

GRAND LEDGE CITY COUNCIL
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, 23 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; and Council Members Tom Jancek, Dave Logel, and Don Willems

– Council Members Brett Gillespie, Rick Lantz, and Lynne MacDowell were excused

OTHERS PRESENT – Adam Smith, City Manager; Gregory Newman, City Clerk; Brad Rizzo, Finance Director/City Treasurer; Ron Erickson, Chief of Police; Zoning Administrator; Nick Montry, Zoning Administrator

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The public did not comment.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. Motion – To approve the Monday, 23 February 2026 City Council consent agenda, as follows:

- i. Financial transactions and bills.
- ii. Monday, 09 February 2026 City Council minutes.
- iii. Parade Permit and Special Event Rental Application from the Grand Ledge Area Chamber of Commerce for the 14 March 2026 St. Patrick’s Day Parade.
- iv. Resolution #07 of 2026 – Proposal from Fishbeck, Inc., for an Iron Removal Plant Operation and Maintenance Manual.
- v. Pay Application No. 7 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Collection System Improvements CWSRF Project #5825-01.

COUNCIL MEMBER LOGEL MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER JANCEK SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MONDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2026 CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Motion** – To approve the Monday, 23 February 2026 City Council regular agenda.

COUNCIL MEMBER LOGEL MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER JANCEK SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MONDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 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 11 February 2026 and acted to continue supporting the veterans banner program.

VII. STAFF REPORTS

Manager's Office

Clerk's Department

Gregory Newman, City Clerk, reported on the Channel 12 broadcast equipment repair.

Treasurer's Department

Brad Rizzo, Finance Director/City Treasurer, reported on winter property tax collection and income tax form mailings.

Adam Smith, City Manager, mentioned Committees of the Whole starting in March 2026 on the Fiscal Year 2027 Annual Budget.

Police Department – 2025 Annual Report

Ron Erickson, Chief of Police, mentioned the 2025 Annual Report, and reported on personnel training and the department's successful official accreditation.

Planning and Zoning Department

Nick Montry, Zoning Administrator, reported on the transition from Zoning Administrator Stachowiak, ordinance and procedure reviews, and an enforcement audit.

- A. Motion** – To receive and place on file the January 2026 staff reports from the Clerk's Department, Finance Department, Police Department, and Planning and Zoning Department, and the Police Department 2025 Annual Report.

COUNCIL MEMBER LOGEL MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER JANCEK SECONDED, TO RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE THE JANUARY 2026 STAFF REPORTS FROM THE CLERK'S DEPARTMENT, FINANCE DEPARTMENT, POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT, AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT 2025 ANNUAL REPORT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution #08 of 2026** – To approve a bid award and authorize a contract for Oakwood Cemetery grounds maintenance with Woodbury Lawn Snow, LLC.

COUNCIL MEMBER LOGEL MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER JANCEK SECONDED, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #08 OF 2026, TO APPROVE A BID AWARD AND AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT FOR OAKWOOD CEMETERY GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WITH WOODBURY LAWN SNOW, LLC.

Adam Smith, City Manager, explained the bid process for Oakwood Cemetery grounds maintenance, and recommended approving a bid award and authorizing a contract for Oakwood Cemetery grounds maintenance with Woodbury Lawn Snow, LLC.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #08 OF 2026, TO APPROVE A BID AWARD AND AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT FOR OAKWOOD CEMETERY GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WITH WOODBURY LAWN SNOW, LLC., CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- B. Resolution #09 of 2026** – To approve a bid award and authorize a contract for city-owned parcels grounds maintenance with Lansing Real Green Lawn Care, Inc.

COUNCIL MEMBER LOGEL MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER JANCEK SECONDED, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #09 OF 2026, TO APPROVE A BID AWARD AND AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT FOR CITY-OWNED PARCELS GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WITH LANSING REAL GREEN LAWN CARE, INC.

Adam Smith, City Manager, recommended approving a bid award and authorizing a contract for city-owned parcels grounds maintenance with Lansing Real Green Lawn Care, Inc.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #09 OF 2026, TO APPROVE A BID AWARD AND AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT FOR CITY-OWNED PARCELS GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WITH LANSING REAL GREEN LAWN CARE, INC., CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C. Resolution #10 of 2026** – To approve a bid award and authorize a contract for city parks and greenspaces grounds maintenance with Lansing Real Green Lawn Care, Inc.

COUNCIL MEMBER LOGEL MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER JANCEK SECONDED, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #10 OF 2026, TO APPROVE A BID AWARD AND AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT FOR CITY PARKS AND GREENSPACES GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WITH LANSING REAL GREEN LAWN CARE, INC.

Adam Smith, City Manager, recommended approving a bid award and authorizing a contract for city parks and greenspaces grounds maintenance with Lansing Real Green Lawn Care, Inc.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #10 OF 2026, TO APPROVE A BID AWARD AND AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT FOR CITY PARKS AND GREENSPACES GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WITH LANSING REAL GREEN LAWN CARE, INC., CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- D. Resolution #11 of 2026** – To reject the bids received for Well No. 11 Wellhouse Construction, to direct the project be rebid, and to authorize the City Manager to negotiate for contracts in the open market.

COUNCIL MEMBER LOGEL MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER JANCEK SECONDED, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #11 OF 2026, TO REJECT THE BIDS RECEIVED FOR WELL NO. 11 WELLHOUSE CONSTRUCTION, TO DIRECT THE PROJECT BE REBID, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE FOR CONTRACTS IN THE OPEN MARKET.

Adam Smith, City Manager, explained the bids received for the Well No. 11 Wellhouse Construction exceeded the engineer's estimate and the project budget, recommended rejecting the bids received for Well No. 11 Wellhouse Construction, rebidding the project, and negotiating for contracts in the open market, and mentioned Well No. 11 exists and only needs a wellhouse.

Kurt Ristow, Public Works Superintendent, explained the high bids received for the Well No. 11 Wellhouse Construction, and the possibility of lowering the costs through rebidding the project and negotiating for contracts in the open markets.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #11 OF 2026, TO REJECT THE BIDS RECEIVED FOR WELL NO. 11 WELLHOUSE CONSTRUCTION, TO DIRECT THE PROJECT BE REBID, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE FOR CONTRACTS IN THE OPEN MARKET, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The public did not comment.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Mulder encouraged residents to contact the city about serving on boards and commissions.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

COUNCIL MEMBER LOGEL MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER JANCEK SECONDED, TO
ADJOURN THE MONDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2026 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, AT
7:22 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Gregory L. Newman, City Clerk

Keith O. Mulder, Mayor

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