

City of Grand Blanc City Special Council
Minutes of September 6, 2017

Present: Mayor Soderstrom Julie Nielsen Jamie Weasel John Creasey
Chris Douglas Paula Nas Lisa Blondell (5:05 PM)

Staff: Wendy Jean-Buhrer, Bethany Smith, Walter Griffin, Bob Burdette.

Guests: Don Becker, Karl Haiser, Chris Keller, members of the Fire Department, Paula Schmidt and others.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Soderstrom at 4:30 P.M.

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Grand Blanc Fire Millage Discussion.

Mayor Soderstrom discussed the timeline of events and meetings of the task force since April of 2017.

The Township of Grand Blanc voted at their August 22nd meeting to place a ballot request for the Fire Millage of an additional .5 mil which would equal a total contribution of 1.5 mils. The Township will not tie bar the vote.

Council discussed the options available to them in regards to the Fire Department.

Councilman Douglas - As a member of the task force suggested that all new tax revenue should be restricted to vehicle and equipment purchase.

The Council also discussed the possibility of establishing a Fire Authority under Public Act 57.

Councilman Douglas also discussed the option that because financing of vehicle is at a historically low interest rate that would be a valid option for future purchases of vehicles.

Council discussed a preference for one question rather than a renewal and question for an additional millage.

Motion by Douglas supported by Blondell to renew the current millage of .5 and ask an additional millage of .25 restricted to vehicles and equipment. Motion carried.

The other considerations that were a possibility was the establishment of a Fire Authority and the option to front load the millage request at .5 mil for 2 years and reduce the millage thereafter to .25 mils.

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany J. Smith, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk