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**GRAND RAPIDS**  
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## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, April 08, 2024**

**5:00 PM**

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

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

**STAFF:** Tom Pagel, Chad Sterle, Jeremy Nelson, Bill Saw, Sam Hussman, Matt Wegwerth, Rob Mattei, Tom Beaudry, Andy Morgan, Kevin Ott, Dale Anderson, Chery Pierzina, Travis Cole

### **PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Conduct Oath of Office for Police Officer Sam Hussman

Mayor Connelly conducted the Oath of Office for Patrol Officer Sam Hussman.

### **POSITIVE HAPPENINGS IN THE CITY:**

Mayor Connelly noted that much appreciation has been expressed for the passport processing at the Library. Also of note is Legion park, how well it's maintained and that there has been lots of activity with nice weather.

### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

No one from the public was present to speak.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Councilor Adams provided an overview of recent RAMS board meeting.

Councilor Blake discussed recent visit to the Capital, conversations with legislators and plans for moving forward.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

2. Approve minutes for Monday, March 25, 2024 Worksession and Regular meetings.

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

### **VERIFIED CLAIMS:**

3. Approve the verified claims for the period March 19, 2024 to April 1, 2024 in the total amount of \$1,036,554.81.

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

#### ACKNOWLEDGE MINUTES FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

4. Reviewed and acknowledged:
  - ~ January 3, 2024 Civic Center Advisory Board
  - ~ January 16, 2024 Golf Board
  - ~ February 14, 2024 Library Board
  - ~ February 15, 2024 PCA Board
  - ~ February 22, 2024 EDA
  - ~ February 28, 2024 Human Rights Commission
  - ~ March 12, 2024 Arts & Culture Commission
  - ~ March 14, 2024 EDA

#### CONSENT AGENDA:

5. Consider approving the purchase of a snow blade from ASV
6. Consider approving permanent easements for CP 2010-1
7. Considering authorizing Fire Department staff to apply for a HMEP grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.
8. Consider hiring staff for Public Works for the 2024 Spring/Summer Maintenance Season
9. Consider adoption of a resolution accepting a \$600,000 MN Dept. of IRRR Housing grant for the Workforce Housing Project.

#### **Adopt Resolution 24-29**

10. Consider approving pro-rated license fee refund to Hummingbird Wine Bar & Bistro LLC.
11. Consider adopting inventory of records and State of Minnesota General Records Retention Schedule.
12. Consider entering into an agreement with Sophos Payment Resources/SHI.
13. Consider authorizing an Airport Lease Agreement with Airways Aviation Center Inc.
14. Consider approving golf cart storage agreement with 214 Properties, LLC
15. Consider letter of support for HF 4461/SF 4455 to reduce the market demand and reselling of copper wire in our state.

16. Consider accepting the resignation of Bill Schnell from the Grand Rapids Planning Commission
17. Consider approving seasonal golf contractors for Starter Ranger services for 2024.

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

#### SET REGULAR AGENDA:

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

#### CIVIC CENTER & PARKS:

18. Consider passing a resolution accepting a donation from Marvin Snyder toward the preservation of Veterans Park.

Dale Anderson referenced letter from family regarding appreciation for Veterans Park and donation on behalf of Clayton Bonner.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Blake to **adopt Resolution 24-30**, accepting donation for Veteran's Park. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor Blake

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

19. Consider adopting a resolution authorizing an application to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Workforce Housing Development Program for the Grand Rapids Workforce Housing Project.

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Second by Councilor Adams to **adopt Resolution 24-31**, authorizing application as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor Blake

20. Consider authorizing a Match Letter to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) describing the local sources supporting the City's Workforce Housing Development grant application.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Blake authorizing match letter to MHFA as requested. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor Blake

#### ENGINEERING PUBLIC WORKS:

21. Consider adopting a resolution accepting low bid and entering into an agreement with TNT Construction Group for CP 2010-1, 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE and 7<sup>th</sup> Street NE Improvements

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Second by Councilor Adams to **adopt Resolution 24-32**, accepting low bid and entering into agreement with TNT Construction as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor Blake

FIRE:

22. Consider adopting a resolution to accept a donation of three Infant CPR Anytime kits from Servpro of Bemidji, Grand Rapids & Hibbing.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Blake to **adopt Resolution 24-33**, accepting donation of Anytime Mannequin Kits as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor Blake

GOLF:

23. Consider authorizing purchase of range ball machine from Range Servant America in the amount of \$12,248.50

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Blake to approve purchase of Range Ball Machine from Range Servant America, Inc. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor Blake

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk