

City of Grand Blanc City Council  
Minutes of November 18, 2015

Present: Mayor Soderstrom Paula Nas Julie Nielsen Lisa Blondell  
John Creasey Pamela Gillies Chris Douglas

Staff: Wendy Jean-Buhrer, Bethany Smith, Chris Rhind, Walter Griffin, Matt Wurtz, Dianne Waterworth, Liz Hill.

Guests: Paula Schmidt, Don Becker, Geric Rose, Boy Scout Troop 106, Donald Fee, John Freel, John & Ellen Love, Todd Biermann, John Nielsen, Kathy and Roger Chmiel, D. Burl and others.

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance. - Mayor Soderstrom asked for a moment of silence for the victims of recent terrorist acts.
2. Approval of Minutes. Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to approve the minutes of October 14, 2015 as presented. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Bills. Motion by Blondell supported by Nas to approve payment of November invoices in the amount of \$198,124.64 Motion carried.
4. Oath of Office. – City Clerk Smith swore in Mayor Soderstrom, Councilwoman Nielsen, Councilman Creasey, Councilwoman Gillies and Councilman Douglas.
5. Public Hearing Community Development Block Grant Needs Hearing.

Mayor Soderstrom opened the public hearing at 7:14 P.M.

There was no public comment.

Requests were presented from Parks and Recreation in the amounts of \$6,763 for Senior Services, \$2,200 for Senior Center Downspouts, \$5,000 for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and \$14,000 for parking lot pavement. From the Department of Public Works \$31,123 for barrier free curb ramps in the City.

Mayor Soderstrom closed the public hearing at 7:20 P.M.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nas to approve the allocation of CDBG funds in the amount of \$45,000 as follows; Senior services \$6,763, Senior Center gutters and downspouts \$2,200, recreation master plan update \$5,000 and \$31,123 for barrier free curb ramps in the City. Motion carried.

6. David Conklin, Director of the Genesee District Library – Presented the annual audit for the Library and discussed programs and projects for the upcoming year.
8. Public Comment  
John Freel, 12713 Via Catherina – Thanked the citizens of Grand Blanc for 14 years of support during his tenure on City Council.
9. Communications:
  - a) Comcast – Channel Line-up Changes – received and filed.
  - b) Genesee County Treasurer – Funding to demolish blighted tax foreclosed properties. – received and filed.
10. New Business.
  - a) Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.  
Motion by Blondell supported by Gillies to approve the membership renewal in the amount of \$150.00 and to accept the Mayoral appointment of Chris Douglas and Esther Galuszka as the representatives.  
Motion carried.

- b) Old Newsboys Request for Paper Sale  
Motion by Nielsen supported by Blondell to approve the request from the Old Newsboys to hold their paper sale on Friday, December 11, 2015 at two intersections: Grand Blanc Road/Saginaw and Holly Road/Saginaw. Provided that all the Police Department regulations for street sales are observed. Motion carried.
- c) Boy Scout Tree Sale Request  
Ben Kestler, Troop leader presented the request to hold their annual tree sale and respectfully requested a waiver of fees and electrical access on Grand Boulevard.

Motion by Creasey supported by Blondell to approve the request from the Boy Scouts Troop 106 to hold their annual tree sale on Grand Boulevard and waive the fees associated with an open air business permit and temporary sign permits. Motion carried.

- d) Grand Blanc Fire Department Proposed Budget – Motion by Blondell supported by Gillies to table the budget until the December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion carried.
- e) Resolution:

**CITY OF GRAND BLANC**  
(Genesee County, Michigan)  
**RESOLUTION TO RATIFY**  
**OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE**

Minutes of a meeting of the City Council of the City of Grand Blanc, Genesee County, Michigan, held on November 18, 2015.

PRESENT: Blondell, Nielsen, Creasey, Nas, Douglas, Gillies.

ABSENT: none

The following resolution was offered by Member Blondell and supported by Member Nielsen:

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Blanc Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, County of Genesee, State of Michigan (the “Authority”) authorized the issuance of bonds pursuant to Act 381, Public Acts of Michigan, 1996, as amended, and a resolution adopted November 6, 2013 for the purpose of paying the costs of a certain project (the “Project”) described in such resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Authority intends to issue a series of bonds in order to pay a portion of the costs of Project (the “Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, in connection therewith, the City has participated in the preparation of a preliminary official statement for the Bonds and has been asked to enter into a continuing disclosure undertaking with respect to the Bonds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

The Mayor, the Manager, the Clerk and the Treasurer of the City, or any one or more of them (the “Authorized Officer”), or any other proper officers and agents of the City, are authorized to participate in the preparation of a preliminary official statement and final official statement for the Bonds. The distribution and use prior to the date of this resolution of any preliminary official statement in connection with the issuance of the Bonds is hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved.

The Authorized Officer is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver a certificate of the City to comply with the continuing disclosure undertaking of the City with respect to the Bonds pursuant to paragraph (b)(5) of SEC Rule 15c2-12 issued under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and amendments to such certificate from time to time in accordance with the terms of such certificate in such form as the Authorized Officer shall approve.

All actions of the officers and agents of the City which conform to the purposes and intent of this resolution and which further the preparation, distribution, and use of the preliminary and final official statements and the execution and delivery of a continuing disclosure certificate of the

City as contemplated by this resolution whether heretofore or hereafter taken shall be and are hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved. The proper officers and agents of the City are hereby authorized and directed to do all such acts and things and to execute and deliver all such documents on behalf of the City as may be necessary to carry out the terms and intent of this resolution.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to approve the proposed resolution.  
Motion carried 6-0.

11. Other Business

- a. Police Department – report received and filed.
- b. DPW Director – Congratulations to Mayor Soderstrom for all of her work on the Grand Blanc Community Arches.
- c. Building Inspector’s Report – received and filed.
- d. Fire Chief Servetter – not in attendance.
- e. City Attorney Griffin – nothing to report.
- f. City Clerk/Assistant City Manager – Election results report provided.
  
- g. City Managers Report.
  1. **Fleis and Vandenbrink Professional Services Agreement for the SAW Project.**  
Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to accept the Fleis and Vandenbrink Professional Service Agreement for the engineering associated with a SAW Grant in the amount of \$420,474 with 90% grant and 10% local match. Motion carried.
  2. **Etna Supply Co. Payment No. 6 for DWRF 7387-01 Project .**  
Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to approve the payment to Etna Supply Co. Payment #6 for the DWRF 7387-01 project in the amount of \$7,500.00. Motion carried.
  3. **Horizon Brothers Payment No. 2 for DWRF 7387-01 Project.**  
Motion by Blondell supported by Gillies to table the request until December 9, 2015. Motion carried.
  4. **Dickenson and Wright Professional Service for closing of the defined benefit pension and pension bonding.**  
Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to approve the Dickinson and Wright proposal for professional service for the closing of the defined benefit pension and pension bonding. Motion carried.
  5. **MERS Valuation Full Project Study**  
Motion by Blondell supported by Gillies to approve the request to order a MERS Valuation Full Projection Study in the amount of \$2,200. Motion carried.
  
- i. Members of Council – Welcome to new members of Council.
  
- j. Mayor Soderstrom - Requested a motion to approve the appointment of John Freel to the Planning Commission and Mike Blondell to the Board of Review as alternate. Motion by Blondell supported by Nas to approve the proposed appointments. Motion carried.

Motion by Nas supported by Nielsen to enter into an executive session to discuss contract negotiations pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. Roll call vote: Nas; yes, Nielsen; yes, Gillies; yes, Creasey; yes, Blondell; yes, Douglas; yes. Motion carried. 6-0.

Mayor Soderstrom closed the regular meeting at 8:05 P.M.

Mayor Soderstrom opened the regular meeting at 8:31 P.M.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Gillies to approve the tentative agreement for the Grand Blanc City DPW Unit as set forth and negotiated by the City Manager and City labor attorney. Motion carried.

Motion by Creasey supported by Blondell to approve the tentative agreement for the Grand Blanc City Patrol Unit as set forth and negotiated by the City Manager and City labor attorney. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Gillies to approve the tentative agreement for the Grand Blanc City Administrative Support Unit as set forth and negotiated by the City Manager and City labor attorney. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany J. Smith, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk