

City of Grand Blanc City Council
Minutes of February 8, 2017

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

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

Guests: Debbie Neumann, Christopher Germain, 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 Nielsen to approve the minutes of January 11, 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 \$202,350.51. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment - none.
5. Zoning Board of Appeals – Public Hearing Grand Meadows LDHA, LLC.

Mayor Soderstrom closed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing at 7:03 P.M.

There was no public comment.

Scott Bell, Lapham Associates agent for Grand Meadows attend the meeting to present the variance request. The applicant seeks the following variance from Article XX of the Zoning Ordinance related to a new development of a 20-resident assisted living facility: A reduction of 235 sq. ft. per unit in the per unit square footage from 700 sq. ft. per unit for 21 units.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to approve the variance for the reduction in square footage per unit as requested, as recommended in the memo dated January 5, 2017 from planner Michele Foster.

Rationale: Practical Difficulties: Compliance with the per unit square footage minimum is unnecessarily burdensome as building code and State licensing also sets regulation and requires that the building meet standards to ensure safe and sufficient living space. The proposed units meet typical living standards and requirements imposed by State licensing.

Roll call vote: Blondell; yes, Nielsen; yes, Weasel; yes, Creasey; yes, Nas; yes, Douglas; yes. Motion carried.

6. MEDC Redevelopment Ready Communities Program Presentation – Debbie Neumann.

Debbie presented her evaluation of the City's application for Redevelopment Ready Certification.

7. Communications.
 - a) Genesee County 911 May ballot question. – Received and filed.
 - b) Bureau of Construction Codes – Notice of Commission Meeting. – Received and filed.
 - c) Michigan Liquor Control – Permit Application Notice. – Received and filed.
 - d) Old World Village – Notice of Intent to Establish Condominium. – Received and filed.

8. New Business.

- a) Grand Blanc Arts Council – Request for Use of Physicians Park for Art Fair. Motion by Creasey supported by Blondell to approve the request from the Grand Blanc Arts Council to hold the annual Art Fair and Physicians Park August 5th and 6th, 2017 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.
- b) Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation – Hard Times Party Request. – Motion by Blondell supported by Creasy to donate two (2) boxes of trash bags to Parks and Recreation for the Hard Times Party. Motion carried.
- c) Clean Water Action Group – Request to Canvass. Motion by Blondell supported by Douglas to approve the Clean Water Action canvass from the hours of 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Clean Water Action must submit a permit, due to their nonprofit status, the fee is waived. Motion carried.
- d) Committee Reports.

Personnel

Motion by Nas supported by Blondell to accept the recommendation from Personnel and approve the updated contract for Police Chief Lipe. Motion carried.

Finance

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance to amend FY 2017-18 and set FY 2018-19 for the Local and Major Street Fund Projects as presented in Finance. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the proposed contract with Fleis and Vandenbrink to design and bid the 2017-18 local street projects and major street project. Motion carried.

DPW

Motion by Nielsen supported by Blondell to accept the recommendation from Public Works for a decrease in the DWRP Project No. 7387-01 Contract 1, Change Order #3 in the amount of \$2,070. Application for payment #4 for Horizon Brothers Painting for DWRP Project #7387-01 Contract 1, Change Order #3 in the amount of \$2,148.30. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Blondell to accept the recommendation from Public Works to bid out the FY 2018 Local Street jobs in the following order; Perry Creek, Kings Pointe Rd, Bush Creek Dr, Kings Colony, Lockmoor Ct, Lockmoor Dr. and Mocer Lane. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Blondell to accept the recommendation from Public Works to bid out the proposed Holly Rd project between Saginaw Street and the City limits. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Blondell to accept the recommendation from Public Works and approve the purchase of a dehumidifier for Water Plant 8 from Allergy Buyers Group in the amount of \$6,750. 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 Hunyady – nothing to report.
- f. City Clerk/Assistant City Manager – The May election for the 911 surcharge will be May 2nd.
- g. Finance Director/Treasurer. – nothing to report.
- h. City Managers Report – received and filed.

i. Members of Council

Councilman Douglas – Thanks to DPW for their good work. Residents comment on the excellent job DPW does in the City.

Councilman Weasel – Tony Minghini representing the MML gives a good presentation on State Shared Revenues and he would be willing to make a presentation to Council. It was the consensus of Council to request a presentation.

Councilman Creasey – The Hard Times Party is sold out.

j. Mayor Soderstrom - Recommends the reappointment of Julie Hinterman and Chris Carr to the Planning Commission.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to approve the reappointment of Julie Hinterman and Chris Carr to the Planning Commission for a three-year term expiring 12/31/2019. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany J. Smith, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk