

City of Grand Blanc City Council
Minutes of June 12, 2019

Present: Mayor Soderstrom John Creasey Julie Nielsen Chris Carr
 Paula Nas
Absent: Lisa Blondell Chris Douglas
Staff: Wendy Jean-Buhrer, Mary Hopkins, Brian Lipe, Matt Wurtz, Walt Griffin, Ted Sczepanski, Chris Rhind,
 Chief Smith, Christina Irwin.
Guests: Carolyn Sifferman, Pat Falk, and others.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Soderstrom at 7:00 P.M.

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of Minutes. Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve the minutes contained in the agenda packet of June 12, 2019. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Bills. Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve bills in amount of \$375,575.22. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment. - None
5. Presentation of MML Worker's Compensation Award.
Brian Steckroth of the Michigan Municipal League presented the MML Worker's Compensation Award.
6. Introduction of the City of Grand Blanc Firefighters.
Fire Chief Smith introduced the new Firefighters along with their certifications and backgrounds.
7. Public Hearing 206 Reid Road, 210 Reid Road, and 216 Reid Road Sale.
Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to postpone the Public Hearing of 206 Reid Road, 210 Reid Road, and 216 Reid Road Sale.
8. Public Hearing 206 Reid Road Property Sale.
Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to postpone the Public Hearing of 206 Reid Road sale. Motion carried.
9. Public Hearing 419 Hattie Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mayor Soderstrom closed the regular meeting at 7:14 P.M. and opened the public hearing.

Public Comment: Richard Frisch – Homeowner
Faith Thoroman – 423 Hattie

Mayor Soderstrom closed the regular meeting at 7:19 P.M.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Nas to approve the variance request for 419 Hattie. Friendly amendment by Nielsen supported by Nas to approve the variance after reviewing the Variance Granting Guidelines and deciding the request met the required guidelines.

Roll call vote: Carr, yes; Creasey, yes; Nas, yes; Nielsen, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

10. Public Hearing Sign Ordinance Amendment.

Mayor Soderstrom closed the regular meeting at 7:52 P.M. and opened the public hearing.

Public Comment – None

Mayor Soderstrom closed the public hearing at 7:54 P.M.

Motion by Creasey supported by Carr to approve the first reading of the changes in Chapter 1480 Signs Ordinance and waive the first reading. Motion carried.

Roll call vote: Creasey, yes; Nas, yes; Nielsen, yes; Carr, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

11. Communication.

- a) Comcast- Changes to Premier Package – Received and Filed.
- b) Holy Family Letter – Received and Filed.
- c) Grand Blanc Fire Department Incident Report – Received and Filed.

12. New Business.

- a) Michigan Municipal League Membership Renewal.
Motion by Creasey supported by Nielsen to approve Michigan Municipal League dues in the amount of \$4,206.00. Motion carried.
- b) City Events Presentation.
Events Coordinator Christina Irwin reviewed upcoming events in the City of Grand Blanc.
- c) Committee Reports.

Finance

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve Custom Ice Payment #2 in the amount of \$84,984.20. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve the Grand Blanc Township invoice for installment 2 of 3 for Fire Protection Service in the amount of \$28,489.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Quarterly Installment in the amount of \$30,463.75. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve the FY 2018-19 Transfer back to General Fund from Tax Fund for Startup Cash of \$10,000.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve the FY 2019-20 Transfer back to Tax Fund from General Fund for Startup Cash of \$10,000.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve the changes made to the Fee Schedule.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve the Fleis and Vandenbrink Application #2 in the amount of \$59,353.46 for the Chalet project. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve Mr. Gary Bacon's proposal for the Grand Blanc Fire Academy for twenty (20) attendees not to exceed \$7,500.00. Motion carried.

Personnel

Motion by Creasey supported by Carr to approve the Firefighter job description as reviewed by the Fire Chief and the City Manager. Motion carried.

Motion by Creasey supported by Carr to approve the Assistant Fire Chief job description as reviewed by the Fire Chief and the City Manager. Motion carried.

Motion by Creasey supported by Nielsen to approve the MOU for the Police Command Unit in the capacity as a public safety officer. Motion carried.

Motion by Creasey supported by Carr to approve the Non-Union and Other Employees Wage Schedule and the Certified Wage Schedule. Motion carried.

Motion by Creasey supported by Nielsen to approve the Handbook Revision to X. Volunteer Fire Service. Motion carried.

Public Works

Motion by Nas supported by Creasey to approve Resolution 19-0601, to implement a Local Pavement Warranty Program. Motion carried.

Motion by Nas supported by Carr to approve Ziggy's request to install a pathway to Physicians Park sidewalk contingent upon a legal agreement between the City and the owners of Ziggy's who are Rick and Katie White. Motion carried.

Motion by Nas supported by Creasey to approve the Boesch Final Application in the amount of \$59,800.00 for the DPW Salt Barn. Motion carried.

13. Other Business

- a.) Police Chief Lipe – received and filed.
- b.) DPW Director – nothing to report.
- c.) Building Inspector's Report – received and filed.
- d.) Fire Chief Smith – Chief Smith gave an update on the progress of the City Fire Department.
- e.) City Attorney Griffin. – Attorney Griffin gave an update on the discussions with Grand Blanc Township, and also discussed an Option agreement for 11415 Davis St.

Motion by Creasey supported by Nas to allow City Attorney Griffin to introduce the Option agreement for 11415 Davis St. Motion carried.

- f.) City Clerk – nothing to report.
- g.) Finance Director/Treasurer. – not in attendance.
- h.) City Manager's Report. – received and filed.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to disband the Property Committee.

i.) Members of Council

Councilwoman Nielsen– thank you to Chief Smith for all of your hard work. Thank you to Touch the Earth Garden Club. Grand Blanc is looking beautiful.

Councilman Carr – commended Chief Smith on what has been accomplished so far, and a job well done.

Councilman Creasey – agreed with what had been said regarding the Fire Department before him. He stated that the Fire Trucks look fantastic. He was also happy with how the Fun Fest turned out.

Councilwoman Nas - thanked the Fire Chief. Also, thanked Wendy for writing all of the grants and acknowledged how time consuming that is. Kudos to Christina for all of the event planning. Christina has gone above and beyond with everything that she does. She thanked everyone for coming to the City Council meeting and encouraged more people to come.

j.) Mayor Soderstrom – thank you to everyone for loving the City, committed to the City to make this a great place to live.

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary B. Hopkins
City Clerk