



CITY OF
GRAND RAPIDS
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 12, 2024
5:00 PM

Mayor Connelly called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

Mayor Connelly announced that on February 2, 2024, the City Council appointed Rick Blake to fill a vacant Council seat, completing term through December 31, 2024.

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

STAFF: Andy Morgan, Kevin Ott, Mikki Norris, Barb Baird, Chad Sterle

CITY COUNCIL:

1. Designate a Councilmember to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem for 2024

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor MacGregor to designate Councilor Sutherland as Mayor Pro-Tem for the 2024 calendar year. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

2. Appoint Council representatives to selected agencies

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Sutherland to appoint members to select agencies as follows:

- ~ RAMS Board - Councilor Adams. Alternate: Mayor Connelly
- ~ WMMPB - Councilor MacGregor. Alternate: Councilor Blake
- ~ City/County Co-op - Councilor Blake and Mayor Connelly
- ~ Joint Gas Board - Councilor Adams
- ~ Fire Relief Association - Mayor Connelly and Finance Director Barb Baird
- ~ CGMC - Councilor Blake
- ~ LMC - Councilor MacGregor
- ~ ARDC - Councilor Adams
- ~ Range Mayor's Association - Mayor Connelly

Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland.

3. Appoint Council representatives to Boards and Commissions

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Second by Councilor Adams to appoint Council representatives to Boards & Commissions as follows:

- ~ GREDA - Councilors MacGregor and Sutherland

- ~ Human Rights Commission - Councilor Blake
 - ~ PUC - Councilor Adams
 - ~ Joint Greenway Park & Rec - Councilor Sutherland
 - ~ Civic Center Advisory Board - Councilor Sutherland
 - ~ Cable Commission - Councilor Blake. Alternate: Councilor MacGregor
- Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

POSITIVE HAPPENINGS IN THE CITY:

1. Boy Scout troop toured City Hall, receiving an insider look at the Police Department.
2. PW received accolades for continued efforts to keep walking paths clear around the lake.
3. Welcome for snowmobilers day for special Olympics. Event is committed to GR for the next four years
4. Bill Schnell beginning program on KAXE to promote happenings in the city.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Julie Kennedy, PUC General Manager, provides brief update on Legionnaires disease in the City of Grand Rapids and current mitigation efforts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

4. Approve Council minutes for Monday, January 22, 2024 Regular meeting, January 29, 2024 Special meeting and January 29, 2024 Closed meeting summary.

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

VERIFIED CLAIMS:

5. Approve the verified claims for the period January 17, 2024 to February 5, 2024 in the total amount of \$721,795.76.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

6. Consider Voiding Lost Accounts Payable Check and Issue a Replacement Check
7. Consider approving a Lease Agreement with the Northeast Higher Education District for use of the City's athletic fields.

8. Consider adopting a resolution approving budgeted transfers from the General Fund to Special Revenue Funds-Domestic Animal Control Facility and Central School.

Adopted Resolution 24-11

9. Consider approving On-Sale Wine license and 3.2 Beer License for Unwined Up North
10. Consider approving the purchase of two pickup truck snowplows
11. Consider approving the purchase of a new pressure washer
12. Consider adopting a resolution approving the purchase of real property

Adopted Resolution 24-12

13. Consider approving the police department to sell 20 department owned rifles to a local firearms dealer and the purchase of twenty (20) ADAMS ARMS SBR-556 Rifles and necessary accessories from various vendors.
14. Consider approving a Pierringer Release with Tony Simonson
15. Consider renewing support agreement with AVI Systems.
16. Consider the request to allow the Public Works Department to retire and sell equipment at auction.
17. Consider approving correct 2024 Wage for Jon Peterson
18. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a Development Partnership Grant with the Minnesota Dept. of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation (IRRR)

Adopted Resolution 24-13

19. Consider adopting a resolution authorizing the City to make application to the IRRRB Commercial Redevelopment Grant Program for the Evans Insurance Demolition Project

Adopted Resolution 24-14

20. Consider a memorandum of understanding with the GRPU
21. Consider approving purchase of carpeting(golf)
22. Consider approving golf GPS Agreement
23. Consider approving purchase of outdoor furniture (golf)
24. Consider approving revised Grand Rapids Fire Department Organizational and Operating Policies and Procedures with an effective date of January 1, 2024

This item was pulled from the agenda to be considered at a later date.

25. Consider a resolution approving a Use Agreement with ISD 318 related to Yanmar Arena

Adopted Resolution 24-15

26. Consider Change Order 23 with TNT related to the Civic Center Project.
27. Consider approving Memorandum of Understandings (MOU) with the Patrol and Sergeant Unions
28. Consider accepting the low quote from Ewen Stone Works for stonework at Yanmar Arena.
29. Consider adopting a resolution approving the rental fees for meeting rooms at Yanmar Arena.
30. Consider adopting a resolution approving gambling application for Turn in Poachers.

Adopted Resolution 24-16

31. Consider adopting a resolution approving transfer from the Capital Project Fund-2022 Infrastructure/ARPA and Capital Project Fund-Permanent Improvement Revolving Fund to the Capital Project Fund-General Capital Improvement Fund.

Adopted Resolution 24-17

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor MacGregor to approve the Consent agenda as amended, with removal of item #24. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

SET REGULAR AGENDA:

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

ADMINISTRATION

32. Consider accepting the resignation from Matthew O'Rourke from his position as Patrol Sergeant with the GRPD; Authorize Human Resources to post, interview and hire for the open position of Patrol Sergeant and upcoming Police Officer position.

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Second by Councilor Sutherland to accept resignation of Matt O'Rourke and authorize filling the vacancy. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

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

Respectfully submitted:


Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk