



GRAND RAPIDS CITY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 12, 2021

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Pursuant to due notice and call thereof a Regular Meeting of the Grand Rapids City Council was held on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 5:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers, 420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

CALL OF ROLL: On a call of roll, the following members were present: Mayor Christy, Councilors: Dale Adams, Rick Blake, Tasha Connelly, Michelle Toven. Absent: None.

Staff Present: Tom Pagel, Chad Sterle, Barb Baird, Rob Mattei, Steve Schaar

PUBLIC FORUM:

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilor Blake noted resident comments regarding beauty of City Hall building.

Councilor Connelly noted investment at former Ainsworth site by US Commerce.

Mayor Christy expresses thanks to Chief of Police Scott Johnson for his years of service.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Consider approving minutes for June 28, 2021 Worksession & Regular Meetings

Motion by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Connelly to approve minutes for June 28, 2021 Worksession and Regular meetings as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

VERIFIED CLAIMS:

- Consider approving the verified claims for June 22, 2021 – July 6, 2021 in the total amount of \$835,379.53 of which \$245,017.12 are investments.

Motion by Councilor Toven, second by Councilor Blake to approve the verified claims in the total amount of \$835,379.53, and \$245,017.12 investments as presented. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Aye: Adams, Connelly, Blake, Toven, Christy. Opposed: None.

- Consider approving payment to Pyrotechnic Display Inc. for Independence Day Fireworks.

Motion by Councilor Adams, second by Councilor Connelly to approve payment to Pyrotechnic Display Inc. for Independence Day Fireworks in the amount of \$16,500. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Aye: Blake, Toven, Connelly, Adams, Christy. Opposed: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: *Requests for City Council to consider approving the following:*

1. *Authorized* Mayor and City Clerk to sign Certificate of Support for City of Virginia supporting application for financial assistance with the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Program.
2. *Approved* hiring Pat Pollard as a regular part-time employee in the Engineering Department.
3. *Adopted* Resolution 21-54, authorizing application to the MN Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Downtown Streetscapes Grant Program.
4. *Approved* purchase and payment of vehicle accessories from Towmaster for Public Works Department.
5. *Approved* agreement with ESC Systems and International WHResponse Center for central station monitoring of fire alarm and panic alarm systems at Grand Rapids City Hall for a cost of \$678 per year.
6. *Approved* amendment to hazmat contract between State of Minnesota and Grand Rapids Fire Department.
7. *Adopted* Resolution 21-55, accepting Operation Round Up Grant from Lake Country Power in the amount of \$1,700.
8. *Approved* Toward Zero Death grant application.
9. *Approved* Certificate of Approval of Special Law and *Adopted* a Resolution 21-56, approving Laws 2021, First Special Session , Chapter 14, Article 8, Section 7, relating to allowing the City of Grand Rapids to impose a local sales tax. *Sales tax is for a specific project – IRA Civic Center and would be in place for approximately five to seven years.*
10. *Approved* cooperative construction agreement with Itasca County for the CSAH 63 intersection project.
11. *Accepted* notice of retirement from Chief of Police Scott Johnson.
12. *Approved* employment contract and appointment of Steve Schaar to the position of Chief of Police as of August 1, 2021.

- 12a. *Approved* agreement with Toro Irrigation System for software support.
- 12b. *Approved* contract with McLaughlin Auctioneers LLC for the retirement of city assets.

Motion by Councilor Adams, second by Councilor Toven to approve the Consent agenda with the addition of items 12a and 12b. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Blake, Connelly, Toven, Adams, Christy. Opposed: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk