

City of Grand Blanc City Council
Minutes of July 24, 2019

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

Staff: Wendy Jean-Buhrer, Mary Hopkins, Brian Lipe, Matt Wurtz, Walt Griffin, Ted Sczepanski, Chief Smith,

Guests: Carolyn Sifferman, Liz Hill, Yvonne Wagner 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 Nielsen supported by Carr to approve the minutes contained in the agenda packet of July 24, 2019. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Bills
Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to approve bills in amount of \$776,365.46. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment

Elizabeth Hill – Fire Department Question
Ed Erdt – Fire Department
5. Communication.
 - a) Comcast- Changes to Channel Line Up – Received and Filed.
 - b) Grand Blanc Fire Department Incident Report – Received and Filed.
6. New Business
 - a) Holy Family Approved PUD Amendment
Motion by Blondell supported by Douglas to approve amendment to the Holy Family PUD. Motion carried.
 - b) Firestone Complete Auto Care Special Land Use
Postponed
 - c) Grand Blanc Marketplace Rezoning Request
Postponed
 - d) Grand Blanc Marketplace Site Plan
Postponed
 - e) Sign Ordinance Revision – Second Reading
Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to waive the second reading and approve the sign ordinance revisions as presented with the exception of an allowance of a second projecting sign in the Central Business District for businesses on corner lots. Motion carried.

- f) Zoning Ordinance Article X Revision
Motion by Blondell supported by Carr to waive the first reading and place in the record Zoning Ordinance Article X Revision.
Friendly Amendment by Nielsen supported by Carr to also include an amendment to Article XX with reference to the building height of 24 feet. Motion carried.
- g) Grand Mall Conditional Rezoning
Motion by Carr supported by Creasey to deny the request for conditional rezoning from B-2 to B-3 due to lack of compliance with the criteria for amendment to the Official Zoning Map of Section 2804 of the City Zoning Ordinance. Motion carried. 5-1
- h) 419 Hattie Variance Reconsideration
Motion by Nielsen supported by Douglas that no building permit to be issued until survey is completed by the petitioner within 90 days. Motion carried.
- i) Fire Rescue Article Regarding Data, Response Times, and Coverage Equity
Received and filed.
- j) Committee Reports

Public Safety

Motion by Douglas supported by Carr to approve the special event request for the Crop Hunger Walk on October 6, 2019 from 2 PM to 4 PM. Motion carried.

Motion by Douglas supported by Carr to waive the first reading of Fireworks Ordinance #1907-01. Motion carried.

Finance

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve F & V Chalet change order no. 1 in the amount of \$2729.25. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve the selection of Horcha Excavation in the amount of \$157,160 for the Physicians Park Splash Pad/Ice Rink Mechanical Building. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve the Fee Schedule update for the Plan Review Fee without Engineering and Fire Review. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve the City of Fenton Assessing contract in the amount of \$50,000 for July 1, 2019. To June 30, 2020. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve the FY 2019-20 Transfer back to Tax Fund from General Fund for Startup Cash of \$10,000.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve Payment Application No. 4 for Joe Raica for the Terrace Water Main Replacement Project in the amount of \$4,710. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve the purchase of 1993 International KME Fire Truck and Equipment Purchase of \$48,000. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve F&V Chalet Invoice in the amount of \$9,25.53. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Creasey to approve update to fee schedule to allow open air permit fees to be waived if the event occurs on property owned and or operated by the business and meets the zoning requirements. Motion carried.

Personnel

Motion by Creasey supported by Carr to approve the Command Unit Memorandum of Understanding. Motion carried.

Motion by Creasey supported by Carr to approve the Union and Non-Union Wage Schedule for the Fire Department. Motion carried.

7. 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 status of the City Fire Department, and stated that the Department is ready to roll.
- e.) City Attorney Griffin – Attorney Griffin gave an update on 11415 Davis St., and stated that Mr. Genord has rejected the Option offer that was presented to him.

Motion by Nielsen supported by Blondell to reject Mr. Genord’s proposal towards the modification of the Option. Motion carried.

- f.) City Clerk – nothing to report.
- g.) Finance Director/Treasurer – nothing to report.
- h.) City Manager’s Report – received and filed.

City Manager Jean-Buhrer thanked all of the Department Heads for being patient with her for the last three months while working with the Fire Department. She also thanked Chief Smith for being here, and getting the Fire Department up and running.

i.) Members of Council

- Councilman Carr** – wanted to commend Chief Smith for coming out of retirement to help the City start the Fire Department.
- Councilman Creasey** – made comment about the brightness of the new LED lights. Matt Wurtz explained the difference between the old and new lights.
- Councilwoman Nas** – thanked Chief Smith, and also Christina Irwin for their hard work. She also thanked the residents for attending the City Council meeting.
- Councilwoman Nielsen** – thanked Christina Irwin for her work with Grande Chalet Shoppes opening. She also thanked Chief Smith.
- Councilman Douglas** – made clarification to a public comment regarding the Fire Department, and also thanked Chief Smith and the firefighters for the job they have done.
- Councilwoman Blondell** – thanked Chief Smith for his leadership, and also thanked Chief Smith’s wife, Council, and the administration.

j.) Mayor Soderstrom – read a prepared statement:

The City of Grand Blanc Fire Department goes live tonight at midnight. I want to thank our Chief Dennis Smith and his wife Bethany for giving up their retirement to get this Department up and running. Through their efforts and the commitment of the men and women of the Community, we have achieved and surpassed our goal of 16 certified firefighters and 15 cadets in training! We will have a roster of over 30 firefighters by the new year. Our staff headed by Wendy Jean-Buhrer have worked tirelessly to bring us to this moment. It takes a “Village” they say, in our case, it took a “City”, and we are all here ready to serve and protect.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary B. Hopkins
City Clerk