

City of Grand Blanc City Council
Minutes of October 11, 2017

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

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

Guests: Paula Schmidt, Geric Rose, Mary Owens, Chris Stockman, Benjamin Casler, Jonathon Casler, Sam Rensberger, James Y. Ito, Doug Deeter, Tim Smeets, Dave Latture

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Soderstrom at 7:02 P.M.

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of Minutes. Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to approve the minutes of September 13, 2017. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Bills. Motion by Creasey supported by Blondell to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve payment of October invoices in the amount of \$184,318.87. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment –
 - a) Mary Owens of 603 Perry Creek Dr. inquired about the possibility of having a pedestrian activated crossing at Perry Rd across from McFarlen Library to make crossing easier.
 - b) James Y. Ito of 2332 Village Woods Dr. introduced himself as part of the Grand Blanc Little League Board of Directors. He is looking forward to continuing the relationship with Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation.
 - c) Tim Smeets of 11245 Worthington Ct. inquired about the status of the K-Mart property.
 - d) Doug Deeter with Rehmann presented the FY 2017 Audit Report.
5. Communications – None.
6. New Business.
 - a) Boy Scout Troop 106 – Tree Sale.
Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to approve the request from Boy Scout Troop 106 to hold their annual tree sale starting Friday, November 24 on Saturdays and Sundays through the weekend of December 23rd and to waive the Special Events fee and sign permit fees for the sale. Troop 106 must provide a letter of approval from the property owner where the sale is to be held and name the City of Grand Blanc as an insured on their policy. Electricity is available on Grand Boulevard and there is to be nothing attached to the City streetlights or signage. Motion carried.
 - b) Grand Blanc High School Girls Cross Country – Chocolate 5k Race.
Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to approve the request from Grand Blanc High School Girls' Cross Country to hold the annual Chocolate 5k race Saturday, November 18, 2017. Motion carried.

- c) National League of Cities Dues.
Motion by Blondell supported by Weasel to approve the annual dues for membership to the National League of Cities. Motion carried.
- d) **Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Master Plan Resolution.**
Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to approve the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Master Plan resolution as presented.

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

- e) Committee Reports.

Personnel Committee

Motion by Nas supported by Creasey to recommend approval to City Council early implementation of replacement of Clerk/Assistant City Manager Succession Plan. Motion carried.

Finance

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the Eastern Asphalt Co invoice payment no. 3 in the amount of \$327,795.10 for 2017 Local Street Improvement Project No. 830170. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the Grand Blanc District Library invoice for second half of the 2017 budget in the amount of \$18,250.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the contribution to MERS OPEB Trust in the amount of \$27,261.00 from Sewer Fund. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the Local and Major Street Budget Amendments for 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve Resolution 17-10-01 Multiple Year Deficit Elimination Plan for Local Street Fund.

Roll call: Blondell, yes; Creasey, yes; Nielson, yes; Douglas, yes; Nas, yes; Weasel, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

**City of Grand Blanc
Resolution 17-10-01
Multiple Year Deficit Elimination Plan**

WHEREAS the City of Grand Blanc’s Local Street’s Fund has a deficit of \$196,674 fund balance on May 31, 2017; and
WHEREAS, 1971 PA 140 requires that a Deficit Elimination Plan be formulated by the local unit of government and filed with the Michigan Department of Treasury;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the City of Grand Blanc’s legislative body adopts the following as the City of Grand Blanc’s Local Street Fund Deficit Elimination Plan:

