

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR SESSION  
MARCH 5, 2018

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor David Smiglewski at 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: DuWayne Galow, Sarina Otaibi, and Steve Nordaune. Council Members absent: Joe Fagnano and Scott Peterson. Staff present: City Manager Crystal Johnson, and City Clerk Joan Taylor. Also in attendance were EDA Director Cathy Anderson, Sherry Mathiowetz and Advocate Tribune News Reporter Alex Sina.

MINUTES: M/S NORDAUNE/GALOW TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 20<sup>th</sup> REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED MEETING. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

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

REPORTS: The Kilowatt Community Center Board and Park Board reports were acknowledged at this time.

CAMPING FEES: Upon the recommendation of the Park Board, Galow introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption raising the Memorial Park camping fees from \$9 for RV parking to \$12 per night and from \$7 for tent camping to \$10 per night.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-32

RESOLUTION INCREASING MEMORIAL PARK CAMPING FEES

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, increasing the fees for camping at Memorial Park as shown below beginning April 1, 2018.

	<u>Previous Fees</u>	<u>New Fees</u>
Tent Camping (no hookups)	\$ 5.00 per night	\$10.00 per night
RV Camping (water & electric)	\$ 7.00 per night	\$12.00 per night

Adopted by the City Council this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

David Smiglewski  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor  
City Clerk

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

REPORTS: The Public Works report was acknowledged at this time.

MnDOT: Following discussion Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption supporting the recommended projects for the 2018 Corridors of Commerce Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-33

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING FOR THE  
2018 CORRIDORS OF COMMERCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the overpass that carries BNSF trains over U.S. 212 in Granite Falls between 13<sup>th</sup> Street (CSAH 47 and 15<sup>th</sup> Street (CSAH 25) restricts high and wide loads, due to its 1930-era design; and

WHEREAS, the same BNSF overpass does not have sufficient clearance to safely allow oversized loads to pass through and under the railroad and forces oversized commercial traffic to regularly use 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 15<sup>th</sup> Street or 17<sup>th</sup> Street (CSAH 45) as well as the at-grade crossing with the BNSF rail line at 9th Avenue (CSAH 45) for an high/wide alternative detour route; and

WHEREAS, this alternative detour route forces high/wide commercial traffic onto city streets that are less safe for that type of traffic movement and also forces the same commercial traffic to use an at-grade railroad/highway crossing which is much more hazardous than the U.S. 212 overpass grade separation; and

WHEREAS, the same BNSF overpass is extremely narrow and effectively blocks line-of-sight vision for oncoming traffic on U.S. 212 while traffic from both 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 15<sup>th</sup> Street is attempting to enter U.S. 212, and has been the cause of numerous crashes at these intersections over several years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Granite Falls does whole heartedly support the proposed replacement of the BNSF overpass bridge over U.S. 212 between 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 15<sup>th</sup> Street in the city limits of the City of Granite Falls with a new, wider overpass carrying the BNSF Railroad over U.S. 212 that also permits a higher overhead clearance that permits oversized high and wide loads to pass underneath and also permits an open line-of-sight for traffic attempting to enter U.S. 212 from either 13<sup>th</sup> Street or 15<sup>th</sup> Street; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding for this comes from the Corridors of Commerce Program and funding appropriation made possible by the Minnesota Legislature's 2017 session.

Adopted by the City Council of Granite Falls, MN this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

David Smiglewski  
Mayor

ATTEST:  
Joan M. Taylor  
City Clerk

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

POLE ATTACHMENT CONTRACT: Nordaune introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption to amend the contract with KISSINGER & FELLMAN to include services in connection with a pole attachment agreement between the city and ExteNet Systems, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-34

RESOLUTION AMENDING CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES -  
POLE ATTACHMENT AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 17-74 council accepting a proposal received from Kenneth S. Fellman of Kissinger & Fellman in an amount not to exceed \$18,000 to provide legal services to rewrite the city's Telecommunications Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, it has been recommended to amend this contract to include services provided in connection with a pole attachment agreement between the city and ExteNet Systems, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, amending the contract with Kissinger & Fellman to include services in connection with a pole attachment agreement between the city and ExteNet Systems, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

Adopted by the City Council this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

David Smiglewski  
Mayor

ATTEST:  
Joan M. Taylor  
City Clerk

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Staff advised council that the application submitted for the 2016 Assistance to Firefighter Grant has been approved by the Department of Homeland Security. Following discussion, Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption authorizing acceptance of the FEMA Grant for the purchase of air packs, bottles, masks and a thermal imaging camera in the amount of \$83,332 with the local share of \$4,166.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-35

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF  
2016 FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT AWARD

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 16-90 council authorized the Granite Falls Volunteer Fire Department to submit a grant application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency to assist with the purchase of air packs, bottles, masks and a thermal imaging camera for an approximate amount of \$92,360; and

WHEREAS, the city received notice that this grant application has been approved in the amount of \$83,332 with the local share being \$4,166.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, authorizing the acceptance of the FEMA 2016 Volunteer Fire Assistance Grand Award in the amount of \$83,332 with the city's matching amount of \$4,166 for the purchase of the above described fire safety equipment.

Adopted by the City Council this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

David Smiglewski  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor  
City Clerk

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

Also upon the recommendation of the Fire Department, Galow introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption amending the Fire Department Policies to include the position of Chaplin.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-36

RESOLUTION AMENDING FIRE DEPARTMENT POLICIES

WHEREAS, the Fire Department has reviewed the Fire Department Policies and is suggesting to reinsert the position of Chaplin to this policies.

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 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

David Smiglewski  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor  
City Clerk

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

BARBER CIRCLE: EDA Director Cathy Anderson and Sherry Mathiowetz were in attendance to request council consider adding the completion of Barber Circle to the 2018 Street and Utility Improvements. Following discussion, Nordaune introduced a resolution and moved its adoption ordering preparation of an engineering report on the Barber Circle improvement.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-37

RESOLUTION ORDERING PREPARATION OF REPORT ON IMPROVEMENT

WHEREAS, it is proposed to complete Barber Circle and include it in the 2018 Street and Utility Improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, that the proposed improvement be referred to the city engineer for study and that Rodeberg & Berryman is instructed to report to the council with all convenient speed advising the council in a preliminary way as to whether the proposed improvements are necessary, cost-effective, and feasible; whether it should best be made as proposed or in connection with some other improvements; the estimated cost of the improvements as recommended; and a description of the methodology used to calculate individual assessments for affected parcels.

Adopted by the City Council this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

David Smiglewski  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor  
City Clerk

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

CITY LOGO: Following discussion it was the consensus of council for staff to decide on the logo that was to be placed in the Council Chambers.

BRIDGE LIGHTING: Council was reminded of the bridge lighting demonstration to be held this Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

ADJOURN: M/S/P NORDAUNE/OTAIBI TO ADJOURN at 7:28 p.m.

David Smiglewski  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor  
City Clerk

BILLS PAID:

Total 101 DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES INC:	35,635.70
Total 2XL CORPORATION:	123.17
Total ADVOCATE-TRIBUNE:	1,566.68
Total ALEX AIR APPARATUS:	730.00
Total AMARIL UNIFORM CO:	448.21
Total ARNESON DISTRIBUTING INC.:	49.00
Total ARTIC GLACIER INC:	91.03
Total AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS CO:	632.54
Total BACKES TECHNOLOGY SERVICES INC:	162.50
Total BDS LAUNDRY SYSTEMS:	85.50
Total BEVERAGE WHOLESALERS:	164.60
Total BISBEE PLUMBING & HEATING:	6,075.00
Total BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY:	3,180.97
Total BREAKTHRU BEVERAGE:	3,167.56
Total CARLSON, MARNIE:	160.00
Total CENTURYLINK:	147.66
Total CHAPPELL CENTRAL:	1,140.72
Total CITIZENS ALLIANCE BANK:	30.00
Total CNH CAPITAL:	245.82
Total COCARD:	208.85
Total COLLECTION BUREAU:	50.00
Total COUNTRYSIDE PUBLIC HEALTH:	375.00
Total CRYSTEEL TRUCK EQUIPMENT:	140.00
Total CULLIGAN OF MONTEVIDEO:	885.22
Total DAMON FARBER LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS:	30,664.07
Total DANIELOWSKI, ERIC:	225.00
Total DAVE'S ELECTRIC MOTOR CO:	297.02
Total FANNIE MAE:	84.05
Total FARMERS UNION OIL CO.:	3,403.06
Total FASTENAL COMPANY:	198.00
Total FELTON, CHARLES:	30.00
Total G & K SERVICES:	195.65

Total GRAINGER INC, WW:	138.96
Total GRANITE FALLS HEALTH CARE:	43,386.78
Total GRANITE TRUE VALUE:	1,046.72
Total GRAYMONT CAPITAL INC:	1,729.92
Total H & L MESABI:	1,022.00
Total HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS:	73.93
Total HILLENBRAND, MIKE:	130.99
Total HOERNEMANN, PAUL:	255.00
Total JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL:	124.71
Total JOHNSON BROS WHOLESALE LIQUOR:	14,043.96
Total KIEFER SWIM PRODUCTS:	139.58
Total KOERLIN, KEITH:	55.00
Total LAIDLAW, BRAIN:	1,000.00
Total LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES:	180.20
Total LIGHT FUND:	33,064.51
Total LINCOLN PIPESTONE RURAL WATER:	42.08
Total LOCHER BROTHERS:	8,299.13
Total LUND, MICHELLE:	30.00
Total MADISON BOTTLING CO.:	8,144.65
Total MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC:	91.22
Total MEDIACOM:	63.01
Total MILAN BLACKSMITH SHOP:	2,300.00
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Total MN DEPT OF HEALTH-WATER:	1,942.00
Total MN DEPT OF REVENUE:	25,433.00
Total MN RURAL WATER ASSN:	250.00
Total MN VALLEY TESTING LAB INC.:	491.50
Total MONEY MOVERS:	39.25
Total MONTROSS, MICHAEL:	656.16
Total MOTOROLA:	3,137.75
Total MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES:	85,906.07
Total MVTV:	338.75
Total OFFICE DEPOT:	155.31
Total OFFICE OF MN.IT SERVICES:	64.08
Total OVERHEAD HOIST & CRANE SPECIALISTS INC:	1,000.00
Total PAR PIPING & FABRICATION:	232.32
Total PAUSTIS & SONS:	654.50
Total PETERSON, BRENDA:	780.00
Total PETERSON, PERRY:	75.00
Total PHILLIPS WINE & SPIRITS CO.:	8,960.28
Total PIONEERLAND LIBRARY SYSTEM:	1,801.96
Total POSTMASTER:	800.00
Total RECREATION SUPPLY COMPANY:	64.80
Total REGIONAL DEVELOP. COMMISSION:	2,000.00
Total RETROFIT RECYCLING:	276.02
Total RODEBERG & BERRYMAN INC.:	19,235.32
Total RUPP, GERALD:	31.08
Total SAWMILL, THE:	21.97
Total SHRED-IT USA:	46.57
Total SINA, ALEXANDER:	140.00
Total SOUTHERN WINE & SPIRITS OF MN:	2,311.42
Total SPORTSMITH:	190.77
Total STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES:	882.00
Total SYRING, MELISSA:	800.00
Total T & L WELDING:	43.67
Total T & R ELECTRIC:	14,105.37
Total TRI-STATE MECHANICAL:	238.00
Total UPS:	3.72
Total US BANK:	1,545.03
Total VERIZON WIRELESS:	50.10
Total VIKING COCA-COLA BOTTLING CO.:	116.30
Total VISA:	2,871.08
Total WEST CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS:	150.00
Total WEST CENTRAL FIREFIGHTERS:	55.00
Total WINE MERCHANTS:	297.00

Total WOODS, KEITH:	250.00
Total XPRESS BILL PAY:	162.25
Total ZEMPEL DECORATING:	1,518.00
Total ZEP:	119.91
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Grand Totals:	386,198.24
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