley Cole; and Tamara Isfeld.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Haar introduced the new firemen who have been through training and received their Black Firefighter Helmets: Brayden Anderson, Jack Anderson and Bret Haar.

BOND SALE: Ehlers Senior Municipal Advisor Rebecca Kurtz reviewed the sale day report. Following discussion Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption calling for the sale of the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2023A for \$1,615,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-53

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE  
OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2023A, PLEDGING  
FOR THE SECURITY THEREOF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, AND  
LEVYING A TAX FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF

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With second by Galow, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

REPORTS: The Utilities Commission report was acknowledged at this time.

PUBLIC HEARING NAMING THE SOFTBALL FIELD: Mayor Smiglewski opened a duly advertised public hearing at 7:15 p.m. to consider the proposed to name the city softball field after Verne Anderson. Following discussion, Mayor Smiglewski closed the hearing at 7:17 p.m. It was shared today is Verne's birthday. Following discussion Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption approving the new name for the softball field "Verne Anderson Memorial Field- Home of Sting Fastpitch." Aye: Galow, Nordaune, Smiglewski, B. Peterson, Fagnano and S. Peterson. Nay: Pazi Zea. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-54

RESOLUTION NAMING THE SOFTBALL FIELD  
VERNE ANDERSON MEMORIAL FIELD - HOME OF STING FASTPITCH

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With second by Galow, the resolution was adopted.

CONSESSION STAND LEASE: Jen Sneller has requested the use of the concession stand at the softball field. Following discussion Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its approval of a \$1.00 lease with Jennifer Sneller for the use of the softball concession stand.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-55

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF LEASE AGREEMENT -  
SOFTBALL FIELD CONCESSION STAND

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With second by Fagnano, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

TOBACCO ORDINANCE: John Rehorst presented a draft from the public health law center and Ashlie Wubben shared county ordinance changes. The council requested a copy of the ordinance with the required changes to be reviewed at a future meeting.

FLOODWALL MURAL: Tamara Isfeld was in attendance for approval of the proposed phase 3 mural to be painted on the floodwall. She was successful in obtaining a Chemical Coalition Grant to cover the expenses. The work will be done primarily by students. Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption approving the mural designs presented for the next phase of flood wall art.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-56

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FLOOD WALL MURAL

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

CROSSWALK ART: Isfeld also shared design ideas for crosswalk art. All will be in the downtown area. The intersection by the Popcorn stand will be the same, all others will be new designs. The community is invited to take part. Fagnano introduced a resolution and moved its adoption to approve the crosswalk designs and budget request with the option to relocate if needed due to street construction.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-57

RESOLUTION APPROVING DESIGNS FOR CROSSWALK PAINTING

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

LICENSES: M/S/P GALOW/NORDAUNE TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF AN ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE TO AMERICAN LEGION POST #69 dba VETERANS LOUNGE, FOR THE TERM MAY 1, 2023 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2024.

M/S/P S. PETERSON/B. PETERSON TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF AN ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE TO BLUENOSE GOPHER BREWERY FOR THE TERM MAY 1, 2023 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2024.

M/S/P FAGNANO/NORDAUNE TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF AN ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE TO JS VENTURES LLC dba GRANITE BOWL, FOR THE TERM MAY 1, 2023 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2024.

M/S/P B. PETERSON/PAZI ZEA TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF AN ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE TO TOLLEY'S BAR & GRILL LLC, FOR THE TERM MAY 1, 2023 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2024.

TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE: Following discussion, M/S/P NORDAUNE/B. PETERSON TO APPROVE A TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST MAKERS MARKET EVENTS.

TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE: Following discussion, M/S/P PAZI ZEA/GALOW TO APPROVE A TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE TO THE YES HOUSE FOR A MUSICAL PERMFORMANCE.

LIQUID CO<sub>2</sub>: The following bid was received for the purchase and delivery of liquid CO<sub>2</sub> for the Water Treatment Plant:

American Welding & Gas, Inc.	\$224 per ton
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Following discussion, Galow introduced a resolution and moved its adoption accepting the quote received from American Welding & Gas, Inc. in the amount of \$224 per ton.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-58

RESOLUTION WAIVING CALLING FOR QUOTES  
AND ACCEPTING QUOTE FOR PURCHASE  
AND DELIVERY OF LIQUID CARBON DIOXIDE

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

MAPE: Upon the recommendation of the Wage and Salary Committee, B. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption approving the three-year contract with the MAPE Union.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-59

RESOLUTION APPROVING UNION CONTRACT PROPOSAL  
BETWEEN THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS AND MAPE

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With second by Fagnano, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

CITY MANAGER CONTRACT: Wage and Salary committee researched market rates to match and compare with other communities in order to stay competitive. Fagnano introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption approving the City Manager's three-year contract.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-60

RESOLUTION APPROVING  
CITY MANAGER CONTRACT

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

2023 STREET & UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS CHANGE ORDER NO.1: staff discovered a catch basin next to the Public Works Garage parking lot that is in disrepair and recommends replacement at a cost of \$5,884.45. B. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption approving the change order as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-61

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF  
CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 – 2023 STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS

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With second by Nordaune, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

ACCESSORY BUILDING ORDINANCE: Council will review for future consideration.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION: Following discussion Pazi Zea introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption authorizing execution of a contract with ZEF Energy to begin the installation of EV units at the Riverside Bottle Shop/La Plazita parking lot.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-62

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT  
WITH ZEF ENERGY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

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With second by S. Peterson, the resolution was adopted. Nay B. Peterson

LIBRARY BOARD: Cannot be disbanded. Consensus to reduce board number to 5 members.

HYDRO PLANT UPDATES: River foam has reached the turbine. It will be tested to find out if the unit will need a more extensive cleaning than staff can perform.

ADJOURN M/S/P NORDAUNE/S. PETERSON 8:42 P.M.

Dave Smiglewski  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Kleven  
City Clerk