

City of Grand Blanc City Council
Minutes of August 9, 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, Chris Rhind, Dianne Waterworth, Bob Burdette.

Guests: Geric Rose, Bob Foote, Emily Kieliszewski, Paula Schmidt, Megan Mulner.

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 July 12, 2017 with a correction to the ZBA motion the roll call vote should be 5-1. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Bills. Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve payment of August invoices in the amount of \$291302.80. Motion carried.
4. Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing – 515 Perry Rd, Grand Blanc McFarlen Library.

Mayor Soderstrom opened the public hearing at 7:03 P.M.

Public comment: There was no public comment.

Bob Foote attended the meeting to present his request. The request is for a 4foot aluminum fence with a flat top around the front yard patio area.

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to approve the variance requests as presented. Rationale: Granting the variance would not alter the essential character of the area. The request also meets the standards of hardship and has a positive effect on health and safety.

Roll call: Creasey, yes; Blondell, yes; Douglas, yes; Nielsen, yes; Weasel, yes; Nas, no. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilman Weasel offered a friendly amendment; the fence permitted is 4 ft in height and the top of the fence must be flat and not spiked.

Roll call: Weasel; yes, Creasey; yes, Nas; yes, Blondell; yes, Douglas; yes, Nielsen; yes. Amendment motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Soderstrom closed the public hearing and reopened the regular meeting at 7:17 P.M.

5. Michigan Green Communities Presentation – Emily Kieliszewski. Presented the City Manager with a Bronze Certification and a \$3,000 check for the City’s efforts in sustainability through an energy audit and LED retrofitting of streetlights.
6. Public Comment – none.
7. Communications.
 - a) Comcast Agreement for Residential Service Update. – Received and filed.

b) Old World Village – Notice of Intent to Establish Condominium. – Received and filed.

8. New Business.

- a) Electrical, Mechanical and Plumbing Permit Proposed Fee Schedule.
Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to approve the proposed fee schedule as presented. Motion carried.
- b) Request from “Tie Michigan Teal” campaign. – Marcia Gurche.
Motion by Blondell supported by Douglas to approve the request from “Tie Michigan Teal” to tie ribbons to the streetlights in the downtown for the month of October. Motion carried.
- c) Committee Reports.

Personnel

Motion by Nas supported by Blondell to accept the recommendation from Personnel and approve the costs associated with a comprehensive salary review in the amount not to exceed \$12,250. Motion carried.

Finance

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the change order to decrease the Eastern Asphalt invoice for 2016 Local Street Improvement Project No. 827570 in the amount of \$81,006.55. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the Eastern Asphalt Co. invoice payment no.5 in the amount of \$11,970.00 for 2016 Local Street Improvement Project No. 827570. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the Eastern Asphalt Co. invoice payment number 1 in the amount of \$136,276.65 for 2017 Local Street Improvement Project No. 830170. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the expenditure not to exceed \$15,980 for lighting in the apparatus bay at Fire Station I. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve forgiving of the loan by resolution #01-16-01 from General Fund to Major Streets for the mast arms on Saginaw Street in the amount of \$112,445.06. Motion carried.

8. Other Business

- a. Police Department – report received and filed.
- b. DPW Director – nothing to report.
- c. Building Inspector’s Report – received and filed.
- d. Fire Chief Burdette – Thanks to Council for lighting in Station 1.
- e. City Attorney Griffin – Introduced Attorney Megan Mulner and requested approval for her to act as Assistant City Attorney. Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to approve the appointment of Megan Mulner as Assistant City Attorney. Motion carried.
- f. City Clerk/Assistant City Manager – Nothing to report.
- g. Finance Director/Treasurer. – Nothing to report.
- h. City Managers Report – received and filed.

i. Members of Council

Councilman Weasel – Wanted to acknowledge the DPW efforts this year on the parks and greenspaces throughout the City.

Councilman Creasey – Food Truck Festival and Tuesday Tunes were great this week.

Councilman Douglas – Looking forward to a productive task force meeting on Monday.

j. Mayor Soderstrom - Thanks to all of the staff that work so hard to make the events in the downtown successful.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany J. Smith, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk