

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

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

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

Guests: Paula Schmidt, John Freel, Donna Hedding, Don Becker 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 Blondell supported by Nielsen to approve the minutes of January 13, 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 February invoices in the amount of \$211,078.54. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment - none.
5. Communications:
 - a) Genesee County Conservation District 2015 Accomplishments. – received and filed.
6. New Business.
 - a) Parks and Recreation Request for Hard Times Party Donation.
Motion by Blondell supported by Gillies to donate two (2) boxes of trash bags to the Hard Times Party sponsored by the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Department. Motion carried.
 - b) Amended Purchase Agreement and Shared Parking Agreement – 11410 S. Saginaw St.
City Attorney Griffin reported on the progress of the proposed amended purchase agreement and shared parking agreement as discussed at the November, 2015 Council meeting. He also discussed the correspondence with Mr. Frank Roye’s attorney. Mr. Griffin provided Mr. Roye’s Attorney with a both revised documents on January 25, 2016 and has not received the documents back from Mr. Roye or his attorney.

Council discussed the need for a resolution to the sale of the property located at 11410 S. Saginaw St. Mr. Griffin discussed two options: (1) Return Mr. Roye’s deposit of \$10,000 and assert that we have no contract, or (2) give a deadline for him to return the signed revised agreements prepared and sent to him on January 25, 2016.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to give Mr. Roye a deadline of 5:00 P.M. on February 17, 2016 for his signature completing the Revised Purchase Agreement and Shared Parking Agreement for 11410 S. Saginaw St. or Council will assert that there is no contract and return the \$10,000 deposit.

Roll call vote: Blondell, yes; Nielsen, yes; Gillies, yes; Creasey, yes; Nas, yes; Douglas, yes. Motion carried.
- c) Committee Reports.

Personnel

Motion by Nas supported by Blondell to accept the recommendation from Personnel and approve the tentative agreement for the Grand Blanc City Administrative Supervisory Unit as set forth and negotiated by the City Manager and the City Labor Attorney. Motion carried.

Motion by Nas supported by Blondell to accept the recommendation from Personnel and 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 Nas supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Personnel and approve the expenditure not to exceed \$3,000 to update the Personnel Handbook by Masud and Associates. Motion carried.

Public Works

Motion by Nas supported by Blondell to accept the recommendation from Public Works to perform a local street condition priority assessment with Fleis and Vandenbrink not to exceed \$2,000. Motion carried.

Motion by Nas supported by Nielsen to accept the recommendation from Public Works to conduct a water reliability study required every five (5) years by the State of Michigan not to exceed \$10,000. Motion carried.

Finance

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the Etna invoice for the Sensus Logic Implementation fee in the amount of \$7,500. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the proposed fee schedule updates as provided. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the change to the Investment Policy wording from “City Clerk/Treasurer” to “City Clerk or designee”. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the MTT stipulation for parcel #56-15-501-050 as presented in the Assessor Memorandum dated January 27, 2016. Motion carried.

8. Other Business

- a. Police Department – participated with Mayor Soderstrom and the Burton Police Chief in a seminar on violence in a place of worship at Holy Family Parish.
- 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 – nothing to report.
- f. City Clerk/Assistant City Manager – Please advise if you wish to attend the MML Capitol Conference in March.
- g. City Managers Report.
Youth Initiative Grant Request to Participate. – Motion by Creasey supported by Blondell to support and approve the submission of the grant for the Summer Youth Initiative Program led by the Flint and Genesee Chamber of Commerce for up to three (3) students. Motion carried.

Crown Castle Contract – Crown Castle is requesting renewal through 2050 for the cell tower contract.

Motion by Blondell supported by Gillies to stay with the current contract until 2025 and not negotiate a new contract at this time. Roll call vote: Blondell, yes; Gillies, yes; Creasey, no; Nas, no; Douglas, no; Nielsen; yes. Tie vote. Mayor Soderstrom voted no on the motion. Motion fails 4-3.

City Attorney Griffin and City Manager Jean-Buhrer will renegotiate with Crown Castle and bring back to Council a modified contract request.

i Members of Council –

Gillies – Motion by Gillies supported by Nielsen to look into the costs associated with changing and updating the website. Councilwoman Blondell offered a friendly amendment; City Administrative Staff review the website analytics and asses the need prior to compiling a RFP for a new website. Gillies and Nielsen accepted the amendment. Motion carried.

j Mayor Soderstrom - There will be a special DDA meeting March 2nd at 6:30 P.M. to discuss possible downtown events.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany J. Smith, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk