

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR SESSION  
November 1, 2021

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor Dave Smiglewski at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 1, 2021 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: DuWayne Galow, Sharon Pazi Zea, Brad Peterson, Joe Fagnano and Scott Peterson. Council Member Absent: Steve Nordaune. Staff present: City Manager Crystal Johnson, Finance Director Neal Carstensen and City Clerk Christine Kleven. Also in attendance: Water Superintendent Chris Anderson, City Engineer Mike Amborn, Dani Prados Granite Falls City Artist-in-Residence, Jessie Hennen with GAAC, Carolyn Lindquist, Melissa Syring, Bethany Naab, and Jennifer Kattevold.

CONSENT AGENDA: M/S/P B. PETERSON/GALOW TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: Bills, Building Inspectors Report, Fire Department Report, Correspondence and Meetings & Events.

ARTISIT-IN-RESIDENCE: Dani Prados recapped the year as the first Granite Falls Artist-in-Residence. She expressed her gratitude to the council and community for inviting and welcoming her; being open to new ideas; and for all the collaboration. This pilot project was the first of its kind in the United States. Council thanked her for being a trail blazer for the community and this program. She plans to stay in the area and continue working on several community projects as a consultant. As a member of the Solstice Planning Committee, several requests are needed for the December 21<sup>st</sup> event. One is a for a large community tree placed by the walking bridge with help from the Public Works Department. The tree will go up Small Business Saturday November 27 or Artist Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup>. Safety is a big concern. Police Chief Struffert agreed to have law enforcement presence and suggested approaching the county for use of the light up signs placed at both ends of main street along with orange "event congestion" signage. Also asking to expand on last year's event by allowing more bonfires at local businesses. The event will begin for retailers at 10 a.m., with downtown activities from 4:00- 8:00 p.m. Following discussion, M/S PAZI ZEA/B. PETERSON TO APPROVE ALL REQUESTS PRESENTED TO SUPPORT THE WINTER SOLTICE EVENT ON DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

GRANITE FALLS AREA ARTS COUNCIL DISPLAY: Jesse Hennen asked for approval to work with local youth to create and display a tiny village. It will be set up for viewing in the downtown area December 18 – January 3. Following discussion, M/S B. PETERSON/GALOW TO APPROVE THE CONCEPT AND LOCATION OF THE TINY VILLAGE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE KK BERGE BUILDING – STREET SIDE OR RIVER SIDE OF THE WALL. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

HYDRO PLANT/TURBINE #3: Staff explained that some of the current concrete damage was the result of defective work. This will be redone at no cost to the city along with additional repairs that were not included in the original bid. Staff is requesting approval of the additional cost of \$22,120. Following discussion, B. Peterson introduced a resolution and moved its adoption to approve the additional

work to be completed by Engineering & Construction Innovations, Inc. on the Hydroelectric Plant for \$22,120.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-119

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF  
CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 - HYDROELECTRIC PLANT REPAIRS

(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

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

PRELIMINARY REPORT FOR 2022 STREET/UTILITY PROJECT: City Engineer Mike Amborn was in attendance to review the proposed 2022 Street and Utility Improvements identified by the Street Committee. Following discussion, B. Peterson introduced a resolution and moved its adoption ordering the preparation of the engineering report on the proposed 2022 Street and Utility Improvements.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-120

RESOLUTION ORDERING PREPARATION OF REPORT ON  
2022 STREET & UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS

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

REPORTS: Airport Commission report was presented at this time.

INDUSTRIAL PARK FARM AGREEMENT: Eric Peterson holds a farm lease with the previous owner on the city's recently purchased Industrial Park property and would like to continue the agreement with the city. B. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption approving an Industrial Park Farmland Lease Agreement with Eric Peterson for a one-year term.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-121

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION  
INDUSTRIAL PARK FARMLAND AGREEMENT

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

AIRPORT MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS GRANT CONTRACT. Following discussion, B. Peterson introduced a resolution and moved its adoption authorizing execution of the Airport Maintenance and Operation Grant Contract with the state.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-122

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
AIRPORT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION GRANT CONTRACT

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

SMALL CITIES GRANT EXTENSION: The EDA recommends applying to DEED for an extension until November 30, 2022 to finish spending down current program funds. Following discussion B. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-123

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SMALL CITIES EXTENSION

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

MEMORIAL PARK PHASE IV: The City has been awarding funding for the Memorial Park Wetland Corridor Restoration invasive species project through the Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program. Following discussion, B. Peterson introduced a resolution and moved its adoption to approve the terms of the conflict of interest, the City Work Plan, CCM Contract and Grant Contract language.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-124

RESOLUTION APPROVING MEMORIAL PARK  
WETLAND CORRIDOR RESTORATION ECP AWARD - PHASE IV

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT: Following discussion, Fagnano introduced a resolution and moved its adoption to approve the Police Department Joint Powers Agreement as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-125

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

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

ORDINANCE: M/S B. PETERSON/S. PETERSON TO HAVE THE SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, CREATING CITY CODE 203, PUBLIC PARKS IN ITS ENTIRETY AND TO APPROVE A PUBLICATION SUMMARY.

ORDINANCE NO. 203, 2<sup>ND</sup> SERIES

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA,  
CREATING CITY CODE 203, PUBLIC PARKS

Motion passed unanimously by those present.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN: Utilities Commission highly recommends the city well project, wastewater treatment upgrade, and I & I inspections as the best use of the \$285,500.00 American Rescue Plan funds. Following discussion, B. Peterson introduced a resolution and moved its adoption to approve the Utility Commission Priority spending plan as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-126

RESOLUTION APPROVING PRIORITY SPENDING OF  
THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

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

ADJOURN: M/S/P S. PETERSON/B. PETERSON TO ADJOURN AT 8:21 P.M.

David Smiglewski  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Kleven  
City Clerk