

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 UMRDC; 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 15th, 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 3rd Street intersecting with 5th Avenue. Additional signs on 5th 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