Local Street Fund

		FY 2016- 2017	FY 2017- 2018	FY 2018- 2019	FY 2019- 2020
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Revenues					
203-000-403.000	Taxes	189,514	191,000	194,820	198,000
Intergovernmental:					
	Federal	0	0	0	0
203-000-410.000	State	172,126	190,000	200,000	210,000
203-000-673.000	Interest	131	100	100	100
Total Revenues		361,771	381,100	394,920	408,100
Expenditures					
Highways and Streets:					
203-203-750.014	Bicycle Pathway Extension	599	0	0	0
203-203-750.214	Bike Pathway Extension	0	9,100	0	0
203-203-750-217	Street Projects - FY 2017	786,910	0	0	0
203-203-750.218	Street Projects - FY 2018	15,629	784,000	0	0
203-203-750.219	Street Projects - FY 2019	0	16,000	260,000	0
203-203-750.220	Street Projects - FY 2020	0	0	0	80,000
203-203-752.001	Maintenance Streets	57,625	40,000	40,000	40,000
203-203-753.000	Snow and Ice	9,227	35,000	35,000	35,000
203-203-756.000	Administration	7,111	8,000	8,000	8,000
203-203-810.000	Interest Expense	0	0	1,505	1,505
Total expenditures		877,100	892,100	344,505	164,505
Revenues over (under) expenditures		(515,329)	(511,000)	50,415	243,595

Other financing sources (uses)					
203-000-555.000	Transfers In	75,000	215,000	210,000	0
	Transfers Out	0	0	0	0
	Total other financing sources (uses)	75,000	215,000	210,000	0
Net change in fund balances		(440,329)	(296,000)	260,415	243,595
Net Unrestricted fund balances, beginning of year		243,656	(196,673)	(492,673)	(232,258)
Net Unrestricted fund balances, end of year		(196,673)	(492,673)	(232,258)	11,337

Explanation: Transfer from Major to Local Streets and increased Act 51 revenues will enable the Local Streets Fund to eliminate the deficit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Grand Blanc's City Clerk submits the Deficit Elimination Plan to the Michigan Department of Treasury for certification.

Fire Commission

Councilman Weasel reported that Fire Department recently held their open house, and that around 700 people attended.

The issue of the City being billed for the remodeling of the Fire Department kitchen was addressed. This cost was originally budgeted and paid for by the Fire Commission.

Motion by Blondell supported by Douglas to deny payment for the kitchen remodeling project. Mayor Soderstrom called for vote. 6 – Yes, 0 – No. Motion carried.

Discussion ensued regarding the millage rate that both Grand Blanc Township and the City will be requesting.

Motion by Blondell supported by Weasel to table the discussion until the December City Council meeting. Motion carried.

7. Other Business.

- a) Police Department – Police Chief Lipe thanked the DPW and Fire Department for their help with the Homecoming Parade.
- b) DPW Director – nothing to report.
- c) Building Inspector's Report – received and filed.
- d) Fire Chief Burdette – nothing to report.
- e) City Attorney Griffin – Purchase Agreement for 11400 Grand Boulevard.

Motion by Creasey supported by Blondell to approve the Purchase Agreement as presented for 11400 Grand Boulevard. Motion Carried.

- f) City Clerk/Assistant City Manager – nothing to report.

g) Finance Director/Treasurer – nothing to report.

h) City Managers' Report

1. The DDA Events Committee met last week to start planning a First Friday Festival of Lights. It will be held on December 1st from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
2. Genesee County Land Bank will give us a Grant for \$2,750.00 which is a matching Grant for the Phase 2 testing for 11410 S. Saginaw St.
Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to approve the acceptance of the Genesee County Land Bank matching Grant for \$2,750.00 for the Phase 2 testing for 11410 S. Saginaw St. Mayor Soderstrom called for vote. 6 – Yes, 0 – No. Motion carried.

i) Members of Council

Councilman Weasel – Inquired if the tree issue at 11340 Woodbridge had been resolved. DPW Director Wurtz replied that the homeowner had removed the tree.

Councilman Creasey – Thanked Police Chief Lipe for the good job of the handling of the Homecoming Parade.

Councilwoman Nielsen – Inquired if the dead bushes along the City Building could be replaced this fall. Also commented on how nice the hanging planters looked, and would like to see that we would continue to have them in the future.

Councilman Douglas – Stated that the Local Street Projects look great, and thanked the DPW for their hard work.

j) Mayor Soderstrom – Thanked Staff, Fire Department, Police Department, and DPW for their help with the Homecoming Parade.

Mentioned that DPW planted 25 trees at Rust Park with a grant from Consumers Energy.

Thanked the Events Committee for their hard work on the Food Truck Festival and the Winter Activity.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hopkins, Deputy Clerk/Water Clerk