

City of Grand Blanc City Council
Minutes of September 9, 2015

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

Absent: Lonnie Adkins John Freel

Staff: Wendy Jean-Buhrer, Bethany Smith, Brian Lipe, Walter Griffin, Matt Wurtz, Ted Sczepanski, Steve Hill

Guests: Jason Poirer, Carolyn Landis, Adam Tear,

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 August 12, 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 August invoices in the amount of \$663,485.18 Motion carried.
4. Sign Appeals Public Hearing – Marathon Property 11843 S. Saginaw St.

Mayor Soderstrom closed the regular meeting at 7:09 P.M and opened the Public Hearing at 7:10 P.M.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

The petitioner, property owner Adam Tear attended the meeting to present his request for and appeal from the Sign Committee denial for 3 variances from the Sign Ordinance. Mr. Tear also apologized for not obtaining the proper permits prior to installing the signage.

Code Enforcement Officer Hill discussed the signs placed without permit that did not meet the ordinance.

Mayor Soderstrom closed the public hearing at 7:26 P.M.

Motion by Lesley supported by Blondell to deny the request for a variance from the requirement in the Sign Ordinance regarding multiple signs. Rationale: The number of signs placed violates the sign ordinance and there is no visible hardship on property.

Roll call: Lesley; yes, Blondell; yes, Nas; yes, Telliga; yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Blondell supported by Lesley to deny the increased sign footage over the allowable area in the Sign Ordinance. Rationale: The property is located at a busy intersection in the City and there is no practical difficulty with visibility.

Roll call: Blondell; yes, Lesley; yes, Nas; yes, Telliga; yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Telliga supported by Lesley to approve the variance request for backlighting of the canopy. Rationale: it was previously backlit and the only change was from the BP green to blue.

Discussion ensued as to the validity of the statement that the canopy was backlit when it was a BP station. Mayor Soderstrom recessed the issue to give the Code Enforcement Officer time to review the previously issued permits to determine if the canopy had ever been backlit prior to May, 2015.

Mayor Soderstrom reconvened the regular agenda at 7:38 P.M.

Mayor Soderstrom closed the regular meeting and reconvened the Sign Appeal discussion at 7:55 P.M.

Motion by Nas supported by Lesley to table the request for a backlighting variance until the October meeting.
Motion carried.

Mayor Soderstrom reconvened the regular agenda at 8:07 P.M.

5. Public Comment – none.

6. New Business.

a) Resolution 2015-0901 Healthcare Hard cap.

Motion by Blondell supported by Telliga to approve resolution #2015-0901. Motion carried.

b) Crown Castle Lease Renewal

Motion by Telliga supported by Lesley to approve the renewal of the Lease with Crown Castle for a communications pole on the water tower at Saginaw Street. Motion carried.

c) Resolution 2015-0902 Appointment to the Genesee County 911 Consortium.

Motion by Telliga supported by Blondell to appoint Interim City Manager Wendy Jean-Buhrer as the City of Grand Blanc representative at the 911 Consortium. Motion carried.

d) Knights of Columbus.

Motion by Lesley supported by Telliga to approve the request from the Knights of Columbus to hold their annual “tootsie roll” drive provided they follow the police department rules for safety on the city streets. Motion carried.

e) **Committee Reports.**

Finance

Motion by Nas supported by Telliga to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the Grand Blanc Fire Department quarterly invoice in the amount of \$26,233.75. Motion carried.

Motion by Nas supported by Lesley to recommend to Council approval of the amended Invoice from Solomon and Son for the Fire Department Station 1 roof in the amount of \$30,033.00.
Motion carried.

Motion by Nas supported by Lesley to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the Northern Pump & Well change order #3 in the amount of \$16,660 for the DWRP 2014 Water System Improvements Project 7387-01. Motion carried.

Motion by Nas supported by Lesley to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the Northern Pump & Well Application No 6- final payment in the amount of \$25,808.70 for the DWRP 2014 Water System Improvements Project #7387-01. Motion carried.

Motion by Nas supported by Blondell to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the Horizon Bros Painting Corp Payment Application No. 2 in the amount of \$81,130.95 for the DWRP 2014 Water System Improvements Project 7387-01. Motion carried.

Motion by Nas supported by Telliga to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the Countyline Power LLC change order #3 in the amount of \$3,095 for the Grand Blanc Road Traffic Signal Improvement. Motion carried.

Motion by Nas supported by Lesley to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the Countyline Power LLC payment application No. 2 in the amount of \$42,032.52 for the Grand Blanc Road Traffic Signal Improvement Project. Motion carried.

7. Other Business

- a. Police Chief Lipe – report received and filed.
- b. DPW Director – nothing to report.
- c. Building Inspector’s Report – received and filed.
- d. Fire Chief Servetter – not in attendance.
- e. City Attorney Griffin – Presented for the 1st reading Ordinance #1509-01 for approval.
Motion by Blondell supported by Lesley to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance #1509-01 and waive the reading. Motion carried.
- f. City Clerk – nothing to report.
- g. City Managers Report.
November Council Meeting – City Manager Jean-Buhrer requested that Council move the November meeting from Veterans Day to November 18th. Motion by Telliga supported by Blondell to approve rescheduling the November meeting to the 18th. Motion carried.
- i. Members of Council – nothing to report.
- j. Mayor Soderstrom - requested a motion to establish a September 23, Special Council meeting to discuss the Proposed City Manager contract. Motion by Blondell supported by Telliga to hold a Special Council meeting on September 23, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8: 15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany J. Smith, City Clerk, Treasurer