

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
May 17, 2021

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor Dave Smiglewski at 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 17, 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: MN West President Terry Gaalswyk, EDA Director Linda Mathiasen; Troy and Nancy Fiegen; Travis Vogel; Dani Prados Granite Falls City Artist-in-Residence; Arie Herfindahl; Darin Haslip; and City Attorneys George Paslawski and Greg Holmstrom. In attendance via telecom were: Michele Huggins and Luwaina Al-Otaibi.

AGENDA ADDITIONS: Fire Department Tanker/Pumper.

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

MN WEST PRESIDENT: Terry Gaalswyk spoke highly of campus staff through the challenges of the past year; gave an overview of things accomplished and plans for the future. Priorities include: student advancement, college community and updated programing. Facility has undergone needed repairs and additional capital improvements are planned.

CRUISERS CAR SHOW: Troy Fiegen shared details and requested approval to use Rice Park and the streets surrounding to host a car show. M/S NORDAUNE/GALOW TO APPROVE THE USE OF RICE PARK AND THE CLOSURE OF MINNESOTA AVENUE BEGINNING AT ROCKRIDGE LANE FOR A CAR SHOW ON August 22ND FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

DOG PARK COMMITTEE: Linda Mathiasen, Nancy Fiegen, Arie Herfindahl and Luwaina Al-Otaibi represented the committee and presented a location and plans for the park. Park Board has approved the plan and site east of Riverside Bottle Shop. A survey is needed to determine boundaries. Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to approve the use of the location presented and to provide \$400 towards surveying costs.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-42

RESOLUTION APPROVING DOG PARK
LOCATION AND SURVEY

(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

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

EDA BOARD: Location of camper cabin at Memorial Park had been chosen. An online seasonal reservation system will be implemented. Comprehensive Plan Consultants will be interviewing participants June 29th & 30th.

CLOSED MEETING: Mayor Smiglewski closed the meeting at 7:50 p.m. to discuss active litigation.

REOPEN MEETING: Mayor Smiglewski reopened the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

REPORTS: Airport Commission and Planning Commission reports acknowledged at this time.

PARK BOARD: Camping fee increase was presented. Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption to increase Memorial Park camping rates.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-43

RESOLUTION INCREASING MEMORIAL PARK CAMPING FEES

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

KCC: Appointment will be considered.

TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE: M/S NORDAUNE/PAZI ZEA APPROVE MAKERS MARKET TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSES AND CLOSING OF ALLEY FOR EACH EVENT HELD THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH JUNE THROUGH SEPTEMBER. Motion carried unanimously.

DISEASED ELM TREE REMOVAL: Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption accepting a quote for the 2021 Diseased Elm Tree Removal Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-44

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING QUOTE FOR
REMOVAL OF DISEASED ELM TREES – 2021

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

SPEED LIMIT SIGN: Resident in 144 6th Avenue shared concerns regarding speeding traffic through the alley in front of this property. M/S FAGNANO/B. PETERSON TO INSTALL A 10 MILE AN HOUR SPEED LIMIT SIGN ON 6TH AVENUE. Motion carried unanimously.

LIQUID CO₂: The following bid was received for the purchase and delivery of liquid CO₂ for the Water Treatment Plant:

American Welding & Gas, Inc. \$207.40 per ton

Following discussion, Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption accepting the quote received from American Welding & Gas, Inc. in the amount of \$207.40 per ton.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-45

RESOLUTION WAIVING CALLING FOR QUOTES
AND ACCEPTING QUOTE FOR PURCHASE
AND DELIVERY OF LIQUID CARBON DIOXIDE

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

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER POLICY: Fagnano introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to approve the City of Granite Falls Electronic Funds Transfer Policy.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-46

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY
ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (EFT) POLICY

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

BARBER CIRCLE/DANIELS DRIVE FUND TRANSFER: B. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to approve closing the Construction Expense Fund 445 and transferring any remaining funds to Debt Fund 333.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-47

RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFER
OF BARBER CIRCLE/DANIELS DRIVE
EXPENSE FUND TO DEBT FUND

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

EDA TIF TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND: Pazi Zea introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to approve the transfer of the EDA TIF Fund 221 of \$35,285 into the General Fund in order to correct a recording error.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-48

RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFER OF
EDA TIF FUND 221 TO GENERAL FUND

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

221 BALDWIN ASBESTOS REMOVAL: Following discussion Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption accepting the quote for Asbestos Removal.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-49

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING QUOTE FOR
ASBESTOS REMOVAL FROM A BUILDING
AT 221 BALDWIN STREET

(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

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

221 BALDWIN DEMOLITION: Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption calling for demolition quotes.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-50

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR QUOTES
FOR DEMOLITION OF A BUILDING
LOCATED AT 221 BALDWIN STREET

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT TANKER /PUMPER: USDA has funding towards the purchase of fire equipment. Following discussion Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption authorizing the submittal of a USDA Grant Application for the purchase of a new pumper/tanker.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-51

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL
OF USDA GRANT APPLICATION - FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

847 7TH STREET: Darin Haslip, City Building Inspector, has completed an inspection. A notice allowing for 30 days to submit a building permit and timetable for repairs will be sent to the homeowner.

CHARITABLE GAMBLING LICENSE: A charitable gambling license application was acknowledged at this time with no waiting period for the YME High Kick Booster Club and Lyons.

M/S/P NORDAUNE/ S. PETERSON TO ADJOURN at 8:57 p.m.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Kleven
City Clerk