

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
September 7, 2021

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor Dave Smiglewski at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 7, 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: Dani Prados Granite Falls City Artist-in-Residence.

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

REPORTS: Planning Commission and KCC reports were presented at this time.

VOLUNTARY LEAVE POLICY: Upon recommendation of staff and review by all unions as well as the wage and salary committee, M/S/P NORDAUNE/GALOW TO APPROVE IMPLEMENTING A VOLUNTARY DONATION LEAVE POLICY FOR USE BY CITY EMPLOYEES.

LEGION REQUEST: The Legion has requested use of the parking lot for the 2nd Annual Ribfest on September 18. M/S/P NORDAUNE/B. PETERSON TO ALLOW THE USE OF THE PARKING LOT ADJACENT TO THE BUILDING ON SEPTEMBER 18th FOR THE 2ND ANNUAL RIBFEST.

YELLOWSTONE TRAIL SOCIABILITY RUN: Mary Gillespie has requested council authorization to close the parking lot behind Bluenose Gopher for a car show on September 11th. M/S/P NORDAUNE/GALOW AUTHORIZING THE CLOSING OF THE PARKING LOT BEHIND BLUENOSE GOPHER AT 6:00PM ON SEPTEMBER 11TH AS PART OF THE YELLOWSTONE TRAIL SOCIABILITY RUN.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REQUEST: M/S/P FAGNANO/B. PETERSON TO APPROVE THE CLOSURE AND USE OF 3 BLOCKS OF 8TH AVENUE BETWEEN 2ND STREET AND PRENTICE STREET FROM 1:00 TO 5:00 P.M. FOR THE OCTOBER 30TH TRUNK N TREAT COMMUNITY EVENT.

POWERHOUSE INTAKE AREA REPAIR PROPOSAL: Following staff and Utilities Commission recommendation Galow introduced the following resolution accepting the services presented in the proposal from Barr Engineering for the Powerhouse intake gate repairs.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-93

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL FOR
ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES TO MAKE REPAIRS
TO THE HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER PLANT INTAKE AREA

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With second by Nordaune, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

WATER AND SEWER RATES: Upon the recommendation of the Utilities Commission, Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption calling for a public hearing concerning the increase in water and sewer rates; said hearing to be held at 7:15 p.m. on Monday, October 18th.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-94

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR HEARING ON
PROPOSED WATER AND SEWER RATE ADJUSTMENT

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With second by Fagnano, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: A duly advertised hearing was called to order by Mayor Smiglewski at 7:20 p.m. to receive public input regarding the Flood Plain Ordinance, DNR has approved this as a final draft. Following discussion Mayor Smiglewski closed the public hearing at 7:23 p.m.

Following the public hearing, M/S/P NORDAUNE/B. PETERSON TO HAVE THE FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 151 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT.

2022 BUDGET: The following resolutions pertaining to the 2022 budget were acted on:

Introduced by Nordaune:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-95

RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSED TAX LEVY
PAYABLE 2022 AND CALLING PUBLIC HEARING
FOR GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR 2022

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

Introduced by Nordaune:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-96

RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSED
GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR YEAR 2022

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

Introduced by Fagnano:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-97

RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSED
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND AND ENTERPRISE
FUND BUDGETS FOR 2022

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

Introduced by Nordaune:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-98

RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSED
TRANSFERS OF GENERAL FUNDS TO VARIOUS
CITY FUNDS FOR 2021 BUDGET

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With second by Galow, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

Introduced by B. Peterson:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-99

RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSED
TRANSFERS OF ENTERPRISE FUNDS TO THE
2021 GENERAL AND AIRPORT
CONSTRUCTION FUND

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With second by Nordaune, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

Introduced by Galow:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-100

RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSED 5-YEAR
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN
AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE – ALL FUNDS

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With second by Nordaune, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

I&I PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT: Utilities Commission is discussing moving forward with this initiative to create a new ordinance. Funding to come from the Sewer Fund. Recommendations include inspections at time of house sale, education, inspection program, and a tracking system.

ORDINANCE: Following discussion M/S NORDAUNE/B. PETERSON TO HAVE THE SECOND READING AND SUBSEQUENT ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 33.01 LODGING TAX. Motion carried unanimously and the ordinance will become effective upon publication.

Annexation process: Land for the future hospital has been purchased. A meeting with the township is planned prior to beginning annexation proceedings.

Board of Equalization & Appeals: Reminder online training is available.

CITY ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE UPDATE: Prados gave updates on Squidfest, presented the parade route and road closure requests. The county has pre-approved full closure of main street from 6th Avenue to 9th Avenue. Prados requested approval from the city to close main street and the parking lot behind main from the city hall to the popcorn stand. M/S/P NORDAUNE/PAZI ZEA TO APPROVE REQUESTED CLOSURES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 18 SQUIDFEST.

ADJOURN: M/S/P NORDAUNE/B. PETERSON TO ADJOURN AT 8:25 P.M.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Kleven
City Clerk