



CITY OF
GRAND RAPIDS
IT'S IN MINNESOTA'S NATURE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 26, 2024
5:00 PM

Mayor Connelly called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

1. Conduct Oath of Office for City Councilor Rick Blake.

Attorney Chad Sterle conducted the Oath of Office for Councilor Rick Blake.

CALL OF ROLL:

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

STAFF: Tom Pagel, Chad Sterle, Barb Baird, Kevin Ott, Rob Mattei, Andy Morgan, Dan Swenson

POSITIVE HAPPENINGS IN THE CITY:

1. Congratulations to Grand Rapids Thunderhawks athletic Swim and Hockey teams for advancement to State competitions.
2. Mayor Connelly received compliments from local homeowner in appreciation of the City's building department.

PUBLIC FORUM:

No one from the public was present.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilor Adams provided direction on where to get information regarding the Legionella issues and notes that there will be a public meeting to be held at Yanmar Arena.

Mayor Connelly expresses condolences to City of Burnsville for loss of First Responders.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2. Approve Council minutes for Monday, February 12, 2024 Worksession and Regular meetings.

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

VERIFIED CLAIMS:

3. Approve the verified claims for the period February 6, 2024 to February 20, 2024 in the amount of \$1,550,174.43.

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

ACKNOWLEDGE MINUTES FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

4. Minutes from boards and commissions were reviewed and acknowledged:
 - ~ December 27, 2024 Human Rights meeting
 - ~ January 16, 2024 Golf Board meeting
 - ~ January 10, 2024 Library Board meeting
 - ~ January 11, 2024 GREDA meeting

CONSENT AGENDA:

5. Consider approving the General Liability insurance coverage through the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust.
6. Consider the sale of Pokegama Golf Carts
7. Consider approving the plans and specifications and ordering the advertisement for bids for CP 2010-1, 3rd Avenue/7th Street NE Project.
8. Consider signing Club Prophet point of sale upgrade agreement
9. Consider allowing the Police Department to sell a Glock 22 to a licensed dealer.
10. Consider a lease with Tom Beaudry for the Pro Shop at Pokegama Golf Course
11. Consider Golf Course job description and title change and authorize Human Resources to post, interview and hire for the open position.
12. Consider Amendment 3 with ICS related to the Civic Center Project
13. Consider adopting resolution of support for MACTA efforts to modernize public, education and Government Programming/Public Access Funding.

Adopted Resolution 24-18

14. Consider authorizing Grand Rapids Police Department to apply for the 2024 COPS Grant.
15. Consider donating the Minolta RP 605Z Microfilm reader to the Itasca County Historical Society.
16. Consider accepting a quote from Arena Warehouse for fiberglass facing for the dasher boards at Miner's Pavilion.

17. Consider approving revised Grand Rapids Fire Department Organizational and Operating Policies and Procedures with an effective date of January 1, 2024
18. Consider donating twenty-five (25) abandoned bikes to Boys and Girls Club of Grand Rapids and Greenway
19. Consider approving final payment in the amount of \$4,260.00 for access control improvements
20. Consider approving change orders for Yanmar Arena Project
21. Consider approving appointment of Becky LaPlant, Election Judge

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

SET REGULAR AGENDA:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

22. Consider the creation of a Climate Action Work Plan Committee

Mr. Pagel discusses climate action plan and moving forward with creating advisory committee. This will be an advisory committee created on a temporary basis.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Sutherland to create a Climate Action Work Plan Committee and appoint Councilor Molly MacGregor to serve as Council representative. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake

23. Consider accepting the resignation from Greg Lease from his position as Patrol Officer with the GRPD; Authorize Human Resources to post, interview and hire for the open position of Police Officer.

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Second by Councilor Adams to accept resignation from Greg Lease, Patrol Officer and authorize posting, interview and hire process to fill the position. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

24. Consider adopting a resolution approving a Right of Entry Agreement with SE 7th Ave. Distribution LLC related to the L&M Distribution Center Project

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor MacGregor to **adopt Resolution 24-19**, approving Right of Entry Agreement as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake

COUNCIL:

25. Consider appointments to Boards & Commissions

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Second by Councilor Adams to make the following appointments:

Paul Bignall, Planning Commission through March 1, 2028; and

Peggy Clayton, Human Rights Commission through March 1, 2027; and

Roger Mischke, Pokegama Golf Board through March 1, 2027; and

Tom Stanley, PUC through March 1, 2028.

Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberly Gibeau
Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk