



CITY OF
GRAND RAPIDS
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 24, 2025
5:00 PM

Mayor Connelly called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

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

STAFF: Tom Pagel, Kimberly Gibeau, Chad Sterle, Laura Pfeifer, Will Richter, Chery Pierzina, Kevin Ott, Dale Anderson, Andy Morgan

POSITIVE HAPPENINGS IN THE CITY:

Mayor Connelly acknowledged Grand Rapids Fire Department and specifically Fire Chief Cole for actions during a structure fire in which Chief Cole saved the life of a resident trapped within.

PUBLIC FORUM:

No one from the public wished to speak.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilor Blake reports on recently attended RAMS Board meeting.

Mayor Connelly shared open house invitation for public input on Pokegama Hotel parking lot to take place at Rapids Brewing. Commended GRPD along with other local law enforcement for hosting SCAM prevention seminar. Attended PCA Board meeting where a demonstration of the Pepperball deployment was conducted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approve Council minutes for Monday, March 10, 2025 Worksession and Regular meetings and Summary of Closed Council meeting held on Monday, March 10, 2025.

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

VERIFIED CLAIMS:

2. Approve the verified claims for the period March 4, 2025 to March 17, 2025 in the total amount of \$969,599.76 of which \$311,281.25 are debt service payments.

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

ACKNOWLEDGE MINUTES FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

3. Acknowledged minutes for:
 - ~ January 14, 2025 Special Golf Board meeting
 - ~ February 12, 2025 Library Board meeting
 - ~ February 18, 2025 Golf Board meeting

CONSENT AGENDA:

4. Consider donating eleven (11) abandoned bikes to Itasca County YMCA
5. Consider authorizing Grand Rapids Police Department to enter an Interconnection Security Agreement (ISA) between Axon Enterprise and Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA).
6. Consider adopting a resolution approving LG230 Application for Off-Site Gambling for Grand Rapids Amateur Hockey Association.

Adopted Resolution 25-22

7. Consider approving quotes from TimeClock Plus, LLC and authorize the City Administration to sign necessary quotes.
8. Consider adopting a resolution accepting low bid for CP 2025-1, 7th Avenue SE Mill and Overlay

Adopted Resolution 25-23

9. Consider authorizing the retirement and sale of Public Works surplus assets.
10. Consider entering into agreement with Marco Technologies
11. Consider hiring temporary Library employee through Personnel Dynamics.
12. Consider rehiring seasonal golf employees and appoint new hire at Pokegama Golf Course.
13. Consider allowing the IT Department to donate retired equipment
14. Consider approving an agreement with Oracle NetSuite for Government for writing an API script for timekeeping from Schedule Anywhere Software and authorize the Mayor to sign necessary agreements.
15. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant

Adopted Resolution 25-24

16. Consider approving the attached memorandum establishing the 2025 goals for the City Administrator

17. Consider approving letter of support for Itasca County
18. Consider accepting the resignation of Derek Rolle and accept applications for a new member to the Pokegama Golf Board

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

SET REGULAR AGENDA:

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

CIVIC CENTER & PARKS:

19. Consider accepting a quote from Fair-Play Corporation for a new scoreboard, shots-on-goal board, and transceiver upgrades at Yanmar Arena.

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Second by Councilor MacGregor to approve quote from Fair-Play Corporation as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Blake, Councilor Mertes

20. Consider accepting a quote from Rapid Garage Door to install a new overhead door at Yanmar Arena.

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Second by Councilor Mertes accepting quote from Rapid Garage Door as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Blake, Councilor Mertes

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted:


Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk