

City of Grand Blanc City Council
Minutes of February 12, 2020

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

Staff: Wendy Jean-Buhrer, Mary Hopkins, Brian Lipe, Walt Griffin, Dennis Smith, Dianne Waterworth, Mike Mead, Michelle Richardson, Kelly Ford.

Guests: Carolyn Sifferman, Carol Koponen, Don Becker, Abby Baker, Adam Gurnoe, Sally Perkey, Dennis Perkey, Stephen Szasz, Tom Toohey, Edith Robbins, Nancy Lee Fawcett, Kenneth Fawcett, and others.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Soderstrom at 7:02 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 February 12, 2020. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Bills
Motion by Blondell supported by Carr to approve bills in amount of \$443,214.72. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment
Don Becker – 116 Sawyer St.
Janice Schiefer – 7805 Millington
5. Communication
 - a) Comcast Programming Change – Received and Filed.
 - b) 2020 MML Convention and 2021 MML Capital Conference – Received and Filed.
6. New Business
 - a) Hometown Hero Presentation
Presentation of the Hometown Hero Program made by Abby Baker and Adam Gurnoe.

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to approve History of Hometown Heroes to administer the City's special banner program and for adding the fee of installation of the History of Hometown Heroes banners for 2 years of \$500.00, all proceeds from these banners will be deposited into a Veterans Memorial Fund and to approve the Ring of Heroes banners around the Splash Pad/Ice Rink that will be installed year-round for 2 years and the fee will be \$1,000.00, all proceeds from the Ring of Heroes will go to Physicians Park operations and maintenance. Motion carried.

Motion by Creasey supported by Carr to approve the following requirements for inclusion in the History of Hometown Heroes program:

- Retired Military – Current City Resident
- Former, Current Military – Current City Resident
- Retired, Former or Current Military – Grand Blanc High School Graduate
- Current City Policemen, Firemen
- Retired City Policemen, Firemen
- Current Business Owners in the City in the above categories
- Former Business Owners in the City in the above categories

Motion carried.

- b) 2020 Committee Appointments
Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to approve the highlighted slat of reappointments as presented. Motion carried.

- c) July City Council Meeting Date Change
Motion by Creasey supported by Nielsen to approve the meeting date change from July 8th to July 22nd. Motion carried.

- d) Resolution 20-0101 Recreation Passport Grant Program
Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve Resolution 20-0101 Recreation Passport Grant Program. Motion carried.

- e) Resolution 20-0102 Farmers Market Date Addition
Motion by Creasey supported by Blondell to approve Resolution 20-0102 Farmers Market Date Addition. Motion carried.

- f) Resolution 20-0103 2020 Strategic Plan
Motion by Nielsen supported by Douglas to approve Resolution 20-0103 Strategic Plan and adopt the Strategic Plan. Motion carried.

- g) Committee Reports

Finance

Motion by Douglas supported by Nielsen to approve the RL White Construction invoice for the completion of the Physicians Park restroom improvements in the amount of \$32,500.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Douglas supported by Nielsen to create the Parks and Recreation Fund special revenue fund. Motion carried.

Motion by Douglas supported by Carr to approve the Fire protection fee schedule. Motion carried.

Motion by Douglas supported by Nielsen to create the K-9 Fund special revenue fund. Motion carried.

Motion by Douglas supported by Nielsen to transfer \$4,450.56 into the K-9 Fund – special revenue fund. Motion carried.

Motion by Douglas supported by Carr to approve FY 2019-2020 Budget Amendments. Motion carried.

Personnel

Motion by Creasey supported by Blondell to approve the Non-Exempt Employee Travel Policy. Motion carried.

Motion by Creasey supported by Douglas to approve the sale of alcohol at the City event to be scheduled in May 2020. Motion carried.

Motion by Creasey supported by Douglas to approve the addition in the Personnel Handbook under Q. Social Media, the section: “For Employees assigned the role of Social Media Administrator”. Friendly amendment made by Blondell supported by Douglas with the deletion of the line in regards to grammar as amended in committee. Motion carried.

13. Other Business

- a.) Police Chief Lipe – received and filed
- b.) DPW Director – not in attendance
- 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 – nothing to report
- h.) City Manager's Report

City Manager Jean-Buhrer stated that the Founders Gala event has been cancelled.

- Christina Irwin gave an update on the idea for a new event.
- Christina Irwin explained about the combination of the Concerts in the Park and the Farmers Market to be held on Wednesdays throughout the Summer.

Motion by Creasey supported by Douglas to approve the sale of alcohol at the City event to be scheduled in May 2020. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to approve the Signs by Crannie quote to retrofit the Welcome to the City of Grand Blanc signs at the north and south Saginaw Street entrances of the City.

Mayor Soderstrom introduced Josh Ennis from Grand Blanc High School who will be attending Council Meetings as a student representative, and who is also doing an internship at City Hall.

i.) Members of Council

Councilwoman Nielsen – welcomed Josh Ennis.

Councilman Douglas – welcomed Josh Ennis.

Councilman Carr – welcomed Josh Ennis. Also stated that there all lot of new exciting ideas going in the City.

Councilman Creasey – welcomed Josh Ennis. He mentioned that when we do the May event, he would like to see some of those proceeds go a band shell for Physicians Park. He is also excited about the Hometown Hero's Project.

Councilman Nas – welcomed Josh Ennis. She also thanked Christina Irwin on her work on events.

j.) Mayor Soderstrom

Thanked Josh Ennis for coming on board. Thanked everyone on the Council for what they bring to the table to work together.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary B. Hopkins
City Clerk