

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
NOVEMBER 6, 2017

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor David Smiglewski at 7:00 p.m., Monday, November 6th, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: DuWayne Galow, Sarina Otaibi, Steve Nordaune, Joe Fagnano and Scott Peterson. Staff present: City Manager Crystal Johnson, Finance Director Neal Carstensen and City Clerk Joan Taylor. Also in attendance were EDA Director Cathy Anderson, Kyle Haeming from CMPAS, Ken Fellman from Kissinger & Fellman via phone and Advocate Tribune News Editor Alex Sina.

MINUTES: M/S NORDAUNE/PETERSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 16TH REGULAR MEETING. Motion carried unanimously.

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

CMPAS: Kyle Haeming from CMPAS was in attendance to discuss with council the proposed Power Sales Agreement for purchase of 5 x 16 firm energy between the city and CMPAS for years 2020 through 2033. Following discussion, Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption authorizing execution of the Power Sales Agreement as proposed.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-148

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A WHOLESALE POWER AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Granite Falls, Minnesota (hereinafter referred to as "Council") as follows:

Section 1. The City owns and operates an electric utility system under Minnesota law and through such utility distributes and sells electric power and energy at retail;

Section 2. The City is a member of the Central Minnesota Municipal Power Agency, a joint electric power agency formed under Minnesota Statutes Section 453.51 through 453.62 ("CMMPA");

Section 3. The Council has determined that it is in the best interests of its electric ratepayers for the City to enter into a power sales agreement with CMMPA for the purchase of an entitlement share of a long term 5 x 16 energy product being obtained by CMMPA from a wholesale supplier which shall start in 2021 for a term of up to 15 years so long as the price of energy does not exceed \$41.00 per megawatt hour.

WHEREAS, the Council has examined all other matters it deems relevant:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the “Power Sales Agreement Between Central Minnesota Municipal Power Agency and City of Granite Falls for Purchase of 5 x 16 Energy” be hereby approved in substantially the form presented to the Council for this meeting and that Mayor Dave Smiglewski is authorized to execute and deliver the Agreement to the counterparties on behalf of the Council, with such changes therein as shall be approved by the Council Attorney and/or other designative representatives of the Council, the execution thereof to constitute conclusive evidence of the President’s approval of any and all changes or revisions therein from the form of the Agreement hereby approved.

THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT IMMEDIATELY AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND APPROVAL AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

Adopted by the City Council this 6th day of November, 2017.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

With second by Peterson, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

REPORTS: The Building Inspector’s report was acknowledged at this time.

EDA: EDA Director Cathy Anderson was in attendance to update council relative to several projects she is working on.

REPORTS: The following reports were acknowledged at this time: Fire Department, Kilowatt Community Center Board, Public Works and Utilities Commission.

STREET LIGHTING: Upon the recommendation of Electrical Superintendent Peterson, Galow introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption accepting the quotes received for replacement of the street lights along Prentice Street, 7th Avenue and 8th Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-149

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING QUOTES FOR REPLACEMENT
OF STREET LIGHTING

WHEREAS, the Electrical Department has requested the replacement of street lights along Prentice Street, 7th Avenue and 8th Avenue; and

WHEREAS, quotes were received from JT Services to replace the globes and change the lighting to LED for the following amounts:

LED lights	\$ 5,247.50
Globes	<u>\$ 7,960.00</u>
	\$13,207.50

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, accepting the quotes from JT Services to the total amount of \$13,207.50 to replace the street lights on Prentice Street, 7th Avenue and 8th Avenue.

Adopted by the City Council this 6th day of November, 2017.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

With second by Nordaune, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

ORDINANCE: Following a telephone conversation with Ken Fellman relative to the telecommunication ordinance, M/S FAGNANO/PETERSON TO HAVE THE FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 115.16 BY AMENDING ORDINANCE 100, TELEVISION, RADIO, AND WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES. Motion carried unanimously.

