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## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, September 13, 2021**

**5:00 PM**

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

### **CALL OF ROLL:**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Dale Christy, Councilor Dale Adams, Councilor Michelle Toven, Councilor Rick Blake, Councilor Tasha Connelly **ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS:** Tom Pagel, Chad Sterle, Janell Hecomivich, Lynn DeGrio, Rob Mattei, Steve Schaar, Will Richter, Eric Trast, Barb Baird

### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

Jon Lavalier addressed training with law enforcement regarding assisting individuals with epilepsy, and asked the Council to move forward as soon as possible.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Mayor Christy recognizes 9/11 anniversary and ceremony held in memory of the event and recognized those that organized and served the Grand Rapids Riverfest event.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Approve Council minutes for Monday, August 23, 2021 Worksession and Regular meetings and August 31, 2021 Special 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. Motion carried.

### **VERIFIED CLAIMS:**

2. Approve the verified claims for the period August 17, 2021 to September 6, 2021 in the total amount of \$1,605,455.19 of which \$245,000 are investments.

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

3. Approve temporary liquor license for Itasca Curling Association Inc., event on October 29-31, 2021.
4. Consider employee status change for Joshua Saunders.
5. Accept the resignation of Jim Martinetto from the Police Community Advisory Board
6. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a donation of \$250.00 in gift certificates for Jimmy Johns from George Edwards to the Police Dept.  
  
Adopted Resolution 21-72 by consent roll call.
7. Consider adopting a resolution authorizing an operating transfer.  
  
Adopted Resolution 21-73 by consent roll call.
8. Accept resignation of Leann Stoll from the Human Rights Commission
9. Consider adopting a resolution entering into a grant agreement with the State of Minnesota for the GPZ Beacon Relocation project.  
  
Adopted Resolution 21-74 by consent roll call.
10. Consider approving Change Order 3 related to CP 2015-3, Hwy 2 West Trail.
11. Consider adoption of a resolution approving the Fifth Amendment to the Amended and Restated Contract for Private Development with Grand Plaza Limited Partnership  
  
Adopted Resolution 21-75 by consent roll call.
12. Consider adopting a resolution declaring the cost to be assessed and ordering the preparation of proposed assessments for CP 2021-2, 5th Street SW Reconstruction.  
  
Adopted Resolution 21-76 by consent roll call.
13. Consider adopting a resolution calling for a public hearing approving proposed final special assessments on CP 2021-2, 5th Street SW Reconstruction.  
  
Adopted Resolution 21-77 by consent roll call.
14. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a \$300,000 Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation (IRRR) Development Partnership grant for the Minnesota Autonomous Rural Transit Initiative  
  
Adopted Resolution 21-78 by consent roll call.
15. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a \$50,000 Blandin Foundation Arrowhead Intelligent Region grant for the Minnesota Autonomous Rural Transit Initiative Smart Rural Mobility Seminars.  
  
Adopted Resolution 21-79 by consent roll call.

16. Consider approving a grant application to the Itasca County Aquatic Invasive Species Program
17. Consider adopting a resolution authorizing a grant application to the Blandin Foundation for the Minnesota Autonomous Rural Transit Initiative (MARTI) project.  
  
Adopted Resolution 21-80 by consent roll call.
18. Consider accepting the resignation of Alida Hogan from the part-time Hospital Security Officer position.
19. Consider ratifying a contract with the Chamber of Commerce.
20. Consider rehiring Matthew Moen to the position of Part-Time Hospital Security Officer
21. Consider hiring seasonal employee at Pokegama Golf Course
22. Consider approving purchase of a 2022 Stealth Trailers Yukon 7x14V trailer, spare tire and mount and any associated license fees that are applicable from Roth RV out of Grand Rapids, MN and approve payment.
23. Consider hiring Cade Marquardt as a Seasonal Maintenance employee at the IRA Civic Center.
24. Consider approving change orders for New Fire Hall.
25. Consider posting a Police Department Administration Assistant position.
26. Consider awarding a contract for engineering services pertaining to the Grand Rapids/Cohasset Industrial Redevelopment Sanitary Sewer and Water Extension Project for SEH Inc. and entering into a contract for Phases 3 and 4.

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Second by Councilor Toven to approve the Consent agenda as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly. Motion passed by roll call vote.

#### SET REGULAR AGENDA:

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

#### ADMINISTRATION:

27. Consider appointing Janell Hecimovich to the position of Police Officer.

Ms. DeGrio provided background information on Ms. Hecimovich and recommended appointment.

Motion made by Councilor Connelly, Second by Councilor Toven to appoint Janell Hecimovich to the position of Police Officer effective October 1, 2021. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

28. Consider appointing Police Captains on the Grand Rapids Police Department

Ms. DeGrio presented background on candidates and recommended appoint of Sergeants Andy Morgan and Kevin Ott to the positions of Police Captain.

Motion made by Councilor Toven, Second by Councilor Adams to approve appointment of Andy Morgan and Kevin Ott to the positions of Police Captain as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly. Motion passed.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

29. Consider approval of a quitclaim deed transferring title of parcel number 91-425-2330 to the Grand Rapids Economic Development Authority (GREDA) and authorize the removal of a levied assessment.

Mr. Mattei presented background information on Hurlbut property and recommended transfer of property.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Connelly to approve quitclaim deed transfer of property identified as 91-425-2330 to GREDA and authorize removal of assessment. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly. Motion passed by roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING:

30. Conduct a Public Hearing to consider the adoption of an Ordinance amending and updating multiple sections of Article VI Zoning within Chapter 30 Land Development Regulations.

Eric Trast, Zoning Administrator, presented draft changes to several sections of Zoning in the City's municipal code.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Toven to open the public hearing. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly. Motion passed.

Mayor Christy stated the reason for the public hearing, confirmed property notice and the absence of correspondence and called on all those wishing to be heard to approach the podium.

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

Motion made by Councilor Connelly, Second by Councilor Blake to close the public hearing. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly. Motion passed.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

31. Consider the recommendation of the Planning Commission regarding the adoption of an ordinance, amending and updating multiple sections of Article VI *Zoning* within Chapter 30 *Land Development Regulations*.

Following the public hearing, staff request the Council ratify recommended changes to the City's municipal code.

Motion made by Councilor Toven, Second by Councilor Connelly to adopt City Ordinance 21-09-06, amending and updating multiple sections of the municipal code, specifically zoning and publish ordinance in summary form. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly. Motion passed by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk