

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
DECEMBER 4, 2017

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor David Smiglewski at 7:00 p.m., Monday, December 4th, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: DuWayne Galow, Sarina Otaibi, Steve Nordaune and Joe Fagnano. Council Member absent: Scott Peterson. Staff present: City Manager Crystal Johnson, Finance Director Neal Carstensen and City Clerk Joan Taylor. Also in attendance were YMC Administrator Peg Heglund and Advocate Tribune News Reporter Alex Sina.

MINUTES: M/S NORDAUNE/GALOW TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 20TH REGULAR MEETING. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

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

FENCE: Following discussion Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption authorizing Yellow Medicine County to build a fence around the recycling site in the city right-of-way along the platted 14th Avenue with no building permit fee.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-159

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING YELLOW MEDICINE COUNTY
TO BUILD FENCE IN PLATTED RIGHT-OF-WAY

WHEREAS, Yellow Medicine County has requested to build a fence around the recycling site located in the platted right-of-way of 14th Avenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, authorizing Yellow Medicine County to build a fence around the recycling site located in the platted right-of-way along 14th Street north of Lot One (1), Block Fifty (50), Pillsbury Second Addition in Granite Falls, Minnesota; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the city waives the permit fee for building this fence.

Adopted by the City Council this 4th day of December, 2017.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

REPORTS: The Airport Commission report was acknowledged at this time. Following discussion regarding the new furniture in the Arrival/Departure Building, it was the consensus of council to allow staff to dispose of the old furniture.

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

ELECTRIC FEE: Upon the recommendation of the Utilities Commission, Fagnano introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption setting a \$50 fee for reconnection of an electric meter.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-160

RESOLUTION SETTING RECONNECTION FEE FOR
ELECTRIC METERS

WHEREAS, the Utilities Commission is recommending council consider setting a reconnection fee for electric meters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, setting a reconnection fee for electric meters at \$50 per connection.

Adopted by the City Council this 4th day of December, 2017.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

VICE-PRESIDENT: Mayor Smiglewski opened the nominations for Vice-President. M/S GALOW/OTAIBI NOMINATING STEVE NORDAUNE AS VICE-PRESIDENT. Mayor called any further nominations; with none given, motion carried unanimously by those present.

RULES OF ORDER: M/S GALOW/NORDAUNE TO CONTINUE THE GENERAL PROVISIONS AS SUBMITTED ALONG WITH THE STANDARD CODE OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE 4TH EDITION BY ALICE STURGIS AS PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

MEETING TIMES: M/S NORDAUNE/OTAIBI TO CONTINUE WITH THE PRESENT COUNCIL MEETING TIMES OF 7:00 P.M. THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH AND IN THE EVENT THE MONDAY IS A HOLIDAY, THE COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

APPOINTMENTS: M/S NORDAUNE/GALOW THAT THE APPOINTMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS SHOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE:	DuWAYNE GALOW & SARINA OTAIBI
PLANNING COMMISSION:	SCOTT PETERSON
EDA:	DUWAYNE GALOW & SCOTT PETERSON
UTILITIES COMMISSION:	DAVID SMIGLEWSKI
LIBRARY BOARD:	SARINA OTAIBI
COMMUNITY ED:	DAVID SMIGLEWSKI
HOSPITAL BOARD:	JOSEPH FAGNANO
PARK BOARD:	STEVE NORDAUNE
WAGE & SALARY:	DuWAYNE GALOW & STEVE NORDAUNE
AIRPORT COMMISSION	DuWAYNE GALOW
KILOWATT COMM. CENTER:	JOSEPH FAGNANO & STEVE NORDAUNE

Motion carried unanimously by those present.

LICENSE RENEWALS: M/S NORDAUNE/FAGNANO APPROVING RENEWAL OF CITY LICENSES AND PERMITS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

WATER TOWERS: Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption calling for bids for the painting of the city’s two water towers, the 50,000 gallon tower to be completed in 2018 and the 300,000 gallon tower in 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-161

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR BIDS FOR PAINTING OF WATER TOWERS

WHEREAS, painting of the city’s two water towers is needed to include the following:

- Pressure-wash the complete exterior and remove all dirt mildew and any loose coating.
- Apply spot prime to the bare or rusted areas of the exterior tank.
- Will apply a finish coat of industrial acrylic paint to complete the exterior work.
- With an Alternate bid for painting the city logo on the two towers.

WHEREAS, the Utilities Commission is recommending council call for bids for the painting of the 50,000 gallon tower to be completed in 2018 and the 300,000 gallon tower to be completed in 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, calling for bids for painting of the city's two water towers as referenced above.

Adopted by the City Council this 4th day of December, 2017.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

SURPLUS PROPERTY: Following discussion Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption authorizing the Hospital Board to move forward with the sale of two properties.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-162

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HOSPITAL BOARD TO DECLARE PROPERTIES
AS SURPLUS AND PROCEED WITH THEIR SALE

WHEREAS, the Hospital Board is recommending that the property located at 280 11th Avenue and 1055 3rd Street be declared as surplus and asked for authorization to sell these properties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, declaring the structure located at 280 11th Avenue legally described as Lot Twelve (12), Block Twenty-eight (28) of the Original Plat of the City of Granite Falls and 1055 3rd Street legally known as Lot Eleven (11), Block Twenty eight (28), Original Plat of the City of Granite Falls, both in Yellow Medicine County, Minnesota as surplus and authorizing the Hospital Board to proceed with the sale of these properties.

Adopted by the City Council this 4th day of December, 2017.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

HIGHWAY 23 COALITION: Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption supporting funding for Minnesota State Highway 23, A Corridor of Commerce.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-163

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING FOR MINNESOTA
STATE HIGHWAY 23, A CORRIDOR OF COMMERCE**

WHEREAS, Minnesota State Highway 23 is a vital commerce highway with more than 1,138 transportation-related businesses with 30,000 employees in a six-county region directly affected by the safety and access features of the highway; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota State Highway 23 is the second longest route in Minnesota running diagonally across Minnesota from southwest to northeast indirectly connecting Duluth to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and yet, the majority of the route remains a two-lane highway; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota State Highway 23 is an important commerce highway with over 10,000 trip permits issued in the past six years in addition to normal freight traffic; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota State Highway 23 serves a critical role in connecting Greater Minnesota to regional trade centers and highway systems, such as to markets in the Twin Cities metropolitan area, regional airports, U.S. Interstate 94, U.S. Highways 59, 12, 71 and 212 and Minnesota State Highways 7 and 55; and

WHEREAS, the Highway 23 Coalition is a committed and concerned group of business, city, county and nonprofit organization members officially organized with an elected board of directors; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Highway 23 Coalition are prepared and willing to engage in discussion, make presentations and answer questions regarding the Coalition and the improvements needed between New London and Paynesville on Minnesota State Highway 23; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Highway 23 Coalition are familiar with the Corridors of Commerce funding and understand the eight criteria being more clearly defined by the Minnesota Department of Transportation's Technical Advisory Team, and will present information assisting in the definition and how this corridor fits the criteria at the open houses; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Highway 23 Coalition believe it is crucial to return the investment that has already been made at different points along Minnesota State Highway 23, including the four-lane gap between New London and Paynesville that is designated as shovel ready.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Granite Falls supports the inclusion of funding from the Corridors of Commerce program to support the \$60 million needed to complete the conversion of approximately 7.4 miles of Minnesota State Highway 23 from two lanes to four lanes between New London and Paynesville, 500 feet east of Kandiyohi County Road 31 to 2,250 feet east of Kandiyohi County Road 6.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Granite Falls, Minnesota, this 4th day of December, 2017.

BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

David Smiglewski, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

MEDIACOM: Council reviewed correspondence received from Mediacom informing the city that as of January 1, 2018 there will be a rate adjustment.

MEMORIAL PARK: Staff advised council that the Minnesota Parks and Trails are recommending fully funding our grant application for Phase II improvements to Memorial Park.

PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE: The Bridge Lighting Committee will be reviewing three options relative to the bridge lighting and will bring a recommendation back to council.

TRANSIT: Transit Coordinator has received a request to split the cost of two buses to bring seniors to Willmar to view the holiday lights. Following discussion it was the consensus of council not to fund this request.

