

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR SESSION  
July 6, 2021

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor Dave Smiglewski at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 6, 2021 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: DuWayne Galow, Sharon Pazi Zea, Steve Nordaune, Brad Peterson, and Joe Fagnano. Council Members absent: Scott Peterson; Staff present: Finance Director Neal Carstensen and City Clerk Christine Kleven. Also in attendance: Linda Mathiasen; Nancy Beasley; Bonnie Vick; Melissa Streich with UMVRDC; Dani Prados Granite Falls City Artist-in-Residence; and Michele Huggins. Via telecom: Todd Hagen with Elhers.

Agenda Addition: 6B5 Call for Hydro Plant Bids.

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

CHAMBER: Nancy Beasley introduced the new Chamber Director Bonnie Vick. The benefits of becoming a Chamber member, future goals, and retail promotions using Pelican art projects were shared.

M/S GALOW/NORDAUNE TO APPROVE THE PAINTING OF PELICAN FEET ON SIDEWALKS IN FRONT OF CHAMBER MEMBER BUSINESSES.

REPORTS: KCC and Utilities Commission reports were presented at this time.

PUBLIC HEARING: A duly advertised hearing for the proposed electric rate adjustments was called to order by Mayor Smiglewski at 7:15 p.m. Following discussion, the public hearing was closed at 7:18 p.m.

Following the public hearing, Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption adopting the proposed electrical rate adjustments as set forth below.

	<u>Current</u>	<u>2022 Charge</u>
Residential:	\$13.50	\$16.00
Commercial Single Phase:	\$18.00	\$22.00
Commercial Three Phase:	\$50.00	\$55.00

RESOLUTION NO. 21-66

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ELECTRIC RATE SCHEDULE  
EFFECTIVE WITH UTILITY BILLS DUE  
JANUARY 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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

WESTERN MINNESOTA PRAIRIE WATERS: Melissa Streich, Communication Coordinator with Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission (UMVRDC) presented a power point highlighting the website, publications, marketing/outreach projects, and member benefits/tools for communities to use for bringing people to our area.

2021 UTILITIES/STREET PROJECT BOND SALE: Todd Hagen with Elhers, via zoom, summarized terms and conditions of the Pre-Sale Report to issue \$1,320,000 General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2021A that will be used for the Utility/Street project.

Member Fagnano introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-67

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF  
\$1,320,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2021A

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

STOP SIGN REQUEST: Fagnano shared concerns he received from several residents on traffic not stopping going North and South on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street intersecting with 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Additional signs on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue are requested. It will be monitored and revisited.

DEAD TREES ALONG OAK STREET AND COUNTY ROAD 5: M/S NORDAUNE/B. PETERSON APPROVE REMOVING TREES PRESENTED. Motion passed unanimously by those present.

INVASIVE SPECIES PROPOSALS: A previous proposal presented at the June 7, 2021 council meeting from Native Resources Preservation was missing pages. Staff recommends to move forward with work needing completion this year for a total of \$9,000. Options will be considered for future needs. Galow introduced a resolution and moved its adoption accepting the maintenance proposal from Native Resources Preservation to remove buckthorn and other invasive species for a total of \$9,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-68

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING REVISED PROPOSAL FOR  
INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL - MEMORIAL PARK

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With second by Nordaune, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

WEBSITE AGREEMENT: Following discussion Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption accepting the proposal from Revize Software Systems in the amount of \$2,760 per year to redesign the city's website and offer tech support. The cost also included a software subscription, updates and storage. The contract is for 5 years and it is a budgeted item.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-69

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE 5 YEAR CONTRACT  
FOR THE CITY WEBSITE

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

HYDRO PLANT REPAIRS: the contractor ECI has identified two areas needing concrete repairs that were not included in the original scope of work. Following discussion Galow introduced a resolution and moved its adoption accepting the change order for the additional hydro plant concrete work needed.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-70

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF  
CHANGE ORDER REGARDING  
HYDROELECTRIC PLANT REPAIRS

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With second by Nordaune, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-71

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR BIDS  
TURBINE #3

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

CLOSED MEETING: Mayor Smiglewski closed the meeting at 8:06 p.m. to discuss the purchase of property.

REOPEN MEETING: Mayor Smiglewski reopened the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Update was shared on legislation passed this week that will positively affect permitting for Earth Homes.

ADJOURN: M/S/P NORDAUNE/B. PETERSON TO ADJOURN at 8:29 p.m.

David Smiglewski  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Kleven  
City Clerk