

City of Grand Blanc City Council
Minutes of October 9, 2019

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

Staff: Wendy Jean-Buhrer, Mary Hopkins, Brian Lipe, Matt Wurtz, Walt Griffin, Dennis Smith, Dianne Waterworth, Charlie Farley, Brandon Smith, Patrick Murphy, and Brandon Liddell.

Guests: Geric Rose, Ed Erdt, Gary Gould, Yvonne Wagner, Norman Purdy, Penny Carson, Joyce Carson, Mike Poliskie, Mary Hall, Paul Sifferman, 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 contained in the agenda packet of October 9, 2019. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Bills
Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to approve bills in amount of \$389,999.66. Motion carried.
4. Fire Department Oath of Office
Charles Farley
Brandon Smith
Patrick Murphy
Brandon Liddell
5. Public Comment

Ron Orselli – 690 Morningside
Mike Poliske – 12852 Via Catherina
Meg Allen – 12811 Via Catherina
Angela Whetstone – 12820 Via Catherina
6. Communication.
 - a) Consumer Energy Notice of Hearing – Received and Filed
 - b) Comcast Programing Change – Received and Filed
7. New Business
 - a) Recreational Marijuana Ordinance Discussion
City Attorney Walt Griffin, and Attorney Megan Mulder gave an update on the Recreational Marijuana Ordinance. He reminded the Council that they had passed an Ordinance to opt out of allowing Recreational Marijuana establishments within the City. He stated that the deadline for a decision is November 1, 2019, however the City could still opt in after that deadline if they choose to do so. Attorney Mulder reviewed the restrictions that could be placed on these establishments within the City. Attorney Griffin recommended to the Council to stay with the option to opt out at this time.
 - b) Grand Mall Conditional Rezoning
Brian Borden updated the Council regarding the conditional rezoning from B-2 to B-3. He stated that the Planning Commission had approved the request, however it was not passed unanimously. It passed with a 6-3 vote. Discussion ensued regarding the rezoning.

Motion by Blondell supported by Carr to deny the request for conditional rezoning from B-2 to B-3 due to lack of compliance with the criteria for amendment to the Official Zoning Map of Section 2804 of the City Zoning Ordinance. Motion carried 6-0.

- c) 2019 Grand Blanc Community Survey
City Manager Wendy Jean-Buhrer discussed the results of the Community Survey.
- d) Grand Blanc High Schools Girls Cross Country – Chocolate 5k Race
Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to approve the Grand Blanc High School Girls Cross Country – Chocolate 5k Race on November 23, 2019 from 10am-12pm. Motion carried.
- e) Grand Blanc Lions Club – Turkeys in the Park
Motion by Nielsen supported by Blondell to approve the Grand Blanc Lions Club Turkeys in the Park to host in Physicians Park on October 26, 2019 from 1pm – 3 pm and wave the park fee, but require \$300 which is refundable back upon inspection of DPW. Motion carried.
- f) Committee Reports

Public Safety

Motion by Douglas supported by Carr to approve purchase of a patrol vehicle and needed equipment for the patrol vehicle, not exceed \$45,000. Motion carried.

Motion by Douglas supported by Blondell to postpone Automatic Mutual Aid withdrawal as currently written. Motion carried.

Personnel

Motion by Creasey supported by Blondell to approve the Law Enforcement Dual Role Acknowledgement. Motion carried.

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 Smith – received and filed
- e.) City Attorney Griffin – nothing to report
- f.) City Clerk – nothing to report.
- g.) Finance Director/Treasurer – stated that the Audit will be presented at the next City Council meeting.
- h.) City Manager’s Report

Motion by Nielsen supported by Blondell to proceed with the Strategic Planning proposal with the date of January 24-25, 2020. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Carr to approve the Grand Blanc McFarlen Library bi-annual invoice of \$28,000. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Carr to approve the Rauhorn Electric, Inc. Payment No. 1 of \$37,880.10 for the Saginaw St. & Reid Road Traffic Signal Modernization project. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to approve the formation of the Complete Count Committee to promote the Census 2020 activities. Motion carried.

i.) Members of Council

Councilman Carr – congratulated the new Fire Department officers.

Councilman Creasey – also congratulated the new Fire Department officers, and thanked Grand Blanc High School, the Police Department and Fire Department for the success of the Homecoming Parade.

Councilman Douglas – congratulated the new Fire Department officers. Also, congratulated the Fire Department for another month of low response times. Thanked the DPW, Police, and Fire Department for another great Homecoming parade.

j.) Mayor Soderstrom –

Mayor Soderstrom announced the resignation of Debbie Honea from the DDA Board after 12 years of service.

Motion by Carr supported by Creasey to approve the appointment of Don Haley to the DDA/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board. Motion carried.

Motion by Creasey supported by Carr to approve the appointment of Scott Sassack to the DDA/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary B. Hopkins
City Clerk