

**GRAND LEDGE CITY COUNCIL  
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**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, 12 JANUARY 2015  
7:30 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL  
310 GREENWOOD ST.**

- I. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL** – Mayor Kalmin Smith; Mayor Pro-Tem Keith Mulder; and Council members Rick Lantz, Sue Roberts, Thom Sowle, and Don Willems  
– Council member Christina Bartholomew was absent  
**OTHERS PRESENT** – Adam Smith, City Administrator; Gregory Newman, City Clerk; Gordon VanWieren, City Attorney; Larry LaHaie, Service Director;

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Smith led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

**IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Motion (from staff)** – To approve the Monday, 12 January 2015 City Council consent agenda, as follows:
- i. Financial transactions and bills.
  - ii. Monday, 22 December 2014 regular City Council minutes.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERTS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER MULDER SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MONDAY, 12 JANUARY 2015 CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**V. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

- A. Motion** – To approve the Monday, 12 January 2015 regular City Council agenda.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERTS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MONDAY, 12 JANUARY 2015 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA.

COUNCIL MEMBER MULDER MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERTS SECONDED, TO AMEND THE MONDAY, 12 JANUARY 2015 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA, BY INSERTING AS ITEM IX. A., A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE AN APPLICATION FOR A PUBLIC ART GRANT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MONDAY, 12 JANUARY 2015 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA, AS AMENDED BY INSERTING AS ITEM IX. A., A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE AN APPLICATION FOR A PUBLIC ART GRANT, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**VI. COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS**

**VII. STAFF REPORTS**

**A. Adam Smith, City Administrator**

Adam Smith, City Administrator, reported on the new Information Technology management firm.

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Motion** – To authorize an application for a public art grant.

COUNCIL MEMBER MULDER MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS SECONDED, TO AUTHORIZE AN APPLICATION FOR A PUBLIC ART GRANT.

Adam Smith, City Administrator, explained the City's application for a public art grant from the Lansing Economic Area Partnership.

The City Council debated the City's efforts at placemaking.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE AN APPLICATION FOR A PUBLIC ART GRANT, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

**XI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Council member Roberts encouraged everyone to keep their sidewalks clear of ice and snow, and help neighbors clear their sidewalks, and thanked her neighbor for helping her.

Council member Mulder offered assistance to anyone needing help clearing their sidewalks.

Council member Willems thanked the City Council and staff, and community, for their kindness during his recent loss.

Mayor Smith appointed Matthew Dale to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term expiring 08 January 2018, reappointed Ruthann Jaquette and Kim Mulvenna to the Parks and Recreation Commission for terms expiring 08 January 2018, and reappointed Phil Sims to the Tree Board for a term expiring 08 January 2018.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERTS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER LANTZ SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF MATTHEW DALE TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING 08 JANUARY 2018. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCIL MEMBER MULDER MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERTS SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF RUTHANN JAQUETTE AND KIM MULVENNA TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR TERMS EXPIRING 08 JANUARY 2018. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCIL MEMBER MULDER MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER LANTZ SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF PHIL SIMS TO THE TREE BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING 08 JANUARY 2018. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**XII. CLOSED SESSION**

- A. Motion** – To move into closed session to consider the purchase or lease of real property, per the Open Meetings Act, Section 8(d), and to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute, per the Open Meetings Act, Section 8(h).

COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERTS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER LANTZ SECONDED, TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY, PER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, SECTION 8(D), AND TO CONSIDER MATERIAL EXEMPT FROM DISCUSSION OR DISCLOSURE BY STATE OR FEDERAL STATUTE, PER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, SECTION 8(H), AT 7:44 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERTS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER MULDER SECONDED, TO RETURN TO THE MONDAY, 12 JANUARY 2015 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, AT 9:37 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERTS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS SECONDED, TO ADJOURN THE MONDAY, 12 JANUARY 2015 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, AT 9:37 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Gregory L. Newman, City Clerk

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Kalmin D. Smith, Mayor