

Special Electronic  
City of Grand Blanc City Council  
Minutes of May 13, 2020  
5:30 PM

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

Staff: Wendy Jean-Buhrer, Mary Hopkins, Chris Rind, Walt Griffin, Dianne Waterworth, Christina Irwin, Matt Wurtz

Guests: Brian Borden, Erik Perkins, Ryan Kincaid, Ronnie Medawar, Christopher Germain

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Soderstrom at 5:33 P.M.

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of Minutes  
Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to approve the minutes contained in the agenda packet of May 13, 2020. Roll call vote: Blondell, yes; Carr, yes; Creasey, yes; Douglas, yes; Nas, yes; Nielsen, yes. Motion carried 6-0.
3. Approval of Bills  
Motion by Blondell supported by Carr to approve bills in amount of \$119,963.42. Roll call vote: Carr, yes; Creasey, yes; Douglas, yes; Nas, yes; Nielsen, yes; Blondell, yes. Motion carried 6-0.
4. Communication  
None
5. New Business
  - a) Christopher Germain (MEDC) RRC Certification Update  
Christopher Germain from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation announced that the City of Grand Blanc has received the Redevelopment Ready Community Certification, and that the City of Grand Blanc is the second community in Genesee County to receive this certification.
  - b) Erik Perkins – Sale of Property 206, 210, 216 Reid Rd.  
Erik Perkins and Ryan Kincaid presented additional information regarding the development of the Reid Rd. properties. An offer of \$50,000 was made to the Council for the purchase of the three parcels.  
  
Motion by Carr supported by Nielsen to delay any decision on a deal so that further discussion may happen. Roll call vote: Creasey, yes; Douglas, yes; Nas, yes; Nielsen, yes; Blondell, abstain; Carr, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
  - c) Ronnie Medawar – 11410 S. Saginaw St. Discussion  
Ronnie Medawar explained his reasons for the need of an extension of the purchase agreement.  
  
Motion by Blondell supported by Carr to approve the extension of the purchase agreement for 11410 S. Saginaw Street due to COVID-19 and related lockdown of businesses. The extension will be for 4 months and to direct City Attorney Walter Griffin to begin the process of renegotiating the purchase agreement with Mr. Medawar for the extension only. Roll call vote: Douglas, yes; Nas, yes; Nielsen, yes; Blondell, yes; Carr, yes; Creasey, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

- d) Resolution #20-0501 Budget Adoption and General Appropriations Act  
Motion by Blondell supported by Douglas to approve the Resolution #20-0501 Budget Adoption and General Appropriations Act and Truth in Taxation Hearing. Roll call vote: Nas, yes; Nielsen, yes; Blondell, yes; Carr, yes; Creasey, yes; Douglas, yes. Motion carried 6-0.
- e) Resolution #20-0502 MDOT Contract for Traffic Signalization Modernization Project  
Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve the Resolution #20-0502 for the MDOT Contract for Traffic Signalization Modernization Project. Roll call vote: Nielsen, yes; Blondell, yes; Carr, yes; Creasey, yes; Douglas, yes; Nas, yes. Motion carried 6-0.
- f) Fire Department Final Dissolution and Valuation of Assets  
Wendy Jean Buhner and Walt Griffin gave an update on the final dissolution and valuation of assets of the Fire Department with Grand Blanc Township.
- g) Genesee County CDBG Program Cooperative Agreements for Fiscal Year 2021-2023  
Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve the opt-in to the Genesee County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Cooperative Agreement and continue to participate in the Genesee County CDBG program. Roll call vote: Blondell, yes; Carr, yes; Creasey, yes; Douglas, yes; Nas, yes; Nielsen, yes. Motion carried 6-0.
- h) McFarlen Library Roof Bid Selection  
Motion by Nielsen supported by Blondell to select Maxim Commercial Roofing for the Grand Blanc McFarlen Library to complete the full roofing project for \$110,227. Roll call vote: Carr, yes; Creasey, yes; Douglas, yes; Nas, yes; Nielsen, yes; Blondell, yes. Motion carried 6-0.
- Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to approve a letter of support for the McFarlen Library Air Conditioning Units for the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs grant application FY 2020 cycle. Roll call vote: Creasey, yes; Douglas, yes; Nas, yes; Nielsen, yes; Blondell, yes; Carr, yes. Motion carried 6-0.
- Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve a letter of support for the McFarlen Library Solar Energy System for the EBSCO 2020 Solar Energy System Grant. Roll call vote: Douglas, yes; Nas, yes; Nielsen, yes; Blondell, yes; Carr, yes; Creasey, yes. Motion carried 6-0.
- i) Local Streets 2020 Bid Discussion  
Motion by Blondell supported by Carr to select Diamond Excavating for the 2020 Local Streets summer projects. Roll call vote: Nas, yes; Nielsen, yes; Blondell, yes; Carr, yes; Creasey, yes; Douglas, yes. Motion carried 6-0.
- Motion by Blondell supported by Carr to approve Resolution 20-0503 Transportation Economic Development Category B Program. Roll call vote: Nielsen, yes; Blondell, yes; Carr, yes; Creasey, yes; Douglas, yes; Nas, yes. Motion carried 6-0.
- j) Committee Reports  
None

6. Other Business

- a.) Police Chief Lipe – received and filed.  
Lt. Rhind made a request for a motion to be made to suspend events.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Blondell to temporarily suspend the permits for the Family Fun Fest and the Run for the Wreaths to a later date when the Stay at Home order is lifted by the Governor. Roll Call vote: Blondell, yes; Carr, yes; Creasey, yes; Douglas, yes; Nas, yes; Nielsen, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

- 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 – nothing to report  
h.) City Manager's Report – received and filed

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to waive the banner fee to recognize the Grand Blanc graduating class of 2020. Roll call vote: Carr, yes; Creasey, yes; Douglas, yes; Nas, yes; Nielsen, yes; Blondell, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to approve \$10,000 reimbursement from Tax Fund t General Fund in repayment of startup cash at the beginning of FY 2019-20. Roll call vote: Creasey, yes; Douglas, yes; Nas, yes; Nielsen, yes; Blondell, yes; Carr, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to approve \$10,000 startup from General Fund to Tax Fund for startup cash for FY 2020-2021. Roll call vote: Douglas, yes; Nas, yes; Nielsen, yes; Blondell, yes; Carr, yes; Creasey, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

- i.) Members of Council  
**Councilman Carr** – Congratulated Wendy and Christina on the RRC Certification.  
**Councilman Douglas** – Congratulated Wendy and Christina on the RRC Certification. Congratulated Mary on the Election. Stated he appreciated the two people who attended tonight to present their projects.  
**Councilwoman Nielsen** – Stated that she appreciated the Police and Fire Departments. Also, stated that she was impressed with the Grand Blanc Schools for holding graduation at the Drive-In Theater.
- j.) Mayor Soderstrom  
Thanked Republic Services for all of their work the last 3 months.

7. Public Comment

Cat Boss – 11162 Fuller St.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary B. Hopkins  
City Clerk