

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR SESSION  
February 16, 2021

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor Dave Smiglewski at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 16, 2021 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: DuWayne Galow, Steve Nordaune, Brad Peterson, and Joe Fagnano. Via telecom: Sharon Pazi Zea. Council Member absent: Scott Peterson. Staff present: Finance Director Neal Carstensen, City Manager Crystal Johnson, and City Clerk Christine Kleven. Also in attendance: Pat Kubly; EDA Director Linda Mathiasen; and Dani Prados Granite Falls City Artist-in-Residence. In attendance via telecom were: Michele Huggins; Julia Bruk; and Advocate Tribune News Editor Kyle Klausing.

CONSENT AGENDA: M/S/P NORDAUNE/GALOW TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: Minutes, Bills, Building Inspector Report, Finance Report, Police Chief's Report, Correspondence and Meetings & Events.

FOOD SHELF: Pat Kubly was in attendance to give an overview of 2020 events.

CITY ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE UPDATE: Dani Prados presented current CAIR activities; listed future plans; and shared desired impacts and outcomes. All efforts are to inspire and create an art destination legacy in Granite Falls.

EDA: EDA Director Linda Mathiasen presented an update of the Christmas Lighting project. A committee has been formed and is willing to do fund raising for the 101 poles that are decorated along with 3 new swags that would line Prentice Street. Following discussion Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption authorizing taking advantage of early purchase sales not to exceed a cost of \$35,000.00 with fund raising and sale of old decorations to come back to the city.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-14

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF  
NEW CHRISTMAS STREET LIGHTING

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With second by Galow, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

EDA BOARD: Phase 1 of the Market Analysis is to pull together business stakeholders to set target area and determine business survey questions.

REPORTS: The following reports were acknowledged at this time: Airport Commission, EDA Board, Building Inspector, Finance, and Police Chief.

KCC BOARD APPOINTMENT: Karen Baker has expressed interest in joining the board.

**PUBLIC ACCESS COORDINATOR:** Following discussion, Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption renewing the contract with Paul Hoernemann to provide public access services for an additional year at \$105 per month.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-15

RESOLUTION RENEWING CONTRACT FOR  
PUBLIC ACCESS COORDINATOR SERVICES – 2021

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

**POLE ATTACHMENT AGREEMENT:** After review of a proposal received from Ken Fellman, Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption accepting the proposal to update the Pole Attachment Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$5,300 between the city and Mediacom.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-16

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
TO UPDATE POLE ATTACHMENT AGREEMENT

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With second by Fagnano, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

**TOBACCO COMPLIANCE:** Fagnano introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption authorizing execution of contracts with Countryside Public Health Services for annual compliance checks related to requirements of the city's tobacco ordinance for the year 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-17

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS  
WITH COUNTRYSIDE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES FOR  
ANNUAL COMPLIANCE CHECKS RELATED TO REQUIREMENTS  
OF CITY'S TOBACCO ORDINANCE

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

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR DRONE USE:** Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes a public hearing must be held prior to the implementation of drone use by the Police Department. Following discussion Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption calling for a public

hearing to receive public input regarding the implementation of drone use by the Granite Falls Police Department. Said hearing will be held March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-18

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR PUBLIC HEARING TO OBTAIN CITIZEN COMMENTS  
BEFORE IMPLEMENTATION OF DRONE USE –  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

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With second by Galow, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

SQUAD CAR: As the Ford Taurus is no longer needed by the City or Police Department, staff have asked that it be declared surplus and authorize its sale. Following discussion Galow introduced a resolution and moved its adoption declaring this equipment as surplus and authorizing its sale.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-19

RESOLUTION DECLARING CITY OWNED PROPERTY AS SURPLUS  
AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAME

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

HYDROPLANT REPAIRS: Bid opening will be virtual and is scheduled for February 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm.

COMMUNITY ENERGY TRANSITION GRANT: City was awarded a partial grant.

CLOSED MEETING: Mayor Smiglewski closed the meeting at 8:20 p.m. to discuss land purchase negotiations.

REOPEN MEETING: Mayor Smiglewski reopened the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

ADJOURN M/S/P NORDAUNE/S. PETERSON AT 8:32 P.M.