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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 23, 2024
5:00 PM

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

CALL OF ROLL:

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

STAFF: Tom Pagel, Chad Sterle, Barb Baird, Andy Morgan, Jeremy Nelson, Will Richter

POSITIVE HAPPENINGS IN THE CITY:

Mayor Connelly notes that the Grand Rapids Library was featured in a national publication on Passport acceptance designation and the service provided to the City and surrounding communities.

PUBLIC FORUM:

No one from the public wished to speak.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilor MacGregor attended State of the Range hosted by IRRR and a meeting with MPL regarding their proposed resource plan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approve Council minutes for Monday, September 9, 2023 Regular meeting and Monday, September 16, 2024 Budget meeting.

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

VERIFIED CLAIMS:

2. Approve the verified claims for the period September 4, 2024 to September 16, 2024 in the total amount of \$11,444,732.37, which includes debt service payments of \$10,169,614.58.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

3. Consider approving amendment 1 with the IRRR for AP 2023-4, Hangar Utilities.
4. Consider adopting a resolution to authorize an operating transfer from the Special Revenue Fund-Civic Center Fund to the Debt Service Fund-Taxable GO Temporary Bonds, Series 2022A.

Adopted Resolution 24-81

5. Consider updates to PERA Membership Plan for Rental Inspector/Firefighter position.
6. Adopt a Resolution Accepting an FAA Grant in the amount of \$224,280 for Phase 1 of the Taxiway Reconstruction Project at the Grand Rapids/Itasca County Airport and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute.

Adopted Resolution 24-82

7. Consider approving additional work in the amount of \$463.50 for the Rain Garden Planting Project
8. Consider Election Judge Appointment
9. Authorize staff to obtain two quotes to replace the scoreboard in the McDonald Venue at Yanmar Arena.
10. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a \$114,788.00 grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for a DWI/traffic safety officer and authorize execution of the grant agreement.

Adopted Resolution 24-83

11. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a \$43,500.00 grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for a towards zero death grant and authorize execution of the grant agreement.

Adopted Resolution 24-84

12. Consider entering into a Cleaning Services Agreement with Northwoods Cleaning Company at Yanmar Arena.
13. Consider adopting a resolution authorizing designated signers as City Administrator, Finance Director and Assistant Finance Director for the Woodland Bank account.

Adopted Resolution 24-85

14. Consider awarding a contract to Casper Construction for the SE 7th Avenue storm pond revitalization.
15. Consider approval of Naming Rights and Sponsor Agreements with Yanmar, Paul Bunyan, and Grand Itasca

Adopted Resolutions 24-86, 24-87 & 24-88

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

SET REGULAR AGENDA:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

16. Consider appointment of Brooks Bachmann and Brevon Lesner to the positions of Police Officer with the Grand Rapids Police Department.

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Second by Councilor Blake to appoint Brooks Bachmann and Brevon Lesner to the position of Police Officer pending contingencies. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Blake

CIVIC CENTER & PARKS:

17. Consider entering into a Fireworks Display Agreement with Premier Pyrotechnics, Inc. for a Fireworks Show to take place on July 4, 2025.

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Second by Councilor MacGregor to approve Fireworks Display Agreement as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Blake

FINANCE:

18. Consider approving a resolution adopting the 2024 proposed levy/collectable 2025.

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Second by Councilor Blake to **adopt Resolution 24-89**, adopting 2024 proposed levy/collectable in 2025. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Blake

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberly Gibeau
Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk