

**GRAND LEDGE CITY COUNCIL
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**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 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, and Thom Sowle
– Council member Don Willems was absent
- OTHERS PRESENT** – Adam Smith, City Administrator; Gregory Newman, City Clerk; Larry LaHaie, Public Services Director; Amee King, Assistant City Administrator; Anthony Gatewood, Sergeant; Kurt Ristow, Utilities Supervisor;

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Dan Fleming, 1116 Middlewoods Way, Banker Holding, thanked the City Council for its efforts in solving problems and developing the City, and thanked the City for its paving work and submitted a \$5,000.00 payment.

Doug Brown, 10547 W. Eaton Hwy., commented on a Grand Ledge Police visit to his mother's house in response to trespassing on the adjacent City property and removal of a "No Trespassing" sign, expressed his opposition to additional "No Trespassing" signs, expressed his opposition to a letter from the City Attorney addressing the trespassing, and explained his past trespassing on City property and his intent to continue trespassing on City property.

Tom Dart, 10549 Eaton Hwy., commented on the "No Trespassing" signs erected at the boundary of the adjacent City property.

Jacob Worst, 805 Cedar St., commented on the low quality and high rates of water and sewer, suggested connecting to the Board of Water and Light, and asked the City to look into options to improve the quality and lower the rates of water and sewer.

Andy Spagnuolo, 200 E. Lincoln St., commented on the high water and sewer rates, the recent increase in his water and sewer bill, and the low water quality.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Motion (from staff)** – To approve the Monday, 28 November 2016 City Council consent agenda, as follows:
- i. Financial transactions and bills.
 - ii. Monday, 14 November 2016 regular City Council minutes.
 - iii. 2017 Calendar of regular City Council meetings.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANTZ MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER MALECKI SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MONDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2016 CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA.

COUNCIL MEMBER MULDER MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER LANTZ SECONDED, TO AMEND THE MONDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2016 CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA, BY INSERTING AS ITEM IV. A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL AND AUTHORIZE A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR CROP FARMING AT ABRAMS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MONDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2016 CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA, AS AMENDED BY INSERTING AS ITEM IV. A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL AND AUTHORIZE A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR CROP FARMING AT ABRAMS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

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

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

VI. COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

VII. STAFF REPORTS

Administrator's Office – Complete Streets Presentation

Adam Smith, City Administrator, explained the City's work to establish accurate water and sewer rates and the communication efforts to educate residents on the new rates, mentioned the information and research used to establish the new rates and the public communications are available on the City's website, mentioned the downward trend in water and sewer revenue and the loan from the General Fund to cover Water and Sewer Fund costs, mentioned the expectation of future rate increases to meet the Water and Sewer Fund costs, and introduced Holly Madill, MSU Land Policy Institute.

Holly Madill, MSU Land Policy Institute, presented information on Complete Streets.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Motion** – To pursue the potential incorporation of Lincoln Brick Park and Tallman Rd. into the City's municipal boundaries in collaboration with Eaton County and the Eaton County Road Commission.

COUNCIL MEMBER MULDER MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER LANTZ SECONDED, TO PURSUE THE POTENTIAL INCORPORATION OF LINCOLN BRICK PARK AND TALLMAN RD. INTO THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES IN COLLABORATION WITH EATON COUNTY AND THE EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION.

Adam Smith, City Administrator, explained the intent to formally begin the process of bringing Lincoln Brick Park and Tallman Rd. into the City.

The Council discussed the existing arrangement with Eaton County for Fitzgerald Park as a model for Lincoln Brick Park, and the intent to improve Tallman Rd. and increase the use of Lincoln Brick Park.

MOTION TO PURSUE THE POTENTIAL INCORPORATION OF LINCOLN BRICK PARK AND TALLMAN RD. INTO THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES IN COLLABORATION WITH EATON COUNTY AND THE EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Motion – To adopt a Complete Streets policy.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANTZ MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER MULDER SECONDED, TO ADOPT A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY.

Adam Smith, City Administrator, explained the past and continuing efforts to improve the City's walkability, the impact of a Complete Streets Policy on future street improvements, and the ability to consider financial implications in determining the extent of Complete Streets efforts.

The Council discussed the Safe Routes to School component of Complete Streets.

MOTION TO ADOPT A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Jacob Worst, 805 Cedar St., commented on the positive impact of Complete Streets, suggested using crowd funding to pay for Complete Streets instead of increasing taxes, and suggested using another water source.

Andy Spagnuolo, 200 E. Lincoln St., commented on Complete Streets and the need to control traffic speed.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council member Mulder mentioned the 7:00 p.m., 02 December 2016 Christmas Parade and activities, and thanked the Council for his reelection as Mayor Pro-Tem.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

COUNCIL MEMBER MALECKI MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER LANTZ SECONDED, TO ADJOURN THE MONDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2016, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, AT 8:32 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Gregory L. Newman, City Clerk

Kalmin D. Smith, Mayor