

City of Grand Blanc City Council  
Minutes of July 11, 2018

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

Absent: John Creasey

Staff: Wendy Jean-Buhrer, Walt Griffin, Brian Lipe, Dianne Waterworth, Matt Wurtz, Mary Hopkins, Marcus Rossi, Nate Guigear, Martha Hill

Guests: David Merot, Megan Mulder, Jim Hill, Ashlyn Bowie, James Bowie, Jacob Schofield, Karen Schofield, Elizabeth Bowie, David Merot

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 Nielsen to approve the minutes of May 23, 2018 and June 13, 2018 as submitted. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Bills. Motion by Blondell supported by Weasel to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve payment of July invoices in the amount of \$581,768.62. Motion carried.
4. Oath of Office. Police Officer Brittany Bowie.
5. Public Comment. None.
6. Communication.
  - a) Notice of Public Hearings for Consumers Energy Company – Received and filed.
7. New Business.
  - a) Committee Reports

Finance

Motion by Nielsen supported by Douglas to recommend approval to City Council to accept purchase agreement for 11415 Davis St.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Douglas to move forward with the proposal for Medawar to purchase the property at 1140 S. Saginaw for \$50,000 with the buyers taking on the responsibility of clean up, and with the stipulation that they begin building within 365 days. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Blondell to recommend approval to City Council to allow people to donate park benches purchased by the City with a plaque with name, date, purpose of donation, and size determined by the City. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Blondell to recommend approval to City Council support of The Harding Foundation Grant, and creation of the Chalet Park. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Blondell to recommend the creation of a newsletter utilizing the BS&A Utility Billing software database in order to mail to residents. Motion carried.

#### Personnel

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to recommend approval to City Council the Patrol Union Contract for FY2019, 2020, 2021. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to recommend approval to City Council the Administrative Support Contract extension until October 1, 2018. Motion carried.

#### Public Safety

Motion by Douglas supported by Nielsen to recommend approval to City Council to post a sign at the main entrance to each major subdivision in the City that states that it is illegal to park on any City street between the hours of 2:00am and 6:00am. Motion carried.

#### Fire Commission

Councilman Weasel reported that the City Manager presented to the Fire Commission at their last meeting, and that next Tuesday, July 17, 2018 the Township of Grand Blanc will be presenting their findings.

#### 9. Other Business

- a. Chief Lipe – nothing to report.
- b. DPW Director – nothing to report.
- c. Building Inspector's Report – received and filed.
- d. Fire Chief Burdette – not in attendance.

Mayor Soderstrom explained to Councilman Weasel that she would like clarification on how the slider is going to be decided on. Councilman Weasel stated that he would relay that message.

- e. City Attorney Griffin -

Introduced Megan Mulder as the new Assistant City Attorney. She will be replacing Assistant City Attorney Hunyady who will be leaving.

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

The Utility Box Artwork sheets have been taken to community events so that people are able to vote on their selection. The final day to vote will be July 24, 2018 at the Concerts in the Park event.

The Branding & Steering Committee is moving ahead with deciding on a new logo.

Presented letter from Rehman regarding the start of the audit.

- i. Members of Council

Councilwoman Nielsen – stated that it was a job well done on the First Friday Food Truck Festival, and the kid volunteers did a very good job as well.

Councilman Douglas – stated that he would like to send an updated letter to the editor on the City's views on the Fire issue.

Motion by Douglas supported by Blondell to recommend support of the endorsement of the letter to the newspaper. Motion carried.

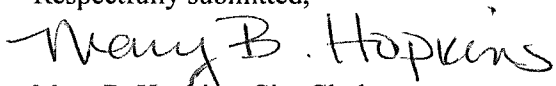
Councilwoman Blondell – nothing.

Councilwoman Nas – nothing.

Mayor Soderstrom – wanted to thank the Staff for a great summer, and also thanks to DPW.

Mayor Soderstrom adjourned the meeting at 7:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary B. Hopkins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary B. Hopkins, City Clerk