

**GRAND LEDGE CITY COUNCIL
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**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, 27 DECEMBER 2016
7:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
310 GREENWOOD ST.**

- I. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL** – Mayor Kalmin Smith; and Council members Tom Jancek, Jamie Malecki, Thom Sowle, and Don Willems
– Mayor Pro-Tem Keith Mulder and Council member Rick Lantz were absent
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

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Motion (from staff)** – To approve the Tuesday, 27 December 2016 City Council consent agenda, as follows:
- i. Financial transactions and bills.
 - ii. Monday, 28 November 2016 regular City Council minutes.

COUNCIL MEMBER MALECKI MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE TUESDAY, 27 DECEMBER 2016 CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

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

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER SOWLE SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE TUESDAY, 27 DECEMBER 2016 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

VII. STAFF REPORTS

Administrator's Office

Adam Smith, City Administrator, reported staff has developed a Frequently Asked Questions document addressing questions raised at recent City Council meetings about water and sewer rates, and the document is available at City Hall and on the

City website, reported on additional documents and information available at City Hall and on the City website explaining the water and sewer rates and systems, and reported on increased user traffic on the City website utilities page.

The Council discussed the Frequently Asked Questions document and other documents available are in addition to the annual Water Quality Report.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution #45 of 2016 – To approve the 2017 – 2021 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER MALECKI SECONDED, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #45 OF 2016, TO APPROVE THE 2017 – 2021 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN.

Adam Smith, City Administrator, explained the need for a resolution to adopt the Parks and Recreation Master Plan instead of the previous motion.

The Council debated the access to Colonial Park, and the efforts to increase public awareness and access to City parks.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #45 OF 2016, TO APPROVE THE 2017 – 2021 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

XI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council member Willems thanked the City Administrator and staff for their work addressing the public concerns about water and sewer rates, and water quality.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

A. Motion – To move into closed session, per the Open Meetings Act, Section 8(a), to consider the dismissal, suspension, or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, or to consider a periodic personnel evaluation of, a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent, if the named person requests a closed hearing.

COUNCIL MEMBER SOWLE MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER JANCEK SECONDED, TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION, PER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, SECTION 8(A), TO CONSIDER THE DISMISSAL, SUSPENSION, OR DISCIPLINING OF, OR TO HEAR COMPLAINTS OR CHARGES BROUGHT AGAINST, OR TO CONSIDER A PERIODIC PERSONNEL EVALUATION OF, A PUBLIC OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, STAFF MEMBER, OR INDIVIDUAL AGENT, IF THE NAMED PERSON REQUESTS A CLOSED HEARING, AT 7:42 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER SOWLE SECONDED, TO RETURN TO THE TUESDAY, 27 DECEMBER 2016 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, AT 9:25 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER JANCEK SECONDED, TO RATE THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR AS “EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS.” MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLEMS MOVED, COUNCIL MEMBER MALECKI SECONDED, TO ADJOURN THE TUESDAY, 27 DECEMBER 2016, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, AT 9:26 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Gregory L. Newman, City Clerk

Kalmin D. Smith, Mayor

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