



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

**Monday, June 10, 2024**

**5:00 PM**

Mayor Connelly called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

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

**STAFF:** Tom Pagel, Chad Sterle, Will Richter, Laura Pfeifer, Chery Pierzina, Andy Morgan

### **PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Proclamation for Juneteenth

Mayor Connelly read the Juneteenth Proclamation into the record.

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

Mayor Connelly noted that she had conversations with some area visitors who commented on our bike trail systems and their appreciation for what the Community has to offer overall. She also received compliments to City staff for great customer service provided.

### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

Stephanie Lipsy, Grand Rapids MN, Pride Festival have hired an unlicensed security company for the pride festival. Stated that members of the Pride group were sending hate mail to individuals, following people home, threatening people.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Mayor Connelly noted that there will be an open house for Forest Lake homes on June 18, 2024 and also encouraged residents to attend the CGMC Meeting at Yanmar regarding Legislative session, on Thursday, June 13, 2024.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

2. Approve Council minutes for Tuesday, May 28, 2024 Worksession and Regular meeting minutes.

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

VERIFIED CLAIMS:

3. Approve the verified claims for the period May 21, 2024 to June 3, 2024 in the total amount of \$717,999.33.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

4. Consider adopting a resolution approving LG230 Application for Off-Site Gambling for Confidence Learning Center

**Adopted Resolution 24-50**

5. Consider approving temporary liquor license for Bemidji Brewing Company LLC for service at Grand Rapids Riverfest on September 7, 2024.
6. Consider adopting a resolution authorizing a grant application to the IRRR Development Partnership Grant Program

**Adopted Resolution 24-51**

7. Consider hiring staff for Pokegama Golf Course for 2024 Golfing season and discontinue employment relationship with seasonal golf employee.
8. Consider request to hire a paid summer intern for the Finance Department.
9. Consider hiring temporary Library employee through Personnel Dynamics
10. Consider new pay grade and salary for Public Works Seasonal Employee for the 2024 Spring/Summer Maintenance Season
11. Consider adopting a resolution approving updated City-wide fee schedule

**Adopted Resolution 24-52**

12. Consider authorizing quotes and awarding a contract to Bloomers Garden Center for the Rain Garden Planting Project
13. Consider approval of Change Order #1 for CP 2010-1, 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue & 7<sup>th</sup> Street NE Project.
14. Consider hiring Public Works Summer Maintenance I employee.
15. Consider authorizing Staff to solicit quotations for steel handrails at Yanmar Arena
16. Consider accepting quotation for acoustical panels at Yanmar Arena
17. Consider approving change orders for Yanmar Arena Project

17a. Consider hiring staff for Pokegama Golf Course for 2024 Golfing Season.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor MacGregor to approve the Consent agenda as amended, including the addition of item #17a. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Blake

SET REGULAR AGENDA:

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

CITY COUNCIL:

18. Consider appointing Julee Jackson to the Human Rights Commission

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Second by Councilor Blake to appoint Julee Jackson to the Human Rights Commission, filling an unexpired term through March 1, 2027. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Blake

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kimberly Gibeau*  
Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk