

OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
MARCH 4, 2019

A regular session of the Granite Falls City Council was called to order by Mayor Smiglewski at 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 4th, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council Members present: DuWayne Galow, Sarina Otaibi, Brad Peterson, Joe Fagnano and Scott Peterson. Council Members absent: Steve Nordaune. Staff present: City Manager Crystal Johnson, Finance Director Neal Carstensen and City Clerk Joan Taylor. Also in attendance were Jean Garbarini from Damon Farber, Scott Tedrick and Advocate Tribune News Reporter Noah Lusti.

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

MEMORIAL PARK: Jean Garbarini from Damon Farber was in attendance to update council concerning Phase 1, 2 and 3 improvements to Memorial Park.

YELLOWSTONE TRAIL ALLIANCE: Scott Tedrick was in attendance to request the city partner with the Renville County Historical Society, Yellow Medicine County Historical Society and the City of Olivia in the Heritage Partnership Program Grant with the Minnesota Historical Society which would be used to develop the Yellowstone Heritage Trail Interpretive Plan. Following discussion Otaibi introduced a resolution approving the partnership with the Heritage Partnership Program Grant.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-35

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT FOR AND PARTNERSHIP WITH
THE HERITAGE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM GRANT

WHEREAS, the Yellowstone Heritage Trail Alliance in partnership with the Renville County Historical Society, the Yellow Medicine County Historical Society and the City of Olivia have requested to partner with the City of Granite Falls in the Heritage Partnership Program Grant through the Minnesota Historical Society; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, supporting and agreeing to partner with the Yellowstone Heritage Trail Interpretive Plan in the Heritage Partnership Program Grant.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Council Member B. Peterson and, after full discussion thereof and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following Council Members voted in favor thereof: Galow, Otaibi, Smiglewski, B. Peterson, Fagnano and S. Peterson.

And the following voted against the same: None.
Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Dated this 4th day of March, 2019.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

REPORTS: The following reports were acknowledged at this time: Kilowatt Community Center Board, Park Board, Utilities Commission and Charter Commission.

MINNESOTA RIVER VALLEY SCENIC BYWAY: Following discussion B. Peterson introduced a resolution and moved its adoption to support the Scenic Byway Alliance at the \$100 level.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-36

RESOLUTION APPROVING DONATION
TO MINNESOTA RIVER VALLEY SCENIC BYWAY

WHEREAS, the Minnesota River Valley Scenic Byway has requested the city to become a member of its alliance for the 2019 budget year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, approving a membership in the amount of \$100 for calendar year 2019 to the Minnesota River Valley Scenic Byway.

Adopted by the City Council this 4th day of March, 2019.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

UTILITY PAYMENTS: Xpress Bill Pay has proposed an Interactive Voice Response System for utility customers to pay their utility bills by calling a toll-free number. This number

would be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The cost for this service would be \$.95 per occurrence. Following discussion, Fagnano introduced a resolution and moved its adoption accepting the proposal to implement this service.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-37

RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSAL FROM XPRESS BILL PAY FOR INTERACTIVE VOICE RESPONSE SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Xpress Bill Pay has proposed an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) Systems for residents to pay their utility bills 24/7 simply by calling a toll-free number; and

WHEREAS, the cost for this service would be \$.95 per occurrence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, implementing the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System as proposed.

Adopted by the City Council this 4th day of March, 2019.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

COALITION OF UTILITY CITIES: Upon the recommendation of the Coalition of Utility Cities Galow introduce the following resolution and moved its adoption supporting SF 1888 and HF 1919 that would dedicate a portion of Renewable Development Account funds to a new Community Energy Transition Account that would fund Community Energy Transition Grants.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-38

RESOLUTION ON COMMUNITY ENERGY TRANSITION GRANTS

WHEREAS, the Xcel Energy Plant (the "Facility") is located in the City of Granite Falls (the "City"); and

WHEREAS, the current state-assessed valuation of the Facility significantly contributes to the tax base of the City and also provides jobs and supports ancillary businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Facility could be subject to retirement or transition in the near future, which would have a major economic, social, and fiscal impact on the City; and

WHEREAS, the public utility owning the Prairie Island and Monticello nuclear plants pays into the Renewable Development Account, which exists to support Minnesota's transition to renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature has introduced SF1888 and HF1919 that would dedicate a portion of Renewable Development Account funds to a new Community Energy Transition Account that would fund Community Energy Transition Grants (the "Grants") and be administered by the Department of Employment and Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, the Grants could be used by communities that host investor-owned electric generating plants powered by coal, nuclear energy, or natural gas to facilitate projects that mitigate the economic and social impacts of plant retirements or transitions; and

WHEREAS, specific uses of the Grants include but are not limited to research, planning, studies, capital improvements, incentives for businesses to open, relocate, or expand, and job training; and

WHEREAS, the City of Granite Falls urges our local legislators to support the proposed legislation and assist in securing its passage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Granite Falls supports the proposed legislation establishing the Community Energy Transition Grant program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Granite Falls authorizes the Coalition of Utility Cities and that group's representatives at Flaherty & Hood, PA, to represent the City in this matter and asks that Investor Owned Utilities, environmental advocacy organizations, and state policymakers work with them to achieve passage of this legislation.

Adopted by the City Council of Granite Falls, MN this 4th day of March, 2019.

David Smiglewski, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

STREET DEPARTMENT: The city has been notified that the Safety Grant submitted for assistance in purchasing shoring for the Street Department has been approved in the amount of \$1,914.50. Following discussion, S. Peterson introduced a resolution and moved its adoption authorizing execution of the grant agreement and calling for quotes for the purchase of this safety equipment.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-39

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR GRANT AGREEMENT
AND CALL FOR QUOTES

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 19-31 council authorized submittal of a grant application to the Minnesota Department of Labor for assistance to the city in the purchase of safety equipment for the Street Department; and

WHEREAS, the city has been notified that its grant application has been approved in the amount of \$1,914.50 with the city to match this amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, authorizing execution of the Minnesota Department of Labor Safety Grant Agreement in the amount of \$1,914.50 with a local match of \$1,914.50; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED calling for quotes for the purchase of this equipment.

Adopted by the City Council this 4th day of March, 2019.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

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

NATIONAL WARRANTY SERVICE LINE PROGRAM: Council reviewed responses received from other cities in Minnesota that have entered into this program. Following discussion it was the consensus of council to do further research regarding other companies that might provide this insurance.

RDC: Upon the recommendation of the RDC to support Prairie Five Community Action Council to apply for funds to begin the planning process for the Regional

Transportation Coordinating Council. Following discussion, M/S B. PETERSON/S. PETERSON supporting the efforts of the Prairie Five Community Action Council. Motion passed unanimously by those present.

AIRPORT: Staff advised council regarding a meeting with the Office of Aeronautics concerning the T-Hangar project.

DALLAS II AWNING: Council was advised that the new awning at Dallas II has been installed.

CHARITABLE GAMBLING: A gambling license application was acknowledged at this time for the Granite Falls Chamber of Commerce to hold its annual Western Fest raffle. Council acknowledged receipt of a charitable gambling application

ADJOURN: M/S/P S. PETERSON/B. PETERSON TO ADJOURN at 8:02 p.m.

David Smiglewski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M. Taylor
City Clerk

BILLS PAID:

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| Total 2XL CORPORATION: | 123.25 |
| Total ALEX AIR APPARATUS: | 941.33 |
| Total ALMICH'S MARKET: | 301.52 |
| Total ANDERSON, CHRIS: | 35.96 |
| Total ANDERSON, JEANETTE: | 160.61 |
| Total BACKES TECHNOLOGY SERVICES INC: | 142.50 |
| Total BEVERAGE WHOLESALERS: | 144.00 |
| Total BREAKTHRU BEVERAGE: | 1,677.11 |
| Total BREDEKEN, HEATHER: | 320.00 |
| Total BUESING AG PARTNERSHIP: | 8,307.50 |
| Total CENTURYLINK: | 147.84 |
| Total CHAPPELL CENTRAL: | 218.70 |
| Total CINTAS: | 229.64 |
| Total CITIZENS ALLIANCE BANK: | 30.00 |
| Total CNH CAPITAL: | 210.53 |
| Total COALITION OF GREATER MN CITIES: | 140.00 |
| Total COCARD: | 239.74 |
| Total COLLECTION BUREAU: | 1.76 |
| Total CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU: | 751.47 |
| Total COOK, JASON: | 41.61 |
| Total CREATIVE FORMS & CONCEPT: | 429.79 |
| Total CRYSTEEL TRUCK EQUIPMENT: | 705.00 |
| Total DAMON FARBER LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS: | 18,329.22 |
| Total DAN'S SHOP INC: | 11.08 |
| Total DC SIGNS: | 80.00 |
| Total FARMERS COOPERATIVE ELEV. CO.: | 108.54 |
| Total FASTENAL COMPANY: | 4.58 |
| Total FIRE SAFETY U.S.A.: | 2,891.00 |
| Total FIRST ADVANTAGE: | 123.60 |

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| Total G & J AWNING & CANVAS INC: | 6,294.00 |
| Total GOPHER STATE ONE-CALL: | 5.40 |
| Total GRAINGER INC, WW: | 138.39 |
| Total GRANITE FALLS AUTO PARTS: | 168.45 |
| Total GRANITE FALLS, CITY OF: | 1,475.00 |
| Total GRANITE TRUE VALUE: | 669.79 |
| Total GRAYMONT CAPITAL INC: | 4,272.24 |
| Total HAWKINS INC: | 1,288.96 |
| Total HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS: | 94.00 |
| Total HILLYARD-HUTCHINSON: | 161.10 |
| Total HOERNEMANN, PAUL: | 50.00 |
| Total JOHNSON BROS WHOLESALE LIQUOR: | 4,601.71 |
| Total KESTELOOT ENTERPRISES INC: | 44.80 |
| Total KLAUSING, KYLE: | 21.79 |
| Total KOMPელიEN, JANELLE: | 30.00 |
| Total LAVIN DESIGNS, BETSY: | 155.61 |
| Total LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES: | 20.00 |
| Total LEE'S AUTO & DIESEL: | 31.40 |
| Total LIGHT FUND: | 37,018.80 |
| Total LOCHER BROTHERS: | 7,286.90 |
| Total MADISON BOTTLING CO.: | 7,442.20 |
| Total MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC: | 126.32 |
| Total MARTIN TRUCKING: | 485.80 |
| Total MCOA: | 150.00 |
| Total MN DEPT OF HEALTH-WATER PROTECTION: | 1,930.00 |
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| Total MN DEPT OF REVENUE: | 23,417.00 |
| Total MN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES ASSN: | 600.00 |
| Total MN RIVER VALLEY SCENIC BYWAY ALLIANCE: | 100.00 |
| Total MN RURAL WATER ASSN: | 250.00 |
| Total MN VALLEY TESTING LAB INC.: | 387.00 |
| Total MONEY MOVERS: | 34.50 |
| Total MVTV: | 338.75 |
| Total NCPERS GROUP LIFE INS: | 48.00 |
| Total OFFICE DEPOT: | 279.37 |
| Total OFFICE OF MN.IT SERVICES: | 78.12 |
| Total PETERSON, BRENDA: | 1,180.00 |
| Total PHILLIPS WINE & SPIRITS CO.: | 2,567.79 |
| Total POSTMASTER: | 800.00 |
| Total PRENTICE PLACE COMMONS ASSN: | 100.51 |
| Total REGIONAL DEVELOP. COMMISSION: | 5,081.90 |
| Total RODEBERG & BERRYMAN INC.: | 15,079.50 |
| Total RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC: | 449.98 |
| Total SMIGLEWSKI, DAVID: | 183.12 |
| Total SOUTHERN WINE & SPIRITS OF MN: | 1,587.85 |
| Total TALKING WATERS BREWING CO. LLC: | 110.00 |
| Total UPS: | 28.52 |
| Total US BANK: | 1,729.56 |
| Total USA BLUEBOOK: | 404.36 |
| Total VIKING COCA-COLA BOTTLING CO.: | 260.65 |
| Total VISA: | 1,032.34 |
| Total WINE MERCHANTS: | 454.00 |
| Total WOODS, KEITH: | 250.00 |
| Total XPRESS BILL PAY: | 222.53 |
| Total YELLOWSTONE TRAIL ALLIANCE OF WESTERN MN: | 100.00 |
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| Grand Totals: | 167,965.89 |