

City of Grand Blanc City Council  
Minutes of December 13, 2017

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

Staff: Wendy Jean-Buhrer, Bethany Smith, Walter Griffin, Bob Burdette.

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 Weasel to approve the minutes of November 8, 2017 as submitted. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Bills. Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve payment of November invoices in the amount of \$366,681.52. Motion carried.
4. Public comment: There was no public comment.

5. New Business.

- a) Resolution 17-12-01 Compliance with State Election Law on petition filing dates. Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to approve Resolution 17-12-01. WHEREAS, to be in compliance with State Election Laws (Act 116-1954-XXVIII; Sect. 168.64e) which requires the City to change its Charter regarding the filing date of nomination petitions for the regular city elections which should be 15 weeks prior to the November General Election.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Grand Blanc replace the 7<sup>th</sup> Tuesday with the 15 weeks prior to the November General Election in Chapter 5 Nominations; Section 4 of the City Charter. Motion carried.

- b) Resolution 17-12-02 Approval of Sale. Motion by Creasey supported by Blondell, WHEREAS, The City Council for the City of Grand Blanc resolves to authorize the sale of property owned by the City of Grand Blanc located at 11400 Grand Blvd. to 4C, LLC, a Michigan Limited Liability Company, in accordance with the Purchase Agreement dated October 10, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Grand Blanc hereby authorizes the City Manager Wendy Jean Buhrer of the City of Grand Blanc to execute all documents including but not limited to a Warranty Deed, to complete such sale. Motion carried.

- c) Renewal of Assessing Contract with City of Fenton. – Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the contract renewal with City of Fenton for assessing services. Motion carried.
- d) Old World Village Condominium Request – Approval recommended by Planning Commission to approve the request from Sam Costanza. The request is to split the Old-World Village plaza in to 8 condominium units. Planning Commission approval was contingent on proof that the Eye Clinic had an easement for parking within the project. Mr. Costanza provided an easement agreement that was satisfactory to City Attorney Griffin. Motion by Creasey supported by Blondell to approve the request. Motion carried.

- e) 2018 Calendar and Appointments. Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve the 2018 Calendar and appointments as corrected. Motion carried.
- f) Master Plan Draft Authorization Motion by Weasel supported by Creasey to approve the distribution of the Grand Blanc City Master Plan Draft for the public review period. Motion carried.
- g) Committee Reports.

#### Finance

Motion by Nielsen supported by Weasel to accept the recommendation from Finance to increase the building re-inspection fee to \$80. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance approval of the invoice from Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation for reimbursement of expenses incurred for the 2017 Family Concert Series at Physicians Park in the amount of \$2,225. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the invoice from Grand Blanc Fire Department for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter in the amount of \$26,658.25. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the quote from National IPA to purchase a new Sewer Jet/Vactor in the amount of \$308,721.10. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Douglas to accept the recommendation from Finance approve the extension of the audit contract with Rehmann for five (5) years. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the MTT proposed settlement for WOD Investments LLC, parcel #56-15-504-001 Docket #17-002553 as presented in the memorandum dated November 27, 2017. Motion carried. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the proposed solid waste contract extension with Republic Services for five (5) years. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the decrease in the amount of \$42,897.23 for the 2017 Local Streets Project. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve payment #4 to Eastern Asphalt in the amount of \$19,700.41 for the 2017 Local Streets Project. Motion carried.

#### Public Safety

Motion by Blondell supported by Weasel to accept the recommendation from Public Safety at approve the donation of 22 vests to Armor of God. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and commit general fund monies in the amount of \$34,000 to the McFarland Library for carpet replacement in this current fiscal year by amendment or in the next fiscal year through budgeting whichever is financially advantageous to the City. Motion carried.

### Fire Commission

Motion by Councilman Weasel supported by Nielsen to accept the Fire Commission recommendation for an increase in Fire Chief Burdette's salary of \$5,000. Councilman Creasey offered a friendly amendment to accept the recommendation as a budget amendment to the FY 2017 Fire Department Budget. Accepted by second. Motion carried.

### 8. Other Business

- a. Police\_Chief\_– report received and filed. Police Chief not in attendance.
- b. DPW Director – not in attendance.
- c. Building Inspector's Report – received and filed.
- d. Fire Chief Burdette – Thank you for salary increase.
- e. City Attorney Griffin – Mr. Griffin discussed the issues that were of concern to the City in the Fire Ordinance draft provided by Township Attorney Lattie. The City's request for modifications were rejected. 1. – Assurance that Station One would remain open. 2. Front load the 1.0 for two years and then reduce the millage to .75 for subsequent years. 3. Utilization of an arbiter if the City and Township cannot come to an agreement on issues relating to the Fire Department. 4. Agree to not use any of the Fire Department Fund Balance for future construction costs.

City Manager Jean-Buhrer reported that at the November 28, 2017 meeting of the Township Board, Supervisor Bennett was asked if the City did not ask voters for a 1.0 millage what would happen he was quoted as saying "A dissolution would begin".

Mayor Soderstrom appointed Councilwoman Nielsen and Councilman Douglas to a task force to determine the City's options if dissolution of the Fire Department happens.

Ordinance #1710-01 Amendment to Article XX – Motion by Nielsen supported by Blondell to approve and waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Motion carried.

Ordinance #1701-09 Amendment to the Storm Water Ordinance. – Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to approve and waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Motion carried.

Ordinance #1701-08 Food Truck Ordinance – Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to approve and waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Motion carried.

Ordinance #1701-10 Amendment to Ordinance #850-10 Soliciting in a Public Roadway by Charitable or Civic Organizations. – Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to approve and waive the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Motion carried.

- f. City Clerk/Assistant City Manager – nothing to report.
- g. Finance Director/Treasurer. – Not in attendance.
- h. City Managers Report – received and filed.
- i. Members of Council

Councilman Creasey – The election went well and congratulations to elected Council.

Councilwoman Blondell – Merry Christmas, Happy New Year.

Councilman Douglas – Thanks to DPW for their work today keeping the roads clear.

Councilwoman Nielsen – received a great deal of positive feedback from the public at the Festival of Lights Event.

Councilman Weasel – Is very impressed with the work Staff and Council do to keep Grand Blanc a great community to live in.

Councilman Creasey – The Festival of Lights was a great event. The Community Foundation is currently working on grants for senior nutrition and food. Happy Holidays.

- j. Mayor Soderstrom - Would entertain a motion to approve John Crawford, 710 Wilshire Ct. as the Citizen Representative on the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance. Motion by Blondell supported by Douglas to approve the appointment. Motion carried.

Happy Holidays to all.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany J. Smith, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk