

City of Grand Blanc City Council  
Minutes of March 9, 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.

Guests: Paula Schmidt, John Freel, Don Becker, Tim Miller, Matt Brown, Sarika Shaket, Gerald Simoni, Frank Roye, David Lord 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 Creasey supported by Blondell to approve the minutes of February 10, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Bills. Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to approve payment of March invoices in the amount of \$406,318.75. Motion carried.

City Planner Michele Foster did a short presentation to Council on their role as the Zoning Board of Appeals.

4. Public Hearing – Zoning Board of Appeals 11941 S. Belsay Road, Medilodge of Grand Blanc.  
Mayor Soderstrom opened the public hearing at 7:16 P.M.

There was no public comment.

Matt Brown from JW Design Architectural Firm attended the meeting to present the request. The request is for an interpretation of the required setback from the “property line” in a Special Use District or a variance of 19 feet 6 in. from the 40 ft. required setback providing the interpretation is not made. Also, an additional variance from the required 1500 square feet of open space per bed to 1,130 square feet of open space per bed.

Mayor Soderstrom closed the public hearing at 8:05 P.M. and reopened the regular meeting.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to interpret the 40 ft. from the “property line” is correctly stated in the ordinance and a variance is not required as they have 40 ft. from their property line to the building addition even though Perry Road is built on their property with an easement.

Roll call: Blondell; yes, Nielsen; yes, Gillies; yes, Creasey; yes, Nas; no, Douglas; yes. Motion carried 5-1.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to approve the variance request to reduce the open space requirement from 1500 square feet to 1130 square feet per bed.

Rationale: As stated in the memo dated March 8, 2016 from Planner Michelle Foster.

Roll call: Blondell; yes, Nielsen; yes, Gillies; no, Creasey; yes, Nas; yes, Douglas; yes. Motion carried 5-1.

5. Public Comment –

Frank Roye and David Lord, 11410 S. Saginaw St. - Mr. Roye requested from Council an amendment to his Purchase Agreement for 11410 S. Saginaw Street to allow him until July 1, 2016 to present a new site plan for a smaller building to be developed on the property at 11410 S. Saginaw Street.

City Attorney Griffin discussed the historical time line of the property purchase agreement.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Douglas to allow Mr. Roye and extension until June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 as a deadline for due diligence and property purchase closing. He can also bring a site plan within the extended timeframe to the Planning Commission for a building up to 4,750 square feet in size.

Roll call vote: Nielsen; yes, Douglas; yes, Gillies; no, Creasey; no, Nas; yes, Blondell; no. A tie vote. Mayor Soderstrom; no. Motion fails 4-3.

6. Communications:

a) LSL Planning Letter from Brad Strader – received and filed.

7. New Business.

a) Grand Blanc Chamber of Commerce – Taste of Grand Blanc Banner Request.

Motion by Blondell supported by Gillies to approve the use of Saginaw Street banner poles from August 12, 2016 through September 14, 2016 for the Taste of Grand Blanc provided they comply with all city ordinance and in accordance with established policies and guidelines. In addition, the Chamber accepts responsibility for any damage to the lamp posts and provides and insurance binder for the City. Motion carried.

b) Grand Blanc Chamber of Commerce – Request for Family Fun Fest 2016..

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to approve the Grand Blanc Chamber Family Fun Fest to be held on June 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 along Grand Boulevard between Grand Blanc Road and Physician’s Park; and along Reid Road between Saginaw Street and Davis Street. These roads will be closed Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, through Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Motion carried.

c) Grand Blanc Chamber of Commerce – Request for 2016 Art Fair.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Blondell to approve the request from the Grand Blanc Arts Council to hold the annual Art Fair at Physicians Park August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 with the following conditions; A park reservation application is completed by the Arts Council establishing a contact person and a \$300 returnable deposit is paid. The fee for the park reservation is waived. One month in advance of the fair the responsible party must contact the Police Chief and DPW Director to review the plan for the fair. In addition, the Arts Council must make every effort to leave the park in the condition that it was found. Motion carried.

d) Resolution # 0316-01 Notice of Intent to Bond for Retirement Funding.

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Blanc (the "City") proposes to issue its limited tax general obligation bonds (the "Bonds") to finance all or part of the cost of the City's unfunded pension liability for its defined benefit plan retirement program as authorized by Act. No. 34, Public Acts of Michigan 2001, as amended ("Act 34"); and

WHEREAS, before the City issues the Bonds it is required to publish a notice of intent to issue the Bonds pursuant to Section 517(2) and Section 518(3) of Act 34.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City, as follows:

1. The City Clerk is hereby instructed to publish the notice attached hereto once in a newspaper that has general circulation in the City, which notice shall not be less than ¼ page in size in such newspaper

2. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they may be in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to approve Resolution #0316-01 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- e) Grand Blanc Fire Department Proposed Fire Prevention Inspection Program Ordinance Changes. Chris Keller discussed the proposal to move the Inspection Program reporting from paper to a web-based program.

Motion by Blondell supported by Gillies to approve the first reading of the memo ordinance provided by the Grand Blanc Fire Department for web based versus paper reporting and waive the reading. Motion carried 5-1.

- f) MiDeal Membership Application & Fees. – City Clerk Smith proposed the membership to allow City contracts with services at the State of Michigan rates. Motion by Blondell supported by Gillies to approve the \$180 membership fee for application to the MiDeal Program.
- g) Committee Reports.

#### Planning Commission

Special Land Use recommendation from the Planning Commission for 60 additional seating at the Pizza Mia Restaurant.

Motion by Nas supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from the Planning Commission and approve the Special Land Use requested by the owner of the Pizza Mia Restaurant. Motion carried.

#### Public Works

Motion by Nas supported by Blondell to accept the recommendation from Public Works and de-obligate the grant funds for the Jewett Trail to Physicians Park pathway and notify the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Motion by Nas supported by Blondell to accept the recommendation from Public Works to approve core sampling up to \$3,000 to determine cost estimates of the proposed local street projects. Motion carried.

Motion by Nas supported by Blondell to begin the bid document process and seek bids for the Hills of Kings Pointe Drive well drainage improvements. Motion carried.

### 8. Other Business

- a. Police Department – Grand Blanc High School is requesting approval for their “Kolor Run” on April 30, 2016. Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to approve the Grand Blanc High School request to hold the “Kolor Run” on April 30, 2016. Motion carried.

Chief Lipe requested a motion from Council to approve the sale of confiscated or donated firearms pursuant to MCL 28.434A. Motion by Blondell supported by Gillies to approve the requested change in department policy as to the disposal of firearms. Motion carried 4-2.

- b. DPW Director – nothing to report.
- c. Building Inspector’s Report – received and filed.
- d. Fire Chief Servetter – received and filed.
- e. City Attorney Griffin – nothing to report.

- f. City Clerk/Assistant City Manager – Provided the election report for the March 8<sup>th</sup> Presidential Primary.
- g. City Managers Report.  
Crown Castle Contract – Crown Castle is requesting renewal through 2050 for the cell tower contract.

Motion by Blondell to let the contract continue without an early renewal until the current contract expires. Motion fails for lack of support.

Motion by Douglas supported by Gillies to accept the contract renewal request from Crown Castle with a 2045 expiration. Motion carries 5-1.

Tuesday Tunes on Musical Mile – Motion by Creasey supported by Blondell to approve the City of Grand Blanc Downtown Development Authority sponsored event, Tuesday Tunes along the Musical Mile, on June 28<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 8pm under the Open Air Permit, Ordinance 872 and waive the Open Air permit fee. Motion carried.

- i. Members of Council

Councilwoman Nielsen – would like to see a Community Garden on one of the City lots.

from Councilwoman Gillies – Would like to meet with Liz Hill to pull additional Google analytics the website. City Manager Jean-Buhrer will notify Liz of that project.

Councilman Creasey – Hard Times Party this Saturday.

- j. Mayor Soderstrom - nothing to report.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany J. Smith, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk