

**GRAND LEDGE CITY COUNCIL
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**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, 11 JULY 2022 – 7:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
310 GREENWOOD ST., GRAND LEDGE MI 48837**

- I. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL** – Mayor Pro-Tem Keith Mulder; and Council Members Brett Gillespie, Rick Lantz, and Lynne MacDowell
– Mayor Thom Sowle; and Council Members Tom Jancek and Don Willems were excused.
- OTHERS PRESENT** – Adam Smith, City Manager; Ameer King, Assistant City Manager, Gregory Newman, City Clerk; Dave Gutchess, Public Services Superintendent;

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro-Tem 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, 11 July 2022 City Council consent agenda, as follows:
- i. Financial transactions and bills.
 - ii. Monday, 27 June 2022 City Council minutes.
 - iii. Monday, 27 June 2022 City Council Closed Session minutes.

COUNCIL MEMBER GILLESPIE MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER MACDOWELL SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MONDAY, 11 JULY 2022 CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Motion** – To approve the Monday, 11 July 2022 regular City Council agenda.

COUNCIL MEMBER GILLESPIE MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER MACDOWELL SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MONDAY, 11 JULY 2022 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA.

COUNCIL MEMBER MACDOWELL MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER GILLESPIE SECONDED, TO AMEND THE MONDAY, 11 JULY 2022 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA, BY STRIKING ITEM XII. A., A MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION, PER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, SECTION 8(H), TO CONSIDER MATERIAL EXEMPT FROM DISCUSSION OR DISCLOSURE BY STATE OR FEDERAL STATUTE, BEING CORRESPONDENCE FROM ITS ATTORNEY, DATED 11 JULY 2022. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MONDAY, 11 JULY 2022 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA, AS AMENDED BY STRIKING ITEM XII. A., A MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION, PER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, SECTION 8(H), TO CONSIDER MATERIAL EXEMPT FROM DISCUSSION OR DISCLOSURE BY STATE OR FEDERAL STATUTE, BEING CORRESPONDENCE FROM ITS ATTORNEY, DATED 11 JULY 2022, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

Public Services and Facilities Committee

Council Member Gillespie reported the Public Services and Facilities Committee met to discuss Fitzgerald Park.

VII. STAFF REPORTS

Manager's Office

Amee King, Assistant City Manager, reported on job openings, the sewer repair at City Hall, Tri-County Office on Aging's intent to once again serve Meals-on-Wheels from City Hall, and planned de-escalation training for City staff.

Department of Public Services

Dave Gutchess, Public Services Superintendent, reported on Wastewater Treatment Plant statistics, street maintenance, sidewalk repair and replacement work, Water Treatment Plant statistics, MISS DIGs, and boardwalk maintenance.

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 June 2022 staff reports from the Manager's Office, Department of Public Services, Assessing Department, and Building Department.

COUNCIL MEMBER MACDOWELL MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER GILLESPIE SECONDED, TO RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE THE JUNE 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 #36 of 2022** – To approve a proposal for construction phase services from Fishbeck for the Iron Removal Facility.

COUNCIL MEMBER GILLESPIE MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER MACDOWELL SECONDED, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #36 OF 2022, TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL FOR CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES FROM FISHBECK FOR THE IRON REMOVAL FACILITY.

Adam Smith, City Manager, invited Jon Willemin, Fishbeck, to address City Council, and explained the resolution is the next step in building the new Water Treatment Plant.

Jon Willemin, Fishbeck, explained the proposal covers construction engineering and observation for the new Water Treatment Plant, and the paperwork included in the proposal required by US Rural Development.

The City Council debated the engineering costs in relation to the project cost.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #36 OF 2022, TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL FOR CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES FROM FISHBECK FOR THE IRON REMOVAL FACILITY, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Motion** – Recognizing the City's interest in a continued partnership and long-term lease extension of Fitzgerald Park from the City to Eaton County given Eaton County's potential parks millage ballot proposal for 08 November 2022.

COUNCIL MEMBER GILLESPIE MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER MACDOWELL SECONDED, RECOGNIZING THE CITY'S INTEREST IN A CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP AND LONG-TERM LEASE EXTENSION OF FITZGERALD PARK FROM THE CITY TO EATON COUNTY GIVEN EATON COUNTY'S POTENTIAL PARKS MILLAGE BALLOT PROPOSAL FOR 08 NOVEMBER 2022.

Adam Smith, City Manager, mentioned discussions with Eaton County and the expected details to come, explained the motion expresses the City's interest in continuing its relationship with Eaton County concerning Fitzgerald Park.

MOTION RECOGNIZING THE CITY'S INTEREST IN A CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP AND LONG-TERM LEASE EXTENSION OF FITZGERALD PARK FROM THE CITY TO EATON COUNTY GIVEN EATON COUNTY'S POTENTIAL PARKS MILLAGE BALLOT PROPOSAL FOR 08 NOVEMBER 2022, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Steven Crawford, DeGroff St., commented on the City Code regulations on off-street parking of recreational vehicles, and the violations and enforcement of the regulations.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council Member Gillespie commented on pedestrian safety at the Bridge St./Jefferson St. intersection, and mentioned the Fish With a Cop event on Wednesday.

Adam Smith, City Manager, commented on the City's discussions with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) on improved pedestrian safety, and the City's implemented improvements to pedestrian safety downtown outside of MDOT rights-of-way.

Council Member Mulder mentioned the Market on the Grand on Saturday.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

COUNCIL MEMBER GILLESPIE MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER LANTZ SECONDED, TO ADJOURN THE MONDAY, 11 JULY 2022 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, AT 8:00 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVED 25 JULY 2022.

Gregory L. Newman, City Clerk

Thomas J. Sowle, Jr., Mayor