

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

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

Absent: Lisa Blondell

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

Guests: Marshall Tobin, Susan Friedlander, Sam Roth, Don Becker, Tamar Lewis, 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 Douglas supported by Nielsen to approve the minutes of February 8, 2017 as presented. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Bills. Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve payment of February invoices in the amount of \$718,094.92. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment –  
  
Sam Roth, from Whaley Children’s Center and Weiss Children’s Advocacy Center attended the meeting to request permission from Council to place blue ribbons on the light poles in the downtown to promote for the month of April the awareness of child abuse and neglect.  
  
Motion by Creasey supported by Nielsen to approve the request to place blue ribbons on light poles in the Central Business District from the last Friday in March until the first week of May to promote awareness of child abuse and neglect. Motion carried.  
  
Motion by Creasey supported by Weasel to approve the addition of the Whaley Children’s Center and the Weiss Children’s Advocacy Center to the approved City volunteer opportunity list. Motion carried.
5. MGFOA Presentation of the CAFR Award.  
Tamar Lewis, representing MGFOA attended the meeting to present to the City of Grand Blanc their 22 annual CAFR award from the Government Finance Officers Association.
6. Communications.
  - a) Comcast – channel lineup changes. – Received and filed.
7. New Business.
  - a) Resolution #17-02-01 Redevelopment Ready Communities. Motion by Douglas supported by Creasey to approve Resolution #17-02-01. Motion carried.
  - b) Amended Mutual Aid Box Alarm Systems. Motion by Nielsen supported by Weasel to approve the amendment as presented. Motion carried.
  - c) Grand Oaks II – PUD Agreement.  
Attorney Susan Friedlander and Marshall Tobin attended the meeting to discuss the proposed PUD Agreement for Grand Oaks II.

Attorney Griffin updated the Council on the events leading up to the current proposed PUD. The Planning Commission at the January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting approve an extension of the Grand Oaks II site plan. The extension was for 90 days to commence construction and 60 days to achieve a PUD agreement with City Council.

Motion by Douglas supported by Creasey to accept the PUD as written and proposed by City Attorney Griffin provided that the exhibits attached are the exhibits that were approved by the Planning Commission and the island is removed from the entrance to the complex for ease of access by emergency vehicles.

Roll call vote: Douglas, yes; Creasey, yes; Nas, yes; Nielsen, yes; Weasel, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

d) Committee Reports. – none.

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 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- g. Finance Director/Treasurer. – nothing to report.
- h. City Managers Report –

1. Iron Belle Trail Grant - Motion by Creasey supported by Nielsen to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between MDNR, Grant Agreement Number, IBT 17-02, and the City of Grand Blanc for the grant amount of \$18,900 to be used for engineering for a feasibility study, pavement markings, route signage and Iron Belle Trail Route Identification signs with the City local match of \$8,100 from the Streets millage fund. Motion carried.

2. Brackets on Grand Blanc Arches – Motion by Creasey supported by Nielsen to approve the Signs by Crannie proposal not to exceed \$3,000 to install back side brackets to the Grand Blanc Arches for the ability to hang banners on the backside, source of funds Capital Outlay, Other City Property. Motion carried.

3. Food Truck Festival – Motion by Nas supported by Nielsen to approve the DDA sponsored Food Truck Festival and the budget presented. Motion carried.

4. DDA Events and Dates – Motion by Weasel supported by Creasey to approve the following DDA events and dates: Food Truck Festival – May 5<sup>th</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, July 7<sup>th</sup>, August 4<sup>th</sup>, September 1<sup>st</sup>; Tuesday Tunes on Musical Mile – June 27<sup>th</sup> and August 8<sup>th</sup>; Concerts in the Park with Food Trucks paired with an activity – July 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup>. and waive the special event fees associated. Motion carried.

5. Grand Blanc McFarlen Library Biannual Invoice – Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve the Grand Blanc McFarlen Library Biannual invoice in the amount of \$18,250. Motion carried.

i. Members of Council

Councilman Douglas – Congratulations to Dianne Waterworth, Finance Director for the CAFR award.

Councilman Creasey – Happy International Women's Day.

- j. Mayor Soderstrom - Recommends the reappointment of Ryan Kuptz to the Planning Commission. Motion by Nielsen supported by Weasel to approve the appointment of Ryan Kuptz to the Planning Commission for a three-year term expiring 12/31/2019. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany J. Smith, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk