

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

Present: Mayor Soderstrom Paula Nas Lonnie Adkins Connie Lesley  
Lisa Kunkleman Matt Telliga John Freel

Staff: Paul Brake, Bethany Smith, Wendy Jean-Buhrer, Brian Lipe, Dave Servetter, Walter Griffin, Ted Sczepanski, Matt Wurtz.

Guests: Geric Rose, Jason Poirer, Pam Gilles, Bill and June Burgess, John Daly, Norm Abdella, Bob Foote, Paula Schmidt, Michael Dach, Kiara Love, Jon Koerber and others.

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance. Jon Koerber from Boy Scout Troop #238 lead the Pledge of Allegiance to fulfill his Citizenship Badge requirements.
2. Approval of Minutes. Motion by Kunkleman supported by Lesley to approve the minutes of February 11, 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 \$395,361.85 Motion carried.
4. Presentation of Proposal 1 for Safer Roads – Dr. John Daly, Director of the Genesee County Road Commission and Dr. Norm Abdella, Superintendent of Grand Blanc Schools. Dr. Daly and Dr. Abdella discussed the May 5<sup>th</sup> ballot proposal and the potential impacts on local roads and schools.
5. Public Comment – There was no public comment.
6. Communications
  - a) CDC Community Summary Report - received and filed.
  - b) Genesee District Library Commission – 2015 Budget – received and filed.
7. New Business:
  - a) **Grand Saginaw Plaza Tax Redevelopment Expense.**

Motion by Telliga supported by Adkins to approve the developer’s request for reimbursement act 381 work plan eligible expenses in the amount of \$535,000 to Grand Saginaw Plaza, as recommended by the Grand Blanc Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. Motion carried.

Motion by Telliga supported by Adkins to authorize the City Manager to direct the City’s bond counsel to develop an amendment to the reimbursement agreement, through the consultation of the City Attorney. Once the developer agrees to the amendment agreement, the bond proceeds will be processed. The final version of the amendment agreement to be ratified by the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and City Council, which could occur after the bond proceeds are disbursed. Motion carried.
  - b) **Michigan Main Street Program Agreement.**

Motion by Kunkleman supported by Telliga to approve the Michigan Main Street Program community requirements and expectations agreement and authorize the City Manager to sign the same. Motion carried.
  - c) **Resolution 2015-0301 – Proposed Consolidation of the 67<sup>th</sup> District Court.**

**RESOLUTION 2015-0301**

**City of Grand Blanc  
Proposed Consolidation of the  
67<sup>th</sup> District Courts and/or merger  
Of the 67<sup>th</sup> and 68<sup>th</sup> District Courts**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Grand Blanc has been made aware that the Genesee County Board of Commissioners have approved a merger of the 67<sup>th</sup> District and 68<sup>th</sup> District Court; and,

**WHEREAS**, The City of Grand Blanc believes implementation of this proposal would negatively impact the police budget of the City by way of increased costs for police staffing and over-time cost by not having a local court; and,

**WHEREAS**, The City of Grand Blanc believes that eliminating the court facility in Grand Blanc will also create public safety issues. Police officers that are required to attend court proceedings out of their jurisdiction will not be readily available to handle emergency matters in their jurisdiction and response times will suffer greatly; and,

**WHEREAS**, The City of Grand Blanc believes that the needs of its residents, business owners, and senior citizens and especially those needing ADA accommodations would best be served by continuing to provide court services to them at the current court location and that a change of court location to downtown Flint would place an undue burden and hardship on them.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the City of Grand Blanc opposes the consolidation of the 67<sup>th</sup> District Court into one central court facility with the 68<sup>th</sup> District Court.

Motion by Telliga supported by Kunkleman to approve Resolution 2015-0301 as submitted. Motion carried.

d) **Resolution 2015-0302 – In Support of Safer Roads.**

Motion by Lesley supported by Kunkleman to approve Resolution #2015-0302 as submitted.

Motion by Nas supported by Adkins to table the proposed Resolution. Roll call vote: Nas, yes; Adkins, yes; Freel, yes. Telliga, yes; Kunkleman, no; Lesley, no. Motion carries 4-2.

e) **Resolution 2015-0303 Genesee County CDBG Authorized Signature Cards.**

Motion by Adkins supported by Telliga to approve Resolution 2015-0302 authorizing City Manager Brake and City Clerk Smith as signors on the Community Development Block Grant documents. Motion carried.

f) **Request from Whaley Children’s Center.**

The request is for approval to install banners in the downtown area for the month of April to recognize their “Paint Our Town Blue” campaign.

Motion by Telliga supported by Kunkleman to approve the request for the use of eight (8) banner posts on each side of Saginaw Street for the month of April to promote the “Paint Our Town Blue” campaign. Councilman Freel offered a friendly amendment that the approval include adherence to the design standards and policy recently adopted by the City Council. Councilman Telliga and Councilwoman Kunkleman agreed to amend the motion. Motion carried.

g) **Committee Reports.**

Public Works

Motion by Freel supported by Kunkleman to accept the recommendation from DPW and approve the application for payment #1 to Glaeser Dawes Corporation in the amount of \$10,000 for the City of Grand Blanc DWRP 2014 Water System Improvements 7387-01. Motion carried.

Motion by Freel supported by Lesley to accept the recommendation from DPW and approve the application for payment #2 to Etna Supply Company in the amount of \$352,250 for the City of Grand Blanc DWRP 2014 Water System Improvements 7387-01. Motion carried.

Motion by Freel supported by Lesley to accept the recommendation from DPW and approve Resolution # 2015-02-01 to amend the schedule of fees to establish an opt-out fee for water customers intended to be excluded from the automatic meter reading program. Motion carried.

Motion by Freel supported by Telliga to accept the recommendation from DPW and approve the change order #1 for Countyline Power, LLC in the amount of \$855.06 for the overlay hand and person display for the pedestrian signals and the larger LED street name signs to be included in the traffic signal modernization project Saginaw Street and Grand Blanc Road. Motion carried.

Fire Commission

Chief Servetter requested a motion to approve a modified purchase of a Pierce Rescue Pumper for a savings of \$184,989.52 from the previous approval. Motion by Telliga supported by Kunkleman to approve the request to purchase a Pierce Rescue Pumper in the amount of \$647,702.64. Motion carried.

7. Other Business

- a. Police Chief Lipe – report received and filed. Invited the City Council to a retirement luncheon for Det. Steve Hatfield on March 13, 2015 at City Hall. He also reported that Nate Geiger has been promoted to Detective.
- b. DPW Director – nothing to report.
- c. Building Inspector’s Report – received and filed.
- d. Fire Chief Servetter – nothing to report.
- e. Finance Director/Asst. City Manager – Introduced Bob Foote to discuss the request from the Library for new carpet in their 2015 Budget.
- f. City Attorney Hartman. – nothing to report.
- g. City Clerk – election report received and filed.
- h. City Managers Report.  
IEDC Economic Future Forum in Madison, WI – Motion by Kunkleman supported by Lesley to approve the budgeted cost of \$1,900 for City Manager Brake to attend the Conference sessions for continuing education to maintain his Certified Economic Developer professional certification. Motion carried.
- i. Members of Council.  
Council welcomed Connie Lesley back to Council.  
  
Councilwoman Nas – Congratulations to the City Manager for his reappointment as Chairman of the I-69 International Trade Corridor Corporation.
- j. Mayor Soderstrom – received a request from American Cancer Society to place ribbons on lamp posts during the Relay for Life.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany J. Smith, City Clerk, Treasurer