

**GRAND LEDGE CITY COUNCIL
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**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, 26 JANUARY 2026 – 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
310 GREENWOOD ST., GRAND LEDGE MI 48837**

- I. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL** – Mayor Keith Mulder; Mayor Pro-Tem Rick Lantz; and Council Members Brett Gillespie (arrived 7:04 p.m.), Tom Jancek, Dave Logel, and Don Willems
– Council Member Lynne MacDowell was excused
OTHERS PRESENT – Adam Smith, City Manager; Gregory Newman, City Clerk; Brad Rizzo, Finance Director/City Treasurer; Ron Erickson, Chief of Police; Rich Morrison, Community Development Director; Sue Stachowiak, Zoning Administrator

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Mulder led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Kirk Crouner, 525 S. Bridge St., thanked city staff for their work clearing the ice and snow, and at the new Iron Removal Plant, and commented on the Grand Ledge Area Emergency Services Authority planning survey.

COUNCIL MEMBER GILLESPIE ARRIVED, AT 7:04 P.M.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Motion** – To approve the Monday, 26 January 2026 City Council consent agenda, as follows:
- i. Financial transactions and bills.
 - ii. Monday, 12 January 2026 City Council minutes.
 - iii. Fiscal Year 2026 2nd quarter budget amendments.

COUNCIL MEMBER LOGEL MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER JANCEK SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MONDAY, 26 JANUARY 2026 CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Motion** – To approve the Monday, 26 January 2026 City Council regular agenda.

COUNCIL MEMBER LOGEL MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER GILLESPIE SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MONDAY, 26 JANUARY 2026 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

Downtown Development Authority

Adam Smith, City Manager, reported the Downtown Development Authority met on 14 January 2026.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Adam Smith, City Manager, reported the Parks and Recreation Commission met on 22 January 2026 and began the Parks and Recreation Master Plan process.

VII. STAFF REPORTS

Manager's Office

Clerk's Department

Gregory Newman, City Clerk, reported on the 2026 Election Cycle and Channel 12 broadcast problems. The City Council discussed the Channel 12 broadcast problems.

Finance Department

Brad Rizzo, Finance Director/City Treasurer, reported on the winter property tax bill mailing, the Fiscal Year 2027 budget process, annual tax form mailings, and the Fiscal Year 2026 audit filing with the State of Michigan.

Police Department

Ron Erickson, Chief of Police, reported on the accreditation process and scheduled hearing with the accreditation board, and personnel trainings.

The City Council discussed the state's secure storage law.

Planning and Zoning Department

Adam Smith, City Manager, mentioned the Planning and Zoning Department report is included in the packet of supporting material.

The City Council discussed the conditional offer of employment for Zoning Administrator.

- A. Motion** – To receive and place on file the December 2025 staff reports from the Clerk’s Department, Finance Department, Police Department, and Planning and Zoning Department.

COUNCIL MEMBER GILLESPIE MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER LOGEL SECONDED, TO RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE THE DECEMBER 2025 STAFF REPORTS FROM THE CLERK’S DEPARTMENT, FINANCE DEPARTMENT, POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Motion** – To distribute the proposed Master Plan for review and comment.

COUNCIL MEMBER GILLESPIE MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER LOGEL SECONDED, TO DISTRIBUTE THE PROPOSED MASTER PLAN FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT.

Adam Smith, City Manager, explained the distribution of the proposed Master Plan.

Rich Morrison, Community Development Director, reported the Planning Commission recommends the distribution of the proposed Master Plan.

The City Council debated the sixty-three-day review period and the next steps.

MOTION TO DISTRIBUTE THE PROPOSED MASTER PLAN FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The public did not comment.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council Member Jancek thanked city staff for clearing ice and snow, and keeping the infrastructure running.

Council Member Logel thanked the Grand Ledge Public Schools Transportation Department and bus drivers for keeping students safe.

Council Member Gillespie thanked the community’s patience with the city’s efforts to clear ice and snow, and commented on truth.

Mayor Mulder thanked city staff for their work in this inclement weather and mentioned the Grand Ledge Area Emergency Services Authority planning survey.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

COUNCIL MEMBER GILLESPIE MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER LOGEL SECONDED, TO ADJOURN THE MONDAY, 26 JANUARY 2026 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, AT 7:00 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Gregory L. Newman, City Clerk

Keith O. Mulder, Mayor

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