

CITY OF GRANITE FALLS  
OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR SESSION  
October 2, 2023

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Vice-President Steve Nordaune at 7:00 p.m., Monday, October 2, 2023 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present: DuWayne Galow, Sharon Pazi Zea, 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: Public Works Director John Aus; EDA Director Kyle Haugen; City Attorney Jeremy Blackwelder; Julie Nordaune; Megan Nordaune; Brayden Anderson; Kayla McIver; Administrator Avera Granite Falls Tom Kooiman, and Advocate Tribune Editor Jessica Stölen-Jacobson

At this time, the Council observed a moment of silence in memory of Dave Smiglewski, who served on the council since 1979 and as Granite Falls Mayor since 1996. Dave Smiglewski was a dedicated public servant who made significant contributions to our community.

CONSENT AGENDA: M/S/P B. PETERSON/GALOW TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH ADDITION 6A5 AND ADDITIONAL BILLS AS FOLLOWS: Minutes, Bills, Fire Department Report, Correspondence and Meetings & Events.

APPOINTMENT: The office of Mayor has become vacant due to the unfortunate passing of the previous Mayor, Dave Smiglewski on September 22, 2023. Vice-President Steve Nordaune was appointed to complete the term of which is set to conclude on December 31, 2024. The City Clerk administered the oath of office to Steve Nordaune as required by law. This appointment shall take effect immediately upon the passage of this motion.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Mayor Nordaune opened the nominations for Vice-President. M/S GALOW/PAZI ZEA NOMINATING BRAD PETERSON AS VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE GRANITE FALLS COUNCIL. Mayor called for any further nominations; with none given, motion carried unanimously.

AVERA HOSPITAL UPDATE: Tom Kooiman gave an update on Avera Granite Falls. Financially Avera is doing well and a great team of providers staff the facility. Finding a full-time family practitioner for Granite Falls is a priority. Approval has been given to survey the area and obtain architect estimates for the new hospital building.

ARCHERY RANGE: Brayden Anderson was in attendance to present a proposal for creating an archery range in a wooded area of the Industrial Park. John Aus also spoke in favor, approved the location and offered assistance with site development from the Public Works department. He will also provide a sign identifying the location. M/S/P GALOW/B. PETERSON TO ALLOW USE OF THE PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL PARK LOCATION FOR AN ARCHERY RANGE FOLLOWING THE APPROVAL OF THE I-1 ORDINANCE CHANGE. The first reading of the ordinance adjustment will be brought before the council at the next meeting.

HYDRO PLANT WALL: Repairs are once again needed on the southern wall at the hydro plant facility. This connects to work needing to be redone by ECI. Attorney Jeremy Blackwelder was in attendance to share legal options. Due to the cost of the repairs, and estimated legal expenses to prove cause of damage, staff recommends adding the additional repair costs as a change order in the next round of RDA funding.

REPORT: KCC Board and Park Board reports were acknowledged at this time.

APPOINTMENT: M/S/P B. PETERSON/S. PETERSON THAT THE APPOINTMENT FROM THE CITY COUNCIL TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS SHOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:

UTILITIES COMMISSION:	SCOTT PETERSON
STREET COMMITTEE:	DUWAYNE GALOW
CVV BOARD:	TABLED

CITY DONATIONS: M/S/P FAGNANO/PAZI ZEA TO ACCEPT A DONATION FOR A PARK BENCH FROM LISA KNUTSON IN MEMORY OF JIM CROWLEY.

TRUNK OR TREAT: The Chamber of Commerce has requested a road closure for the annual event. M/S/P PAZI ZEA/S. PETERSON TO APPROVE THE CLOSURE AND USE OF 3 BLOCKS OF 8<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE BETWEEN 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET AND PRENTICE STREET; AND THE PARKING LOT AND ALLEY BETWEEN CENTURYLINK AND COUNTRY FINANCIAL BUILDINGS FROM 1:00 TO 3:00 P.M. FOR THE OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup> TRUNK OR TREAT COMMUNITY EVENT.

TREE DONATION: Following discussion, B. Peterson introduced a resolution and moved its adoption approving a donation of \$3,000 to Dahl's Chainsaw Art for the carving at the entrance of Memorial Park.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-123

RESOLUTION APPROVING DONATION  
TO DAHL'S CHAINSAW ART

(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

With second by Galow, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

CUSTODIAL SERVICES: Pazi Zea introduced a resolution and moved its adoption renewing the contract for custodial services for city buildings with Brenda Peterson from October 10, 2023 to October 31, 2024. This includes the requested increase to \$1,480 per month.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-124

RESOLUTION RENEWING CONTRACT  
FOR CUSTODIAL SERVICES - CITY BUILDINGS

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With second by Fagnano, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: Following review, Galow introduced a resolution and moved its adoption accepting the proposal received from Bolton & Menk to provide engineering and administrative services for airfield pavement maintenance at a total cost of \$75,000A.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-125

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING AND  
ADMINISTRATION SERVICES - AIRFIELD PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE

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

A SYMPATHY CARD FROM RICE LAKE WAS SHARED.

ADJOURN: M/S/P S. PETERSON/B. TO ADJOURN AT 7:48 P.M.

Steve Nordaune  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Kleven  
City Clerk