

**GRAND LEDGE CITY COUNCIL
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**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, 23 MAY 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 Tom Jancek, Rick Lantz, Jamie Malecki, Thom Sowle, and Don Willems
OTHERS PRESENT – Adam Smith, City Administrator; Gregory Newman, City Clerk;

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Dess Johnson, Grand Ledge Garden Club, requested the City rename the non-motorized pathway “switchback” as the Memorial Tree Trail to recognize the memorial trees planted in the area.

Julie Bevier, 16573 S. Bauer Rd., commented on the trees on their property designated for removal for Abrams Municipal Airport.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Motion (from staff)** – To approve the Monday, 23 May 2016 City Council consent agenda, as follows:

- i. Financial transactions and bills.
- ii. Monday, 09 May 2016 regular City Council minutes.
- iii. Right-of-Way Use Application from the American Legion Post 48 for the 28 May 2016 Memorial Day Parade.
- iv. Utility Billing Process and Procedures Policy.

COUNCIL MEMBER MULDER MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER LANTZ SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MONDAY, 23 MAY 2016 CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Motion** – To approve the Monday, 23 May 2016 regular City Council agenda.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER SOWLE SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MONDAY, 23 MAY 2016 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

VII. STAFF REPORTS

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Resolution #17 of 2016** – To authorize 2016 Capital Improvement and Refunding Bonds.

COUNCIL MEMBER MULDER MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER LANTZ SECONDED, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #17 OF 2016, TO AUTHORIZE 2016 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND REFUNDING BONDS.

Adam Smith, City Administrator, explained the resolution follows the notice of intent filed forty-five days ago, and reported the resolution addresses the City Council Tier 1 Priority to reconstruct the Library Parking Lot and local street improvements.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #14 OF 2016, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #17 OF 2016, TO AUTHORIZE 2016 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND REFUNDING BONDS, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Motion** – To set a public hearing for Monday, 13 June 2016, on an Agreement for Conditional Transfer of Property and Governmental Functions Pursuant to 1984 P.A. 425 and 1967 P.A. 8.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER MALECKI SECONDED, TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MONDAY, 13 JUNE 2016, ON AN AGREEMENT FOR CONDITIONAL TRANSFER OF PROPERTY AND GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS PURSUANT TO 1984 P.A. 425 AND 1967 P.A. 8.

Adam Smith, City Administrator, reported the City has received an official request from the Grand Ledge Area Emergency Services Authority requesting the City enter into a 425 Agreement with Oneida Township for the Authority's property on S. Hartel Rd., and mentioned the agreement follows the agreement recently adopted for the City-owned property.

MOTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MONDAY, 13 JUNE 2016, ON AN AGREEMENT FOR CONDITIONAL TRANSFER OF PROPERTY AND GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS PURSUANT TO 1984 P.A. 425 AND 1967 P.A. 8. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- B. Motion** – To name the non-motorized pathway “switchback” as the Memorial Tree Trail in honor of the Grand Ledge Garden Club 75th Anniversary.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER MALECKI SECONDED, TO NAME THE NON-MOTORIZED PATHWAY “SWITCHBACK” AS THE MEMORIAL TREE TRAIL IN HONOR OF THE GRAND LEDGE GARDEN CLUB 75TH ANNIVERSARY.

Adam Smith, City Administrator, mentioned the request reflects a map designating the location and section of the non-motorized pathway to be named “Memorial Tree Trail.”

The City Council debated the designated section of the non-motorized pathway to be named “Memorial Tree Trail.”

MOTION TO NAME THE NON-MOTORIZED PATHWAY “SWITCHBACK” AS THE MEMORIAL TREE TRAIL IN HONOR OF THE GRAND LEDGE GARDEN CLUB 75TH ANNIVERSARY, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

XI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council member Jancek reported on a Grand Ledge Area District Library Board Member request for additional bicycle parking in the City.

Council member Mulder thanked the armed services members and mentioned the Concert on the Grand on Friday night.

Council member Lantz mentioned the Memorial Day Parade on Saturday and the Korean War Memorial unveiling after the parade.

Mayor Smith appointed Don Willems and reappointed Beth Augustine to the Tree Board for terms expiring January 2019, reappointed Barbara Smith to the Board of Cemetery Trustees for a term expiring 30 June 2019.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANTZ MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER SOWLE SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF DON WILLEMS AND REAPPOINTMENT OF BETH AUGUSTINE TO THE TREE BOARD FOR TERMS EXPIRING JANUARY 2019. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCIL MEMBER MULDER MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER SOWLE SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF BARBARA SMITH TO THE BOARD OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES FOR A TERM EXPIRING 30 JUNE 2019. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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 MALECKI MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER LANTZ 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 7:52 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANTZ MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS SECONDED, TO RETURN TO THE MONDAY, 23 MAY 2016 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, AT 8:41 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER SOWLE SECONDED, TO ADJOURN THE MONDAY, 23 MAY 2016, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, AT 8:41 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Gregory L. Newman, City Clerk

Kalmin D. Smith, Mayor