

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
March 1, 2021

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor Dave Smiglewski at 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 1, 2021 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: DuWayne Galow, Sharon Pazi Zea, Steve Nordaune, Brad Peterson, Joe Fagnano and Scott Peterson. Staff present: Finance Director Neal Carstensen, City Manager Crystal Johnson, and City Clerk Christine Kleven. Also in attendance: Lavonne Koenen Avera Granite Falls Community Director & Board Chair; Debbie Streier Avera Health Regional CEO & President; Tom Kooiman Avera Health Administrator; and Dani Prados Granite Falls City Artist-in-Residence. In attendance via telecom were: Michele Huggins and Advocate Tribune News Editor Kyle Klausing.

CONSENT AGENDA: M/S/P NORDAUNE/B. PETERSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: Minutes, Bills, Correspondence and Meetings & Events.

HOSPITAL UPDATE: Tom Kooiman introduced Debbie Streier, Avera Health Regional CEO. He also reviewed the City’s affiliation with Avera and changes that have taken place since the new Non-Profit “Avera Granite Falls” was created. Community Health Needs Assessment goals continue to be addressed in areas of pain management, advanced cardiology services, and mental health access. Telehealth is successfully being used for visits when possible.

REPORTS: The following reports were acknowledged at this time: KCC Board, Park Board and Utilities Commission.

KCC BOARD APPOINTMENT: M/S NORDAUNE/FAGNANO TO APPOINT KAREN BAKER TO THE KCC BOARD. Motion carried unanimously.

CAIRFAIR PLANNING COMMITTEE: M/S NORDAUNE/PAZI ZEA TO APPOINT SCOTT PETERSON TO THE CAIRFAIR PLANNING COMMITTEE. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: As the utility truck is no longer needed by the Fire Department or any other city department, staff has asked that it be declared surplus and authorize its sale. Following discussion Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption declaring this equipment as surplus and authorizing its sale.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-20

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

(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

With second by Galow, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

WASTEWATER PLANT FLOW METER QUOTES: The following bids were received and reviewed by the Utility Commission for the flow meter installation at the main lift station:

MN Mechanical	\$51,488
Magney Construction	\$68,700
KHC Construction	\$84,000

Upon recommendation by Stantec Consulting Inc., Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption accepting the low bid received from MN Mechanical in the amount of \$51,488.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-21

RESOLUTION AWARDING BID FOR
WASTEWATER PLANT FLOW METER

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

MINNESOTA RIVER VALLEY SCENIC BYWAY: Following discussion Fagnano introduced a resolution and moved its adoption to support the Scenic Byway Alliance at the \$100 level.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-22

RESOLUTION APPROVING DONATION
TO MINNESOTA RIVER VALLEY SCENIC BYWAY

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

CHRISTMAS STREET LIGHTING: After revisiting costs and confirming recommendations from the lighting committee, staff is recommending option B as presented in the EDA memo. Fagnano introduced a resolution and moved its adoption authorizing the revised budget for purchasing new Christmas street lighting.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-23

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF
NEW CHRISTMAS STREET LIGHTING - REVISED

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

BLUENOSE GOPHER REQUEST: M/S B. PETERSON/NORDAUNE APPROVED THE REQUEST FROM BLUENOSE GOPHER PUBLIC HOUSE TO EXPAND THEIR SERVICE AREA INTO THE PARKING LOT BEHIND THE BUSINESS THE SAME AS LAST YEAR. Motion carried unanimously.

CHARITABLE GAMBLING: A gambling license application was acknowledged at this time for Ride 2 Remember to hold a raffle on August 14, 2021 at the American Legion Post #69. Council acknowledged receipt of this application with no waiting period.

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE GRANT UPDATE: The city's application is being recommended for funding by the TA Subcommittee. Final approval will take place in the fall.

CLOSED MEETING: Mayor Smiglewski closed the meeting at 7:56 p.m. to discuss the Community Transition Grant.

REOPEN MEETING: Mayor Smiglewski reopened the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption approving the Community Energy Transition Grant Program Agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-24

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COMMUNITY
ENERGY TRANSITION GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT

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

ADJOURN M/S/P NORDAUNE/S. PETERSON AT 8:02 P.M.