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GRAND RAPIDS
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 10, 2025
5:00 PM

Mayor Connelly called the meeting to order at 5:09 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Tasha Connelly, Councilor Molly MacGregor, Councilor Tom Sutherland, Councilor Rick Blake, Councilor Dan Mertes

STAFF: Tom Pagel, Kimberly Gibeau, Chad Sterle

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

1. North Country Trail Town Proclamation

Mayor Connelly read the Proclamation into the record.

POSITIVE HAPPENINGS IN THE CITY:

Mayor Connelly acknowledges Grand Rapids youth athletes. The Mayor also encouraged residents to consider attending the City Government Academy.

PUBLIC FORUM:

No one from the public wished to speak.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilor MacGregor attended the LMC City on the Hill Day and Elected Leaders Advanced Course.

Councilor Blake highlighted information relative to the PUC, Grand Itasca overview, RAMS meeting, and Chamber meeting.

Mayor Connelly attended meeting regarding child care shortage, and Range Mayors meeting, providing overview of both.

Councilor Sutherland noted heavy use of outdoor rink at Yanmar.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2. Approve Council minutes for Monday, February 24, 2025 Worksession and Regular meetings and Monday, March 3, 2025 Special meeting.

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Second by Councilor Sutherland to approve City Council minutes for February 24, 2025 meetings and March 3, 2025 meeting as

presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake, Councilor Mertes

VERIFIED CLAIMS:

3. Approve the verified claims for the period February 19, 2025 to March 3, 2025 in the total amount of \$1,082,851.98.

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

ACKNOWLEDGE MINUTES FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

4. The following minutes for boards and commissions were acknowledged.
 - ~ December 17, 2024 Golf Board meeting
 - ~ January 7, 2025 Arts & Culture meeting
 - ~ January 8, 2025 Library Board meeting
 - ~ January 9, 2025 & January 23, 2025 GREDA meetings

CONSENT AGENDA:

5. Make a motion to authorize the Grand Rapids Police Department to accept \$7346.27 from the FY2024 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof vest Program and to adopt a resolution accepting the same.

Adopted Resolution 25-19

6. Consider renewing the Personnel Dynamics Contract.
7. Consider appointment of Kris Curnow to the Library Public Services Clerk I position with the Grand Rapids Area Library.
8. Consider request to hire a paid summer business intern for City Hall.
9. Consider accepting the resignation from Robert Sanders from his position as part-time Security Officer.
10. Considering authorizing Fire Department staff to apply for a HMEP grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.
11. Consider approving the disposal of forfeited ATV at auction
12. Consider approving letters of support for Itasca County and Grand Itasca Clinic & Hospital
13. Consider accepting the resignation of Jessi Bloom from the Human Rights Commission and authorize filling the vacancy.
14. Consider approving an agreement with SEH for the Vehicle Gate Replacement Project
15. Consider entering into agreements with Becher Hoppe for engineering services related to the Taxiway A project at the Grand Rapids-Itasca County Airport

16. Consider adopting a resolution approving the updated City-Wide fee schedule for city services

Adopted Resolution 25-20

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

SET REGULAR AGENDA:

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

CIVIC CENTER & PARKS:

17. Consider accepting a quote from 218 Electric to install a new power source at Yanmar Arena.

Motion made by Councilor Sutherland, Second by Councilor MacGregor accepting the quote 218 Electric for new power source installation at Yanmar Arena. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake, Councilor Mertes

18. Consider entering into an Advertising Agreement with Grand Rapids State Bank for advertising at Yanmar Arena.

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Second by Councilor Blake approving advertising agreement with GRSB as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake, Councilor Mertes

FINANCE:

19. Consider a resolution awarding the sale of general obligation bonds, Series 2025A

Rebecca Kurtz, Ehlers, provided overview of bids received and sale of bonds. AA- Rating confirmed for the City of Grand Rapids.

Motion made by Councilor Sutherland, Second by Councilor Mertes to **adopt Resolution 25-21**, awarding sale of general obligation bonds, Series 2025A. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake, Councilor Mertes

CITY COUNCIL:

20. Consider appointments to Pokegama Golf Board and Police Community Advisory Board.

Councilor Sutherland conducted interviews with applicants and made the following motion for appointments to Golf Board and PCA Board.

Motion made by Councilor Sutherland, Second by Councilor Mertes to appoint Derek Rolle to the Golf Board, term to expire March 1, 2028 and Megan MacDonell to the PCA Board, term to expire December 31, 2026. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake, Councilor Mertes

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberly Gibeau
Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk