

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

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

Staff: Wendy Jean-Buhrer, Bethany Smith, Jonathan Hartman, Brian Lipe, Matt Wurtz, Dianne Waterworth, Liz Hill.

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 Gillies to approve the minutes of December 16, 2015 as presented. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Bills. Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to approve payment of January invoices in the amount of \$374,195.25 Motion carried.
4. Public Comment  
Donna Hedding, 12712 Via Catherina – Christmas garland needs to be spaced out throughout the City. Recommends starting a campaign for donations to purchase additional garland.

John Freel, 12713 Via Catherina – Discussed parking in the downtown – currently the City does not have a parking issue. The developer of the corner of Reid Rd and Saginaw complained about a parking problem which is not a true issue in the City. Discussed variances – For the Planning Commission to see only the sign variance request was unfair to the Planning Commission they should have seen all of the project particulars.

5. Members of Council  
Councilwoman Blondell – reminded Mr. Freel that while he was on Council he voted yes on the parking agreement proposed by Mr. Roye in October 2015.

Mayor Soderstrom asked DPW Director Wurtz to discuss the spacing of the garland on Saginaw St. Director Wurtz explained to Council that each of the light poles must have a transformer installed to be able to display the garland. There is a cost of approximately \$500 per pole to add the transformer.

6. Communications:
  - a) Comcast – Channel lineup changes. – received and filed.
  - b) Liquor Control Commission – License Transfer. – received and filed.
  - c) State of Michigan Public Service Commission – cable communications act notification. – received and filed.
7. New Business.
  - a) Resolution #01-16-01 Interfund Loan.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTER-FUND LOAN  
FOR THE SAGINAW STREEET/GRAND BLANC ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

January 13, 2016  
Resolution# 01-16-01

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Blanc (the “City”) has previously established the Major Street Fund for major street capital improvements and maintenance;  
and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires the use of City General Fund in fiscal year 2015-2016 to obtain the lowest financing cost for the Saginaw Street/Grand Blanc Road Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2016, the City passed a resolution stating its intent to pledge Major Street Fund revenues to repay funds transferred from the General Fund in the amount not to exceed one hundred twelve thousand four hundred forty five and six cents (\$112,445.06) for Saginaw Street/Grand Blanc Road Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, the Major Street Fund will repay the loan in the annual amount of \$22,489.00 to the City for five years beginning in fiscal year 2016-17.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Motion by Blondell supported by Gillies to authorize the loan not to exceed one hundred twelve thousand four hundred forty five and six cents (\$112,445.06) from the City of Grand Blanc General Fund to the Major Street Fund for the Saginaw Street/Grand Blanc Road Improvements Project.

b) Resolution #01-16-02 ICMA Plan Re-adoption.  
City of Grand Blanc  
Resolution #01-16-02

Plan Number 102917  
City of Grand Blanc

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Blanc has employees rendering valuable services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Blanc has established a qualified retirement plan for such employees that serves the interest of the City of Grand Blanc by enabling it to provide reasonable retirement security for its employees, by providing increased flexibility in its personnel management system, and by assisting in the attraction and retention of competent personnel; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Blanc has determined that the continuance of the qualified retirement plan will serve these objectives; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Grand Blanc hereby amends and restates the qualified retirement plan (the "Plan") in the form of The ICMA Retirement Corporation Governmental Money Purchase Plan & Trust.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the assets of the Plan shall be held in trust, with the City of Grand Blanc serving as trustee ("Trustee"), for the exclusive benefit of Plan participants and their beneficiaries, and the assets shall not be diverted to any other purpose. The Trustee's beneficial ownership of Plan assets held in VantageTrust shall be held for the further exclusive benefit of the Plan participants and their beneficiaries;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the employer hereby agrees to serve as Trustee under the Plan.

Motion by Blondell supported by Gillies to approve Resolution #01-16-02. Motion carried.

c) Committee Reports.

Finance

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielson to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the budget amendments for fiscal year 2015-16 as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the MTT Stipulation for Perry Place Apartments presented by Assessor Lall in the memorandum dated December 20, 2015. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to accept the recommendation from Finance to apply the grant from the Land Bank for \$300 and pay the balance of the proposed cost of \$597.50 for the pre-demolition asbestos testing for 113 Reid Rd. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve entering into a contract with LSL Planning for 8 hours per week of Planning Services for one year. City Attorney Griffin will review and approve the proposed contract prior to City Manager Jean-Buhrer executing the document. Motion carried.

8. Other Business

- a. Police Department – nothing to report.
- b. DPW Director – nothing to report.
- c. Building Inspector's Report – received and filed.
- d. Fire Chief Servetter – not in attendance.
- e. City Attorney Hartman – nothing to report.
- f. City Clerk/Assistant City Manager – Plan on a Council portrait on February 10<sup>th</sup>, before the regular Council meeting.
- g. City Managers Report. - received and filed.
- i. Members of Council –

Councilwoman Gillies – asked if there was discussion to update the website.

Councilman Creasey – Hard Times party tickets will be on sale soon. It is on March 12, 2016.

- j. Mayor Soderstrom - Requested that members of Council sign up to participate in the Small Cities meetings.

Requested Council approval of the appointment of Mark Merrill to the Fire Commission.  
Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to approve the appointment of Mark Merrill to the Fire Commission.

Requested Council approval of the appointment of Bob Petersen to the DDA/BRA to replace John Peterman. Motion by Blondell supported by Gillies to approve the appointment of Bob Petersen to the DDA/BRA. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany J. Smith, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk