

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

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

Absent: Julie Nielsen

Staff: Bethany Smith, Mary Hopkins, Walter Griffin, Matt Wurtz, Chris Rhind, Dianne Waterworth, Bob Burdette, Steve Hill.

Guests: Teneia Gravitt, Don Becker, Mary Hall, 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 Creasey to approve the minutes of August 9, 2017 as submitted. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Bills. Motion by Blondell supported by Douglas to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve payment of September invoices in the amount of \$741,089.99. Motion carried.
4. Public comment: There was no public comment.
5. Communications.
 - a) Martin Funeral Home Letter of Congratulations. – Received and filed.
 - b) Kirkridge Condominium Homeowners Thank You Letter. – Received and filed.
 - c) Judy McCarty Thank You Letter. – Received and filed.
6. New Business.
 - a) First Congregational Church – Crop Walk Request. Special Events Application. Motion by Blondell supported by Douglas to approve the request from the members of the First Congregational Church to hold the annual walk on Sunday, October 1st at 2:00 P.M. Motion carried.
 - b) Request from Grand Blanc Lions for bounce house at Physicians Park. Mary Hall attended the meeting to present the request. Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to allow a bounce house at the Grand Blanc Lions event in Physicians Park, provided there is proof of liability insurance. Motion carried.
 - c) Request from Grand Blanc Women’s Club – to place pink ribbons on the Saginaw Street light poles to recognize October as breast cancer awareness month. Motion by Blondell supported by Douglas to approve the request for pink ribbons on the Saginaw Street light poles from October 1st through October 31st to be removed by the end of day November 1st, 2017. Motion carried.
 - d) Teneia Gravitt – 11340 Woodbridge Dr. – Tree Removal Appeal. Ms. Gravitt attended the meeting to request an extension on the notice to remove a dead tree in the front yard at 11340 Woodbridge. Council discussed the option of the City contracting the removal of the tree. The property owner would have the cost associated placed on the tax bill or could make monthly installment payments.

Motion by Blondell supported by Douglas to allow removal of the tree with city funds and agree to a payment plan with Ms. Gravitt of \$100 per month to pay for the tree removal. Councilman Creasey added a friendly amendment to give Ms. Gravitt until September 19th to find her own contractor and have the tree removed. Amendment accepted by second. Motion carried.

- e) Reallocation of CDBG funds – Resolution #17-09-01.
Motion by Blondell supported by Weasel to approve Resolution #17-09-01 and approve the transfer of funds awarded as part of the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) for the ADA ramp sidewalk project to the Demolition of Blighted Structures in the amount of \$43,556. There is no General Fund Budget impact for this transfer of funds within the CDGB program.
- f) Grand Blanc Community Schools Homecoming Parade. – Special Event Application. Motion by Blondell supported by Douglas to approve the request from Grand Blanc High School to hold the homecoming parade on October 6, 2017 starting at 5:00 P.M. Motion carried.
- g) Committee Reports.

Finance

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the Michigan Tax Tribunal proposed settlement for SPK LLC, MTT Docket #17-02263 as presented in the memorandum dated September 6, 2017. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the Eastern Asphalt Co invoice payment #2 in the amount of \$389,179.76 for 2017 Local Street Improvement Project #830170. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the Grand Blanc Fire Department Quarterly Invoice in the amount of \$26,658.25. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Weasel to accept the recommendation from Finance and direct City Attorney Griffin to proceed with a purchase agreement for the offer at 11410 S Saginaw Street, Proposal C. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Weasel to accept the recommendation from Finance and direct City Attorney Griffin to proceed with a purchase agreement for the offer on Parcel D on Grand Boulevard. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance to approve the sale of a 2003 Chevy Silverado from the DPW fleet. Motion carried.

8. Other Business

- a. Police Department – report received and filed.
- 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 – Mr. Griffin reported that he had been in discussion with the Township Attorney regarding the fire millage request and would report back when negotiations are finalized.
- f. City Clerk/Assistant City Manager – Nothing to report.
- g. Finance Director/Treasurer. – Nothing to report.
- h. City Managers Report – received and filed.

i. Members of Council

Councilwoman Blondell – The sundial at Rust Park is beautiful.

Councilman Weasel – Thank you to the Grand Blanc Athletic Foundation for their fantastic work on improving and upgrading the athletic facilities in the Grand Blanc Community without asking for a millage.

Councilman Creasey – Thanks to the Grand Blanc Community Foundation for the grant received by the Police Department for AED's.

j. Mayor Soderstrom - Thanks to Councilwoman Nielsen and Councilman Douglas for their work on the Fire Millage Task Force.

Request a motion to appoint two members to the Board of Review. Phil Olson as a Board of Review member for a two-year term ending in November 2019 and Peter Buhner for a two-year term ending in November 2019 as alternate. Motion by Creasey supported by Blondell to approve the Board of Review appointments as recommended by Mayor Soderstrom. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany J. Smith, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk