

City of Grand Blanc City Council
Minutes of December 12, 2018

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

Staff: Wendy Jean-Buhrer, Mary Hopkins, Dianne Waterworth, Chief Lipe, Matt Wurtz,
Chief Burdette, Christina Irwin.

Guests: Paula Schmidt, Josh Leadford Geric Rose, Bob Jarema and others.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Soderstrom at 7:00 P.M.

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Moment of Silence in honor of President Bush.
3. Approval of Minutes. Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to approve the minutes contained in the agenda packet of December 12, 2108. Motion carried.
4. Approval of Bills. Motion by Creasey supported by Blondell to approve bills in amount of \$754,712.29. Motion carried.
5. Public Comment. Bob Jarema spoke regarding his issue with the City offices' refusal to waive his penalty fee on his water bill.
6. Communication:
 - a) Notice of Public Hearings for Consumers Energy Company – Received and filed.
 - b) Comcast Price Changes – Received and Filed.
 - c) Comcast Channel Updates – Received and Filed.
 - d) Grand Blanc Community Schools' Annual Summer Tax Levy Resolution – Received and filed.
7. New Business.
 - a) 2019 Meeting Calendar.
Motion by Nielsen supported by Weasel to approve the 2019 Meeting Calendar. Motion carried.
 - b) Resolution 18-12-01 Local Street Fund Deficit Elimination Plan.
Motion by Creasey supported by Blondell to approve Resolution 18-12-01 Local Street Fund Elimination Deficit Plan. Motion carried.
 - c) Resolution 18-12-02 Water Fund Deficit Elimination Plan.
Motion by Creasey supported by Weasel to approve Resolution 18-12-02 Water Fund Deficit Elimination Plan. Motion carried.
 - d) Resolution 18-12-03 CDBG Authorization.
Motion by Nielsen supported by Blondell to approve Resolution 18-12-03. Motion carried.
 - e) Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance Appointment.
Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to appoint Christ Douglas to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance Committee. Motion carried.

f) Committee Reports.

Finance.

Motion by Creasey supported by Weasel to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the the Boesch Builders invoice in the amount of \$121,050.00 for salt barn project #836220. Motion carried.

Motion by Creasey supported by Nielsen to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve payment no. 2 to Joe Raica Excavating in the amount of \$79,883.50. Motion carried.

Motion by Creasey supported by Weasel to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the payment of invoice from Grand Blanc Fire Department for 3rd quarter in the amount of \$26,658.25. Motion carried.

Motion by Creasey supported by Nielsen to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation 2019 Proposed Budget. Weasel abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Creasey supported by Nielsen to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the release of millage fund in the amount of \$215,350 for the Ice Rink/Splash Pad down payment. Motion carried.

Motion by Creasey supported by Nielsen to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the Grand Blanc District Library Commission 2019 Proposed Budget. Motion carried.

Motion by Creasey supported by Nielsen to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the Comprehensive Analysis of Fire Services in the amount of \$36,800 plus mileage. Proposal to be reviewed and approved by the City Attorney. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to accept the 1.5 mill proposed 2019 Budget from the Grand Blanc Fire Department. Motion carried

Personnel.

Motion by Creasey supported by Blondell to accept the recommendation from Personnel to amend drug and alcohol testing policy – modify policy to require drug and alcohol testing following an on the job accident where circumstances indicate the accident could have been avoided by the exercise of due care by the employee or as otherwise required by law. Motion carried.

Public Safety.

Motion by Douglas supported by Nielsen that pursuant to Section 6.1, of the MRTMA, that the City of Grand Blanc prohibit the establishment or operation of marihuana establishments within the City limits and all categories marihuana establishments within its boundaries.

8. Other Business

- a. Police Chief Lipe – received and filed.
- b. DPW Director – nothing to report.
- c. Building Inspector's Report – received and filed.
- d. Fire Chief Burdette – received and filed.

- e. City Attorney Griffin. – discussed that two ordinances that were previously passed had not been published. He requested that Council bring forth a motion to proceed with the publishing of these ordinances.

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to publish the previously passed ordinances #1701-10 and #1801-04. Motion carried.

City Attorney Griffin also discussed requested changes to the purchase agreement with Italia Gardens.

Motion by Weasel supported by Nielsen to give the City Attorney and the City Manager the ability to modify the agreement to make the purchase possible for sale. Motion carried.

- f. City Clerk – nothing to report.
g. Finance Director/Treasurer. – nothing to report
h. City Manager's Report

1. **CDBG Environmental Assessment Professional Services Contract.**

Motion by Nielsen supported by Douglas to recommend approval of the professional services contract with Global Environmental Engineering, Incorporated to conduct the environmental assessments for the CDBG projects in the City. Motion carried.

- i. Members of Council

Councilwoman Nielsen – addressed Mr. Jarema's concern regarding the City's refusal to remove the penalty fee from his water bill. The water bill was paid late due to the fact that the bill was returned to the City. It was determined that the issue will be taken to Legal and Legislative.

Councilman Douglas– thanked the Festival of Lights volunteers, and also DPW for leaf pickup.

Councilwoman Blondell – stated the Downtown looks beautiful.

Councilman Weasel- thanked the Fire Commission for all of their work.

Councilman Creasey – thanked Matt Wurtz for the leaf pickup, and also mentioned that Downtown looks fantastic.

- j. Mayor Soderstrom

Thanked DPW, Police, Fire, DDA, and staff for their time and energy that they give to make this a great community.

Motion by Creasey supported by Nielsen to convene in closed session under Sections 8(a), (c), and (h) of the Open Meetings Act, for purposes of discussion relating to employee dismissal and evaluation, collective bargaining strategy and to consider material exempt from disclosure under Michigan law. Roll call vote: Creasey, yes; Nielsen, yes; Douglas, yes; Blondell, yes; Nas, yes; Weasel, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

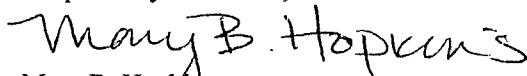
Mayor Soderstrom closed the regular meeting at 8:20 P.M.

Mayor Soderstrom re-opened the regular meeting at 9:15 P.M.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Weasel to approve the voluntary separation agreement. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Mary B. Hopkins