

GRAND LEDGE CITY COUNCIL
310 GREENWOOD ST.
GRAND LEDGE MI 48837
(517) 627-2149

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, 09 FEBRUARY 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, Tom Jancek, Dave Logel, and Don Willems

– Council Member Lynne MacDowell was excused

OTHERS PRESENT – Adam Smith, City Manager; Gordon VanWieren, City Attorney; Ameer King, Assistant City Manager; Gregory Newman, City Clerk; Ron Erickson, Chief of Police; Rich Morrison, Community Development Director; Kurt Ristow, Public Works Superintendent; Nick Montry, Zoning Administrator; Sue Stachowiak, Zoning Administrator; Chris Garrison, Building Official

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The public did not comment.

IV. PRESENTATION

Mayor Mulder read a proclamation honoring Susan Stachowiak.

Susan Stachowiak introduced Nicholas Montry, Zoning Administrator.

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. Motion – To approve the Monday, 09 February 2026 City Council consent agenda, as follows:

- i. Financial transactions and bills.
- ii. Monday, 26 January 2026 City Council minutes.
- iii. Assistant Public Works Superintendent and Water Plant Supervisor job descriptions.
- iv. Water Distribution System Repair Parts Inventory.

COUNCIL MEMBER GILLESPIE MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER LOGEL SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MONDAY, 09 FEBRUARY 2026 CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Motion** – To approve the Monday, 09 February 2026 City Council regular agenda.

COUNCIL MEMBER GILLESPIE MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER LOGEL SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MONDAY, 09 FEBRUARY 2026 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VII. COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

Planning Commission

Mayor Mulder mentioned the Planning Commission did not have a quorum at its 05 February 2026 meeting.

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

Manager's Office

Amee King, Assistant City Manager, reported on personnel interviews, MI-OSHA postings, the Abrams Municipal Airport mowing and land lease bids, the Jaycee Park ADA Observation Platform project, and City Hall building maintenance.

Community Development Office

Rich Morrison, Community Development Director, reported on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan process, the State Land Bank request for proposals to redevelop 105 E. Saginaw Hwy., and restoration of damage at Elaine Dible Memorial Park.

Department of Public Services

Kurt Ristow, Public Works Superintendent, reported on winter maintenance, broken water mains and valves, and Well No. 11 construction bids.

Assessing Department

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

Building Department – 2025 Annual Report

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

Chris Garrison, Building Official, presented the Building Department 2025 Annual Report.

- A. Motion** – To receive and place on file the January 2026 staff reports from the Manager’s Office, Community Development Office, Department of Public Services, Assessing Department, and Building Department, and the Building Department 2025 Annual Report.

COUNCIL MEMBER GILLESPIE MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER LOGEL SECONDED, TO RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE THE JANUARY 2026 STAFF REPORTS FROM THE MANAGER’S OFFICE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES, ASSESSING DEPARTMENT, AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT, AND THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT 2025 ANNUAL REPORT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Motion** – To approve the final Certificate of Substantial Completion, final Change Order No. 16, and final Pay Application No. 28 for the Iron Removal Plant.

COUNCIL MEMBER GILLESPIE MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER LOGEL SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE FINAL CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION, FINAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 16, AND FINAL PAY APPLICATION NO. 28 FOR THE IRON REMOVAL PLANT.

Adam Smith, City Manager, recommended approving the final Certificate of Substantial Completion, final Change Order No. 16, and final Pay Application No. 28 for the Iron Removal Plant; and explained the work with the engineer and contractor to finalize the Iron Removal Plant project.

Jon Willemin and Colin McCorkle, Fishbeck, Inc., reviewed the final Change Order No. 16 and recommended approving the final Certificate of Substantial Completion, final Change Order No. 16, and final Pay Application No. 28 for the Iron Removal Plant.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINAL CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION, FINAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 16, AND FINAL PAY APPLICATION NO. 28 FOR THE IRON REMOVAL PLANT, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution #04 of 2026** – To approve a bid award and authorize a lease agreement for crop farming at Abrams Municipal Airport with Jacob Clark.

COUNCIL MEMBER GILLESPIE MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER LOGEL SECONDED, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #04 OF 2026, TO APPROVE A BID AWARD AND AUTHORIZE A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR CROP FARMING AT ABRAMS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT WITH JACOB CLARK.

Adam Smith, City Manager, recommended approving the bid award and authorizing the lease agreement for crop farming at Abrams Municipal Airport with Jacob Clark.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #04 OF 2026, TO APPROVE A BID AWARD AND AUTHORIZE A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR CROP FARMING AT ABRAMS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT WITH JACOB CLARK, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- B. Resolution #05 of 2026** – To approve a bid award and authorize a contract for mowing at Abrams Municipal Airport with Litchfield Field Mowing Brush Trimming.

COUNCIL MEMBER GILLESPIE MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER LOGEL SECONDED, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #05 OF 2026, TO APPROVE A BID AWARD AND AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT FOR MOWING AT ABRAMS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT WITH LITCHFIELD FIELD MOWING BRUSH TRIMMING.

Adam Smith, City Manager, recommended approving the bid award and authorizing the contract for mowing at Abrams Municipal Airport with Litchfield Field Mowing Brush Trimming.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #05 OF 2026, TO APPROVE A BID AWARD AND AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT FOR MOWING AT ABRAMS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT WITH LITCHFIELD FIELD MOWING BRUSH TRIMMING, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C. Resolution #06 of 2026** – To approve a contract for Hauling and Land Application of Liquid Biosolids with NutriGro Environmental Solution, Inc.

COUNCIL MEMBER GILLESPIE MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER LOGEL SECONDED, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #06 OF 2026, TO APPROVE A CONTRACT FOR HAULING AND LAND APPLICATION OF LIQUID BIOSOLIDS WITH NUTRIGRO ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTION, INC.

Adam Smith, City Manager, explained the contract is presented under sole-source conditions and recommended approving the contract for Hauling and Land Application of Liquid Biosolids with NutriGro Environmental Solution, Inc.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #06 OF 2026, TO APPROVE A CONTRACT FOR HAULING AND LAND APPLICATION OF LIQUID BIOSOLIDS WITH NUTRIGRO ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTION, INC., CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The public did not comment.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council Member Willems announced the Grand Ledge Area Emergency Services Authority approved a resolution for a bond proposal on the 05 May 2026 ballot.

Council Member Jancek thanked the Grand Ledge Area Emergency Services Authority for volunteering at the Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church Community Meal.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Motion** – To move into closed session, per the Open Meetings Act, Section 8(d), to consider the purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease that real property is obtained, and Section 8(h), to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute, being correspondence from its attorney, dated 09 February 2026.

COUNCIL MEMBER LOGEL MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER GILLESPIE SECONDED, TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION, PER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, SECTION 8(D), TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY UP TO THE TIME AN OPTION TO PURCHASE OR LEASE THAT REAL PROPERTY IS OBTAINED, AND 8(H), TO CONSIDER MATERIAL EXEMPT FROM DISCUSSION OR DISCLOSURE BY STATE OR FEDERAL STATUTE, BEING CORRESPONDENCE FROM ITS ATTORNEY, DATED 09 FEBRUARY 2026, AT 7:30 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCIL MEMBER LOGEL MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER JANCEK SECONDED, TO RETURN TO THE MONDAY, 09 FEBRUARY 2026, CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, AT 8:24 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCIL MEMBER GILLESPIE MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER LOGEL SECONDED, TO RESOLVE TO SETTLE ALL PAST AND PRESENT CLAIMS REGARDING PUBLIC WATER AND SANITARY SEWER SERVICE AT 820 CHARLEVOIX DR. AND RELATED COMMERCIAL UNITS BASED UPON THE MUTUAL RELEASE OF CLAIMS, WITHOUT ANY AMOUNTS BEING PAID TO ANY PARTY; AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WHICH INCORPORATES THE RELEASE OF CLAIMS, WAIVER OF DAMAGES, NO WAIVER OF FUTURE COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS, AND ANY OTHER LANGUAGE RECOMMENDED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY'S LEGAL COUNSEL.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANTZ MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER LOGEL SECONDED, TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE COMMONWEALTH ADMINISTRATIVE SETTLEMENT DATED 05 FEBRUARY 2026 FOR PARCEL #E11.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

COUNCIL MEMBER GILLESPIE MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER JANCEK SECONDED, TO ADJOURN THE MONDAY, 09 FEBRUARY 2026 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, AT 8:26 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Gregory L. Newman, City Clerk

Keith O. Mulder, Mayor