

City of Grand Blanc City Council  
Minutes of February 11, 2015

Present: Mayor Soderstrom Paula Nas Lonnie Adkins (left at 7:10 PM)  
Lisa Kunkleman Matt Telliga John Freel

Staff: Paul Brake, Bethany Smith, Wendy Jean-Buhrer, Brian Lipe, Bob Burdette, Jonathan Hartman, Bob Burdette, Matt Wurtz, Elizabeth Hill.

Guests: Steve Casner, Doris Ryburn, Christina Yancho, Jason Poirer, Pam Gilles, Bill and June Burgess, Adam Teer, Paula Schmidt, and others.

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Soderstrom requested a moment of silence in honor of the passing of Councilman Burtrum and Brian Mills.

2. Approval of Minutes. Motion by Freel supported by Kunkleman to approve the minutes of January 14, 2015 as presented. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Bills. Motion by Nas supported by Kunkleman to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve payment of February invoices in the amount of \$214,379.89. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment – There was no public comment.

5. Communications

a) State of Michigan Assessing Audit Results - Received and filed.

6. New Business:

a) **Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Request for Hard Times Party Donation.**

Motion by Kunkleman supported by Telliga to approve the request from the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation and donate two boxes of trash bags to the Hard Times Party Fundraiser. Motion carried.

b) **Committee Reports.**

Finance

Motion by Nas supported by Kunkleman to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the proposed budget amendments as presented. Motion carried.

Personnel Committee

Motion by Freel supported Kunkleman to accept the recommendation from Personnel and appoint Connie Lesley as Councilmember to fill the vacancy until the November 3<sup>rd</sup> election.

Councilman Adkins left the meeting at 7:10 PM– requested his statement in the record “I do not feel that this is an open and transparent process and will not stay”.

Roll call vote: Freel; yes, Kunkleman; yes, Nas; yes, Telliga; yes. Motion carried 4-0.

7. Other Business

a. Police Chief Lipe – nothing to report.

b. DPW Director – nothing to report.

c. Building Inspector’s Report – received and filed.

d. Deputy Fire Chief Burdette – nothing to report.

e. Finance Director/Asst. City Manager – nothing to report.

- f. City Attorney Hartman. – nothing to report.
- g. City Clerk – reminder that there is a special election on February 24<sup>th</sup>.
- h. City Managers Report. – received and filed.
- i. Members of Council. –

Councilman Freel – The Council and Committee deliberation process is open and it is the job of Council to get the business of the City done. History supports a recommendation from the Personnel Committee for replacement of a Councilmember when the vacancy requires service for less than one year.

Thank you to the DPW for the snow removal work in the last few weeks.

Councilwoman Kunkleman – welcomed Connie Lesley back to Council.

Councilman Telliga – welcomed Connie Lesley back to Council.

- j. Mayor Soderstrom – Request a change to the regular April Council meeting date as the 8<sup>th</sup> falls during the Easter Break. Motion by Kunkleman supported by Telliga to move the April Council meeting to April 15<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

Mayor and Council extend their deepest sympathies for the Burtrum family and the Mills family.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany J. Smith, City Clerk, Treasurer