ELECTRIC BUILDING: The following quotes were received for installation of insulation and tin in Electric Building #2:

L.A. Construction	\$17,700.00
Weber Construction	\$ 9,350.00

Following discussion, Galow introduced a resolution and moved its adoption accepting the quote received from Weber Construction in the amount of \$9,350 to complete the installation of insulation and tin in building #2.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-150

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING QUOTE FOR INSTALLATION OF INSULATION AND TIN IN ELECTRICAL #2

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 17-145 council solicited quotes for the installation of insulation and tin in Electrical Building #2; and

WHEREAS, the following quotes were received:

L.A. Construction	\$17,700.00
Weber Construction	\$ 9,350.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, accepting the quote received from Weber Construction in the amount of \$9,350 to complete the installation of insulation and tin in Electrical Building #2

Adopted by the City Council this 6th day of November, 2017.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

With second by Nordaune, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

ASSESSMENTS: Robert Fluto has asked the city to waiving the special assessments on property located at 215 9th Avenue to allow him to construct a duplex rental property at this location. Following discussion, Nordaune introduced a resolution authorizing the city to waive the assessments on this property contingent upon Mr. Fluto receiving a Certificate of Occupancy for the rental property proposed within 12 months of December 1, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-151

RESOLUTION WAIVING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT –
YELLOW MEDICINE COUNTY PARCEL NO. 34-300-2901

WHEREAS, following removal of a nuisance structure assessments were certified over to Yellow Medicine County on parcel number 34-300-2901, Lot 1 & E ½ Lot 2, Blk 29, Original Plat to the City of Granite Falls in the amount of \$30,137; and

WHEREAS, Robert Fluto has requested the city to release its special tax assessment on this property to allow him to build a rental duplex on this property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, authorizing the release of the special tax assessment owed to the City of Granite Falls on property known as 215 9th Avenue, parcel number 34-300-2901, Lot 1 & E ½ Lot 2, Blk 29, Original Plat to the City of Granite Falls in the amount of \$30,137, contingent upon receipt of a Certificate of Occupancy for the rental property within 12 months from December 1, 2017.

Adopted by the City Council this 6th day of November, 2017.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

With second by Galow, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: The Fire Department is recommending amendments to their guidelines. Following review of the amendments proposed, Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption amending the Fire Department Guidelines as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-152

RESOLUTION AMENDING FIRE DEPARTMENT POLICIES

WHEREAS, the Fire Department has reviewed the Fire Department Policies and is suggesting changes to this policies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, amending the Granite Falls Volunteer Fire Department Policies as presented.

Adopted by the City Council this 6th day of November, 2017.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Council

With second by Galow, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

MEMORIAL PARK: As SHPO has required that an Archaeology Survey be completed concerning Phase 1 Improvements to Memorial Park and upon the recommendation of the consulting engineer, Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption accepting the proposal received from Nienow Cultural Consultants to complete the survey in an amount not to exceed \$1,870.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-153

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL FOR ARCHAEOLOGY SURVEY –
MEMORIAL PARK PHASE I IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 16-49 council accepted the proposal received from Damon Farber Landscape Architects to provide architectural services to complete the Memorial Park Implementation Plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 17-124 council entered into a Grant Contract with the State of Minnesota in the amount of \$596,000 to complete Phase I Improvements to Memorial Park; and

WHEREAS, the State Historical Society has asked that an archaeology survey be completed prior to beginning improvements as set forth in Phase 1 Improvements to Memorial Park; and

WHEREAS, Nienow Cultural Consultants, LLC has submitted a proposal to complete the archaeology survey relative to Phase I Improvements for Memorial Park in an amount not to exceed \$1,870; however, if additional services are requested and approved it will be billed on a per-hour basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, accepting the proposal received from Nienow Cultural Consultants, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$1,870 to complete the archaeology survey. Should additional services be requested it will be billed on a per-hour basis as set forth in the proposal.

Adopted by the City Council this 6th day of November, 2017.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

With second by Peterson, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

Staff received council consensus that input for design of the shelter house and restroom building should be reviewed by the Memorial Park Committee prior to council consideration.

HIGHWAY 212: Galow introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption supporting funding for US Highway 212: A Corridor of Commerce.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-154

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING FOR US HIGHWAY 212:
A CORRIDOR OF COMMERCE

WHEREAS US Highway 212 serves a critical role in connecting Greater Minnesota to Twin Cities markets in the Metropolitan Area and has been designated an Interregional Corridor while also being placed on the National Highway System;

WHEREAS US Highway 212 is heavily used by freight traffic with 1,850 heavy trucks in the corridor daily and freight traffic in Southwest Minnesota will potentially grow by 200 percent by 2030, increasing truck traffic on Highway 212 dramatically;

WHEREAS the Corridors of Commerce program was created to accelerate improvements to corridors that are not being addressed through the regular program, including projects that span multiple MnDOT districts, and the legislature specifically identified US Highway 212 as a Corridor of Commerce in legislation passed in 2017;

WHEREAS traffic volumes in year 2030 are forecast to increase to between 21,000 and 28,000 vehicles per day or two to three times the existing traffic volumes, exceeding the capacity of the existing two-lane facility;

