

City of Grand Blanc City Council  
Minutes of September 14, 2016

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

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

Guests: Paula Schmidt, Geric Rose, Don Becker, Donna Hedding, Robert Picken, Mr. & Mrs. Andra, Norm Abdella, Larry Anderson 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 Creasey to approve the minutes of August 10, 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 September invoices in the amount of \$744,469.04. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment

Robert Picken, 12241 Wellington Dr., His tax payment was returned for penalty. He dropped off at the Post Office on August 31<sup>st</sup> and postmarked. He was notified by our Treasurer, Dianne Waterworth that the tax payment was late and he disagrees with the policy of not accepting postmarks.

5. Communications - none.

6. New Business.

- a) Grand Blanc Schools Proclamation

Mayor Soderstrom presented a proclamation to Grand Blanc Community Schools congratulating them on receiving recognition as an “exemplary district”.

- b) Request from Kirkridge Presbyterian Church for Police and Fire Appreciation Day.

Donna Hedding attended the meeting to present the request for permission from Council to hold a Police and Fire Appreciation Day at Physician’s Park on October 8 from 2-4 P.M.

Police Chief Lipe received the request and spoke with the committee chairman regarding their request, he has no issues or concerns.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Blondell to approve the request for Police and Fire Appreciation Day on October 8, 2016 at Physicians Park provided a \$300 deposit is posted with the City Administration which will be refundable if the park is left in good condition. Motion carried.

- c) Committee Reports.

Finance

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the Michigan Tax Tribunal proposed settlement for Kroger, parcel number 56-15-400-025 as presented in the memorandum dated August 31, 2016. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the bid from David Allen Tile to repair the terrazzo tile at City Hall in the amount of \$2,500. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the Grand Blanc Fire Department quarterly invoice in the amount of \$26,233.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the expenditure of \$3,500 towards the purchase of registration software by Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the invoice from Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation for their bi-annual payment in the amount of \$55,927.50. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the invoice from Eastern Asphalt for the local street projects in the amount of \$56,743.02. Motion carried.

#### Personnel

Motion by Nas supported by Blondell to accept the recommendation from Personnel and approve the appointment of Jamie Weasel to fulfil the term left vacant by Pam Gillies which expires November of 2017. Motion carried.

#### DPW

Motion by Nas supported by Nielsen to accept the recommendation from DPW and approve change order number 3 for ETNA Supply Company to reduce the contact by the amount of \$24,260. Motion carried.

Motion by Nas supported by Nielsen to accept the recommendation from DPW and approve Payment #7 to ETNA Supply Company in the amount of \$33,450. Motion carried.

Motion by Nas supported by Blondell to accept the recommendation from DPW and approve the addition of two (2) camera's and processor to replace obsolete cameras for the Saginaw Street/High School intersection safety traffic signal project in the amount not to exceed \$16,500. Motion carried.

Motion by Nas supported by Blondell to accept the recommendation from DPW and approve the purchase of the Filmtec water membranes under the lease option for sixty (60) months. Motion carried.

Motion by Nas supported by Nielsen to accept the recommendation from DPW and approve the purchase of one (1) large tree in the amount of \$800 to replace two trees damaged at Rust Park. Motion carried.

#### 8. Other Business

a. Police Department – Monthly report received and filed.

Grand Blanc High School – request for Homecoming Parade on October 7, 2016.  
Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to approve the request. Motion carried.

At the behest of the City Manager the Police Department Personnel will be training on the proper implementation of Narcan for opioid overdose victims.

- b. DPW Director – nothing to report.
- c. Building Inspector’s Report – received and filed.
- d. Fire Chief Burdette Report - received and filed. Chief Burdette extended an invitation to Council to attend the Fire Department Annual Open House on October 9<sup>th</sup> from 12-3P.M.
- e. City Attorney Griffin – nothing to report.
- f. City Clerk/Assistant City Manager – Thank you to the Police Department and Detective Guigear for the active shooter training session with the Administrative employees.
- g. Finance Director/Treasurer. – the audit is finished.
- h. City Managers Report - received and filed.
- i. Members of Council  
Councilman Douglas – thanks to Police Department personnel for their service.  
Councilwoman Blondell – The Grand Blanc School video was very well done.  
Councilman Creasey – The active shooter training was very well done and helpful.  
Councilwoman Nas – Thank you to the three candidates that applied for the Council position
- j. Mayor Soderstrom -

Library Board Appointments – Bob Foote and Debra Baughn both to 3 year terms. Motion by Blondell supported by Douglas to approve the appointments to the Library Board. Motion carried.

DDA Appointments – Lou Blessing and Dan Harrett both to 3 year terms. Motion by Nielsen supported by Blondell to approve the appointments to the DDA Board. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany J. Smith, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk