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**GRAND RAPIDS**  
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**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, December 18, 2023**  
**5:00 PM**

Mayor Pro-Tem Adams called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

PRESENT: Councilor Dale Adams, Councilor Tasha Connelly, Councilor Tom Sutherland. ABSENT: Mayor Dale Christy, Councilor Molly MacGregor

STAFF: Chad Sterle, Laura Pfeifer, Chery Pierzina, Rob Mattei

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

1. Mayor's Art Award Presentation

Mayor Pro-Tem Adams presented the Mayor's Arts Award to Jennifer Gorman for Night Maker's Market.

PUBLIC FORUM:

No one from the public was present and wished to speak.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilor Sutherland provided update on Civic Center Board, activities at the arena and the lack of outdoor skating rinks due to the weather.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2. Approve Council minutes for Monday, December 4, 2023 Worksession and Regular meetings.

Motion made by Councilor Connelly, Second by Councilor Sutherland to approve Council minutes as presented. Voting Yea: Councilor Adams, Councilor Connelly, Councilor Sutherland

VERIFIED CLAIMS:

3. Approve the verified claims for the period November 28, 2023 to December 11, 2023 in the total amount of \$2,784,560.96.

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

ACKNOWLEDGE MINUTES FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

4. Reviewed and acknowledged minutes for the following:  
November 7, 2023 Arts & Culture Commission meeting  
November 8, 2023 Library Board meeting  
November 21, 2023 Golf Board meeting

CONSENT AGENDA:

5. Consider approving final payment for CP 2022-1, Highway 2 Lighting Project in the amount of \$118, 151.12 and Balancing Change Order 2.
6. Consider amending Chapter 30, Article 149 Stormwater Protection Ordinance  
**Adopted Ordinance 23-12-06**
7. Consider entering into Advertising Agreements with businesses at Yanmar Arena.
8. Consider adopting a resolution to authorize an operating transfer from the Capital Project Fund-2022 Infrastructure/ARPA Fund to the Capital Project Fund-Municipal State Aid Maintenance Fund.  
**Adopted Resolution 23-89**
9. Consider adopting a resolution approving updated City-wide fee schedule  
**Adopted Resolution 23-90**
10. Consider adopting a Resolution Establishing 2024 Compensation for City of Grand Rapids Exempt & Non-Exempt Non-Represented Employees.  
**Adopted Resolution 23-91**
11. Consider adopting a resolution authorizing the City to make application to the Minnesota Dept. of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Development Partnership grant program for the Downtown Organization Project.  
**Adopted Resolution 23-92**
12. Consider approving temporary liquor licenses for Itasca Curling Association for January, February and March events.
13. Consider adopting a resolution authorizing an application to the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources Housing Grant Program.  
**Adopted Resolution 23-93**
14. Consider sale of Pokegama Golf Course Carts
15. Approve 2024 Taxi license for Rapid Taxi, contingent upon receipt of required documentation and fees.

16. Approve 2024 Theatre License for Mann Theatres Inc.
17. Consider approving temporary liquor licenses for MacRostie Art Center events
18. Consider adopting the Earned Sick and Safe Time Policy
19. Consider authorizing Staff to solicit quotations for replacing overhead door at Yanmar Arena
20. Consider approving final payment in the amount of \$37,425.35 for the Dasher Board Contract on the Civic Center Project
21. Consider approving final payment in the amount of \$193,467.00 for Work Scope 1 on the Civic Center Project
22. Consider renewing the Consulting Services Contract with Madden Galanter Hansen, LLP, Attorneys at Law, for labor relations.
- 22a. Consider approving resolutions adopting the 2023 Tax Levy Payable 2024, 2024 General Fund Budgets, 2024 Special Revenue Budgets and 2024 Enterprise Budgets.  
**Adopted Resolutions 23-94, 23-95, 23-96, 23-97, 23-98, 23-99, 23-100, 23-101, 23-102, 23-103, 23-104, 23-105, 23-106**

Motion made by Councilor Connelly, Second by Councilor Sutherland to approve the Consent agenda with the addition of item #22a, adopting resolutions relative to 2023 Tax Levy. Voting Yea: Councilor Adams, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Connelly

#### SET REGULAR AGENDA:

Motion made by Councilor Sutherland, Second by Councilor Connelly to approve the regular agenda as amended. Voting Yea: Councilor Adams, Councilor Connelly, Councilor Sutherland

#### FINANCE:

23. Consider approving resolutions adopting the 2023 Tax Levy Payable 2024, 2024 General Fund Budgets, 2024 Special Revenue Budgets and 2024 Enterprise Budgets.

**Moved to Consent agenda as item #22a.**

#### CITY COUNCIL:

24. Consider appointing applicants to Boards & Commissions

Council discussion is followed by recommended appointments to Boards and Commissions as follows:

##### Arts & Culture Commission:

1. Derek Fox - term expiration 12/31/26
2. Jennifer Gorman - term expiration 12/31/26

3. Myrna Peterson - term expiration 12/31/26
4. Sara Slaubaugh - fill unexpired term through 12/31/25

Library Board:

1. Ellen Teigland - 3 year term through 12/31/26 (Resident)
2. Beau Casteel - 3 year term through 12/31/26 (Resident)
3. Elias Blocker - 3 year term through 12/31/26 (non-Resident)

Police Community Advisory Board:

1. Stephen Connolly - 3 year term through 12/31/26 (non-Resident)
2. Pam Dowell - 3 year term through 12/31/26 (Resident)
3. Dan Butterfield - 3 year term through 12/31/26 (non-Resident)
4. Jessica Malmquist - fill unexpired term through 12/31/24 (non-Resident)

Motion made by Councilor Connelly, Second by Councilor Sutherland to approve appointments to Boards & Commissions as recommended. Voting Yea: Councilor Adams, Councilor Connelly, Councilor Sutherland

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk