



CITY OF
GRAND RAPIDS
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 10, 2022

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

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

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

1. Adopt 2022 City Council By-laws

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Toven to approve the Council By-laws for 2022. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

2. Designate a Councilmember to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem for 2022

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Blake to appoint Councilor Tasha Connelly as Mayor Pro-Tem 2022. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

3. Designate the Herald Review as official newspaper for the City of Grand Rapids for 2022

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Second by Councilor Toven to designate the Grand Rapids Herald Review as the official newspaper for the City of Grand Rapids. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

4. Appoint Council representatives to Boards & Commissions

Upon review, recommendations for Council representative appointments included: Councilor Adams to Civic Center, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and Greenway Joint Recreation Board and serve as alternate to Cable Commission. Councilor Blake to Economic Development Authority and Public Utilities Commission. Councilor Toven to Cable Commission. Councilor Connelly to Economic Development Authority, Human Rights Commission and alternate to Greenway Joint Recreation Board.

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Second by Councilor Connelly to approve appointments as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

5. Appoint Council representatives to selected agencies

After discussion, the following appointments are recommended:

Councilor Adams to represent on the Range Area Municipalities and Schools Board and Arrowhead Regional Development Coalition. Councilor Blake to represent on the Western Mesabi Mine Pit Board and the Coalition of Great Minnesota Cities. Councilor Connelly to represent on City/County Cooperative Committee. Councilor Toven to represent on Joint Powers Gas Board and League of Minnesota Cities. Mayor Christy to represent on Fire Relief Association, Joint Power Gas Board City/County Cooperative Committee and serve as alternate for Range Area Municipalities and Schools Board. Staff appointments include Finance Director Barb Baird to the Fire Relief Association and Engineer/Public Works Director Matt Wegwerth to the Joint Powers Gas Board.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Toven to approve appointments as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

6. Consider appointing the following financial institutions as depository designations for 2022, and delegate the Finance Director or Finance Director's Designee authorization for electronic funds transfers.

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Second by Councilor Connelly appointing financial institutions as depository designations for 2022 as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

PUBLIC FORUM:

No members of the public were present

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilor Adams noted that he and Councilor Blake attended the RAMS annual meeting and this event was well attended by other participants. Representative Pete Stauber was present and spoke encouragingly on the future of mining in Minnesota.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

7. Approve Council minutes for Monday, December 20, 2021 Worksession and Regular meetings.

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

VERIFIED CLAIMS:

8. Approve the verified claims for the period December 15, 2021 to January 3, 2022 in the total amount of \$1,013,913.19.

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

ACKNOWLEDGE MINUTES FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

9. Acknowledged minutes for November 16, 2021 and December 7, 2021 Golf Board meetings, November 3, 2021 PUC Meeting, November 10, 2021 Library Board Meeting

CONSENT AGENDA:

10. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a \$100 donation from Morris and Sherry Beighley for the Grand Rapids Police Department's Public Safety Education Fund.

Adopted Resolution 22-01

11. Consider accepting the resignation of Jeff Madsen, PT Hospital Security.
12. Consider accepting the retirement of Mark Greiner, Firefighter.
13. Consider renewing the Consulting Services Contract with Madden Galanter Hansen, LLP, Attorneys at Law, for labor relations.
14. Void Lost Accounts Payable Check and Issue a Replacement Check
15. Approve payment for Tall Timber Days band The Dweebs
16. Approve agreement with Trackman A/S for Virtual Golf Simulator
17. Consider approval of temporary liquor license for MacRostie Art Center event on February 4, 2022.
18. Void Lost Payroll Check and Issue a Replacement Check
19. Consider adopting a resolution approving an operating transfer from the Capital Projects fund-2021 Infrastructure Bonds to the Capital Projects Fund-Grand Rapids Arts & Culture Projects.

Adopted Resolution 22-02

20. Consider approving computer agreements for 2022 with Harris Computer Systems for \$26,343.18.
21. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a \$450,000 grant from the Blandin Foundation for the Minnesota Autonomous Rural Transit Initiative.

Adopted Resolution 22-03

22. Consider authorizing staff to apply for amended HMEP grant from the MN Department of Public Safety

23. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a \$1,000 donation from Todd and Janet Jaranson on behalf of Lonza and a \$100 from Morris and Sherry Beighley to the Grand Rapids Fire Department to purchase tools and safety equipment.

Adopted Resolution 22-04

24. Consider accepting the resignation of Janell Hecimovich from the position of Police Officer.

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

SET REGULAR AGENDA:

No items to consider

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Councilor Connelly, Second by Councilor Toven to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 PM. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberly Gibeau
Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk