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**GRAND RAPIDS**  
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## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, July 08, 2024**

**5:00 PM**

Mayor Connelly called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Tasha Connelly, Councilor Dale Adams, Councilor Molly MacGregor, Councilor Tom Sutherland, Councilor Rick Blake

**STAFF:** Tom Pagel, Chad Sterle, Andy Morgan, Kevin Ott, Jeremy Nelson, Barb Baird, Will Richter, Rob Mattei

### **POSITIVE HAPPENINGS IN THE CITY:**

Councilor MacGregor: Attended the LMC Conference and met an attendee interested in duplicating our City Government Academy.

Councilor Adams, discussed revenue and usage of the Golf Course and positive comments received by users.

Mayor Connelly stated that the 4th of July Fireworks went well. She also went on a ride along with Police Officer Justin Edmundson and K9 Murphy. Received many comments from visitors about the cleanliness and beauty of the City.

### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

No one from the public wished to speak.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

No other Council reports presented.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Approve minutes for Monday, June 24, 2024 Worksession and Regular meetings.

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Second by Councilor Sutherland to approve Council minutes as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake

### **VERIFIED CLAIMS:**

2. Approve the verified claims for the period June 18, 2024 to July 1, 2024 in the total amount of \$1,293,434.31.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Blake to approve the verified claims as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

3. Consider accepting the resignation of Elias Blocker from the Grand Rapids Area Library Board
4. Consider approving an agreement with Jesse & Ryan Dermody for Tall Timber Days performance.
5. Consider accepting the Fire Relief Association Schedule Form for Lump-Sum Pension reporting Year 2024, 2023 Financial Statements and authorize the budgeted \$5,000 contribution to the Fire Relief Association.
6. Consider adopting a resolution to authorize an operating transfer from the Debt Service Fund-2019A GO & Abatement Bonds to the Capital Project Fund- Permanent Improvement Revolving Fund (PIR).

**Adopted Resolution 24-56**

7. Consider adopting a resolution to authorize an operating transfer from the Enterprise Fund-Storm Water Utility Fund to the Capital Project Fund-Municipal State Aid Maintenance Fund.

**Adopted Resolution 24-57**

8. Consider hiring staff for Public Works for the 2024 Spring/Summer Maintenance Season
9. Consider a request by the police department to apply for a DWI officer grant through the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS).
10. Consider approving updated Section 314- Pursuit Policy policies for the Grand Rapids Police Department to comply with MN POST Boards mandated polices
11. Consider approving the purchase Axon Respond.
12. Consider entering into Advertising Agreements with businesses at Yanmar Arena.

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Second by Councilor MacGregor to approve the Consent agenda as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake

**SET REGULAR AGENDA:**

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor MacGregor to approve the Regular agenda as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake

POLICE:

13. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a donation of one Fire Suppression Solution unit from the Itasca Mason Blue Lodge #208.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Blake to **adopt Resolution 24-58**, accepting donation from Itasca Mason Blue Lodge #208. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (scheduled to begin no earlier than 5:00 PM)

14. Conduct a Public Hearing relating to identify qualified users of the Yanmar Arena in the City of Grand Rapids.

Mayor Connelly noted the purpose of the public hearing, confirming all notices have been made and no correspondence was received by the City Clerk's office regarding this matter.

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Second by Councilor Sutherland to open the public hearing. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake

No one wished to speak, therefore the following motion was made.

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Second by Councilor Blake to close the public hearing. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake

FINANCE:

15. Consider adopting a resolution providing for issuance and sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2024A, in the proposed aggregate principal amount of \$8,380,000.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Sutherland to **adopt Resolution 24-59, providing issuance and sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2024A as presented**. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake

16. Consider adopting a resolution providing for issuance and sale of General Obligation Equipment Certificates, Series 2024B, in the proposed aggregate principal amount of \$1,055,000.

Motion made by Councilor Sutherland, Second by Councilor MacGregor to **adopt Resolution 24-60, providing issuance ad sale of General Obligation Equipment Certificates, Series 2024B as presented**. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

*Kimberly Gibeau*

Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk