

City of Grand Blanc City Council  
Minutes of April 13, 2016

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

Absent: Paula Nas

Staff: Wendy Jean-Buhrer, Bethany Smith, Walter Griffin, Chris Rhind, Matt Wurtz, Kae Eidson, Michelle Foster, Melissa Healy, Dave Servetter (7:08 PM).

Guests: Paula Schmidt, Connie Lesley, Barb Breen, Pat Parker, Tamar Lewis, Don Schaffer 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 Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve the minutes of March 9, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Bills. Motion by Nielsen supported by Blondell to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve payment of April invoices in the amount of \$286,082.60. Motion carried.
4. Michigan Government Finance Officers Association – Tamar Lewis, Board Member for MGFOA attended the meeting to present the 21<sup>st</sup> annual GFOA Certificate of Excellence Award in Financial Reporting.
5. Public Comment –  
Barb Breen, 2450 Pollack Rd – discussed what she felt were errors and omissions in the Fire Department Grant Application for a FEMA Grant.
6. Communications:
  - a) Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Thank You Letter. – received and filed.
7. New Business.
  - a) Pension Bonding Comprehensive Plan Approval.  
Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to accept the recommendations from Finance and Personnel and approve the Pension Bonding Comprehensive Plan as presented. Motion carried.
  - b) Pension Bonding Resolution.  
Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to accept the recommendations from Finance and Personnel and approve the Pension Bonding Resolution as presented. Motion carried.
  - c) Resolution – Master Plan Adoption Authority.  
Motion by Blondell supported by Gillies to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried.
  - d) Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation – Request for Beer/Entertainment Tent for Family Fun Fest.  
  
Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to approve the request from Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation for the Beer and Entertainment Tent to be located on City property along Reid Rd as part of the Family Fun Fest, with the approved alcoholic beverage service and entertainment hours the same as those hours approved in past year. Motion carried.

e) Committee Reports.

Planning Commission

Special Land Use recommendation from the Planning Commission - Medilodge of Grand Blanc

Motion by Creasey supported by Blondell to accept the recommendation from the Planning Commission and approve the Special Land Use request subject to the conditions placed on approval at the Planning Commission. The request meets the (8) criteria noted in Michele Foster's review dated March 8, 2016. Motion carried.

Special Land Use recommendation from the Planning Commission - Al Serra Honda.

Motion by Blondell supported by Gillies to accept the recommendation from Planning and approve the Special Land Use request subject to the conditions placed on approval at the Planning Commission. The request meets the (8) criterial noted in Michelle Foster's review dated March 8, 2016. Motion carried.

Finance/Personnel Committee's

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and Personnel and approve the Volunteering Policy with the amendment "or factor of employee evaluation". Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Gillies to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the 2016 Farmers Market application with the changes as provided. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the purchase of two (2) water control panels not to exceed \$13,200. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the expenditure of \$1,770 to the State of Michigan for filing of the Comprehensive Financial Plan for the Pension Bonding. Motion carried.

8. Other Business

- a. Police Department – Monthly report received and filed.
- b. DPW Director – nothing to report.
- c. Building Inspector's Report – received and filed.
- d. Fire Chief Servetter – received and filed. Discussed the Schram Street fire response and congratulated the fire fighters on the job. The Department received a \$2,500 grant from Walmart and from Firehouse Subs a \$19,200 grant for turnout gear.
- e. City Attorney Griffin –  
Ordinance #1601-04 Fire Prevention Code 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to approve the second reading of Ordinance #1601-04 and waive the reading. Motion carried.

Grand Oaks PUD Agreement - Griffin discussed the executed document sent by the Grand Oaks Developer. There were some changes made to the originally approved document.

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to direct City Attorney Griffin to respond by resubmitting the original PUD document agreed upon by both The Tobin Group and the City Council for their signature. Motion carried.

- f. City Clerk/Assistant City Manager – nothing to report.
- g. City Managers Report.

CGI Communications – The 2016 Community Video Project – Motion by Gillies supported by Creasey to approve the CGI Communications Inc. 2016 Community Video Program contract.

Councilwoman Blondell offered a friendly amendment; to strike “as long as all sponsorships obligation has been fulfilled” under the termination language. Both motion and support accepted the amendment. Motion carried.

Volunteer Opportunities – Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to approve promotion of volunteer opportunities for City of Grand Blanc employees, councilmembers and board members by developing a list of organizations approved by Councilmembers with the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan as the first organization to promote. Motion carried.

i Members of Council

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Councilwoman Nielsen – Thank you to Mayor and Council for their support during a most personal time.

Councilwoman Blondell – Motion by Blondell supported by Gillies to initiate a conversation with the Grand Blanc Township Board to discuss the contribution split of 60/40 for the Library and Parks and Recreation. Motion carried.

j Mayor Soderstrom - nothing to report.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany J. Smith, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk