

Special Electronic
City of Grand Blanc City Council
Minutes of June 10, 2020
5:30 PM

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

Absent: Lisa Blondell

Staff: Wendy Jean-Buhrer, Mary Hopkins, Walt Griffin, Dianne Waterworth, Christina Irwin

Guests: None

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Soderstrom at 5:35 P.M.

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of Minutes
Motion by Carr supported by Nielsen to approve the minutes contained in the agenda packet of June 10, 2020. Roll call vote: Carr, yes; Creasey, yes; Douglas, yes; Nas, yes; Nielsen, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Approval of Bills
Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve bills in amount of \$378,945.55. Roll call vote: Creasey, yes; Douglas, yes; Nas, yes; Nielsen, yes; Carr, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Communication
None
5. New Business
 - a) Riverbend Village Condominium Association Garbage Collection Resolution
Motion by Creasey supported by Carr to approve the Riverbend Village condominium Association garbage request and proceed with accepting them as a garbage billing customer in the City's utility billing system. Roll call vote: Douglas, yes; Nas, yes; Nielsen, yes; Carr, yes; Creasey, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
 - b) Michigan Municipal League Membership Renewal
Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve the Michigan Municipal League Membership renewal dues in the amount of \$4,286.00 and not paying the Legal Defense Fund dues. Roll call vote: Nas, yes; Nielsen, yes; Carr, yes; Creasey, yes; Douglas, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
 - c) Comcast Easement Request
Motion by Carr supported by Nielsen to approve the Comcast easement request as presented in the June 10th City Council agenda packet. Roll call vote: Nielsen, yes; Carr, yes; Creasey, yes; Douglas, yes; Nas, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
 - d) Fire Commission Dissolution Resolution #20-0601
Motion by Nielsen supported by Douglas to approve the Fire Commission Dissolution Resolution #20-0601 as presented in the June 10th City Council agenda packet. Roll call vote: Carr, yes; Creasey, yes; Douglas, yes; Nas, yes; Nielsen, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
 - e) Final Fire Report and Evaluation of CPSM Fire Services Operations Reports
Report was included in the agenda packet for review.

f) Leaf Pickup Discussion
Motion by Douglas supported by Carr to postpone the discussion until next month so that Matt Wurtz can be included in the discussion. Roll call vote: Creasey, yes; Douglas, yes; Nas, yes; Nielsen, yes; Carr, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

g) Committee Reports
None

6. Other Business

a.) Police Chief Lipe – received and filed.

Mayor Soderstrom, Councilman Creasey, and Police Chief Lipe commented on the success of the Black Lives Matter March organized by Grand Blanc High School students.

b.) DPW Director – absent

c.) Building Inspector's Report – received and filed

d.) Fire Chief Smith – received and filed.

Mayor Soderstrom thanked Beth and Dennis Smith for the incredible job that they did over the last 14 months. Mayor Soderstrom also welcomed our new Fire Chief Don Schreiber.

e.) City Attorney Griffin

City Attorney Griffin discussed the possibility of changes to the mowing ordinance and also the blight ordinance. He also gave an update regarding Parks and Recreation. Stating that there has been no activity in the last 30-50 days, and that the Township has proceeded with the takeover.

f.) City Clerk – nothing to report

g.) Finance Director/Treasurer

Dianne Waterworth stated that the Fiscal Year 2020 audit has been scheduled for August 10, 2020.

h.) City Manager's Report – received and filed

City Manager Jean-Buhrer highlighted a few items from her report. A new section in her report has been added to show all of the grants that she has applied for. The Fire Department Awards Banquet was cancelled due to COVID; however, awards were given out by Fire Chief Smith on his last day. City Manager Jean-Buhrer has started to load City sites on to the MEDC website. She also introduced the new Assistant City Manager, Christina Irwin.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to decrease the project amount and approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$120,485.00. Roll call vote: Douglas, yes; Nas, yes; Nielsen, yes; Carr, yes; Creasey, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve Joe Raica Application for Payment Final No. 5 in the amount of \$14,485.00. Roll call vote: Nas, yes; Nielsen, yes; Carr, yes; Creasey, yes; Douglas, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Carr supported by Nielsen to approve the Maxim Roofing Quote for \$47,400 for the City Hall/Police Station reroofing project to be funded from fund balance. Roll call vote: Nielsen, yes; Carr, yes; Creasey, yes; Douglas, yes; Nas, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Creasey supported by Carr to approve the Fleis and Vandenbrink construction engineering services proposal of \$19,900 for the FY 2020-21 Citywide traffic signal upgrades. Roll call vote: Carr, yes; Creasey, yes; Douglas, yes; Nas, yes; Nielsen, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

i.) Members of Council

Councilwoman Nas – Congratulated Christina and welcomed Chief Schreiber.

Councilman Carr – Congratulated Christina for her recent promotion, and welcomed Chief Schreiber. He also thanked Chief Smith for coming out of retirement to get the City Fire Department started.

Councilman Douglas – Congratulated Christina on the promotion and the grant. Thanked Beth and Dennis for their service to the City over the past year. He stated that he looked forward to working with the new Fire Chief.

Councilwoman Nielsen – Welcomed Chief Schreiber and congratulated Christina. She also congratulated Chief Lipe on his constant attention to the development of his staff which has resulted in them being the respectful individuals that they are. She also brought up the continuation of the discussion of allowing chickens within the City limits that was started by Cat Boss during the last Council Meeting’s Public Comment section.

Motion by Creasey supported by Nielsen to recommend to send the discussion of a potential chicken ordinance to the Legal and Legislative Committee. Roll call vote: Creasey, yes; Douglas, yes; Nas, no; Nielsen, yes; Carr, yes. Motion carried 4-1.

Councilman Creasey – Congratulated Christina and welcomed Chief Schreiber. He also thanked Chief Lipe, the Township Police, and the high school students on the success of the Black Lives Matter march.

j.) Mayor Soderstrom

Mayor Soderstrom welcomed Chief Shreiber. She shared that we are at 76% participation for the Census, and she encouraged everyone to participate. She congratulated Christina on her new position. She also reminded everyone that next month’s Council meeting has been moved to July 22, 2020.

7. Public Comment

Terry Stanfill – 11400 Grand Blvd.

Cat Boss – 11162 Fuller St.

Stephanie Witucki – 6308 Blissmore Circle

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary B. Hopkins
City Clerk