

**GRAND LEDGE CITY COUNCIL
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**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, 27 JUNE 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

Steve Vagnosi, Michigan Association of Railroad Passengers and Michigan By Rail, presented the Coast-to-Coast Passenger Rail Ridership and Cost Estimate Study to establish passenger rail service between Detroit-Lansing-Grand Rapids.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Motion (from staff)** – To approve the Monday, 27 June 2016 City Council consent agenda, as follows:

- i. Financial transactions and bills.
- ii. Monday, 13 June 2016 regular City Council minutes.
- iii. Quarterly amendments to the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending 2016.

COUNCIL MEMBER MULDER MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER MALECKI SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MONDAY, 27 JUNE 2016 CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Motion** – To approve the Monday, 27 June 2016 regular City Council agenda.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER LANTZ SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MONDAY, 27 JUNE 2016 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

VII. STAFF REPORTS

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution #25 of 2016** – To approve a Contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the Jenne St. Reconstruction Project from Edwards St. to M-43.

COUNCIL MEMBER MULDER MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS SECONDED, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #25 OF 2016, TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE JENNE ST. RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT FROM EDWARDS ST. TO M-43.

Adam Smith, City Administrator, explained the contract covers the second phase of the Jenne St. Reconstruction Project from Edwards St. to M-43, and mentioned additional safety improvements to the project and the expected July – October timeframe.

The City Council debated the addition of a new traffic signal for pedestrian crossing at Jenne St. and M-43.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #25 OF 2016, TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE JENNE ST. RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT FROM EDWARDS ST. TO M-43, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- B. Resolution #26 of 2016** – To exercise the City's Right of First Refusal on Eaton County tax foreclosed properties.

COUNCIL MEMBER MULDER MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER LANTZ SECONDED, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #26 OF 2016, TO EXERCISE THE CITY'S RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL ON EATON COUNTY TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTIES.

Adam Smith, City Administrator, explained the properties included in the City's right of first refusal.

The City Council debated the properties included in the City's right of first refusal.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANTZ MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS SECONDED, TO AMEND RESOLUTION #26 OF 2016, TO SPECIFY THE CITY WILL EXERCISE ITS RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL ON PARCELS #400-078-003-370-00 AND #400-002-300-046-00. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #26 OF 2016, AS AMENDED TO SPECIFY THE CITY WILL EXERCISE ITS RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL ON PARCELS #400-078-003-370-00 AND #400-002-300-046-00, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C. Motion** – To amend the Personnel Manual, sections 4.14 Cell Phone Stipend and 4.8 Vacation Days.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANTZ MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS SECONDED, TO AMEND THE PERSONNEL MANUAL, SECTIONS 4.14 CELL PHONE STIPEND AND 4.8 VACATION DAYS.

Adam Smith, City Administrator, explained the amendments address a technical clarification to designate employees to which the provisions apply.

MOTION TO AMEND THE PERSONNEL MANUAL, SECTIONS 4.14 CELL PHONE STIPEND AND 4.8 VACATION DAYS, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

XI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council member Willems wished everyone a happy and safe Independence Day, and encouraged safety and courtesy when using fireworks.

Council member Jancek mentioned the Grand Ledge Independent article on 16 July 2016 recycling day for hazardous waste.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

COUNCIL MEMBER MALECKI MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS SECONDED, TO ADJOURN THE MONDAY, 27 JUNE 2016, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, AT 7:54 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Gregory L. Newman, City Clerk

Kalmin D. Smith, Mayor