

City of Grand Blanc City Council  
Minutes of September 11, 2019

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

Absent: Lisa Blondell

Staff: Wendy Jean-Buhrer, Mary Hopkins, Brian Lipe, Matt Wurtz, Walt Griffin, Ted Sczepanski, Chief Smith, Dianne Waterworth, Charlie Farley, Brandon Smith

Guests: Geric Rose, Ed Erdt, Boy Scout Troop 106, Gary Gould, Randy Byrne, Yvonne Wagner, Jeff Schamanek 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 Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve the minutes contained in the agenda packet of September 11, 2019. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Bills  
Motion by Douglas supported by Nielsen to approve bills in amount of \$667,990.38. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment  
  
Yvonne Wagner – 11819 Terrace Drive
5. Communication.
  - a) GCMPC Long Range Transportation Plan Capacity Project List – Received and Filed
  - b) Comcast Programming Change – Received and Filed
  - c) AT&T Annual Video Report – Received and Filed
6. New Business
  - a) Resolution #19-0901 Adoption of the Retirement Health Saving Plan  
Motion by Creasey supported by Douglas to approve Resolution #19-0901 adoption of the Retirement Health Savings Plan. Motion carried.
  - b) Boy Scout Troop 106 Christmas Tree Sale Request  
Motion by Douglas supported by Carr to approve Boy Scout Troop 106 Christmas Tree Sale request as stated on the Special Event form. Motion carried.  
Friendly Amendment by Douglas supported by Carr to waive the special event fee. Motion carried.
  - c) Fire Study Presentation by Thomas Wieczorek of CPSM  
Thomas Wieczorek presented the Fire Services Operations Report completed by CPSM.

d) Committee Reports

DPW

Motion by Nas supported by Creasey to approve conversion to the right of way requirements in MCL 257.649 at all City signalized intersections during power loss. Motion carried.

Motion by Nas supported by Nielsen to approve the removal of lighted 3-way Jewett/Davis/Bush intersection and convert to a signed 3-way intersection. Motion carried.

Motion by Nas supported by Carr to approve the installation of No Parking signage in the area of Kingsley and Grand Oak as determined by the Public Works Department Director. Motion carried.

Finance

Motion to approve Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation invoice for 2<sup>nd</sup> half installment in the amount of \$60,927.50. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to rescind the waiving of the Open-Air Permit Fee. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to update the fee schedule to allow Temporary Use/Seasonal Event/Sales Permit fees waived if the event occurs on property owned and operated by the business and meets the zoning requirements. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Hazardous Materials Response Team. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve the creation of the Fire Millage Fund. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Carr to approve the creation of a checking account for the Fire Millage Fund. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Douglas to approve creation of the Fire Millage Investment Account. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Douglas to approve the quote from Hastings Air Energy Control in the amount of \$14,213.99. Motion carried.

Public Safety

Motion by Douglas supported by Carr to approve the Special Event request from Grand Blanc Community School District to have the Homecoming Parade on October 4, 2019. Motion carried.

Motion by Douglas supported by Carr to approve the Special Event request from the Sugar Mermaid to host the “Mind Body Spirit Fest” at the Chalets on Sunday, September 29, 2019 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Motion carried.

Motion by Douglas supported by Carr to approve the request from Fire Chief Smith to install “No Parking” signs as necessary in the lot of the Fire Department. Motion carried.

7. Other Business

- a.) Police Chief Lipe – received and filed
- b.) DPW Director – nothing to report. He commended the Fire Department and their volunteers in regards to their quick response time.
- c.) Building Inspector's Report – received and filed
- d.) Fire Chief Smith – received and filed
- e.) City Attorney Griffin  
Attorney Griffin gave an update of the ongoing discussion with Grand Blanc Township regarding the dissolution of the Fire Department.
- f.) City Clerk – nothing to report.
- g.) Finance Director/Treasurer – nothing to report.
- h.) City Manager's Report – received and filed.

City Manager Jean-Buhrer gave an update on recently awarded grants that were received. There was a grant from the Community Foundation Grand Blanc Fund for \$5400.00 that will be used for installation of smoke alarms for senior citizens homes, and also Rust Park Gardens received a grant for \$853.00.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Carr to approve the renewal of the land lease for parking and for recreational purposes and upon review from the City Attorney for the extension fee of \$50.00 and removal of the words “timely” from the lease document.

- i.) Members of Council  
**Councilman Carr** – stated that response times and the negotiations with Grand Blanc Township have exceeded his expectations. He commended everyone who has been involved.  
**Councilman Creasey** – agreed with Councilman Carr. He reported that the Grand Blanc Heritage Association also received a grant for \$4,000.00.  
**Councilwoman Nielsen** – welcomed the new Assistant Fire Chief Charles Farley.  
**Councilman Douglas** – agreed with everyone's positive comments regarding the Fire Department.

- j.) Mayor Soderstrom –

Motion by Creasey supported by Nielsen to move into Closed Session to consider the yearly evaluation of the City Manager as requested by Wendy Jean – Buhrer. Roll call vote: Carr, yes; Creasey, yes; Douglas, yes; Nas, yes; Nielsen, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Soderstrom closed the regular meeting at 7:47 P.M.

Reopened the regular meeting at 8:37 P.M.

Motion by Creasey supported by Nielsen to approve the contract as of June 1, 2019 subject to the terms of the contract based on an outstanding evaluation. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary B. Hopkins  
City Clerk