



CITY OF
GRAND RAPIDS
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 10, 2026

5:00 PM

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

PRESENT: Mayor Tasha Connelly, Councilor Molly MacGregor, Councilor Rick Blake

ABSENT: Councilor Tom Sutherland, Councilor Dan Mertes

STAFF PRESENT: Kimberly Gibeau, Carl Babich, Chad Sterle, Andy Morgan

VISITORS: Linda Harringer and Renee Ducharme

POSITIVE HAPPENINGS IN THE CITY:

Mayor Connelly acknowledge Tall Timber Days and efforts of the City in keeping the community beautiful. National Night Out on Tuesday, August 4th had a great turnout.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Luke Prokop, 29088 Pine Ridge Road, questions about community feedback addressing the proposed municipal cannabis store. Would like to obtain Council meeting minutes that address the proposed store.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilor Blake provided information on recent Chamber Luncheon, and noted that August 11th is Primary Election Day and identified polling places within the city.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approve minutes for Monday, July 27, 2026 Council Worksession and Regular meetings.

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Seconded 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 July 21, 2026 to August 3, 2026 in the total amount of \$705,455.79.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

3. Consider Voiding Lost Accounts Payable Check and Issue Replacement Check.
4. Consider authorizing the Police Department to enter into Educational Tobacco Compliance Check annual plan agreement / contract with Minnesota Department of Human Services.
5. Consider Voiding Lost Accounts Payable Check and Issue Replacement Check.
6. Consider Budget Reductions and Elimination of Positions and Layoffs.
7. Consider approving revised job description for Police Department Administrative Assistant.
8. Consider approving temporary liquor license for Klockow Brewing Co. event
9. Consider a State required budget resolution for Yanmar Arena.

Adopted Resolution 26-58

10. Consider entering into an agreement with Plan-IT Software LLC.
11. Consider hiring Grady Haskins as seasonal hire at Pokegama Golf Course and Matthew Brenny as PT Arena Attendant II at the Civic Center.
12. Consider accepting the resignation of Jennifer Gorman from the Arts & Culture Commission, effective immediately.
13. Consider accepting resignation of Cyndy Martin from the Grand Rapids Area Library Board.
14. Consider approving renewal of Zix/Office 365 licenses.
15. Consider revision to original RCA amount for tee markers
16. Consider authorizing public works staff to obtain quotes for the rain garden rehabilitation project
17. Consider approving an agreement with Oracle NetSuite for Government for additional assistance with the Planning & Budgeting software and accept the signature of the Finance Director after the fact.

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

POLICE:

18. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a \$400 donation to the GRPD Public Safety Education Fund from an anonymous community member.

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Seconded by Councilor Blake to **adopt Resolution 26-59**, accepting donation for Public Safety Education Fund. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Blake

19. Consider adopting a resolution accepting donations from the Blandin Foundation, Barnabas 22LLC, Cohasset Fire Hook & Ladder, Sandstrom's, Pepsi, Walmart, S&S Meats, SuperOne, Rapids Welding, and that proceeds from 2026 National Night Out remain supporting Grand Rapids Police Reserves.

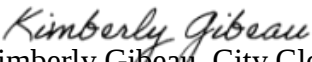
Motion made by Councilor Blake, Seconded by Councilor MacGregor to **adopt Resolution 26-60**, accepting National Night Out donations. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Blake

20. Consider approving donation from Itasca County K-9 Fundraiser

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Seconded by Councilor Blake to **adopt Resolution 26-61**, accepting donation from Itasca County K-9 Fundraiser. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Blake

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:14 PM.

Respectfully,


Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk