

**GRAND LEDGE CITY COUNCIL
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**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, 24 AUGUST 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; Martin Underhill, Chief of Police; Chad Brunton, Street Supervisor;

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Kenneth Vaughan, 216 S. Clinton St., commented on the Serenity Place smoking policy and management.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Motion (from staff)** – To approve the Monday, 24 August 2015 City Council consent agenda, as follows:

- i. Financial transactions and bills.
- ii. Monday, 10 August 2015 regular City Council minutes.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERTS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER LANTZ SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MONDAY, 24 AUGUST 2015 CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Motion** – To approve the Monday, 24 August 2015 regular City Council agenda.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERTS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MONDAY, 24 AUGUST 2015 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

VII. STAFF REPORTS

Adam Smith, City Administrator, reported on the accounts payable report.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution #53 of 2015** – To approve and authorize a Bid Award to Lansing Asphalt for milling, grading, asphalt paving, and traffic control.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERTS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER MULDER SECONDED, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #53 OF 2015, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE A BID AWARD TO LANSING ASPHALT FOR MILLING, GRADING, ASPHALT PAVING, AND TRAFFIC CONTROL.

Adam Smith, City Administrator, explained the resolution refers to unit prices to allow additional streets from the original request for proposals and explained the reinvestment of Eaton County road millage funds.

Chad Brunton, Street Supervisor, explained the project will move quickly and allow a lane of traffic during operations.

The City Council debated the time frame of the project.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #53 OF 2015, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE A BID AWARD TO LANSING ASPHALT FOR MILLING, GRADING, ASPHALT PAVING, AND TRAFFIC CONTROL, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- B. Resolution #54 of 2015** – To approve the 2015 - 2016 Eaton County Solid Waste Alternatives Grant Program Agreement.

Adam Smith, City Administrator, explained the free curbside recycling for residents beginning 01 October 2015 through Granger and the resulting reduction in Grand Ledge / Oneida Recycling Center use.

Chad Brunton, Street Supervisor, commented on the reduction in Grand Ledge / Oneida Recycling Center usage due to free curbside recycling in Delta Township, mentioned the Grand Ledge / Oneida Recycling Center is the only twenty-four hour unmanned recycling location in Eaton County, and suggested operating the Grand Ledge / Oneida Recycling Center on reduced manned hours only to reduce dumping of non-recyclables.

The City Council debated the continued Grand Ledge / Oneida Recycling Center operations, the impact of closing the Grand Ledge / Oneida Recycling Center for residents not using Granger's free curbside recycling service, the possibility of continuing the Grand Ledge / Oneida Recycling Center operations for one more year, and the static Grand Ledge / Oneida Recycling Center operation costs regardless of usage levels.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERTS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER LANTZ SECONDED, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #54 OF 2015, TO APPROVE THE 2015 - 2016 EATON COUNTY SOLID WASTE ALTERNATIVES GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C. Motion** – To waive the temporary hiring freeze to hire a full-time Police Officer.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERTS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER MULDER SECONDED, TO WAIVE THE TEMPORARY HIRING FREEZE TO HIRE A FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER.

Martin Underhill, Chief of Police, reported on a full-time vacancy and recommended the promotion of a part-time officer to fill the vacancy.

MOTION TO WAIVE THE TEMPORARY HIRING FREEZE TO HIRE A FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. Motion – To rescind the temporary hiring freeze implemented, 12 March 2001.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANTZ MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERTS SECONDED, TO RESCIND THE TEMPORARY HIRING FREEZE IMPLEMENTED, 12 MARCH 2001.

Adam Smith, City Administrator, explained the temporary hiring freeze history and mentioned the City Council maintains hiring oversight through the budget process.

MOTION TO RESCIND THE TEMPORARY HIRING FREEZE IMPLEMENTED, 12 MARCH 2001, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

IX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

X. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council member Willems asked about Grand Ledge's ranking in the recent SafeWise safe cities report.

Council member Lantz mentioned the Meadow Woods subdivision construction traffic and the need to address safe construction routes.

XI. CLOSED SESSION

XII. ADJOURNMENT

COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERTS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS SECONDED, TO ADJOURN THE MONDAY, 24 AUGUST 2015, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, AT 8:23 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVED 14 SEPTEMBER 2015.

Gregory L. Newman, City Clerk

Kalmin D. Smith, Mayor