

**GRAND LEDGE CITY COUNCIL
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**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, 25 JANUARY 2016
7:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
310 GREENWOOD ST.**

- I. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL** – Mayor Pro-Tem Keith Mulder; and Council members Rick Lantz, Jamie Malecki, Sue Roberts, Thom Sowle, and Don Willems
– Mayor Kalmin Smith was absent
- OTHERS PRESENT** – Adam Smith, City Administrator; Gregory Newman, City Clerk; Martin Underhill, Chief of Police; Susan Stachowiak, Zoning Administrator; Officer Justin Barber and K-9 D’ash; Chad Brunton, Street Supervisor;

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro-Tem Mulder 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, 25 January 2016 City Council consent agenda, as follows:
- i. Financial transactions and bills.
 - ii. Monday, 11 January 2016 regular City Council minutes.
 - iii. Public Service and Facilities Committee recommendation confirming the City’s policy position to not allow private use of public right-of-way; use of public right-of-way at 609 Liberty St. denied, accordingly.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERTS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MONDAY, 25 JANUARY 2016 CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Motion** – To approve the Monday, 25 January 2016 regular City Council agenda.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERTS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER LANTZ SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MONDAY, 25 JANUARY 2016 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERTS SECONDED, TO AMEND THE MONDAY, 25 JANUARY 2016 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA, BY INSERTING AS ITEM IX. B., A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO PUBLIC ACT 269. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION TO APPROVED THE MONDAY, 25 JANUARY 2016 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA, AS AMENDED BY INSERTING AS ITEM IX. B., A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO PUBLIC ACT 269, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

VII. STAFF REPORTS

Police Department

Martin Underhill, Chief of Police, introduced Officer Justin Barber and K-9 D'ash.

Officer Justin Barber explained his assignment and D'ash's abilities, and demonstrated D'ash's narcotic search skills.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Motion – To approve board and commission appointments.

Mayor Pro-Tem Mulder appointed Kalmin Smith to the Grand Ledge Area Emergency Services Authority for a term expiring 30 June 2016, reappointed Mike Coll to the Water Appeals Board for a term expiring August 2018, and appointed Brody Boucher to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term expiring 08 January 2018.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANTZ MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MAYOR PRO-TEM'S APPOINTMENT OF KALMIN SMITH TO THE GRAND LEDGE AREA EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY FOR A TERM EXPIRING 30 JUNE 2016. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERTS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER LANTZ SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MAYOR PRO-TEM'S REAPPOINTMENT OF MIKE COLL TO THE WATER APPEALS BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING AUGUST 2018. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCIL MEMBER SOWLE MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER LANTZ SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MAYOR PRO-TEM'S APPOINTMENT OF BRODY BOUCHER TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING 08 JANUARY 2018. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Resolution #04 of 2016 – In opposition to Public Act 269

COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERTS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER LANTZ SECONDED, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #04 OF 2016, IN OPPOSITION TO PUBLIC ACT 269.

Adam Smith, City Administrator, explained the impact of Public Act 269 on the City's ability to communicate ballot issues to the public and reported on ongoing work with the Michigan Legislature to repeal Public Act 269.

The City Council debated the impact of Public Act 269 on the City's ability to communicate ballot issues to the public and existing laws controlling the City's ability to communicate only facts without bias.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #04 OF 2016, IN OPPOSITION TO PUBLIC ACT 269, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

XI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council member Mulder mentioned the 11 – 13 February 2016, Fun on the Rocks,

XII. CLOSED SESSION

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERTS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER MALECKI SECONDED, TO ADJOURN THE MONDAY, 25 JANUARY 2016, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, AT 7:56 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVED 08 FEBRUARY 2016.

Gregory L. Newman, City Clerk

Kalmin D. Smith, Mayor