

**GRAND LEDGE CITY COUNCIL
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**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, 27 JULY 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 Christina Bartholomew, Rick Lantz, Sue Roberts, and Don Willems
– Council member Thom Sowle was absent
OTHERS PRESENT – Adam Smith, City Administrator; Gregory Newman, City Clerk; Gordon VanWieren, City Attorney;

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Jill Sambaer, Barry-Eaton District Health Department, commented on recent events, activities, and initiatives provided by the Health Department.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Motion (from staff)** – To approve the Monday, 27 July 2015 City Council consent agenda, as follows:
- i. Financial transactions and bills.
 - ii. Monday, 13 July 2015 regular City Council minutes.
 - iii. Monday, 13 July 2015 Closed Session minutes.
 - iv. Equipment Operator job description.
 - v. Right-of-Way Use Application from Ledge Craft Lane, Ltd., for the 2015 Island Art Fair.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERTS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER BARTHOLOMEW SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MONDAY, 27 JULY 2015 CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA.

COUNCIL MEMBER MULDER MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS SECONDED, TO AMEND THE MONDAY, 27 JULY 2015 CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA, BY INSERTING AS ITEM V. A RIGHT-OF-WAY USE APPLICATION FROM LEDGE CRAFT LANE, LTD., FOR THE 2015 ISLAND ART FAIR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MONDAY, 27 JULY 2015 CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA, AS AMENDED BY INSERTING AS ITEM V. A RIGHT-OF-WAY USE APPLICATION FROM LEDGE CRAFT LANE, LTD., FOR THE 2015 ISLAND ART FAIR, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Motion** – To approve the Monday, 27 July 2015 regular City Council agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE MONDAY, 27 JULY 2015, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA, WITHOUT OBJECTION.

VI. COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

- A. Grand Ledge Area Emergency Services Authority**

Council member Willems reported the Portland Area Fire Authority sent a letter thanking the City for its support after Portland's recent tornado.

- B. Parks and Recreation Commission**

Council member Lantz reported the Parks and Recreation Commission recommends a recreation administration agreement with the Grand Ledge Public Schools.

VII. STAFF REPORTS

- A. City Administrator**

Adam Smith, City Administrator, reported on a letter received from the City of Portland thanking the City for its help and mentioned the Grand Ledge Public Schools recreation administration agreement should be ready for the 10 August 2014 regular City Council meeting.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution #48 of 2015** – To approve and authorize a bid award to Bader and Son, Co., for a tractor.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERTS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER LANTZ SECONDED, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #48 OF 2015, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE A BID AWARD TO BADER AND SON, CO., FOR A TRACTOR.

Adam Smith, City Administrator, reported on staff's recommendation of the low bidder, Bader & Son, Co.

The City Council debated the bids received.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #48 OF 2015, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE A BID AWARD TO BADER AND SON, CO., FOR A TRACTOR, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- B. Motion** – To close the Scout Building, not later than 01 October 2015.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERTS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER BARTHOLOMEW SECONDED, TO CLOSE THE SCOUT BUILDING, NOT LATER THAN 01 OCTOBER 2015.

Adam Smith, City Administrator, explained the Jaycee Park Master Plan and Jaycee Park Boat Launch Improvement project, reported on the Building Department inspection and recommendation to demolish the Scout Building, explained the need to allow use of the Scout Building through the summer and the 2015 Grand Adventure Race, reported on efforts

to transition the Scout Building regular users to facilities at City Hall, and mentioned the approximate \$10,000 costs to maintain the Scout Building.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE SCOUT BUILDING, NOT LATER THAN 01 OCTOBER 2015, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

XI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council member Willems mentioned the positive online comments about the crews working on the Jenne St. Reconstruction project.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Motion** – To move into closed session 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 WILLEMS SECONDED, TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER MATERIAL EXEMPT FROM DISCUSSION OR DISCLOSURE BY STATE OR FEDERAL STATUTE, PER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, SECTION 8(H), AT 7:46 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERTS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER BARTHOLOMEW SECONDED, TO RETURN TO THE MONDAY, 27 JULY 2015 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, AT 8:28 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- B. Resolution #49 of 2015** – To submit to the electors of the City of Grand Ledge at the election to be held on Tuesday, 03 November 2015, a ballot question to amend the City Charter.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANTZ MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER MULDER SECONDED, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #49 OF 2015, TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF GRAND LEDGE AT THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, 03 NOVEMBER 2015, A BALLOT QUESTION TO AMEND THE CITY CHARTER.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANTZ MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS SECONDED, TO AMEND RESOLUTION #49 OF 2015, TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF GRAND LEDGE AT THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, 03 NOVEMBER 2015, A BALLOT QUESTION TO AMEND THE CITY CHARTER, BY STRIKING “UP TO 5:00 P.M. BY THE THEN PREVAILING LOCAL TIME ON THE SEVENTH MONDAY PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION” AND INSERTING “BY THE DEADLINE SET FORTH IN MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW.” MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #49 OF 2015, TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF GRAND LEDGE AT THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, 03 NOVEMBER 2015, A BALLOT QUESTION TO AMEND THE CITY CHARTER, AS AMENDED BY STRIKING “UP TO 5:00 P.M. BY THE THEN PREVAILING LOCAL TIME ON THE SEVENTH MONDAY PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION” AND INSERTING “BY THE DEADLINE SET FORTH IN MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW,” CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERTS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS SECONDED, TO ADJOURN THE MONDAY, 27 JULY 2015, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, AT 9:28 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVED 10 AUGUST 2015.

Gregory L. Newman, City Clerk

Kalmin D. Smith, Mayor