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**GRAND RAPIDS**  
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**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, October 14, 2024**  
**5:00 PM**

Mayor Connelly called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

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

**STAFF:** Tom Pagel, Chad Sterle, Barb Baird, Dan Swenson, Tom Beaudry, Chery Pierzina, Matt Wegwerth, Rob Mattei, Will Richter

**POSITIVE HAPPENINGS IN THE CITY:**

Mayor Connelly provided information relative to grant received for housing development.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Beth George, 333 NE 8th Street, addressing noise level issues within the City. Requesting that the Council re-examine noise nuisance ordinance, addressing decibel levels of noise in residential areas. Submitted for information and consideration is the Guide to Noise Control in Minnesota published by the MN Pollution Control Agency.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Approve Council minutes for Monday, September 23, 2024 Worksession and Regular meetings.

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

**VERIFIED CLAIMS:**

2. Approve the verified claims for the period September 17, 2024 to October 7, 2024 in the total amount of \$2,214,863.20.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

3. Consider approving the continuation of general liability insurance through the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust for calendar year 2025.
4. Consider entering into an Agreement for Consulting Services for Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) No. 75 Actuarial Valuation with USI Consulting Group, Inc. previously as Hildi Incorporated.
5. Consider adopting a resolution to accept a grant from the State of Minnesota in the amount of \$12,460.00 for the Taxiway A Reconstruction Project at the Grand Rapids/Itasca County Airport and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute.

**Adopted Resolution 24-90**

6. Consider approving Quit Claim Deeds for parcels 91-425-2110, 91-415-4410, 91-415-4415 and 91-425-1310.
7. Consider authorizing the retirement and sale of surplus assets
8. Consider the adoption of a resolution approving a conveyance of certain property owned by the City to the Grand Rapids Economic Development Authority.

**Adopted Resolution 24-91**

9. Consider the Adoption of Climate Action Plan
10. Consider approval of two resolutions authorizing two grant requests to MN IRRR for two Downtown commercial redevelopment projects.

**Adopted Resolutions 24-92 and 24-93**

11. Consider approving temporary liquor permit for Itasca Curling Association
12. Consider approval of a resolution authorizing a grant request to MN IRRR for a commercial redevelopment project at 12 NW 3rd St.

**Adopted Resolution 24-94**

13. Consider the approval of joint power agreements with the city of LaPrairie, Bowstring and Harris Townships, and Itasca County.
14. Consider approving change order for Yanmar Arena Project
15. Consider Hiring and Rehiring Regular PT and Seasonal Civic Center Employees

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

SET REGULAR AGENDA:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

16. Consider an agreement between Rapids Radio, Rapids Brewing, and the City of Grand Rapids

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Sutherland to approve the Rapids Rockfest agreement as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake

ENGINEERING PUBLIC WORKS:

17. Consider approving a resolution accepting a donation

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Second by Councilor Sutherland to **adopt Resolution 24-95**, accepting donation for Itasca Calvary Cemetery. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake

GOLF:

18. Consider purchasing new refrigeration equipment

Noted quotes did not include freight or refrigerant costs. Total amount can be approved for higher, with direction to return to Council for approval if total exceeds approved amount.

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Second by Councilor Blake to approve purchase of new refrigeration equipment from Quality Refrigeration & Heating Inc. in an amount not to exceed the higher bid of \$10,585. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake

19. Consider purchasing plow for golf course tractor

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Second by Councilor MacGregor to approve purchase of plow for golf course tracker as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake

CITY COUNCIL:

20. Consider appointments to Planning Commission.

Councilor MacGregor has interviewed both applicants and recommends the following appointments:

- ~ David Kreitzer to fill an unexpired term through March 1, 2026
- ~ David Marquardt to fill an unexpired term through March 1, 2027

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Second by Councilor Blake to appoint David Kreitzer and David Marquardt to the Planning Commission, terms to expire March 1, 2026 and March 1, 2027, respectively. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** (scheduled to begin no earlier than 5:00 PM)

21. Conduct a public hearing to consider the adoption of an ordinance as it pertains to Franchise Agreements.

Mayor Connelly stated the purpose of the public hearing, confirming all notifications have been made and received information regarding correspondence received.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor MacGregor to open the public hearing. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake

Mr. Wegwerth presented information relative to proposed franchise fees, including current challenges for funding street capital improvement projects, options for funding, fee structure, funding comparison, etc.

No one from the public wished to speak, therefore the following motion was made.

Motion made by Councilor Sutherland, Second by Councilor Blake to close the public hearing. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk