

City of Grand Blanc City Council
Minutes of May 9, 2018

Present: Jamie Weasel John Creasey Julie Nielsen
 Chris Douglas Paula Nas Mayor Soderstrom

Absent: Lisa Blondell

Staff: Wendy Jean-Buhrer, Bethany Smith, Barbara Hunyady, Brian Lipe, Dianne Waterworth, Matt Wurtz, Mary Hopkins, Marcus Rossie, John Ellis, Craig Hose, Ryan Streichert, Josh Edwards, John Graver.

Guests: Connie Lesley, Jett Kilmer, Carrie Pilarski, Geric Rose, Paula Schmidt, Kyle McCree, Douglas Lobdell, Kelly Bailiff, Kristy Gould, Don Becker, Marvin Jennings Jr, Richard McNally.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Soderstrom at 7:00 P.M.

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of Minutes. Motion by Nielsen supported by Douglas to approve the minutes of April 11, 2018 as submitted. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Bills. Motion by Nielsen supported by Douglas to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve payment of May invoices in the amount of \$243,117.98. Motion carried.
4. Oath of Office – Police Officer John Ellis
5. Public Hearing 2017-18 Budget Amendments, 2018-19 Budget Amendments 2019-20 Budget and Truth in Taxation.

Mayor Soderstrom opened the public hearing at 7:05 PM.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Mayor Soderstrom closed the public hearing at 7:07 P.M.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve Resolution 0518-01 the Budget Adoption for 2019-20, Budget Amendments for 2017-18, 2018-19 and Truth in Taxation. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Public Comment:

Douglas Lobdell – representing the Walk to End Alzheimer’s scheduled for September at Bi-Centennial Park. He requested Council support for June promotion. Mayor Soderstrom directed Mr. Lobdell to contact City Administration to discuss his request.

Marvin Jennings Jr. – Introduced himself as a circuit court judicial candidate.

Richard McNally – Introduced himself as a circuit court judicial candidate.

7. Communications
 - a) Grand Blanc District Library Thank You – Received and filed.
 - b) Comcast Channel Lineup Changes – Received and filed.

8. New Business.

- a) Request for Use of City Property from Terry Stanfill.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve the use of City property adjacent to Mr. Stanfill's parcel for construction equipment staging if necessary provided that the property is returned to its original condition after the project is complete. Motion carried.

- b) Committee Reports

Public Safety

Motion by Douglas supported by Nielsen to approve the Special Events Application from the Grand Blanc Chamber of Commerce for the Grand Blanc Family Fun Fest June 7 through June 10, 2018 and allow the use of City Property at 213 Reid Road to house the carnival employees during their stay. Motion carried.

Motion by Douglas supported by Weasel to approve the Special Events Application from Holy Family Church to hold he entertainment tent on Friday June 8 and Saturday June 9. To waive the noise ordinance from 5:00 P.M. to 12:00 A.M. on Friday and Saturday, waive the Open-Air Business fee and close Bush Street Friday June 8 through June 10. Motion carried.

Finance

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation 1st half installment invoice in the amount of \$58,427.50 for fiscal year 2019. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the invoice from Genesee County Drain Commission in the amount of \$152,935.21. Motion carried.

Public Works

Motion by Nas supported by Nielsen to accept the recommendation from Public Works and approve the Fleis and Vandenbrink professional services of design, bidding and construction administration not to exceed \$6,900 for drainage improvements to address runoff in the area of Brainard and Walker Street. Motion carried.

Motion by Nas supported by Nielsen to accept the recommendation from Public Works and approve Fleis and Vandenbrink professional services of design, bidding and construction administration not to exceed \$29,800 for signal modernization at Reid Road, Old Bridge Road and Saginaw Street. Motion carried.

Motion by Nas supported by Nielsen to accept the recommendation from Public Works and approve Fleis and Vandenbrink professional services of bidding, construction administration and geotechnical investigation subconsultant not to exceed \$8,500 for the Salt Barn construction project. Motion carried.

Fire Commission

Councilman Weasel reported that the Fire Commission voted to hire an independent auditor to determine the financial needs for the Fire Department operations millage. Council discussed questions they would like Councilman Weasel to ask the Fire Commission.

Concerns that could be addressed by an independent auditor:

1. Was the additional \$90,000 recognized for the 2018 revenues in the spreadsheets for the proposed millage?
2. Is a 1% growth project too conservative due to the 2018 growth in the City of 3% and in the Township 5%.
3. Is it the understanding of the Commission that the 1.5 mils is not guaranteed for 10 years and how will they realistically budget if the millage contribution changes annually?
4. Can the Fire Commission re-establish in writing the original assumptions used for the needs for the Fire Department for the next 10 years in terms of personnel, vehicles and equipment and highlight any changes that have been made since April 2017?
5. Have essential services fees been agreed upon for in any tax abatements that have been given.

9. Old Business Grand Blanc Library Lease Renewal.
Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve the renewal of the Grand Blanc Library Lease. Motion carried.

10. Other Business

- a. Chief Lipe – nothing to report.
- b. DPW Director – nothing to report.
- c. Building Inspector's Report – received and filed.
- d. Fire Chief Burdette – not in attendance.
- e. City Attorney Hunyady

Updated Council on the progress for the sale of 11410 S. Saginaw Street. The purchaser has received the purchase agreement and negotiations with him and his attorney will commence shortly.

Presented Ordinance #1801-04 for 2nd read and requested to waive the reading.
Motion by Nielsen supported by Douglas to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance #1801-04 and waive the reading. Motion carried.

Presented Ordinance #1802-05 Consumers Energy Franchise Renewal for 1st read and requested to waive the reading. Motion by Nielsen supported by Douglas to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance #1802-05 and waive the reading. Motion carried.

- f. City Clerk/Assistant City Manager – election report.
- g. Finance Director/Treasurer. – The City received for the 23rd year in a row the GFOA CAFR Award for excellence in financial reporting for the year 2017.
- h. City Manager's Report

AARP Community Challenge Grant – Motion by Nielsen supported by Douglas to support the application for the AARP Community Challenge Grant for funding of a pickleball court for the Grand Blanc Senior Center. Motion carried.

Economic Development Strategy Proposal – Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve the City of Grand Blanc Economic Development Strategy proposal for Tasks 1-4 dated 4/19/2018. Motion carried.

i. Members of Council

Councilman Weasel – Great Lakes National Cemetery is a beautiful place to visit.

Councilman Creasey- The Community Foundation funded a beautification grant for the City. Would like to recognize Grand Blanc teachers for their commitment to education.

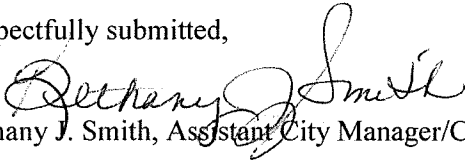
Councilwoman Nas – Congratulations to City Clerk Smith on her retirement.

Councilwoman Nielsen – The Food Truck Festival was a success thanks to volunteers.

Councilman Douglas – The Food Truck Festival had a great turnout and was fun for all.

Mayor Soderstrom adjourned the meeting at 8:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Bethany J. Smith, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk