



CITY OF
GRAND RAPIDS
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 11, 2024

5:00 PM

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

PRESENT: Mayor Tasha Connelly, Councilor Dale Adams, Councilor Molly MacGregor, Councilor Tom Sutherland, Councilor Rick Blake

STAFF: Chad Sterle, Dan Swenson, Jeremy Nelson, Andy Morgan, Rob Mattei, Barb Baird, Tom Beaudry

POSITIVE HAPPENINGS IN THE CITY:

Mayor Connelly congratulated local athletes for appearance and accomplishments at State High School athletic tournaments.

PUBLIC FORUM:

No one from the public wished to speak.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilor Adams provided overview of meeting conducted regarding the Legionella Outbreak.

Mayor Connelly commented on the upcoming City Government Academy and application process. Also provided information regarding the IEDC Snow Business Assistance program for small businesses affected by weather and how to apply.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approve Council minutes for Monday, February 26, 2024 Worksession and Regular meetings.

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

VERIFIED CLAIMS:

2. Approve the verified claims for the period February 21, 2024 to March 4, 2024 in the total amount of \$544,628.66.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

3. Consider donating property of the community bike share program to the Itasca County Family YMCA.
4. Consider allowing the Public Works Department to retire and sell equipment
5. Consider approving the agreements between the Grand Rapids Police Department and Grand Rapids Fire Department and the Itasca County Radio Board.
6. Consider authorizing changes to the Snow Plow Truck order for the Public Works Department
7. Consider approving the updated Memorandum of Understanding for the Outdoor Activities Complex Partnership at the Itasca County YMCA.
8. Consider a request by the police department to apply for a traffic safety vehicle grant through the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS).
9. Adopt a Resolution Accepting a State Grant in the amount of \$65,175.60 for the purchase of a new mower and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute.

Adopted Resolution 24-20

10. Consider entering into an agreement with Marco Technologies
11. Consider authorizing quotes and awarding a contract to Neo Electrical Solutions for the TH 169 South, Phase 2 Lighting Project
12. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a grant from the MN Dept. of Iron Range Resources Commercial Redevelopment Program

Adopted Resolution 24-21

13. Consider approving On-Sale Liquor License for Empire Sales & Marketing dba Unwined Up North
14. Adopt a resolution approving LG 214 Premises Permit for Grand Rapids Amateur Hockey Association.

Adopted Resolution 24-22

15. Consider approving change orders for Yanmar Arena Project
16. Consider Pay Range for PT, Seasonal, and Temporary Employees.
17. Consider approving Seasonal Golf Employees and Seasonal Golf Employee Wages

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

SET REGULAR AGENDA:

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

POLICE:

18. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a GRPD Canine Program donation from the Deb and Don Moebakken.

Motion made by Councilor Sutherland, Second by Councilor Adams to **adopt Resolution 24-23**, accepting a donation from Deb & Don Moebakken for the Police Department Canine Program. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake

CITY COUNCIL:

19. Consider appointing a Council member to serve as Chair for March 25, 2024 Council meetings.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor MacGregor to appoint Councilor Dale Adams to act as Chair at the March 25, 2024 City Council meeting in the absence of Mayor Connelly and Mayor Pro-Tem Sutherland. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake

20. Consider appointing members to the Climate Action Advisory Committee.

Councilor MacGregor reviewed applicants and recommends the appointment of Bill Schnell, Simon Gretton, Amy Blomquist, and Derek Holl.

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Second by Councilor Blake to appoint Bill Schnell, Simon Gretton, Amy Blomquist and Derek Holl as recommended. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake

21. Consider appointment applicant to Economic Development Authority

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Second by Councilor Adams to appoint Malissa Bahr to the Grand Rapids EDA for a term to expire March 1, 2030. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberly Gibeau
Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk