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**GRAND RAPIDS**  
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**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, December 19, 2022**  
**5:00 PM**

Mayor Christy called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Dale Christy, Councilor Dale Adams, Councilor Michelle Toven, Councilor Rick Blake, Councilor Tasha Connelly

**STAFF:** Andy Morgan, Laura Pfeifer, Rob Mattei

**PUBLIC FORUM:** No one from the public wished to speak.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Mayor Christy states that 1/3 of the snow has been removed and commends the Public Works Department. Notes that Councilor Adams was re-elected to the RAMS Board and expressed appreciation for Councilors Blake and Toven as this is their last meeting as City Councilors.

Councilors Blake and Toven expressed appreciation for the City staff, fellow Councilmembers and city residents.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Approve Council minutes for Monday, December 5, 2022 Regular meeting.

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

**VERIFIED CLAIMS:**

2. Approve the verified claims for the period November 29, 2022 to December 12, 2022 in the total amount of \$838,398.89.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

3. Consider approval of an SLA with SEH for the former Forest Lake site utility design, CP 2022-5.

4. Consider adopting a resolution approving LG214 Premises Permit for Turn In Poachers.

**Adopted Resolution 22-109**

5. Consider entering into an Ice Rink Construction and Maintenance Agreement with ISD 318.

6. Consider entering into an Agreement with ISD 318 for use of the IRA Civic Center.

7. Consider adopting a resolution establishing 2023 compensation for City of Grand Rapids Exempt & Non-Exempt Non-Represented Employees.

**Adopted Resolution 22-110**

8. Consider approval of a Delegated Contract Process Agreement between the State of Minnesota and the City of Grand Rapids.

9. Consider adopting a resolution authorizing the Itasca County Auditor to assess the delinquent Storm Water Utility charges to the property tax statement of delinquent tax owners.

**Adopted Resolution 22-112**

10. Consider approving temporary liquor licenses for MacRostie Art Center for six First Friday events in 2023.

11. Consider acknowledging notice of intent to amend City Council By-Laws

12. Consider terminating Joint Road Ownership Agreement with Harris Township.

13. Consider approving a labor agreement with the LELS #239, Police Officers

14. Approve 2023 Theatre License for Mann Theatres Inc.

15. Approve 2023 Taxi license for Rapid Taxi, contingent upon receipt of required documentation and fees.

16. Consider adopting a resolution to authorize closing Capital Projects Fund-2020 Infrastructure Fund.

**Adopted Resolution 22-113**

17. Consider Turfwerks Agreement with SLL

18. Consider approving five (5) year extension of Contract for Municipal Services between City of Grand Rapids and Itasca County for connection to emergency generator.

19. Consider adopting a resolution establishing the official polling places for Grand Rapids Precincts One, Two, Three and Four

**Adopted Resolution 22-114**

20. Consider an agreement with Loren Solberg
- 20a. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a 50/50 matching grant from the MN DNR.

**Adopted Resolution 22-115**

- 20b. Consider approving resolutions adopting the 2022 Tax Levy Payable 2023, 2023 General Fund Budgets, 2023 Special Revenue Budgets and 2023 Enterprise Budgets.

**Adopted the following Resolutions relative to the 2022 Tax Levy and related City budgets: Resolutions 22-116, 22-117, 22-118, 22-119, 22-120, 22-121, 22-122, 22-123, 22-124, 22-125, 22-126, 22-127, 22-128**

Motion made by Councilor Toven, Second by Councilor Blake to approve the Consent agenda as amended with the addition of item #20a and item #20b, moved from regular agenda. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

**SET REGULAR AGENDA:**

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Connelly to approve the Regular agenda as amended, moving item #22 to Consent as item #20b. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

21. Consider adopting a resolution accepting low bid and entering into an agreement with TNT Construction Group, LLC, for the Grand Rapids-Cohasset Industrial Park Infrastructure Project

Community Development Director, Rob Mattei, provided background information on bid process and bids received, recommending agreement with TNT Construction Group, LLC.

Motion made by Councilor Connelly, Second by Councilor Blake to **Adopt Resolution 22-129**, accepting bid for Grand Rapids-Cohasset Industrial Park Infrastructure Project. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

**FINANCE:** Item #22 moved to Consent as item #20b.

**POLICE:**

23. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a donation of \$500.00 from Hill City Lions Club to support Grand Rapids Police Shop with a Hero Program

Motion made by Councilor Toven, Second by Councilor Blake to **Adopt Resolution 22-130**, accepting donations for Shop with a Hero program for the Grand Rapids Police Department. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

COUNCIL:

24. Consider appointing members to Boards & Commissions.

Council members made contact with applicants and recommend the following appointments:

- Police Community Advisory Board: re-appoint Tom Nuestrom and Wendy Uzelac and appoint Kerry Clausen, terms to expire December 31, 2025.
- Library Board: re-appoint Sheena Richards, and appoint Jennifer Barr and Janelle Dobbs, terms to expire December 31, 2025.
- Arts & Culture Commission: re-appoint Kari Hedlund, term to expire December 31, 2025.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Blake to appoint members to boards and commissions as recommended. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted:

*Kimberly Gibeau*  
Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk