

GRAND LEDGE CITY COUNCIL
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, 13 JUNE 2022 – 7:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
310 GREENWOOD ST., GRAND LEDGE MI 48837

- I. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL** – Mayor Thom Sowle; Mayor Pro-Tem Keith Mulder; and Council Members Brett Gillespie, Tom Jancek, Rick Lantz, and Don Willems

– Council Member Lynne MacDowell was excused

OTHERS PRESENT – Adam Smith, City Manager; David Revore, City Attorney; Ameer King, Assistant City Manager; Gregory Newman, City Clerk; Dave Gutches, Public Services Superintendent;

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Girl Scout Troop 30159 led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Joe Dixon, Over the Ledge Theatre Company, commented on the Ledge Playhouse history, and its recent occupancy and safety issues.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Motion** – To approve the Monday, 13 June 2022 City Council consent agenda, as follows:

- i. Financial transactions and bills.
- ii. Monday, 23 May 2022 City Council minutes.
- iii. Monday, 23 May 2022 City Council Closed Session minutes.
- iv. 18 June 2022 Josh Spalsbury Memorial Comet Chase 5K.
- v. 18 September 2022 Capital City Dragon Boat Race.
- vi. Resolution #31 of 2022 – To approve a proposal from Myers Plumbing & Heating, Inc., for under-slab sanitary replacement at City Hall.

COUNCIL MEMBER GILLESPIE MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER MULDER SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MONDAY, 13 JUNE 2022 CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Motion** – To approve the Monday, 13 June 2022 regular City Council agenda.

COUNCIL MEMBER MULDER MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER GILLESPIE SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MONDAY, 13 JUNE 2022 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS**Parks and Recreation Commission**

Council Member Jancek reported the Parks and Recreation Commission discussed Oak Park.

The City Council discussed funding ideas for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Adam Smith, City Manager, commented on past and current efforts to improve the City's parks system.

Grand Ledge Area Emergency Services Authority

Council Member Willems commented on a Push the Truck event for the new vehicles.

VII. STAFF REPORTS**Manager's Office**

Amee King, Assistant City Manager, reported on seasonal employee hirings, Abrams Municipal Airport insurance renewals, a Downtown Development Authority grant submission, and the ongoing City Hall sewer repair.

Department of Public Services

Dave Gutches, Public Services Superintendent, reported on Wastewater Treatment Plant statistics, sidewalk replacements, catch basin repair work, Memorial Day preparations, street painting, new fishing dock installation work, completed mill and resurfacing projects, continuing Downtown Development Authority sidewalk connectivity program work, Water Treatment Plant statistics, the iron removal filter repair, staff certification testing, MISS DIGS, Oakwood Cemetery preparations for Memorial Day and marker foundation installations, parks path maintenance, and parks de-winterization work.

Adam Smith, City Manager, mentioned the significant underground utility work needed on the non-residential area of Union St. will require an additional construction project.

The City Council discussed sidewalk work, and thanked City staff for Union St. resurfacing and for moving the Edwards St./DeGroff St. stop sign for increased visibility.

Assessing Department

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

Building Department

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

- A. Motion** – To receive and place on file the May 2022 staff reports from the Manager’s Office, Department of Public Services, Assessing Department, and Building Department.

COUNCIL MEMBER GILLESPIE MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER JANCEK SECONDED, TO RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE THE MAY 2022 STAFF REPORTS FROM THE MANAGER’S OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES, ASSESSING DEPARTMENT, AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Resolution #32 of 2022** – To adopt the Annual Budget and Appropriations Measure for the Fiscal Year Ending 30 June 2023, and the tax levy and rates.

COUNCIL MEMBER GILLESPIE MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS SECONDED, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #32 OF 2022, TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS MEASURE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2023, AND THE TAX LEVY AND RATES.

Adam Smith, City Manager, reported the resolution is the final step in the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Budget process and the tax levy remains unchanged from the Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Budget.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #32 OF 2022, TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS MEASURE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2023, AND THE TAX LEVY AND RATES, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- B. Public Hearing** – On an application for federal assistance with the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Rural Utilities Services for a project including the construction of a new Iron Removal Plant.

Adam Smith, City Manager, introduced John Willemin and Colin McCorkle from Fishbeck.

John Willemin and Colin McCorkle, Fishbeck, presented information on an application for federal assistance with the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Rural Utilities Services for a project including the construction of a new Iron Removal Plant.

The City Council discussed construction costs and the aeration addition required by the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy to address pH.

MAYOR SOWLE OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING ON AN APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, RURAL UTILITIES SERVICES FOR A PROJECT INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW IRON REMOVAL PLANT, AT 8:42 P.M.

The public did not comment.

MAYOR SOWLE CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING ON AN APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, RURAL UTILITIES SERVICES FOR A PROJECT INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW IRON REMOVAL PLANT, AT 8:43 P.M.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution #33 of 2022** – To approve a bid award to Unlimited Resources Corporation for a horizontal grinder.

COUNCIL MEMBER MULDER MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER GILLESPIE SECONDED, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #33 OF 2022, TO APPROVE A BID AWARD TO UNLIMITED RESOURCES CORPORATION FOR A HORIZONTAL GRINDER.

Adam Smith, City Manager, explained the planned use of the grinder in the parks, at the compost center, at the Abrams Municipal Airport, and at other City property, and reported staff recommends awarding the bid to Unlimited Resources Corporation.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #33 OF 2022, TO APPROVE A BID AWARD TO UNLIMITED RESOURCES CORPORATION FOR A HORIZONTAL GRINDER, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- B. Resolution #34 of 2022** – To approve a bid award to Jimmerson Roofing for City Hall windows.

COUNCIL MEMBER GILLESPIE MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS SECONDED, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #34 OF 2022, TO APPROVE A BID AWARD TO JIMMERSON ROOFING FOR CITY HALL WINDOWS.

Adam Smith, City Manager, explained the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Budget includes City Hall window replacement and reported staff recommends approving the bid from Jimmerson Roofing.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #34 OF 2022, TO APPROVE A BID AWARD TO JIMMERSON ROOFING FOR CITY HALL WINDOWS, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C. Motion** – To introduce and set a public hearing on 27 June 2022 for an ordinance amending the Grand Ledge City Code, Chapter 8, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article IV, Maintenance of Buildings, to adopt the International Property Maintenance Code of 2015.

COUNCIL MEMBER MULDER MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER GILLESPIE SECONDED, TO INTRODUCE AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON 27 JUNE 2022 FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GRAND LEDGE CITY CODE, CHAPTER 8, BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE IV, MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS, TO ADOPT THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE OF 2015.

Adam Smith, City Manager, introduced David Revore, City Attorney, who is working on updating the City Code to comply with new International Code Council codes, and explained the blighted properties the City has historically tried to address through the International Property Maintenance Code.

David Revore, City Attorney, explained the need to update the City Code to comply with new International Code Council codes.

The City Council debated the changes proposed by the ordinance amending the Grand Ledge City Code, Chapter 8, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article IV, Maintenance of Buildings, to adopt the International Property Maintenance Code of 2015.

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- D. Motion** – To introduce and set a public hearing on 27 June 2022 for an ordinance amending the Grand Ledge City Code, Chapter 18, Fire Prevention and Protection, Article II, Fire Code, to adopt the International Fire Code of 2015.

COUNCIL MEMBER GILLESPIE MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS SECONDED, TO INTRODUCE AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON 27 JUNE 2022 FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GRAND LEDGE CITY CODE, CHAPTER 18, FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION, ARTICLE II, FIRE CODE, TO ADOPT THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE OF 2015.

David Revore, City Attorney, explained the need to update the City Code to comply with new International Code Council codes.

The City Council debated the need to communicate with the Grand Ledge Area Emergency Services Authority about the new International Fire Code.

MOTION TO INTRODUCE AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON 27 JUNE 2022 FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GRAND LEDGE CITY CODE, CHAPTER 18, FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION, ARTICLE II, FIRE CODE, TO ADOPT THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE OF 2015, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The public did not comment.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council Member Jancek commented on the successful Memorial Day Parade.

Council Member Mulder mentioned Yankee Doodle Day and Market on the Grand this Saturday, and commented on the Ledge Playhouse occupancy and safety issues.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

COUNCIL MEMBER GILLESPIE MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS SECONDED, TO ADJOURN THE MONDAY, 13 JUNE 2022 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, AT 9:35 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVED 27 JUNE 2022.

Gregory L. Newman, City Clerk

Thomas J. Sowle, Jr., Mayor