



CITY OF
GRAND RAPIDS
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 09, 2024
5:00 PM

Mayor Connelly called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

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

STAFF: Tom Pagel, Chad Sterle, Andy Morgan, Barb Baird, Chery Pierzina, Jeremy Nelson

POSITIVE HAPPENINGS IN THE CITY:

Mayor Connelly shared a letter submitted by a resident expressing appreciation for the beautiful flowers and general care taken with the downtown area. Mayor Connelly also acknowledged Grand Rapids Riverfest event and partnerships that make it a success.

PUBLIC FORUM:

No one from the public wished to speak.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilor Adams acknowledges Public Works for support provided for the Riverfest event.

Councilor Blake acknowledge the late Mike Ives for his contributions to the community.

Mayor Connelly notes that the public can now provide comment on the proposed Climate Action Plan through September 16, 2024 by going to the City website. Mayor Connelly also provided an overview of Visit Grand Rapids annual update.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Consider approval of minutes from the August 26th, 2024 regular meeting.

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

VERIFIED CLAIMS:

2. Approve the verified claims for the period August 20, 2024 to September 3, 2024 in the total amount of \$1,703,759.75.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

3. Consider accepting the resignation of Kerry Clausen from the Police Community Advisory Board
4. Consider accepting the resignation of Amanda Lussier from the Human Rights Commission
5. Consider purchasing rubber flooring from Arena Warehouse to be installed at Yanmar Arena.
6. Consider approval of a new contract between the City of Grand Rapids and Tom Pagel, City Administrator
7. Consider approving change order for Yanmar Arena Project
8. Consider authorizing quote and awarding a contract for the roof repair at Central School.

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

SET REGULAR AGENDA:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

9. Consider accepting the resignation from Sean Smallen from his position as Patrol Officer with the GRPD and authorize Human Resources to post, interview and hire for the open position of Police Officer

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Blake to accept the resignation of Sean Smallen from the Police Department and authorize staff to begin the process of filling the vacancy. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake

POLICE:

10. Consider approving donation from Itasca County K-9 Fundraiser

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Sutherland to **adopt Resolution 24-77**, accepting 2024 K9 Fundraiser event donations. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor

Adams, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake

11. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a donation from the local American Legion, Eagles, Eagles Auxiliary, VFW Auxiliary.

Motion made by Councilor Sutherland, Second by Councilor Adams to **adopt Resolution 24-78**, accepting donations from noted contributors. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake

12. Consider adopting a resolution accepting the donations from McDonalds, Culvers, and Barnabas 22 LLC that supported 2024 Area Safety Camp hosted by Grand Rapids Police Department.

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Second by Councilor Sutherland to **adopt Resolution 24-79**, accepting donations for 2024 Safety Camp. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake

13. Consider adopting a resolution accepting donation from Sydney Gray.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Blake to **adopt Resolution 24-80**, accepting donation from Sydney Gray. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake

14. Consider approving the purchase of five (5) PepperBall VKS Bundles and associated accessories not to exceed \$11,000 and authorizing the police department to sell / transfer five (5) 12ga less-lethal shotguns.

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Second by Councilor Adams approving purchase of PepperBall VKS bundles plus accessories, not to exceed \$11,000 and authorize sell/transfer of five 12 gauge less-lethal shotguns. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberly Gibeau
Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk