

**GRAND LEDGE CITY COUNCIL
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**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, 28 MARCH 2016
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, Jamie Malecki, Thom Sowle, and Don Willems
OTHERS PRESENT – Larry LaHaie, Public Service Director; Martin Underhill, Chief of Police; Ameer King, Assistant City Administrator;

II. APPOINTMENT TO FILL WARD 3 VACANCY

Mayor Smith reviewed Thomas Jancek's qualifications and biographical information.

COUNCIL MEMBER SOWLE MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER LANTZ SECONDED, TO APPOINT THOMAS JANCEK TO FILL THE CITY COUNCIL, WARD 3, VACANCY, FOR A TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 2016. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Motion (from staff)** – To approve the Monday, 28 March 2016 City Council consent agenda, as follows:
- i. Financial transactions and bills (including payment to E. T. MacKenzie Co. for Consumers Energy sanitary sewer line damage).
 - ii. Monday, 14 March 2016 regular City Council minutes.

COUNCIL MEMBER MULDER MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MONDAY, 28 MARCH 2016 CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Motion** – To approve the Monday, 28 March 2016 regular City Council agenda.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANTZ MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MONDAY, 28 MARCH 2016 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VII. COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

A. Grand Ledge Area Emergency Services Authority

Council member Willems reported the Grand Ledge Area Emergency Services Authority is using the services of the Western Michigan Fire Chief's Association to find a new Fire Chief.

B. Parks and Recreation Commission

Council member Lantz reported the Planning Commission is conducting a survey and gathering information on the Parks and Recreation Five-Year Master Plan for public distribution.

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

Police Department

Martin Underhill, Chief of Police, reported on Police Department activities at 308 Union St.

The City Council discussed neighborhood safety, the recently address methamphetamine production activities, and proactive options to address historical and ongoing issues at the property.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Missy Gunner, 312 Union St., expressed concerns about Police Department contacts not included in the Chief of Police's report about 308 Union St. and the need to be proactive about addressing issues at 308 Union St.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council member Willems mentioned the different jurisdiction control over the issues at 308 Union St. and thanked the Department of Public Services for its work on the sidewalk landscaping.

Council member Sowle welcomed Council member Jancek to City Council.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

COUNCIL MEMBER SOWLE MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER MULDER SECONDED, TO ADJOURN THE MONDAY, 28 MARCH 2016, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, AT 8:03 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Gregory L. Newman, City Clerk

Kalmin D. Smith, Mayor