ASSESSMENTS: An individual has asked the city not to re-assess tax assessments onto property located at 920 Lincoln Street. Following discussion it was the consensus of council to request the purchaser provide council with a development plan for this parcel prior to consideration of his request.

ADJOURN: NORDAUNE/OTAIBI TO ADJOURN at 7:46 p.m.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

BILLS PAID:

Total 2XL CORPORATION:	122.24
Total ARTIC GLACIER INC:	76.20
Total AUTO OWNERS INSURANCE:	2,298.00
Total BEVERAGE WHOLESALERS:	43.18
Total BISBEE PLUMBING & HEATING:	897.31
Total BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY:	1,051.48
Total BREAKTHRU BEVERAGE:	6,962.34
Total C. EMERY NELSON INC:	242.74
Total CARLSON, MARNIE:	120.00
Total CENTRAL UNIFIED TECHNOLOGY:	100.13
Total CENTURYLINK:	147.33
Total CITIZENS ALLIANCE BANK:	96.25
Total CNH CAPITAL:	40.82
Total COALITION OF GREATER MN CITIES:	345.00
Total COCARD:	74.65
Total CREATIVE FORMS & CONCEPT:	215.85
Total DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP:	4,660.83
Total DAMON FARBER LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS:	3,488.44
Total DAN'S SHOP INC:	16.93
Total DC SIGNS:	95.00
Total DUININCK BROS. INC.:	592.80
Total ENGINEERING UNLIMITED INC.:	186.73
Total FASTENAL COMPANY:	133.00
Total FELTON, CHARLES:	20.97
Total G & K SERVICES:	99.28
Total GISLASON, ALLEN:	225.00
Total GOPHER STATE ONE-CALL:	16.20
Total GRAINGER INC, WW:	138.96
Total GRANITE FALLS AMBULANCE:	7,500.00
Total HAWKINS INC:	310.22
Total HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS:	118.07
Total HOERNEMANN, PAUL:	280.00
Total HOLMSTROM & KVAM PLLP:	1,890.00
Total IMS PLUMBING LLC:	690.44
Total IRBY:	328.73
Total JIM'S CLOTHING & SPORTING GOOD:	288.00
Total JOHNSON, CRYSTAL:	219.79
Total JT SERVICES:	9,469.56
Total KVAM, LEROY:	55.00
Total LIGHT FUND:	32,112.53
Total LINCOLN PIPESTONE RURAL WATER:	42.08
Total LOCHER BROTHERS:	7,200.12
Total MADISON BOTTLING CO.:	6,394.79
Total MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC:	42.50
Total MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL:	238.02
Total MN DEPT OF HEALTH-WATER:	1,942.00
Total MN DEPT OF REVENUE:	22,884.00
Total MN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES ASSN:	595.00
Total MN NCPERS-496000:	48.00
Total MN RURAL WATER ASSN:	230.00
Total MN VALLEY TESTING LAB INC.:	258.00
Total MONEY MOVERS:	30.75
Total MONTEVIDEO AMERICAN NEWS:	148.00
Total MVTV:	338.75

Total OFFICE DEPOT:	102.76
Total PETERSON, BRENDA:	780.00
Total PETERSON, PERRY:	75.00
Total PHILLIPS WINE & SPIRITS CO.:	233.50
Total PIONEERLAND LIBRARY SYSTEM:	1,705.16
Total POSTMASTER:	1,200.00
Total RADDATZ, LORETTA:	37.24
Total RODEBERG & BERRYMAN INC.:	10,181.80
Total SAWMILL, THE:	36.44
Total SHRED-IT USA:	91.46
Total SOUTHERN WINE & SPIRITS OF MN:	1,133.07
Total STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES:	428.92
Total SYRING, MELISSA:	1,200.00
Total TAYLOR, JOAN:	7.00
Total THULL, MIKE:	41.96
Total TRI COUNTY NEWS:	24.60
Total US BANK:	1,810.59
Total VANOVERBEKE,JEFF:	75.00
Total VIKING COCA-COLA BOTTLING CO.:	193.76
Total VISA:	3,510.52
Total WOODS, KEITH:	250.00
Total XPRESS BILL PAY:	147.40
Grand Totals:	<u>139,428.19</u>