

City of Grand Blanc City Council
Minutes of June 8, 2016

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

Absent: Pam Gillies

Staff: Wendy Jean Buhner, Dianne Waterworth, Tim Knect, Brian Lipe, Geric Rose

Guests: Paula Schmidt, Janice Karcher, John Martin, Charlie Martin, Bob Grzeskowiczak, Cooper Grzeskowiczak, Mark Hillier, Trevor Hillier, Michael Besant, Gary Griffin, Sawyer Hansz, Lloyd Sellers

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Soderstrom at 7:00 P.M.

1. Pledge of Allegiance – Webelos Den 10 from Goodrich
2. Approval of Minutes. Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to approve the minutes of May 11, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Bills. Motion by Creasey supported by Nielsen to approve payment of June invoices in the amount of \$210,487.49. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment:
Janice Karcher from Flint Chamber of Commerce spoke about the benefits of being a member of the I-69 Trade Corridor.
5. Members of Council.
6. Communications – none.
7. New Business:
 - a. Resolution #06-16-01

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR GENESEE ROAD FROM KINGS FAIRWAY LANE TO ROAD TERMINUS AT CITY LIMIT

June 8, 2016

Resolution# 06-16-01

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Blanc (the “City”) maintains a system of road to facilitate the transportation needs of its residents, its businesses, and the region, as a whole; and,

WHEREAS, the aforementioned roads are subject to ordinary use by vehicles varying weights and to large variances in temperatures; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Blanc has developed a long-term plan for the maintenance and replacement of the aforementioned roads in order to continue to meet the increasing needs of a modern transportation system: and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Grand Blanc does hereby declare its support for the following placeholder project on Genesee Road between Kings Fairway Lane to Road terminus at City Limit.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen. Motion carried

- b. Resolution #06-16-02

RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO WORK TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS NECESSARY TO RECEIVE REDEVELOPMENT READY COMMUNITIES CERTIFICATION FROM THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (MEDC)

June 8, 2016

Resolution# 06-16-02

WHEREAS, the MEDC has developed a program for certifying redevelopment ready communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Blanc will apply for Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC) status, with the MEDC in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the City staff has continued to take Redevelopment Ready training and worked toward incorporating RRC six best practices into planning; and

WHEREAS, the City staff will complete the RRC checklist and will identifying opportunities for growth, change and simplification; and

WHEREAS, participation in this certification program will allow the City to develop partnerships and collaborations that will maximize use of resources;

WHEREAS, the RRC program is now a component for grant applications through the MEDC and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Grand Blanc City Council approves the pursuit of Redevelopment Ready Certification with the goal of an end result of an improved community through private investment in properties identified as redevelopment/development ready.

CONSIDERED AND APPROVED at a regular Council meeting of the City of Grand Blanc on June 8th, 2016.

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey. Motion carried.

c. Resolution #06-16-03

RESOLVED, that it is hereby deemed advisable to authorize Consumers Energy Company to make changes in the street lighting service as provided in the Standard Street lighting Contract between the Company and the City of Grand Blanc, dated November 1, 2014, in accordance with the Authorization for Change in Standard Street lighting Contract dated as of May 1, 2016, heretofore submitted to and considered by this Council.

RESOLVED, further, that the Mayor and City Clerk be and are authorized to execute such authorization for change on behalf of the City.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen. Motion carried.

- d. Michigan Municipal League Dues. Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to approve payment of the Membership dues invoice for 7/1/16 – 6/30/17 in the amount of \$3,987. Motion carried.
- e. Request from Clean Water Action Group. Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to approve the Clean Water Action canvas from the hours of 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Clean Water Action must submit a permit due to their non-profit status the fee is waived. Motion carried.
- f. Grand Blanc Optimist Club – Little Free Library Request. Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to grant the Grand Blanc Optimist Club permission to place a “Little Free Library” in Physicians Park. Motion carried.
- g. Committee Reports:

Public Works

Motion by Nas supported by Blondell to accept recommendation from DPW to prioritize streets for 2016 Summer Local Street Projects as follows: Stoneybrook Drive (Woodbridge Drive to Old Bridge Rd.), Gas Light Lane, Wellington Drive, Chasseur Drive, Shell Bark Lane, Wilkshire Court and Brainard Street with friendly amendment to add Kings Point Rd from Kings Carriage Rd to city limits if money allows.

Discussion: Rose spoke that after further review with Wurtz that since Kings Point Rd is small and isolated street Fox Croft Circle may be a better option since work will be done on Soneybrook and it would be more beneficial to do both sections at the same time.

Motion by Nas supported by Blondell to change friendly amendment to add Fox Croft Circle to the Summer 2016 Project list instead of Kings Point Rd if money allows. Motion carried.

Motion by Nas supported by Blondell to accept the recommendation by DPW to approve to spend up to \$2,900 to replace the ITS computer system. Motion carried.

8. Other Business

- a. Police Department – Monthly report received and filed.
- b. DPW Director Wurtz – not in attendance.
- c. Building Inspector – not in attendance.
- d. Fire Chief Servetter – not in attendance. Report received and filed.
- e. City Attorney
- f. Assistant City Manager/City Clerk – not in attendance – Website Demographics received and filed.
- g. City Manager Report

1. Demolition of 113 Reid Road Structure – no bids received, looking at removal of hazardous materials will report back at July 13th meeting.
2. MERS Pension Bonding Update – Criteria has been met will update on July 13th meeting.
3. 2016 and 2017 Summer Local Street Projects
4. Economic Development/Planning Update – Grand Oaks II – Table until July 13th meeting.
5. New Format for City Manager Reporting – Weekly blog will be added to website under City Council Agenda's every Friday.
6. Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to recommend approval of the Horizon Brothers Painting Corporation Payment no. 3 for the DWRP Project 7387-01 in the amount of \$12,701.80 with a 2% retainage. Motion carried
7. Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to recommend approval of the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation quarterly invoice in the amount of \$27,963.75. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to recommend approval of the Michigan Tax Tribunal stipulation for parcel no. 56-15-300-003, 1225 S. Saginaw Street as stated in the Assessor memorandum dated 5/13/2016. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to recommend approval of the Michigan Tax Tribunal stipulation for parcel no. 56-15-501-019, 233 Orchard Street as stated in the Assessor memorandum dated 5/24/2016. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to recommend approval of the Schram Street and Grand Boulevard fence repairs not to exceed \$3,663. Motion carried.
11. Motion by Blondell supported by Douglas to recommend approval of the janitorial proposal not to exceed \$1,120. Motion carried.
12. Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to recommend approval of the I.T. Right quote in the amount of \$4,077 for computers and monitors for the SAW Grant funds. Motion carried.
13. Copier SAW Grant Expenditure – Table until July 13th meeting.
14. City Administration and Police Department Furnace/Cooling Systems – would like to receive formalized bid packets to get a better comparison. Table until more information is received.
15. Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to recommend approval of the Clear Rate proposal for the internet and phone local and long distance base services in the amount of \$744.45 per month. Motion carried.
16. Motion by Blondell supported by Douglas to recommend approval of the Grand Blanc Fire Department quarterly invoice in the amount of \$26,233.75. Motion carried.
17. Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to recommend approval of the Standard and Poor's credit rating fee invoice in the amount of \$13,050. Motion carried.
18. Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to recommend approval of the Fleis and Vandenbrink Design and Engineering and Bid Services for the 2016 Local Street Improvement project in the amount of \$7,900. Motion carried.
19. Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to accept the Farmers Market Designated Area :::
20. Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to recommend approval to share the cost of \$595 with the DDA to advertise on the Chamber of Commerce Community map. Motion carried.

h. Members of Council

Councilwoman Nielsen – Follow up on Pat Martin low frequency testing. Spoke with Kettering Professor who is willing to evaluate the property and address the issue. Consumers Power will also be out to look into the transformer in backyard. Nielsen is also interested in having a Cub Scout group at every meeting and volunteered to take care of contacting different groups to attend.

Councilman Douglas – Has contacted a professor at the physics department to come out and look at Pat Martin’s low frequency issues at her house. He is analyzing data and should have more information by the end of the month.

Councilwoman Blondell – nothing to report

Councilman Creasey – June 22nd event for Friends of Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation to raise funds for the Township millage. Creasey will update at next council meeting.

Councilwoman Nas – nothing to report.

- i. Mayor Soderstrom – Fountain has been ordered for the park by Aubrey’s. Ribbon cutting for Arches will be sometime in July, waiting for arrival of plaques.

Motion made by Blondell supported by Nielsen to move to authorize a closed session of the City Council to discuss the evaluation of the City Manager in accordance with section 8, the State of Michigan Open Meetings Act. Roll Call vote: Blondell; yes, Nielsen; yes, Douglas; yes, Creasey; yes, Nas; yes.

Mayor Soderstrom closed the City Council Meeting at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,