



CITY OF
GRAND RAPIDS
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 26, 2021

5:00 PM

Called to order at 5:08 PM

CALL OF ROLL:

PRESENT: Mayor Dale Christy, Councilor Dale Adams, Councilor Michelle Toven, Councilor Rick Blake, Councilor Tasha Connelly

Staff present: Chad Sterle, Steve Schaar, Lynn DeGrio, Rob Mattei, Barb Baird

PUBLIC FORUM:

John Lavalier again makes complaint to Council regarding law enforcement. Meeting set on August 12th to address issues.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mayor Christy - Advised residents of survey regarding Central School.

Councilor Adams - attended Jerry Miner's funeral. Expressed appreciation for contributions made to the community by the Miner family through the years.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approve City Council minutes for Monday, July 12, 2021 Worksession and Regular meetings.

Motion made by Councilor Connelly, Seconded by Councilor Toven to approve Council minutes as presented.

Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

VERIFIED CLAIMS:

2. Consider approving the verified claims for the period July 7, 2021 to July 19, 2021 in the total amount of \$1,939,520.59 of which \$264,852.73 are debt service payments.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Seconded by Councilor Blake to approve verified claims as submitted.

Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

ACKNOWLEDGE MINUTES FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

3. Acknowledge approved minutes for Boards & Commissions
 - June 9, 2021 Library Board Minutes
 - June 15, 2021 Golf Board Minutes
 - June 12, 15, 29, 2021 PUC Minutes
 - May 26, 2021 and June 17, 2021 Human Rights Minutes

Minutes are acknowledged and filed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

4. Consider adopting a resolution approving LG230 Application to Conduct Off-Site Gambling for Confidence Learning Center. **Adopted Resolution 21-57**
5. Consider approving a contribution of \$5,000 to Mt. Itasca for artificial tracks on their ski jumps.
6. Removed due to duplication.
7. Consider amending Purchasing Policy to increase threshold amounts for Micro Purchases and Small Purchases.
8. Consider adopting a resolution authorizing the 2021 budgeted operating transfers. **Adopted Resolution 21-58**
9. Consider adopting a resolution accepting the donation of a picnic table from David and Sharon Marty to be placed on Crystal Lake Park. **Adopted Resolution 21-59**
10. Consider approving the School Resource Agreement for the 2021 – 2022 School Year
11. Consider entering into lease agreements with ISD 318 for use of the IRA Civic Center, Bob Streetar Field, and the Grand Rapids Sports Complex.
12. Consider making a motion to retire a city asset at auction and utilize McLaughlin Auctioneers LLC.
13. Consider approving easement related to Linda Lane Ditching project and authorize payment.
14. Consider adopting a resolution authorizing the City to make application to the MN Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Development Partnerships grant program for the Minnesota Autonomous Rural Transit (MARTI) Project. **Adopted Resolution 21-60**
15. Consider approving temporary liquor license for Itasca Curling Club, event scheduled for August 14, 2021.
16. Consider signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Itasca County Toward Zero Deaths Coalition.

17. Consider adopting a resolution accepting \$50,000 grant from MN Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Downtown Streetscapes Grant Program for the Grand Iron Range CAV Project **Adopted Resolution 21-61**
18. Consider Amendment #1 to the Consulting Agreement with The Plum Catalyst
19. Consider approving New Fire Hall Max Gray Construction Phase 2 Change Order #007.
20. Consider approving temporary liquor license for Klockow Brewing Oktoberfest event.
21. Item 21 pulled until further notice.
- 21a. Consider approving seasonal golf employee, Tom Carlson, to the position of Outdoor services.

Motion made by Councilor Toven, Seconded by Councilor Adams to approve Consent agenda as amended.

Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

SET REGULAR AGENDA:

Motion made by Councilor Connelly, Seconded by Councilor Toven to approve the regular agenda as amended.

Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

ADMINISTRATION:

22. Consider amending job description and reclassify Community Development Specialist to Zoning Administrator.

Lynn DeGrio, Director of Human Resources, presented background information regarding the position description and recommended changes.

Motion made by Councilor Toven, Seconded by Councilor Connelly to approve amended job description and reclassify Community Development Specialist to Zoning Administrator.

Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

23. Consider authorizing the Mayor's execution of a Financial Assistance Award from the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration for the Grand Rapids/Cohasset Industrial Park Infrastructure Project.

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Seconded by Councilor Adams approving execution of financial assistance award from US Department of Commerce EDA as presented.

Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

FINANCE:

24. Consider adopting a resolution providing for the sale of \$1,235,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021C.

Rebecca Kurtz with Ehlers presents.

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Seconded by Councilor Adams adopting Resolution 21-62 as presented.

Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

25. Item 25 removed until further notice.

26. Consider adopting a resolution providing for the sale of \$1,225,000 General Obligation Utility Refunding Bonds, Series 2021D.

Rebecca Kurtz from Ehlers also presents this item.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Seconded by Councilor Connelly adopting Resolution 21-63 as presented.

Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted:



Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk