

City of Grand Blanc City Council
Minutes of April 12, 2017

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

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

Guests: Geric Rose, Paula Schmidt 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 Weasel to approve the minutes of March 8, 2017 as presented. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Bills. Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve payment of February invoices in the amount of \$421,288.18. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment – none.
5. Communications.
 - a) Public Officials Conference Registration. – Received and filed.
 - b) Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Thank You Letter. – Received and filed.
6. New Business.
 - a) Special Events Policy, Application and fees. Motion by Blondell supported by Weasel to accept the recommendation from Public Safety and approve the proposed Special Events Policy, Application and fees. Motion carried.
 - b) Request for 11th Annual Grand Blanc Chamber Family Fun Fest. Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to approve the request to hold the 11th Annual Grand Blanc Chamber Family Fun Fest as requested. Councilman Weasel abstained. Motion carried.
 - c) Request for Parks and Recreation Beer Tent at the Family Fun Fest. Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to approve the request from Parks and Recreation to hold the beer tent at the Family Fun Fest as outlined in the letter dated March 13, 2017. Councilman Weasel abstained. Motion carried.
 - d) Street Closure Request. Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to approve the request from the Grand Blanc Chamber to close Reid Road and Grand Boulevard for the Family Fun Fest. Motion carried.
 - e) Committee Reports.

Public Works

Motion by Nielsen supported by Douglas to accept the recommendation from Public Works and approve the quote from Two Mike's Plumbing up to \$6,000 for extending the drain on Townline and Stonybrook. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Douglas to accept the recommendation from Public Works and approve the purchase of Bongo Steps for the Physicians Park Playground to replace the obsolete equipment in the amount of \$2,000. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Public Works and approve up to \$5,000 for Fleis and Vandenbrink to design the ADA Ramps planned with the Community Development Grand Funds.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Douglas to accept the recommendation from Public Works and approve the bid and contract with L&T Painting in the amount of \$108,000 for the water tower painting and work associated. Motion carried.

Personnel

Motion by Nas supported by Blondell to approve the proposed vacation and personnel time policy for the City Handbook. Motion carried.

9. 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. Fire Chief Burdette Report - received and filed.
- e. City Attorney Griffin – nothing to report.
- f. City Clerk/Assistant City Manager
- g. Finance Director/Treasurer. – nothing to report.
- h. City Managers Report –

1. IEDC Strategic Planning at Annual Conference in Toronto – Motion by Nielsen supported by Blondell to approve the City Manager’s attendance at the annual IEDC Conference in Toronto to pursue the CECD certification. Motion carried.

City Manager Jean-Buhrer presented a power point program on the Economic Tools that are available to Council and proposed the development of a formal economic policy for the City. The City Manager requested that the Mayor consider creating an Economic Development Committee to craft economic packages, negotiate economic packages and report to City Council their recommendations.

i. Members of Council

Councilman Douglas – Motion by Douglas supported by Blondell to have the Administrative Staff send out an RFP for broker selection to sell the two properties held by the City on Kings Fairway Lane. Motion carried.

j. Mayor Soderstrom - Provided City Attorney Griffin with a proclamation for “Law Day”.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany J. Smith, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk