

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR SESSION  
September 5, 2023

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Vice President Steve Nordaune at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 5, 2023, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: DuWayne Galow, Joe Fagnano and Scott Peterson. Staff absent: Mayor Dave Smiglewski, Sharon Pazi Zea, and Brad Peterson. Staff present: City Manager Crystal Johnson, Finance Director Neal Carstensen, and City Clerk Christine Kleven. Also in attendance: Les Berquist; Representatives from the Yellow Medicine County WoMen's Rural Advocacy Programs, Inc. (WRAP); WTP/WWTP/HEPP Superintendent Chris Anderson; and Jessica Stölen-Jacobson, Advocate Tribune Managing Editor.

CONSENT AGENDA: M/S FAGNANO/S. PETERSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH AGENDA ADDITION 6A5 AS FOLLOWS: Minutes, Bills, Police Chief's Report, Correspondence, and Meetings & Events. Motion passed unanimously by those present.

WOMEN'S RURAL ADVOCACY PROGRAMS (WRAP): Representatives from WRAP requested the lights on the bridge change to purple, as well as a display during Domestic Violence Awareness Month. M/S GALOW/FAGNANO TO APPROVE THE LIGHTING OF THE WALKING BRIDGE TO PURPLE FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 15-23<sup>RD</sup> AND A DISPLAY OF RIBBONS ON PURPLE THURSDAY OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup> TO HONOR THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES DUE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN MINNESOTA. Motion passed unanimously by those present.

Scott Tedrick was in attendance requesting the closure of Lende Lane and a section of Prentice Street for a theater production opening night of Meander. M/S S. PETERSON/GALOW TO APPROVE CLOSURE OF LENDE LANE AND PRENTICE STREET FROM 7<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE TO 9<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE FOR A WALKING THEATER DURING MEANDER OPENING ON SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> FROM 6:00-8:00PM. Motion passed by those present.

KIWANIS POPCORN STAND IMPROVEMENTS: Les Berquist was in attendance to share the quotes received for concrete work at the popcorn stand:

Dolan Concrete and Masonry	\$ 7,800
Bremmer Construction	\$13,800

Following discussion, Galow introduced a resolution and moved its adoption to accept the lowest bid for Popcorn Stand concrete work from Dolan Concrete and Masonry totaling \$7,800.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-110

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE LOW BID FOR  
POPCORN STAND CONCRETE

(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

With second by Galow, the resolution was adopted by a vote of: Ayes: Galow, Fagnano, & S. Peterson. Nay: Nordaune.

REPORT: Utility Commission report was acknowledged at this time.

PARK BOARD APPOINTMENT: M/S S. PETERSON/FAGNANO TO APPOINT GRANITE FALLS RESIDENT RYAN MEEHAN TO THE PARK BOARD. Motion Passed unanimously by those present.

RICE PARK BENCH DONATION: M/S FAGNANO/S. PETERSON TO ACCEPT THE REQUEST FROM KEVIN APPLEWICK TO HONOR HIS PARENTS, HILDING AND LOIS, BY PLACING A BENCH AT THEIR FORMER RESIDENCE 865 MINNESOTA AVENUE. Motion passed unanimously by those present.

TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSES: M/S GALOW/S. PETERSON to Granite Area Arts Council Temporary Event Liquor Licenses were acknowledged at this time: Meander opening night with permission to carry drinks to Prentice Street businesses; and Squid Fest with the option to carry drinks in the designated area for the event. Motion passed by those present.

WASTEWATER PUMPS: Following discussion, council tabled for more information.

2024 AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS: following discussion and recommendation from the Airport Commission, Galow introduced a resolution and moved its adoption to accept the grant awards from the Department of Aeronautics for proposed improvements to the Airport in 2024. Below is a cost/project breakdown:

	<u>State</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Total</u>
100LL FUEL SYSTEM PUMP UPGRADE	33,250.00	1,750.00	\$ 35,000.00
A/D BUILDING WINDOW REPLACEMENT	33,250.00	1,750.00	\$ 35,000.00
MASTER PLAN & AIRPORT LAYOUT PLAN	190,000.00	10,000.00	\$200,000.00
CRACK REPAIR AND SEAL COAT	261,250.00	13,750.00	\$275,000.00
Subtotals:	<b>\$517,750</b>	<b>\$27,250</b>	<b>\$545,000</b>

RESOLUTION NO. 23-111

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE  
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
GRANT AGREEMENTS FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS

(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

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

DMV LEASE: Fagnano introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to renew the Lease Agreement with the Department of Public Safety for use of the City Council Chambers at City Hall the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month commencing October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025 to be used as a driver examination station for the sum of \$500 per year.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-112

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT TO  
LEASE AGREEMENT WITH DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Upon the request of the Fire Department, Fagnano introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption authorizing execution of the Mutual Aid Agreement between the city and West Central Fire Department Association and the Southwest Fire Department Association.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-113

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

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

M/S S. PETERSON/GALOW TO ADJOURN at 7:33 p.m. Motion passed unanimously by those present.

Steve Nordaune  
Council President

ATTEST:

Christine Kleven  
City Clerk