

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

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

Absent: Pamela Gillies

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

Guests: Paula Schmidt, Barbara Hunyady, Michelle Gatti, Jason Poirier and the MAJOR TROUBLE robotics team, Sam Huff.

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 June 8, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Bills. Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve payment of July invoices in the amount of \$453,252.33. 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 – none.
5. MAJOR TROUBLE robotics team, from the Grand Blanc Middle School, attended the meeting to discuss their successes at competition and display their winning robot for Council.
6. Communications:
 - a) Public Service Commission Hearing Schedule. – received and filed.
8. New Business.
 - a) Turn the Town Teal – Michele Gatti. Request for Council to allow teal ribbons in support of ovarian cancer research on downtown streetlights from September 1 through September 30, 2016.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to allow teal ribbons to be attached to the streetlights in the Central Business District, administration will provide Ms. Gatti with a boundary map outlining the locations approved. Motion carried.
 - b) Local Street Bid Selection. Geric Rose provided a bid tab sheet to Council and discussed the lowest bidder Eastern Asphalt at \$820,882.10.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the bid from Eastern Asphalt in the amount of \$820,882.10. The budgeted funds of \$750,000 will be supplemented with part of the Local Street Fund Balance to cover the cost of the bid. Motion carried.

c) Committee Reports.

Finance

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the Rehman Robson engagement letter for the fiscal year 2016 audit. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the request for payment from Glaeser Dawes Corporation for DWRP 2014 Project 7387-01 in the amount of \$4,167.06 with 2% retainage withheld until turf management can be established. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the proposal from Building Decommission Services, LLC for the abatement of hazardous materials from the 113 Reid Road structure in the amount of \$15,500. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the proposal from Throop Inc. for the demolition of the 113 Reid Road structure in the amount of \$15,500 and waive the permit fee. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the stripping and waxing proposal from JaniKing in the amount of \$1,112. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the disposal of seventy (70) cast aluminum housings that were replaced with the LED street light grant equipment and a DPW mower that is beyond reasonable repair. Motion carried.

Public Works

Motion by Nas supported by Blondell to accept the recommendation from Public Works and approve the J&M Tree Service bid for removal of all wood and brush for seventy-three (73) trees along Saginaw Street from Center Road to Perry in the amount of \$6,300. 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. Interim Fire Chief Burdette Report - received and filed.
- e. City Attorney Griffin – Introduced Barbara Hunyady and requested a motion to establish her title as Assistant City Attorney. Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to appoint Barbara Hunyady as Assistant City Attorney. Motion carried.
- f. City Clerk/Assistant City Manager – nothing to report.
- g. City Managers Report
 - 1) The DDA is requesting approval for a “Tuesday Tunes” on August 23, 2016 and waivers of all fees associated with the event. Motion by Nielsen supported by Blondell to approve the event “Tuesday Tunes” on August 23, 2016 and waive all fees associated with the event. Motion carried.
 - 2) Grand Blanc Art Fair request – to place 2 banners on the light pole arms at the intersection of Reid Road and Saginaw Street from July 20 through August 8, 2016. Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to approve the request from the Grand Blanc Arts Council to place 2 banners on the City light pole arms at the intersection of Reid Road and Saginaw Street from July 20 through August 9, 2016 as requested. Motion carried.

h Members of Council
Councilman Creasey – Parks and Recreation movie night will be July 29th at Bicentennial Park.

Mayor and Council congratulated the MAJOR TROUBLE team on their accomplishment.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany J. Smith, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk