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**GRAND RAPIDS**  
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**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, March 25, 2024**  
**5:00 PM**

Councilor Adams called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

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

STAFF: Chad Sterle, Rob Mattei, Barb Baird, Bob Cahill, Kevin Ott, Jeremy Nelson, Chery Pierzina

**POSITIVE HAPPENINGS IN THE CITY:**

Noted continued growth within the City as development projects move forward.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Bob Cahill, 18 Horseshoe Drive, Director of Golf, expresses appreciation of Council, current and past as he retires from the City of Grand Rapids after 30+ years of service.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Councilor Blake provides overview of recent meetings and action taken including Western Mesabi Mine Pit Board, Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities and more.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Approve minutes for Monday, March 11, 2024 Worksession and Regular meetings and Closed meeting summary.

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

**VERIFIED CLAIMS:**

2. Approve the verified claims for the period March 5, 2024 to March 18, 2024 in the total amount of \$947,988.08 of which \$309,526.25 are debt service payments.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

3. Consider authorizing the Police Department to sell four (4) city owned police squads through Mid State Auto online auction.
4. Consider approving changes to snowplow order
5. Consider adopting a resolution approving a loan to the Enterprise Fund-Pokegama Golf Course.

**Adopted Resolution 24-24**

6. Consider adopting a resolution approving reimbursement of expenditures for the new joint City/GRPU Enterprise Planning System (ERP) software.

**Adopted Resolution 24-25**

7. Consider authorizing the Police Department to enter into Educational Tobacco Compliance Check annual plan agreement / contract with Minnesota Department of Human Services.
8. Consider adopting a resolution to authorize an operating transfer from the General Fund to the Civic Center Capital Project Fund.

**Adopted Resolution 24-26**

9. Consider soliciting quotes for acoustic panels at Yanmar Arena
10. Consider an agreement with Loren Solberg for professional services
11. Consider accepting the Grand Rapids EDA Annual Report for the year 2023.
12. Consider approving purchase of golf course maintenance utility vehicle
13. **Moved to regular agenda as #19a.**
14. Consider approval of three artist agreements for art concepts to be placed at the public dock on Crystal Lake
15. Consider approving change orders for Yanmar Arena Project
16. Consider hiring Seasonal PW Summer Maintenance I worker
17. Consider approving final payment in the amount of \$56,845.63 for Work Scope 5 on the Civic Center Project

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Second by Councilor MacGregor to approve the Consent agenda as amended, moving item #13 to the regular agenda as #19a. Voting Yea: Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Blake

SET REGULAR AGENDA:

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Second by Councilor Blake to approve the Regular agenda as amended, adding item #19a. Voting Yea: Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Blake

ADMINISTRATION:

18. Consider appointment of Jeff Madsen, Joseph O'Toole, and Phillip Murphy to the positions of Police Officer with the Grand Rapids Police Department.

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Second by Councilor Blake to approve appointment of Jeff Madsen, Joseph O'Toole and Phillip Murphy as presented. Voting Yea: Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Blake

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

19. Consider adopting a resolution approving a Purchase Agreement with the Grand Rapids Economic Development Authority related to the L&M Distribution Center Project

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Second by Councilor Blake to **adopt Resolution 24-27**, approving purchase agreement with GREDA related to L&M Distribution Center project as presented. Voting Yea: Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Blake

- 19a. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a grant award of \$72,325.00 from the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to be used toward a traffic safety vehicle.

Captain Ott reviewed the grant award and advantages of specified vehicle.

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Second by Councilor MacGregor to **adopt Resolution 24-28**, accepting grant award for \$72,325 from the Office of Traffic Safety as presented. Voting Yea: Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Blake

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

*Kimberly Gibeau*  
Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk