

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 19, 2021

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor Dave Smiglewski at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 19, 2021 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: DuWayne Galow, Sharon Pazi Zea, Brad Peterson, Joe Fagnano and Scott Peterson. Council Member absent: Steve Nordaune. Staff present: City Manager Crystal Johnson, Finance Director Neal Carstensen and City Clerk Christine Kleven. Also in attendance: City Engineer Mike Amborn. In attendance via telecom were: Jerry Rupp; CAIR Coordinator Michele Huggins; Dani Prados Granite Falls City Artist-in-Residence; and Advocate Tribune News Editor Kyle Klausing.

CONSENT AGENDA: M/S GALOW/B. PETERSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: Minutes, Bills, Building Inspector's Report, Finance Report, Police Chief's Report, Correspondence and Meetings & Events. Motion passed by those present.

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

DEER DEPREDATION: Council reviewed a report from Assistant Police Chief Brovold relative to the special permit archery hunt held within the city limits in 2020. Ten permits were issued but only two deer were harvested. Following discussion, M/S B. PETERSON/S. PETERSON TO OFFER THE ARCHERY DEER HUNT IN 2021. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

MNVCLP: M/S GALOW/PAZI ZEA TO APPOINT CITY MANAGER JOHNSON AS THE VOTING DELEGATE AND MAYOR SMIGLEWSKI AS AN ALTERNATE VOTING DELEGATE TO THE MINNESOTA VALLEY COOPERATIVE LIGHT & POWER ASSOCIATION. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: M/S B. PETERSON/GALOW TO REAPPOINT THE FOLLOWING CITIZENS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PARK BOARD:	CARL PFAFF
EDA:	JOHN VIRNIG
	DAVE BEASLEY
AIRPORT COMMISSION:	BRANDON PARLIAMENT

Motion passed by those present.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UTILITY TRUCK: Following discussion Fagnano introduced a resolution accepting the state bid for the purchase of a new truck to replace the 2000 Fire Department Utility Truck at a cost of \$45,820.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-4

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING STATE BID FOR PURCHASE OF
UTILITY TRUCK FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

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

SCHOLARSHIP YME: B. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption approving a donation from the Light Fund to the Scholarship YME program at the Yellow Medicine East School District in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) which shall be divided into four \$250 scholarships eligible to seniors whose parents/legal guardians are current customers of the Granite Falls Municipal Utility.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-5

RESOLUTION APPROVING \$1,000 DONATION
TO SCHOLARSHIP YME

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

WASTE WATERPLANT FLOW METER: Wastewater Treatment Facility Evaluation report completed by Ron LaFond with Stantec, was discussed. Under conclusions and recommendations, Stantec is highly recommending to install an influent flow meter. Utility Commission is in support of the purchase. Following discussion, Galow introduced a resolution and moved its adoption authorizing the purchase and installation of an influent flow meter.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-6

RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION
OF WASTEWATER PLANT INFLUENT FLOW METER

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

PUBLIC HEARING: A duly advertised hearing for the proposed 2021 Street & Utility Improvement Program was called to order by Mayor Smiglewski at 7:15 p.m. with one resident in attendance, and one via telecom. A letter from Dawn Rupp was acknowledged at this time. Mike Amborn from the city engineer's office presented an overview of the proposed improvements. Following discussion concerning the improvements and the city's assessment policy and all those present afforded an

opportunity to present their views and objections to the making of said improvements, the hearing was closed at 7:54 p.m.

Following discussion relative to the requests made by the residents, B. Peterson introduced a resolution and moved its adoption ordering the 2021 Street & Utility Improvements and directing the city engineer to prepare the final plans and specifications and call for bids.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-7

RESOLUTION ORDERING 2021 STREET & UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS
AND DIRECTING PREPARATION OF FINAL PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS
AND CALLING FOR BIDS

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

846 7TH STREET: Staff requested council direction regarding property located at 846 7th Street. Homeowner is interested in selling to someone interested in fixing it up. Following discussion, B. Peterson introduced a resolution and moved its adoption ordering the inspection of the structure located at this location.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-8

RESOLUTION ORDERING INSPECTION OF
STRUCTURE PER MINNESOTA STATUTE 463.15

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

UPDATE HYDRO PLANT REPAIRS AND TURBINE #3: Powerhouse manual and bidding process documents were presented. City Attorney Holmstrom reviewed and found no concerns. M/S B. PETERSON/PAZI ZEA TO MOVE FORWARD ADVERTISING BIDS FOR THE POWER HOUSE REPAIRS. Motion passed unanimously by those present.

CREATIVE SIDEWALKS: Dani Prados, Granite Falls City Artist-in-Residence, presented updates; shared favorable safety data; asked approval for artist call and approval to apply for a SMAC grant. A SHIP grant has been awarded to pay for materials and safety equipment. M/S PAZI ZEA/B. PETERSON TO APPROVE CALLING FOR ARTISTS AND APPLYING FOR A SMAC GRANT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE CREATIVE SIDEWALKS PROJECT. Motion passed unanimously by those present.

2020 SIDEWALK REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE: A list of participants was reviewed.

CLOSED MEETING: Mayor Smiglewski closed the meeting at 8:22 p.m. to discuss property issues.

REOPEN MEETING: Mayor Smiglewski reopened the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

221 BALDWIN STREET: Following discussion, Galow introduced a resolution and moved its adoption to approve the purchase of this property for \$25,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-9

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

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With second by Fagnano the resolution passed. B. Peterson voting against.

215 9TH AVENUE: Following discussion, Pazi Zea introduced a resolution and moved its adoption to approve the gifting of this parcel to the city.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-10

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GIFTING OF LAND

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

CLOSED MEETING: Mayor Smiglewski closed the meeting at 8:59 p.m. for City Manager Review.

REOPEN MEETING: Mayor Smiglewski reopened the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

M/S Pazi Zea/B. Peterson to acknowledge the City Manager Performance Review at this time. Motion passed unanimously by those present.

ADJOURN: M/S/P B. PETERSON/S. PETERSON TO ADJOURN AT 9:26 P.M.