

City of Grand Blanc City Council
Minutes of August 10, 2016

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

Absent: Paula Nas

Staff: Wendy Jean-Buhrer, Bethany Smith, Walter Griffin, Brian Lipe, Matt Wurtz, Dianne Waterworth, Bob Burdette.

Guests: Paula Schmidt, Geric Rose, Don Becker, Connie Lesley, Lloyd Sellers.

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 Blondell to approve the minutes of July 13, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Bills. Motion by Creasey supported by Blondell to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve payment of July invoices in the amount of \$462,783.40. Motion carried.

Mayor Soderstrom led a moment of silence for all of those affected by the recent events of senseless violence.

Mayor Soderstrom thanked our Police Department personnel for their service to the community.

4. Public Comment

Lloyd Sellers, 115 Bella Vista Dr, requested tree trimming on Bella Vista Drive. Council referred his request to DPW Director Wurtz.

5. Communications:

- a) Michigan Public Service Commission Video Franchise Operations Notice – received and filed.

6. New Business.

- a) First Congregational Crop Walk Request. October 2, 2016.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to approve the request for the Crop Walk on October 2, 2016.
Motion carried.

- b) Resolution 0816-01.

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Grand Blanc, Michigan (the “City”), held on the 10th day of August, 2016.

PRESENT: Creasey, Blondell, Nielsen, Douglas.

ABSENT: Nas

The following resolution was offered by Blondell and seconded by Creasey:

WHEREAS, pursuant to a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City (the “Council”) on April 13, 2016 (the “April 13, 2016 Resolution”), the Council authorized the issuance of bonds to pay all or part of the costs of the unfunded pension liability of the City’s defined benefit plan as part of its retirement program, which defined benefit plan is closed to new employees and is administered through the Municipal Employees’ Retirement System of Michigan (“MERS”) by the MERS Retirement Board; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to such resolution the City’s Comprehensive Financial Plan for Pension and Other Post-Employment Benefits dated April 13, 2016 was approved by the Council; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the release by MERS of updated financial information relating to the City’s unfunded pension liability as of December 31, 2015, it is necessary to amend and restate the April 13, 2016 plan, and the Amended and Restated Comprehensive Financial Plan for Pension and Other Post-Employment Benefits dated July 20, 2016 (the “Amended and Restated Plan”) has been prepared and presented to the Council for such purpose.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council, as follows:

The Amended and Restated Plan in the form submitted to the Council at this meeting (upon which the City Clerk shall indicate the date of adoption of this resolution) is hereby approved. The City Manager or the City Clerk is directed to post the Amended and Restated Plan on the City’s website to be available as soon as practicable after the Council’s adoption of this resolution. The actions heretofore taken by the City Manager and the City Clerk in connection with the Amended and Restated Plan are hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved. The April 13, 2016 Resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

YEAS: 4 NAYS: 0 Motion carried.

c) Committee Reports.

Finance

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the Michigan Tax Tribunal proposed settlement for Serra Works Honda of Grand Blanc, parcel number 56-09-400-011 and 56-09-400-010 as presented in the memorandum dated August 2, 2016. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the updated Comprehensive Financial Plan with the December 31, 2015 valuation figures for the MERS Pension Bonding. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the creation of the Pension Contribution Fund and associated bank account. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the proposal from Goyette Mechanical for the replacement of the City’s furnace and air conditioning systems in the amount of \$65,831. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the proposal from Brady's Business Systems for a copier in the amount of \$,859 from the SAW Grant Project and local city match funds. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the request from Parks and Recreation for their quarterly payment in the amount of \$27,963.75. Motion carried.

Personnel

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Personnel and approve the process to fill the vacant council seat as follows: The Clerk will post a public notice on the website and in the Grand Blanc View on Thursday, August 18th applications will be accepted until 5:00 P.M. on August 31, 2016. Interviews will be conducted by the Personnel Committee and the Committee will bring a recommendation to Council. Motion carried.

8. Other Business

- a. Police Department – Monthly report received and filed. Thanks to all of the area first responders who helped out with the tragic event at Grand Oaks Apartments.
- b. DPW Director – local street projects are underway.
- c. Building Inspector's Report – received and filed.
- d. Interim Fire Chief Burdette Report - received and filed.
- e. City Attorney Griffin – Request a motion from Council to void the PUD agreement with the Tobin Group for Grand Oaks II because of the failure on the part of the Tobin Group to sign and execute the agreed upon PUD. Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to void the PUD agreement with the Tobin Group for the Grand Oaks II project due to the failure on the part of the Tobin Group to sign and execute the agreed upon PUD. Motion carried.

- f. City Clerk/Assistant City Manager – Reported on election results report. Election workers deserve our thanks for a job well done.

g. City Managers Report

- 1) Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to approve the 2016 Comcast Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement as presented with a 5% franchise fee and .5% PEG fee. Motion carried.

- 2) Saginaw Corridor Study.

Julie Kroll from Fleis and Vandenbrink discussed the Saginaw Corridor Study plan.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to approve the Fleis and Vandenbrink proposal for the Corridor Study in the amount of \$5,800 and the Data Collection for the Corridor Study in the amount of \$3,300. Motion carried.

- 3) Local Street Construction Administration Services.

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to approve the proposal from Fleis and Vandenbrink for construction administration services for the FY 2017 Local Street projects not to exceed \$4,900.

- 4) Next Volunteer Opportunity.

Ms. Gatti from the “Turn the Town Teal” initiative has requested that City employees be a part of their effort on August 27th.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to add the “Turn the Town Teal” to the volunteer opportunities list of organizations. Motion carried.

h. Members of Council

Councilman Creasey – Parks and Recreation millage passed, thank you to residents of the Township.

I. Mayor Soderstrom - Requested that the Grand Blanc View post another link to the City Survey which will be extended until September 1st.

Mayor Soderstrom discussed the financial impact that reducing the streets millage by .3 in 2009 had on the Local Streets program.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany J. Smith, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk