

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
September 20, 2021

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Vice President Steve Nordaune at 7:00 p.m., Monday, September 20, 2021 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: DuWayne Galow, Brad Peterson, Joe Fagnano and Scott Peterson. Council members absent: Mayor Dave Smiglewski and Sharon Pazi Zea. Staff present: City Manager Crystal Johnson, Finance Director Neal Carstensen and City Clerk Christine Kleven. Also in attendance: Jim Finken WWTP Superintendent; Dani Prados Granite Falls City Artist-in-Residence; EDA Director Linda Mathiasen; Josh Peterson; and Michele Huggins.

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

NATIVE RESOURCE PRESERVATION: Josh Peterson presented billing and maintenance options for controlling invasive species at Memorial Park.

MISCONDUCT POLICY: M/S B. PETERSON/GALOW TO APPROVE THE UPDATED POLICE DEPARTMENT ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT POLICY. Motion passed unanimously by those present.

MEANDER REQUEST: Luwaina Al-Otiabi requested approval for a raised fire pit by the walking bridge as part of the opening Meander events on Friday, October 1. M/S FAGNANO/GALOW TO APPROVE THE USE OF A RAISED FIRE PIT BY THE WALKING BRIDGE DURING THE OPENING EVENTS OF MEANDER ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1. Motion passed unanimously by those present.

846 7th Street Hearing called to order at 7:16 p.m. There was no public comment. Hearing closed at 7:17 p.m. Following recommendation by Attorney Blackwelder, B. Peterson introduced a resolution and moved its adoption declaring 846 7th Street a nuisance property.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-101

RESOLUTION DECLARING STRUCTURE AS A PUBLIC NUISANCE
AND DIRECTING CITY ATTORNEY TO OBTAIN AN
ORDER FOR REMOVAL OF PUBLIC NUISANCE BUILDING PURSUANT
TO GRANITE FALLS CITY CODE §150.09(A)(C)

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

EDA: Linda Mathiasen updated the council on initiatives and grants. A Community Vision display at Squidfest produced helpful feedback.

REPORTS: Planning Commission report was presented at this time.

STONY RUN ADDITION PLAT: Following the recommendation of the Planning Commission, B. Peterson introduced a resolution and moved its adoption approving the updated plat.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-102

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE UPDATED PLAT
LOTS 9 & 10 BLOCK 3 OF STONY RUN ADDITION

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

I & I PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT: Jim Finken shared facts on flow that overloads the plant and causes MPCA violations. Utilities Commission is recommending hiring an outside firm to address the sump pump issue. Galow introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption accepting the service agreement proposed by Stantec.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-103

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
PROPOSAL FOR INFLOW & INFILTRATION CITY ORDINANCE
DEVELOPMENT & IMPLEMENTATION

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With second by Fagnano, 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, AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 151, FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY AND TO APPROVE A PUBLICATION SUMMARY.

ORDINANCE NO. 202, 2ND SERIES

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, AMENDING CITY
CODE CHAPTER 151, FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT

Motion passed unanimously by those present.

BRIDGE AND DAM LIGHT UPDATES: Signal issues have been identified and are being Resolved.

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE: Dani Prados gave an update on Squidfest/Ribfest. Plans and

TURBINE #3: Due to the extremely high bid it is recommended by staff to reject the bid and approve to rebid. B. Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to reject a bid and call for new bids.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-104

RESOLUTION REJECTING A BID FOR TURBINE #3
AND CALLING FOR NEW BIDS

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

CLOSED MEETING: Vice President Nordaune closed the meeting at 8:22 p.m. to discuss the sale of city owned property.

REOPEN MEETING: Vice President Nordaune reopened the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-105

SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY

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

ADJOURN: M/S/P S. PETERSON/B. PETERSON TO ADJOURN AT 8:35 P.M.

Steve Nordaune
Vice President

ATTEST:

Christine Kleven
City Clerk