

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

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

Absent: Julie Nielsen

Staff: Wendy Jean-Buhrer, Mary Hopkins, Dianne Waterworth, Chris Rhind, Christina Irwin, Martha Hill, Michelle Richardson, Allie MacLean.

Guests: Jim Hill, Josh Leadford, Tabitha Marsh, Mary Hall, Troop 106.

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Agenda Amendments. Motion by Creasey supported by Blondell to add Executive Meeting to the agenda in Other Business after Mayor Soderstrom, letter (j). Motion carried.  
  
Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to remove from New Business item (b) Resolution 18-0902 Authorization for Sale of Property. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Minutes. Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to approve the minutes contained in the agenda packet of September 12, 2018. Motion carried.
4. Approval of Bills. Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to approve bills in amount of \$848,798.91. Motion carried.
5. Public Comment. Tabitha Marsh introduced herself as a candidate for Circuit Court Judge.  
  
Mary Hall from the Grand Blanc Lions discussed the event to be held on October 6, 2018 in Physicians Park. Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to approve Grand Blanc Lions special event with the bounce house in Physicians Park on Saturday, October 6, 2018. Motion carried.
6. Harding Foundation Grant Presentation. David Merot presented a check to the City of Grand Blanc for the upcoming Chalet project.
7. New Employee Introduction. Michelle Richardson and Allie McLean were introduced as new Grand Blanc City administration employees.
8. Communications
  - a) Notice of Public Hearings for Consumer Energy Company – Received and filed.
  - b) Genesee County Parks and Recreation Digital Survey – Received and filed.
9. New Business.
  - a) Resolution 18-1901 – Authorization of Sale of Property.

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to approve resolution to authorize the sale of property owned by the City of Grand Blanc located at 11415 Davis Street to Scott Girls 2, LLC, a Michigan Limited Liability Company, in accordance with the Purchase Agreement accepted by the City on June 27, 2018, and authorizing, City Manager Wendy Jean-Buhrer, to execute all documents necessary to complete the sale including but not limited to the Warranty Deed. Motion carried.

b) Grand Blanc Women's Club.

Motion by Blondell supported by Weasel to approve request for Grand Blanc Women's Club to place Breast Cancer Awareness ribbons on the lamps in downtown Grand Blanc for the month of October. Motion carried.

c) Grand Blanc Community Schools – Request for Homecoming Parade.

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to approve the request for the Grand Blanc Homecoming Parade special event application. Motion carried.

d) Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale.

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to approve Boy Scout Troop 106 Tree Sale special event application. Motion carried.

e) Grand Blanc Fire Department Cost of Service Study.

Motion by Weasel supported by Creasey to approve Grand Blanc Township Fire Department Cost of Service Study to be analyzed and prepared by MGT Consulting Group at the contribution rate of 20% with the stipulation that the contract will be reviewed by the City Attorney and approved by City Council prior to payment. Roll call vote: Weasel, yes; Creasey, yes; Nas, yes; Blondell, no; Douglas, yes. Motion carried 4-1.

f) Committee Reports.

Finance

Motion by Creasey supported by Weasel to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the Grand Blanc Fire Department Quarterly invoice in the amount of \$26,658.25 for FY 2019. Motion carried.

Motion by Creasey supported by Weasel to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the Owens Electric Co. quote to convert existing lamps to LED and eliminate ballast in fixture in the amount of \$3,000. Motion carried.

Motion by Creasey supported by Blondell to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the bid from Owns Electric Co. to wire up a new gate for the police department in the amount of \$3,650.00 and to purchase gate from Michigan Overhead Door in the amount of \$5,011.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Creasey supported by Blondell to accept the recommendation from Finance for the approval of design engineering project through Fleis and Vandenbrink for Reid Rd water main project not to exceed \$9,000.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Creasey supported by Douglas to accept the recommendation from Finance and approved to pay 40% or not to exceed \$20,000 towards Library unit control system contingent that the Township is willing to pay their 60%. Motion carried.

Branding Committee

Mayor Soderstrom gave the explanation behind the design of the new City logo.

Motion by Nas supported by Blondell to approve the logo as presented by the Branding Committee to create a timeline and budget to create the logo and implement across City departments. Motion carried.

10. Other Business

- a. Lt. Rhind – received and filed.
- b. DPW Director – not in attendance.
- c. Building Inspector’s Report – received and filed.
- d. Fire Chief Burdette – received and filed
- e. City Attorney Griffin.
  1. Easement for Municipal Utilities and Public Sidewalk.  
Motion by Blondell supported by Weasel to approve Easement for Municipal Utilities and Public Sidewalk for Padonza, LLC. Motion carried.
  2. Access and Parking Easement.  
Motion by Blondell supported by Weasel to approve Access and Parking Easement for Padonza, LLC. Motion carried.
  3. Parks and Recreation Agreement Discussion.  
This will be referred to the Legal and Legislative Committee.
- f. City Clerk – nothing to report.
- g. Finance Director/Treasurer. – nothing to report.
- h. City Manager’s Report
  1. Sculpture Grant – Motion by Blondell supported by Weasel to approve submission of the grant for the sculpture as presented in the proposal. Motion carried.
  2. No Parking Signs – Motion by Blondell supported by Weasel to forgo 48 No Parking between hours of 2-6am signs upon the recommendation from the City Attorney that notice is given upon entry into the City, and will be placed on Water/Sewer/Garbage bills at least 2 times a year. Motion carried.
  3. Touch the Earth Garden Club – Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to approve placement of Touch the Earth banners on the light poles near the areas they manage: Saginaw Street in front of Center Road Garden, Saginaw Street in front of the Clock Garden, and in front of City Hall; and after the design of the banner has been approved of administratively.
- i. Members of Council

Councilman Douglas – The summer in Grand Blanc has been a success. He appreciated all the hard work that has gone into events to make this a great place to live.  
Councilwoman Blondell – Agreed with Councilman Douglas.  
Councilman Weasel – He requested Councilwoman Nas to speak about the Small Business Bootcamp.  
Councilwoman Nas – She explained that by receiving the Harding grant that we are able to offer the Small Business Bootcamp at the McFarland Library. There will be a pitch competition in November, and the winner will be given one season of free rent at the Chalet’s  
Councilman Creasey – He has enjoyed the Utility Box art, and has also received compliments on the new Terry Stanfill building that is under construction.

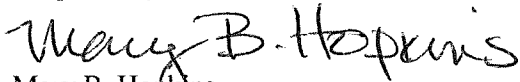
- j. Mayor Soderstrom  
Motion by Blondell supported by Douglas to convene to closed session for strategy and negotiation session of collective bargaining agreement. Roll call vote: Blondell, yes; Douglas, yes; Weasel, yes; Creasey, yes; Nas, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Soderstrom closed the regular meeting at 8:04 P.M.

Mayor Soderstrom re-opened the regular meeting at 9:34 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary B. Hopkins  
City Clerk