

City of Grand Blanc City Council
Minutes of October 14, 2015

Present: Mayor Soderstrom Paula Nas Connie Lesley Lisa Blondell
Matt Telliga John Freel

Absent: Lonnie Adkins

Staff: Wendy Jean-Buhrer, Bethany Smith, Brian Lipe, Walter Griffin, Matt Wurtz, Ted Sczepanski, Steve Hill, Liz Hill, Mary Hopkins, Police Department Staff.

Guests: Adam Teer, Carolyn Jean, Max Kerner, Paula Schmidt, Don Becker, Julie Nielson, Geric Rose, Mark Merrill, Peter Buhrer, Jarrett Burton, Glynn Burton 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 Telliga supported by Blondell to approve the minutes of September 9, 2015 with the addition of Julie Nielson as a guest present. Motion carried.

Motion by Telliga supported by Blondell to approve the minutes of September 23, 2015 as presented. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Bills. Motion by Lesley supported by Blondell to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve payment of October invoices in the amount of \$448,260.42 Motion carried.
4. Oath of Office. – City Clerk Smith swore in City Manager Wendy Jean-Buhrer.
5. Audit Report – Doug Deeter from Rehmann Robson presented the Council the CAFR for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2015.
6. Public Comment
Max Kerner, 514 Dorset Cir discussed the Mobil Gas Station variance request and suggested that the lighting was not an issue for him.

Adam Teer, owner of the Mobil Gas Station, requested that the Council approve his appeal but had no additional comments.
7. New Business.
 - a) National League of Cities.
Motion by Blondell supported by Lesley to approve the membership renewal in the amount of \$1,117.00. Motion carried.
 - b) Grand Blanc Chocolate 5K
Motion by Telliga supported by Blondell to approve the request to hold the Grand Blanc Chocolate 5k on November 21, 2015. Motion carried.
 - c) **Committee Reports.**

Finance

Motion by Nas supported by Telliga to accept the recommendation from Finance approval of the Red Holman Invoice for purchase of a 2015 GMC Sierra in the amount of \$25,419.20. Motion carried.

Motion by Nas supported by Lesley to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the purchase of a walk up drop box in the amount of \$1,458.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Nas supported by Blondell to accept the recommendation from Finance and direct the City Clerk to open a Brownfield Authority Bank Account at Flagstar Bank. Motion carried

Motion by Nas supported by Lesley to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Bi-Annual Invoice in the amount of \$55,927.50 Motion carried

Motion by Nas supported by Telliga to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the Countyline final payment for the Saginaw Street traffic signal improvement in the amount of \$8,982.01. Motion carried

Motion by Nas supported by Lesley to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the Etna Payment #5 for DWRF Project number 7387-91 of \$108,825.00. Motion carried

Motion by Nas supported by Lesley to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the adoption of the modification to the Fee Schedule to include the ICC Cost Standards for Building Permits. Motion carried

Motion by Nas supported by Telliga to accept the recommendation from Finance to accept the quote to repair both of the East entrance doors to City Hall in the amount of \$2,367. Motion carried

Motion by Nas supported by Blondell to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the Stipulation for North Park Condos, parcel numbers 56-09-676-001 through 56-09-676-018 stated in the memorandum dated October 14, 2015. Motion carried

Motion by Nas supported by Telliga to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the City of Fenton Assessing Services contract for July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 in the amount of \$45,000 per year. Motion carried.

Fire Commission – Councilman Telliga thanked City Council on behalf of the Fire Commission for the funding of the roof repair on Station 1. Thomas’s Appliance donated a washer and dryer to the Fire Department.

Public Safety

Motion by Blondell supported by Telliga to approve the purchase of a live scan machine with a palm reader in the amount of \$11,769.00. The funds will come from the Police Forfeiture account in the amount of \$8,045.78 and operating expenses in the amount of \$3,723.22.

8. Old Business:

Mobil Gas Station variance appeal for the backlighting of the canopy.

Motion by Telliga supported by Freel to remove the request from the table. Motion carried.

Motion by Freel supported by Lesley to deny the variance request for backlighting of the canopy at the Mobil Gas Station. Rationale: Denying this appeal of the decision of the Sign Review Committee upholds the Sign Ordinance regulations and there is no hardship for the property owner.

Roll call vote: Freel; yes, Lesley; yes, Nas; yes, Telliga; yes, Blondell; yes. Motion carries 5-0.

9. Other Business

- a. Police Chief Lipe – report received and filed.
- b. DPW Director – not in attendance.
- c. Building Inspector’s Report – received and filed.
- d. Fire Chief Servetter – The Fire Department open house went well.
- e. City Attorney Griffin – Presented for the 2nd reading Ordinance #1509-01 for approval.
Motion by Telliga supported by Freel to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance #1509-01 and waive the reading. Motion carried.

Revised Purchase Agreement and Shared Parking Agreement for 11410 S. Saginaw Street.

Motion by Telliga supported by Freel to approve the revised purchase agreement and shared parking agreement provided that a site exhibit for the parking spaces.

Roll call vote: Freel; yes, Telliga; yes, Blondell; no, Lesley; no, Nas; no. Motion fails 3-2.

- f. City Clerk – nothing to report.

g. City Managers Report.

1. **Request for Proposal – Pre-Demolition Investigation and Survey of Asbestos and Hazardous Materials for 113 Reid Rd.**
Motion by Telliga supported Blondell to approve the RFP process for 113 Reid Rd.
Motion carried.
2. **Request for Proposal for Planning Services.**
Motion by Lesley supported by Telliga to approve the RFP process for Planning Services.
Motion carried.
3. **Seamless Docs Proposal.**
Motion by Blondell supported by Telliga to approve the Seamless Docs 3 year contract for \$2,450 per year. Motion carried.
4. **Energy LED Street Lighting Project Grant.**
Motion by Telliga supported by Freel to proceed with the Michigan Energy Office Grant proposal for \$30,000 to install LED lighting. Motion carried.
5. **Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.**
Motion by Freel supported by Telliga to authorize the Mayor to execute and sign the Assignment of Rights under and easement for the property located between First Merit Bank and Art Van Sleep Center in the Grand Blanc Center LLC Brownfield Redevelopment parcel. Motion carried.

- i. Members of Council –

Councilwoman Nas – Discussed the necessity for the City Attorney’s input on property agreement negotiations.

Councilman Freel – Discussed variance requests and the necessity to enforce the ordinances in place unless the City Council decides a modification of the ordinance is necessary.

Councilwoman Lesley – Planning Services is needed for the City and she is pleased that we are taking steps to provide those services. It has been a pleasure serving with all.

Councilwoman Blondell – Vote!

Councilman Telliga – Thanks to Connie Lesley for her service.

j Mayor Soderstrom - Expressed her gratitude for Councilwoman Lesley’s help in filling the open Council seat for the last 9 months. Once again she has shown her dedication and service to our community.

Thanks to all that helped paint the viaduct, the Arches are under construction and will change the landscape of our City in a good way.

Motion by Freel supported by Lesley to enter into an executive session to discuss contract negotiations pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. Roll call vote: Freel; yes, Lesley; yes, Nas; yes, Telliga; yes, Blondell; yes. Motion carried. 5-0.

Mayor Soderstrom closed the regular meeting at 8:45 P.M.

Mayor Soderstrom opened the regular meeting at 9:10 P.M.

Motion by Telliga supported by Freel to approve the Tentative Agreement with the Command Unit. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany J. Smith, City Clerk, Treasurer