WHEREAS an Environmental Assessment has been approved for the 4.6 mile 2-lane gap between Cologne and Carver and the project is ready for construction upon securing right-of-way and final design;

WHEREAS forty-one communities and local chambers of commerce have passed resolutions supporting improvements to Highway 212 to expand the capacity of this highway and the Board of Commissioners of every county along the corridor has passed such a resolution;

WHEREAS the current highway poses serious safety problems as it switches from a four-lane facility west of Chaska to a two-lane highway, then switches back to a four-lane highway around Cologne and back to a two-lane highway from Cologne to Norwood Young America and would be much safer and much better able to handle present and projected traffic flows if it were a continuous four-lane highway through this area;

WHEREAS Congress and the State of Minnesota have recognized the need to expand this critical trade link to the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area and have previously provided funding through the ISTEPA Transportation Authorization bill, TEA-21 Authorization bill, the 2002 Transportation Appropriations bill, the 2003 Transportation Appropriations bill, the 2004 Transportation Appropriations bill and SAFETEA-LU;

WHEREAS Multi-modal connections to or near Highway 212 include: freight rail lines, intermodal terminals, park-and-ride lots, transit service, state trails and airports.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Granite Falls strongly supports the inclusion of funding from the Corridors of Commerce program to support the \$110 million of needed improvements that will complete the highway to a continuous four-lane highway to Norwood Young America and that any maps or lists of Corridors of Commerce highways include US Highway 212.

Adopted by the City Council of Granite Falls this 6th day of November, 2017.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

With second by Nordaune, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

BRIDGE LIGHTING: Council was advised of the demonstration of flood lighting for the Pedestrian Bridge. Following discussion it was the consensus of council to move forward with obtaining costs and engineering plans for the flood lighting. Council also asked that an alternate be added that would allow for the lighting of the dam.

2017 UTILITY IMPROVEMENT: Staff advised council that all but the alley work has been completed. The alley work along the river will be completed in the spring after the water levels recede.

AIRPORT RUNWAY: Council was advised that the Airport Reclamation Project has been completed.

PERSONNEL: Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption approving the three-year contract with the Finance Director.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-155

RESOLUTION APPROVING FINANCE DIRECTOR CONTRACT FOR 2017 - 2019

WHEREAS, the Wage and Salary Committee and the Finance Director have reached an agreement for a three-year contract for the years beginning January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, included in the three-year contract, among other items, are the following:

- Salary adjustments will be \$64,958.40 for 2017; \$68,473.60 for 2018 and \$72,467.20 for 2019;
- Increase in compensatory time maximum accrued to 120 hours;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, approving the three-year contract with the Finance Director and authorizing the Mayor and the City Manager to execute said contract.

Adopted by the City Council this 6th day of November, 2017.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

With second by Fagnano, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

ADJOURN: M/S/P NORDAUNE/OTAIBI TO ADJOURN AT 8:10 P.M.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

BILLS PAID:

Total 2XL CORPORATION:	122.24
Total ADVOCATE-TRIBUNE:	1,389.40
Total AFFILIATED MED CENTER:	95.00
Total ALEX AIR APPARATUS:	10,575.00
Total ALMICH'S MARKET:	53.85
Total ALPHA WIRELESS:	177.00
Total ANDERSON, CATHY:	252.86
Total ANDERSON, GEORGIA:	220.41
Total ARNESON DISTRIBUTING INC.:	81.00
Total ARTIC GLACIER INC:	74.09
Total BAKKER, LYNETTE:	49.22
Total BARN RESTORATION SPECIALIST CORP:	1,900.00
Total BEVERAGE WHOLESALERS:	121.00
Total BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY:	244.52
Total BREAKTHRU BEVERAGE:	1,847.05
Total BUTTERBRODT, LAURA:	79.51
Total CARLSON, MARNIE:	240.00
Total CENTRAL MN MUNICIPAL POWER:	7,818.18
Total CENTURYLINK:	1,999.60
Total CITIZENS ALLIANCE BANK:	156.34
Total CNH CAPITAL:	76.96

Total COCARD:	74.08
Total COLLECTION BUREAU:	24.86
Total CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU:	1,713.58
Total DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP:	6,904.85
Total DAMON FABER ASSOCIATES:	2,850.00
Total DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY:	12,373.56
Total DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES:	2,723.45
Total DUININCK BROS. INC.:	149,639.59
Total ENGINEERING UNLIMITED INC.:	267.04
Total FARM & HOME PUBLISHERS LTD:	108.41
Total FASTENAL COMPANY:	205.03
Total FINKEN, JIM:	118.77
Total FRIESE, AUSTIN:	82.23
Total FRY, STEPHANIE:	296.87
Total G & K SERVICES:	164.49
Total GEMPLER'S:	302.83
Total GOPHER STATE ONE-CALL:	32.40
Total GRANDVIEW VALLEY WINERY:	528.00
Total GRANITE FALLS AUTO PARTS:	65.66
Total GRANITE FALLS, CITY OF:	7,064.66
Total GRANITE TRUE VALUE:	967.76
Total HAWKINS INC:	3,192.04
Total HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS:	101.36
Total HEMINGSON, BONNIE:	20.00
Total HERFINDAHL, ARIE:	30.00
Total HIGHWAY 23 COALITION:	1,500.00
Total HOERNEMANN, PAUL:	255.00
Total HOLMSTROM & KVAM PLLP:	905.00
Total JOHNSON BROS WHOLESALE LIQUOR:	5,859.46
Total JOHNSON, CRYSTAL:	720.80
Total JT SERVICES:	1,199.20
Total K & M TIRE:	1,064.16
Total K M FIRE PUMP SPECIALISTS:	600.00
Total KEEPRS:	249.97
Total KESSLER, DENNIS:	183.69
Total KKRC-FM:	595.00
Total LAVIN FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC CENTER INC:	3,139.58
Total LEBLANC, JEREMY:	31.32
Total LEWIS, DAN:	242.91
Total LIGHT FUND:	31,418.65
Total LINCOLN PIPESTONE RURAL WATER:	177.24
Total LOCATORS & SUPPLIES:	151.86
Total LOCHER BROTHERS:	8,781.05
Total LORDEN, MICHAEL:	30.03
Total LS ENGINEERS:	240.00
Total MADISON BOTTLING CO.:	13,227.00
Total MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC:	131.91
Total MARTIN MARIETTA AGGREGATES:	859.20
Total MARTINSON, JON:	225.00
Total MEDIACOM:	63.01
Total MEYER'S REPAIR & TOWING INC:	1,186.42
Total MINNESOTA VALLEY TECH. INC:	302.50
Total MN DEPT OF REVENUE:	11,138.00
Total MN NCPERS-496000:	48.00
Total MN VALLEY TESTING LAB INC.:	379.00
Total MONEY MOVERS:	29.75
Total MVTV:	338.75
Total NATIONAL ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION:	15.00
Total NORTHERN BUSINESS PRODUCTS:	24.37
Total OFFICE DEPOT:	520.35
Total OFFICE OF MN.IT SERVICES:	283.41
Total OFFICE PEEPS:	69.75
Total PAUSTIS & SONS:	124.00
Total PETERSON, BRENDA:	780.00
Total PETERSON, PERRY:	230.98

Total PHILLIPS WINE & SPIRITS CO.:	4,678.02
Total PIONEERLAND LIBRARY SYSTEM:	21,896.75
Total PITNEY BOWES INC.:	50.00
Total POSTMASTER:	800.00
Total PRESERVATION ALLIANCE OF MINNESOTA:	250.00
Total RAMIREZ, DOUG:	45.71
Total RECREATION SUPPLY COMPANY:	20.50
Total RODEBERG & BERRYMAN INC.:	15,455.36
Total ROIGER, MORGAN:	26.97
Total RUPP, GERALD:	30.00
Total SCHWIETERS FORD OF MONTEVIDEO:	161.15
Total SHRED-IT USA:	45.32
Total SMITH, DENNIS:	333.78
Total SOUTHERN WINE & SPIRITS OF MN:	1,241.78
Total SR PERSPECTIVE:	91.91
Total STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES:	1,773.75
Total SYRING, MELISSA:	1,200.00
Total T.A. LAURITSEN SEPTIC & DRAIN:	200.00
Total TAYLOR, JOAN:	25.00
TOTAL FILTRATION SYSTEM:	142.57
Total TOWMASTER:	93,442.25
Total TWO RIVERS CABINETS & FURNITURE:	5,000.00
Total UPS:	16.66
Total US BANK:	1,545.38
Total USC PROPANE:	200.00
Total VARIETY FOODS LLC:	211.35
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Total VIKING COCA-COLA BOTTLING CO.:	218.10
Total VISA:	2,736.23
Total WINE MERCHANTS:	120.00
Total WOODS, KEITH:	250.00
Total XPRESS BILL PAY:	153.20
Total YELLOW MEDICINE EAST:	23,664.43
Total ZEA, GARY & SHARON:	.00
Total ZEE MEDICAL SERVICES:	409.70
Total ZEP:	105.44
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Grand Totals:	481,287.38