

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

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

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

Guests: Geric Rose, Don Becker, Paula Schmid, Jeff Carr 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 Creasey to approve the minutes of October 11, 2017 as submitted. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Bills. Motion by Nielsen supported by Blondell to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve payment of October invoices in the amount of \$520,774.80. Motion carried.
4. Oath of Office – Councilwoman Blondell, Councilwoman Nas and Councilman Weasel were sworn in to Council after their election on November 7th.
5. Public comment: There was no public comment.
6. Communications.
 - a) Crop Walk Thank You – Received and Filed.
7. New Business.
 - a) AKT Peerless Report Jeff Carr attended the meeting to present his findings on the Phase II Environmental Testing for 11410 S. Saginaw St. There is significant soil contamination on the site. The most cost effective solution to resolve the contamination is installation of a vapor mitigation system.
 - b) Genesee County Metro Alliance Dues – Motion by Nielsen supported by Blondell to approve the dues in the amount of \$150.00. Motion carried.
 - c) Committee Reports.

Public Works

Motion by Nas supported by Creasey to approve the removal of seven 7 streetlights on Saginaw Street from Grand Blanc to Perry Road. Motion carried.

Motion by Nas supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Public Works and approve the single move permit as presented. Motion carried.

Personnel

Motion by Nas supported by Blondell to accept the recommendation from Personnel and approve the proposed handbook update as presented. Motion carried.

Finance

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance to pay the 2017 Summer tax bill for 11410 S. Saginaw St. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance to pay the 2017 Winter tax bill for 11410 S. Saginaw St. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the Fire Department Budget as presented for Fiscal Year 2018. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to accept the recommendation from Finance and purchase a Kubota RTV from Flint New Holland at a cost of \$8,455.18. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Weasel to accept the recommendation from Finance approve a maintenance contract with Goyette Mechanical for the new HVAC system at City Hall. 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.

8. Other Business

- a. Police Department – report received and filed. October 29th Trunk or Treat by the River Church was well attended and went smoothly. We are still waiting on Crime Mapping to update their program to work with our version of GIS.
- b. DPW Director – Director Wurtz discussion the difficulty with leaf collection over the last several years. He would like the Council to consider eliminating that program if the service is not sufficient for residents as it is provided.

Motion by Blondell to eliminate the leaf collection program effective 2018. Motion fails for lack of support.

Motion by Creasey supported by Weasel to continue leaf pickup for 2017 as scheduled and review the service for next year. Motion carried.

- c. Building Inspector's Report – received and filed.
- d. Fire Chief Burdette – Thank you for budget approval.
- e. City Attorney Griffin – Mr. Griffin reported that he and the City Manager met with the Township Attorney and Manger to discuss the Fire Millage and proposed ordinance.

Ordinance #1710-01 Amendment to Article XX – Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to approve and waive the 1st reading. Motion carried.

Ordinance #1701-09 Amendment to the Storm Water Ordinance. – Motion by Blondell supported by Weasel to approve and waive the 1st reading. Motion carried.

Ordinance #1701-08 Food Truck Ordinance – Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to approve and waive the 1st reading. Motion carried.

- f. City Clerk/Assistant City Manager – Election went smoothly with new equipment.
- g. Finance Director/Treasurer. – Nothing to report.
- h. City Managers Report – received and filed.
- i. Members of Council

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

Councilwoman Nas – Thank you to voters for support.

Councilwoman Blondell – Thank you to voters for support.

Councilman Douglas – Congratulations to elected Council.

Councilwoman Nielsen – Happy Thanksgiving.

- j. Mayor Soderstrom - Thanked Elected Officials for their service and on Veterans Day and always thank you to our service members.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany J. Smith, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk