

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
NOVEMBER 21, 2016

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor David Smiglewski at 7:30 p.m., Monday, November 21st, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: DuWayne Galow, Sarina Otaibi, Steve Nordaune, Steve Schaub, Joe Fagnano and Scott Peterson. Staff present: City Manager Crystal Johnson, Finance Director Mike Betker and City Clerk Joan Taylor. Also in attendance were EDA Director Justin Bentaas, Andy Berg from Abdo, Eick & Meyers, numerous residents for the Assessment Hearing and Advocate Tribune News Editor Caitlyn Mahium.

MINUTES: M/S NORDAUNE/FAGNANO TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 7TH REGULAR MEETING & NOVEMBER 9TH CANVASING BOARD. Motion carried unanimously.

BILLS: M/S GALOW/NORDAUNE TO APPROVE BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PLAN: Andy Berg from Abdo, Eick & Meyers was in attendance to review with council the city's updated Financial Management Plan.

REPORTS: The Airport Commission and EDA Board reports were acknowledged at this time.

811 RLF: Upon the recommendation of the EDA Board Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption modifying the loan from the 811 Revolving Loan Fund to David and Melanie Syring to interest-only payments of \$38.28 to run from December 2016 through June of 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-167

RESOLUTION MODIFYING LOAN PAYMENT –
DAVID & MELISSA SYRING

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With second by Schaub, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

Following discussion Fagnano introduced a resolution modifying the 811 Revolving Loan Fund loan to Todd Soderstrom dba Sode's Performance decreasing his monthly payments from \$241.27 to \$150 for a period of 12 months beginning December 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-168

RESOLUTION DEFERRING LOAN PAYMENT –

TODD SODERSTROM DBA SODE'S PERFORMANCE

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With second by Schaub, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

Also upon the recommendation of the EDA Board, Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption deferring the 811 Revolving Loan Fund Loan to Donna Greiger until March of 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-169

RESOLUTION RESTRUCTURING 811 REVOLVING LOAN FUND LOAN –
DONNA GREIGER

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With second by Galow, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

REPORTS: The following reports were acknowledged at this time: Finance, Hospital Board, Library Board, Park Board, Planning Commission, Police Chief and Granite Falls Historical Society.

ASSESSMENTS: Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption certifying assessments for collection of delinquent utility and/or maintenance charges and the reassessment of charges incurred by the city.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-170

RESOLUTION CERTIFYING ASSESSMENTS
FOR DELINQUENT CHARGES

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With second by Schaub, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

HEARING/2016 STREET & UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS: Mayor Smiglewski opened a duly advertised public hearing at 8:00 p.m. to consider the proposed final assessments of the 2016 Street and Utility Improvements. City Engineer Amborn was in attendance to discuss the projects completed in this year's program. After questions and comments were taken from residents in attendance Mayor Smiglewski closed the hearing at 8:30 p.m.

Following discussion Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption approving the final assessment roll as presented for the 2016 Street & Utility Improvements.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-171

RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL ASSESSMENTS
ON 2016 STREET & UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS

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With second by Schaub, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

FINANCE: Upon the recommendation of the city's auditors, Norduane introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption closing inactive funds and transferring the remaining cash balance to the General Fund or Capital Improvements Funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-172

RESOLUTION CLOSING INACTIVE FUNDS AND TRANSFERRING
CASH BALANCES

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With second by Galow, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

GAS FRANCHISE FEE: Also upon the recommendation of the city's auditors, Fagnano introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption closing Fund 270 and coding the future gas franchise fees received to Fund 612 the Kilowatt Community Center.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-173

RESOLUTION FOR ASSIGNMENT OF FUTURE
GAS FRANCHISE FEES

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With second by Nordaune, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

AUDITING SERVICES: Council reviewed the proposal received from Abdo, Eick & Meyers to provide auditing services for the city for years ending 2016, 2017 and 2018 in the amounts of \$34,600, \$35,250 and \$35,900 respectively. Following discussion Schaub introduced a resolution and moved its adoption accepting the proposal from Abdo, Eick & Meyers as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-174

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL
FOR AUDITING SERVICES

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With second by Nordaune, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

POLICIES: Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption amending the city's Technology Policy to include social media language as suggested by the League of Minnesota Cities.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-175

RESOLUTION AMENDING TECHNOLOGY POLICY

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With second by Schaub, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

Also upon the recommendation of the League of Minnesota Cities, Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption adopting the Data Practices Policy as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-176

RESOLUTION ADOPTING DATA PRACTICES POLICY

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With second by Galow, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

NUISANCE STRUCTURE: Following discussion, Schaub introduced a resolution and moved its adoption declaring the structure located at 1507 8th Avenue as a nuisance and requesting the city attorney to obtain an Order for Removal.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-177

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)(3)

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With second by Peterson, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

ORDINANCE: M/S FAGNANO/PETERSON TO HAVE THE FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 115 BY AMENDING ORDINANCE 115.34, HOURS AND DAYS OF BEER SALES, AND ORDINANCE 115.39, HOURS AND DAYS OF LIQUOR

SALES, AND BY DELETING ORDINANCE 115.41, HOURS AND DAYS OF SALES BY ON-SALE WINE LICENSEES. Motion carried unanimously.

TRAFFIC CONTROL: Following discussion regarding traffic flow in the alleyway between 7th Avenue and 8th Avenue behind Prentice Street, M/S GALOW/SCHAUB MAKING THE ALLEY A ONE-WAY FROM 8TH AVENUE NORTH TO MIDPOINT THEN TWO-WAY TO 7TH AVENUE AND ALL SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC FROM 7TH AVENUE MUST TURN RIGHT AT MIDPOINT OF ALLEYWAY. Motion carried by the following vote: Aye: Galow, Otaibi, Nordaune, Schaub, Fagnano and Peterson. Nay: Smiglewski.

WWTP: Council reviewed an update relative to the WWTP Phase 1 Improvements.

CHARITABLE GAMBLING: A gambling license application was acknowledged at this time for the Granite Falls Lions Club to hold meat raffle on behalf of the YME Wrestling Squad. This application was acknowledged with no waiting period.

ADJOURN: M/S/P NORDAUNE/SCHAUB TO ADJOURN AT 8:51 p.m.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk