

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
June 21, 2021

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor Dave Smiglewski at 7:00 p.m., Monday, June 21, 2021 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: DuWayne Galow, Steve Nordaune, Brad Peterson, Joe Fagnano and Scott Peterson. Council Member absent: Sharon Pazi Zea; Staff present: Finance Director Neal Carstensen and City Clerk Christine Kleven. Also in attendance: Jean Garbarini with Damon Farber, Kristi Fernholz with UMVRDC, Melissa Peterson with Bluenose Gopher Public House, and Michele Huggins.

Agenda Addition: Bluenose Gopher Public House Request.

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.

BLUENOSE GOPHER PUBLIC HOUSE REQUEST: Melissa Peterson shared details regarding a bike race hosted by Bluenose on July 24th. Approval is requested to block off the area between the popcorn stand and the city hall from 6:30am - 8:30am to accommodate registration and the start of the event. It was also requested to extend the current patio area straight back to Sorlien Park until close at 10:00 p.m. M/S NORDAUNE/B. PETERSON TO ALLOW BLUENOSE GOPHER PUBLIC HOUSE THE USE OF THE PARKING LOT AS PRESENTED FOR THE JULY 24 EVENTS. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

PUBLIC HEARING: A duly advertised hearing was called to order by Mayor Smiglewski at 7:05 p.m. to receive input regarding the proposed purchase of a new Pumper/Tanker Truck through USDA. Following discussion and with no public comment, Mayor Smiglewski closed the public hearing at 7:06p.m.

MEMORIAL PARK PHASE IV: Following survey results of the Park, Jean Garbarini presented options for a new trail going around the wetland. Funding will also be pursued to purchase new picnic tables, grills, portable toilet screens, and rehabilitation of the historic entrance gates. Kristi Fernholz shared grant opportunities and requirements/limitations through GMRPTC and DNR Conservation Legacy Grants. Following discussion, Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption authorizing the submission of two grants for Memorial Park Phase IV.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-63

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND
SUBMISSION OF MEMORIAL PARK - PHASE IV GRANTS

(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

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

AUDIT REPORT: Justin Nilson from Abdo, Eick & Meyers was in attendance to report on the 2020 audit.

CITY ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE UPDATE: Dani Prados updated the council on current and future events. A SMAC Legacy Grant was awarded for \$18,600.

REPORTS: EDA Board report was acknowledged at this time.

POLE INSTALLATION: M/S B. PETERSON/NORDAUNE, AS REQUESTED BY THE EDA, APPROVED THE INSTALLATION OF A POLE TO HOUSE EQUIPMENT TO PROVIDE INTERNET SERVICE AT MEMORIAL PARK. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

REPORTS: Planning Commission report was acknowledged at this time.

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT DIGGER TRUCK: Following discussion, Galow introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption calling for bids to replace the 2005 International Digger Truck.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-64

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR BIDS FOR REPLACEMENT
OF THE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT DIGGER TRUCK

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

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN STATE & LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS: Upon recommendation of the LMC, Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption approving application to the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-65

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION TO THE
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN - STATE & LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

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

ADJOURN: M/S/P NORDAUNE/S. PETERSON TO ADJOURN at 8:15 p.m.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Kleven
City Clerk