

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
October 18, 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 18, 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: City Manager Crystal Johnson, Finance Director Neal Carstensen and City Clerk Christine Kleven. Also in attendance: EDA Director Linda Mathiasen, Mike Richter and Brett Almich.

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

BASEBALL ASSOCIATION: Richter recapped projects that have been completed, along with future plans for the baseball field. To be more competitive to host tournaments, lighting and a canopy for the grandstand are necessary expenditures. Once the association has calculated the expenditures for the projects, the city will consider financial support.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Smiglewski opened a duly advertised public hearing at 7:22 p.m. to receive input regarding the proposed water rate adjustments. Following questions from the council, Mayor Smiglewski closed the public hearing at 7:28 p.m.

Following the public hearing, Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption approving the increases in the sewer and water rates as follows:

Sewer:

Residential: Availability Charge increase \$1.50
Commercial: Availability Charge increase \$1.50

Water:

Residential: Availability Charge increase from \$17.00 to \$22.00
Commercial: Availability Charge increase from \$23.00 to \$28.00

These increases are proposed to become effective with utility bills due January 1, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-115

RESOLUTION INCREASING SEWER AND WATER RATES
EFFECTIVE WITH UTILITY BILLS DUE JANUARY 1, 2022

(Copy on file in city clerk's office)

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

EDA: Mathiasen submitted her resignation to the EDA Board effective November 11.

She presented a list of projects she has been working on, boards/committees she served on, and needs/ideas for going forward. The new holiday lights are scheduled to be turned on for the first time on November 20th.

REPORTS: Airport Commission report was presented at this time.

STREAMGAGE AGREEMENT: Staff presented the agreement from USGS. Following discussion, Fagnano introduced a resolution and moved its adoption authorizing the execution of a 5-year joint funding agreement with USGS.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-116

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF
5-YEAR JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT – STREAMGAGE

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

GRANITE FALLS AREA ARTS COUNCIL: Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption approving a donation of \$1,500 for calendar year 2021 to the Granite Area Arts Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-117

RESOLUTION APPROVING DONATION
TO GRANITE AREA ARTS COUNCIL

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

RESIDENTIAL UTILITY LOAN REQUEST: Laura Read approached the city requesting a Residential utility loan to pay for replacing water and sewer lines. She would like the loan assessed to her property taxes. Following discussion, Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption approving a residential utility loan to Laura Read in the amount of \$6,000. The loan will be at an interest rate of 4% with payments to be made over a 10-year period through an annual assessment.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-118

RESOLUTION APPROVING A RESIDENTIAL
UTILITY LOAN TO LAURA READ

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With second by Galow, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

CITY PARK ORDINANCE: The Park Board recommends this ordinance for all city parks. Following discussion, M/S NORDAUNE/FAGNANO TO HAVE THE FIRST READING OF CITY PARK ORDINANCE. Motion carried unanimously.

CHARITABLE GAMBLING: A gambling license application was acknowledged at this time for YME Hoops Club to hold a fundraiser. Council acknowledged this charitable gambling application with no waiting period.

A gambling license application was also acknowledged at this time for Granite Falls Lions to hold its annual calendar sales. Council acknowledged this charitable gambling application with no waiting period.

ADJOURN: M/S/P NORDAUNE/S. PETERSON TO ADJOURN AT 8:06 P.M.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Kleven
City Clerk