

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR SESSION  
October 4, 2021

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor Dave Smiglewski at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 4, 2021 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: DuWayne Galow, Sharon Pazi Zea, Steve Nordaune, Brad Peterson and Joe Fagnano. Council Member absent: Scott Peterson. Staff present: City Manager Crystal Johnson and Finance Director Neal Carstensen. Also in attendance: EDA Director Linda Mathiasen, City Engineer Mike Amborn, Fire Chief Craig Opdahl, Fireman Ryan Haar, Fireman Alvin Howell, Ethan Weber, Mike Richter and a citizen.

CONSENT AGENDA: M/S NORDAUNE/B. PETERSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: Minutes, Bills, Building Inspector Report, Correspondence and Meetings & Events. Motion passed unanimously by those present.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RATES: After reviewing rates from other communities, Opdahl recommends the updated rates, change in manpower hourly rate and charges for fire calls on a level system. Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption authorizing the rate schedule updates as presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-106

RESOLUTION ADOPTING RATE SCHEDULE  
GRANITE FALLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

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

FIREFIGHTER RETIREMENT PLAN: After reviewing Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) audit results, Haar is requesting an increase to the service pension to \$2,600. Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption approving the increase in benefit level for firefighters who are vested in the statewide volunteer firefighter plan through the PERA:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-107

RESOLUTION OPTING TO INCREASE THE BENEFIT LEVEL  
FOR FIREFIGHTERS WHO ARE VESTED IN THE STATEWIDE  
VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER PLAN

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

INDUSTRIAL PARK UTILITIES BIDS: City Engineer Mike Amborn was in attendance to discuss the proposed Industrial Park Utilities project. The following bids were received on October 4<sup>th</sup>:

Contractor	Bid Bond	Acknowledged Addendum(s)	Base Bid	Alternate Bid 1
Duininck, Inc. - Prinsburg, MN	5%	Yes	\$ 237,603.00	\$ 58,152.50
Hjerpe Contracting, Inc. - Hutchinson, MN	5%	Yes	\$ 238,362.00	\$ 59,995.00
Northdale Construction Co., Inc. - Albertville, MN	5%	Yes	\$ 254,590.34	\$ 63,148.48
RL Larson Excavating, Inc. - St. Cloud, MN	5%	Yes	\$ 298,845.00	\$ 80,700.00
Crow River Construction - New London, MN	5%	Yes	\$ 321,389.00	\$ 87,375.00
R&R Excavating - Hutchinson, MN	5%	Yes	\$ 339,769.85	\$ 87,984.66

Upon recommendation by the city engineer, Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to award the bid for the Industrial Park Utilities to the low bidder, Duininck, Inc. in the amount of \$237,603.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-108

RESOLUTION AWARDING BID FOR  
INDUSTRIAL PARK UTILITY EXTENSION

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

HOUSING REPORT – GRANITE SQUARE PROJECT: Mathiasen reviewed the Granite Square Project, requested a special meeting and requested an additional \$50,000 match for the Workforce Housing Development Program through the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency in order to receive additional funds. After review of construction estimates, council was concerned this project was not affordable and a less expensive option would need to be found. Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to reject the MN Housing Grant.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-109

RESOLUTION REJECTING THE WORKFORCE HOUSING  
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT THROUGH THE  
MINNESOTA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

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With second by B. Peterson, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:  
Aye: Galow, Pazi Zea, Nordaune, B. Peterson and Fagnano. Nay: Smiglewski.  
Absent: S. Peterson.

REPORTS: Airport Commission, Planning Commission, Utilities Commission and Park Board reports were presented at this time.

DONATION: Following review of correspondence received from the Southwest Initiative Foundation, Galow introduced a resolution and moved its adoption authorizing a donation for 2022 to the Southwest Initiative Foundation in the amount of \$1,325.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-110

RESOLUTION APPROVING DONATION  
TO SOUTHWEST INITIATIVE FOUNDATION

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

XCEL TRANSMISSION SERVICE AGREEMENT: Following review of the service agreement, Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption authorizing the termination of the Xcel Transmission Service Agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-111

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING XCEL TRANSMISSION  
SERVICE AGREEMENT TERMINATION

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

UTILITY LINE CLEARING: Pursuant to Resolution No. 21-81 council called for bids for the 2021 Utility Line Clearing Program and the following bid was received:

Minnesota Valley Tree Services	\$150,000.00
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Following discussion, Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption accepting the bid received from Minnesota Valley Tree Service in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 to complete the Utility Line Clearing Program over the next three years.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-112

RESOLUTION AWARDING BID FOR 2021  
UTILITY LINE CLEARING PROGRAM

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With second by B. Peterson, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:  
Aye: Galow, Pazi Zea, Nordaune, B. Peterson and Fagnano. Nay: Smiglewski.  
Absent: S. Peterson.

CITY WELL REHABILITATION: Two quotes were acquired by Water Superintendent Chris Anderson to address issues with the well:

Thein Well Company	\$25,202.50
Steffl Drilling & Pump	\$43,110.00

The Utilities Commission recommends going forward with the needed repairs. Fagnano introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to award the bid for the well repairs to the low bidder, Thein Well in the amount of \$25,202.50.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-113

RESOLUTION WAIVING CALLING FOR QUOTES  
AND ACCEPTING QUOTE FOR REPAIRS TO A CITY WELL

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

INVASIVE SPECIES PROPOSAL: Following discussion, B. Peterson introduced a resolution and moved its adoption accepting the quote received from Native Resource Preservation (NRP) for invasive species removal for a total of \$9,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-114

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING REVISED PROPOSAL FOR  
INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL - MEMORIAL PARK

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

ADJOURN: M/S/P NORDAUNE/B. PETERSON TO ADJOURN AT 8:41 P.M.

David Smiglewski  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Kleven  
City Clerk