

City of Grand Blanc City Council
Minutes of May 8, 2019

Present: Mayor Soderstrom John Creasey Julie Nielsen Chris Carr
Chris Douglas Paula Nas Lisa Blondell

Staff: Wendy Jean-Buhrer, Mary Hopkins, Brian Lipe, Matt Wurtz, Walt Griffin, Ted Sczepanski, Chris Rhind, Chief Smith, Dianne Waterworth.

Guests: Paula Schmidt, Ann Keillor, Mary Owens, Jim A. Vargo, Meredith Anderson, Fred Nolde, Marvin Jennings Jr., Ron Orsezli, Ed Erdt, Geric Rose, and others.

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of Minutes. Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to approve the minutes contained in the agenda packet of May 8, 2019. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Bills. Motion by Blondell supported by Douglas to approve bills in amount of \$675,576.06. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment.
 - a) Ron Orsezli
 - b) Meredith Anderson
 - c) Ed Erdt
5. Jamie Weasel Proclamation.
A Proclamation in honor of Jamie Weasel was read by Mayor Soderstrom.
6. Public Hearing 2020-21 Budget, 2018-19,2019-20 Revised Budget Amendments and Truth in Taxation.

Mayor Soderstrom opened the public hearing at 7:13 P.M.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Mayor Soderstrom closed the public hearing at 7:14 P.M.

Mayor Soderstrom re-opened the public hearing at 7:16 P.M to take Roll Call Vote

Motion by Nielsen support by Creasey to approve Budget Adoption Resolution 19-5001 and General Appropriations Act and Truth and Taxation and waive reading of the resolution. Roll call vote: Nielsen, yes; Blondell, yes; Carr, yes; Creasey, yes; Douglas, yes; Nas, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Soderstrom closed the public hearing at 7:18 P.M.

7. Public Hearing 206 Reid Rd Property Sale.
There was no public hearing held due to the absence of the proposed buyers.
8. Communication.
 - a) Great Lakes National Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony – Received and Filed.

9. New Business.

- a) Tamar Lewis -GFOA Presentation Award of Financial Reporting Achievement.
Award was not presented due to the absence of Tamar Lewis.
- b) National Public Transportation Day Proclamation.
Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to proclaim May 16, 2019 National Public Transportation Day in the City of Grand Blanc. Motion carried.
- c) Thomas Wiczorek CPSM Fire Study Presentation.
Mr. Wiczorek presented the Fire Study completed by CPSM.
- e) Committee Reports.

Finance

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve Grand Blanc Township Fire Invoice in the amount of \$28,490 for Fire Protection Service for one month. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve Application Payment 1858 in the amount of \$28,400 to Fleis and Vandenbrink for the Chalet Shoppes of Grand Blanc. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve and waive the reading of Resolution 19-5002 and declaration of official intent with Huntington Public Capitol Corporation with assigned representatives to be Wendy Jean-Buhrer and/or Mary Hopkins. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve the professional services contract of McConnell Communications, Inc for three (3) months. Motion carried.

10. Other Business

- a.) Police Chief Lipe – received and filed.
- b.) DPW Director – nothing to report.
- c.) Building Inspector’s Report – received and filed.
- d.) Fire Chief Smith – Chief Smith gave an update on the new developments of the creation of the City Fire Department.
- e.) City Attorney Griffin. – Attorney Griffin gave an update on the discussions with Grand Blanc Township, Grand Blanc Community Schools, and the City regarding Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation. Attorney Griffin also gave an update on the possible changes to the purchase agreement for the sale of 11415 Davis St. It was the recommendation of the Council to send this item back to the Property Committee for further discussion.
- f.) City Clerk – Mary Hopkins gave an update on the turnout for the May 7, 2019 election.
- g.) Finance Director/Treasurer. – nothing to report.
- h.) City Manager’s Report. – received and filed.

Motion by Blondell supported by Carr to waive the City Manager approval level to purchase fire equipment needed between City Council meetings up to \$80,000 until September 1, 2019. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Douglas to award the website redesign services in the amount of \$9,400 to Revize Website Software Systems for FY2019-2020 to be financed over three (3) years and annual hosting of \$2000 and to have Wendy Jean-Buhrer sign the Revise Web Services Sales Agreement. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to approve Sky Pro Services proposal for IT Services. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to approve the letter of support for Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs for their Capital Improvement Program matching grant in the amount of \$80,000 for the McFarlen Library roof. Motion carried.

i.) Members of Council

Councilman Creasey– enjoyed Kae Edison’s retirement party. He stated that he is sad that Jamie Weasel is leaving but excited for Carol Neumann.

Councilwoman Nas – thanked Jamie Weasel for his many years of service. She also thanked Carol Neumann for taking on the new responsibilities with Parks & Recreation.

Councilwoman Nielsen – thanked Jamie Weasel. She also addressed Meredith Anderson and Ed Erdt who had spoken during Public Comment. Tom Wieczorek was also thanked for his Fire Study presentation.

Councilman Douglas – wished good luck to Jamie Weasel. He stated that he is looking forward to working with Carol Neumann. In regards to the Fire Department, he stated that the City was always committed to staying in the partnership with the Township, and that the City was never working on a plan to start our own Fire Department in January.

Councilwoman Blondell – wished good luck to Jamie Weasel, and congratulations to Carole Neumann. She also thanked Tom Wieczorek for the Fire Study presentation.

j.) Mayor Soderstrom

Mayor Soderstrom thanked Tom Wieczorek for his very informative presentation. She once again thanked Jamie Weasel, and wished him the best of luck.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary B. Hopkins
City Clerk