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**GRAND RAPIDS**  
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**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, December 20, 2021**  
**5:00 PM**

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

**CALL OF ROLL:**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Dale Christy, Councilor Dale Adams, Councilor Michelle Toven, Councilor Rick Blake, Councilor Tasha Connelly **ABSENT:** None

Staff present: Tom Pagel, Chad Sterle, Will Richter, Barb Baird, Rob Mattei, Steve Schaar

**PRESENTATION:**

1. Presentation for 2021 Mayor's Arts Award

Mayor Christy read nomination of recipients into the official record. Award presented to Katie Marshall and Sam Miltich.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

No one wished to speak.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Mayor Christy acknowledges the following: receipt of Airport grant infrastructure bill; Pat Fidely has won the MN Friends of Library Award; Annual RAMS board meeting is next week. Noted addition to Consent as #26a.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

2. Approve Council minutes for Monday, December 6, 2021 Worksession and Regular meetings.

Motion made by Councilor Toven, Seconded by Councilor Connelly to approve Council minutes as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

**VERIFIED CLAIMS:**

3. Approve the verified claims for the period November 30, 2021 to December 14, 2021 in the total amount of \$1,257,131.08.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Seconded by Councilor Blake to approve the verified claims as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

CONSENT AGENDA:

4. Consider receiving feasibility report and call for a hearing related to CP 2003-18, 21st Street SW Extension.

**Adopted Resolution 21-108**

5. Consider approving a change order with SEH for the Grand Rapids/Cohasset Industrial Redevelopment project
6. Consider the retirement and salvage of a public works asset.
7. Approve 2022 Taxi license for Rapid Taxi, contingent upon receipt of required documentation and fees.
8. Approve 2022 Theatre License for Mann Theatres Inc.
9. Consider authorizing the Fire Department to purchase turnout gear from MES in 2021 to be paid in 2022 budget
10. Approve the official City meeting calendar for 2022.
11. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a donation of \$100.00 from UPM Blandin Paper Co, a donation of \$100 from MN State Patrol Troopers Association toward Grand Rapids Police Shop with a Hero Program

**Adopted Resolution 21-109**

12. Consider adopting a resolution authorizing the Itasca County Auditor to assess the delinquent Storm Water Utility charges to the property tax statement of delinquent tax owners.

**Adopted Resolution 21-110**

13. Consider approving final payment and balancing change order for CP 2014-2
14. Void Lost Accounts Payable Check and Issue a Replacement Check
15. Consider amending “City Employees as Paid-On-Call Firefighters” policy.
16. Consider authorizing the Police Department to sell five (5) city owned / forfeited vehicles at the Minnesota DNR online auction.
17. Consider entering into Advertising Agreements with businesses at the IRA Civic Center.
18. Consider final pay applications and change orders for new Fire Hall.
19. Authorize publication of Ordinance 21-12-08 in summary form

20. Consider hiring Warming House Attendants.
21. Consider adopting a resolution establishing 2022 compensation for City of Grand Rapids Exempt & Non-Exempt Non-Represented Employees.

**Adopted Resolution 21-111**

22. Consider approval of the Grand Rapids Autonomous Vehicle Master Services Agreement with May Mobility
23. Consider entering into an agreement with Loren Solberg
24. Consider an agreement with John Dimich
25. Consider an employment agreement with Bob Cahill
26. Consider approving correction to Hospital Security Services Agreement Addendum #1
- 26a. Authorize Councilor Dale Adams to vote as Council Representative for Board of Directors for RAMS Board.

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Seconded by Councilor Toven to approve the Consent agenda as amended. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

**SET REGULAR AGENDA:**

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Seconded by Councilor Connelly to approve Regular Agenda as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

**ADMINISTRATION:**

27. Consider adopting a resolution establishing the official polling places for Grand Rapids Precincts One, Two, Three and Four

Motion made by Councilor Connelly, Seconded by Councilor Toven adopting Resolution 21-112, designating official polling places for 2022. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

28. Consider vacating one seat on the Arts & Culture Commission and appoint members to the Arts & Culture Commission

Current members Ed Zabinski and Anne-Marie Erickson have submitted a request for reappointment to another term. Commission Chair, Kayla Aubid, has relocated and no longer lives in the area. Staff is requesting that her seat be vacated and authorize filling the vacancy.

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Seconded by Councilor Adams to vacate the seat currently held by Kayla Aubid, and reappoint Ed Zabinski and Anne-Marie Erickson to three (3) year terms, expiring December 31, 2024. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

29. Consider changing status of Assistant Superintendent at the Pokegama Golf Course from Seasonal to Full-time.

Motion made by Councilor Connelly, Seconded by Councilor Toven approving change to Assistant Superintendent position from seasonal to full-time. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

30. Consider approving resolutions adopting the 2021 Tax Levy Payable 2022, 2022 General Fund Budgets, 2022 Special Revenue Budgets and 2022 Enterprise Budgets.

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Seconded by Councilor Connelly to adopt Resolutions 21-113, 21-114, 21-115, 21-116, 21-117, 21-118, 21-119, 21-120, 21-121, 21-122, 21-123, 21-124, and 21-125, adopting City budgets for 2022. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

31. Consider adopting a resolution approving Memorandum of Agreement between the State of Minnesota and Local Governments and Authorizing participation in national opioid settlement.

Motion made by Councilor Toven, Seconded by Councilor Blake to adopt Resolution 21-126, participation in Opioid Settlement. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Connelly

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:28 m.

Respectfully submitted:

*Kimberly Gibeau*

Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk