

CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2008  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**CALL TO ORDER:** Pursuant to due notice and call thereof a Regular Meeting of the Grand Rapids City Council was held on Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

**CALL OF ROLL:** On a Call of Roll, the following members were present: Mayor Jim Millis; Councilmembers: Dan Erkkila, Dale Adams, Larry Schlauderaff and Gary McInerney. Absent: None.

**PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:** None.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Mr. Gordon Greniger spoke to the Council regarding his concerns relative to handicap access and lack of accommodations throughout the City.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

- Councilman McInerney noted he had just finished the program sponsored by the Police Department – Police Citizens Academy. Councilman McInerney expressed his thanks to the entire Police Department.
- Councilman Erkkila spoke regarding the last RAMS Board meeting highlighting information received regarding the potential loss of State funding for the Airport cross-wind runway.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ADAMS, SECOND BY COUNCILMAN ERKKILA, TO APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2008 AT 3:30 AND 5:00 AS PRESENTED. The following voted in favor thereof: McInerney, Adams, Erkkila, Schlauderaff, Millis. Opposed: None, motion passed.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN SCHLAUDERAFF, SECOND BY COUNCILMAN McINERNEY, TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1-8.**

1. Adopt Resolution No. 08-64 accepting a grant of \$35,175 from the Blandin Foundation for the updating of, and study of an expanded area under the Riverfront Framework Plan, and authorizing the Mayor's execution of the Grant Agreement.
2. Adopt Resolution No. 08-65 approving the budgeted General Fund operating transfer in the amount of \$91,550 and the Capital Equipment Replacement Fund transfer in the amount of \$51,250 to the Grand Rapids/Itasca County Airport.
3. Adopt Resolution No. 08-66 accepting the donation to the Grand Rapids Police Department of one Cannondale Police Mountain Bike which has a value of \$599.99.

4. Adopt Resolution No. 08-67 for the 2008 budgeted operating transfer from the General Fund to the Special Revenue Fund-Civic Center Operations in the amount of \$30,835.00.
5. Adopt Resolution No. 08-68 accepting a donation of \$7,500.00 from the Grand Rapids Jaycees to the Recreation and Park Department for the Pond Hockey Program.
6. Approve hiring of temporary employees with the Grand Rapids Park and Recreation Department.
7. Approve seasonal employees for the Pokegama Golf Course. Employment to begin no sooner than May 28, 2008 and end no later than October 31, 2008.
8. Adopt Resolution No. 08-69 approving the plans and specifications and approving the advertisement for bids on CP 2007-7, 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE.

**The following voted in favor thereof: McInerney, Adams, Erkkila, Schlauderaff, Millis, and the following voted against same: None, motion passed.**

#### **SETTING OF REGULAR AGENDA:**

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ERKKILA, SECOND BY COUNCILMAN McINERNEY, TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS PRESENTED. The following voted in favor thereof: McInerney, Adams, Erkkila, Schlauderaff, Millis. Opposed: None, motion passed.**

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT:**

Marcia Anderson, Library Director, provided her semi-annual report to the Council highlighting the following:

During 2007 the following were counted at the Library:

- 150,256 people who visited the library
- 3,788 people attended library programs
- 5647 groups gathered in meeting rooms
- 13,998 residents in service area held library cards
- 18,066 sessions on the public internet computers
- 189,869 items were checked out
- 9,113 books were loaned to patrons of other libraries and 13,317 borrowed items from other libraries
- 9,530 questioned were answered by staff
- 523 people participated in 27 events in The Big Read

Ms. Anderson also noted that the following new services have been added to the Library:

- Teen Advisory Board
- Teen room collection and programs
- Downloadable audio books

#### **ACKNOWLEDGE BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES:**

The Council acknowledged the following Board/Commission minutes.

- Grand Rapids Economic Development Authority – April 10 & 24, 2008
- Grand Rapids Planning Commission – 4/3/08 regular and special meetings

**AIRPORT:**

11. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a Federal Grant under the Airport Improvement Program not-to-exceed \$1,331,966 upon receipt.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ERKKILA, SECOND BY COUNCILMAN SCHLAUDERAFF, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 08-70 – A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A FEDERAL GRANT UNDER THE AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM NOT TO EXCEED \$1,331,966 TO THE GRAND RAPIDS/ITASCA COUNTY AIRPORT TO BE USED FOR THE 2008 AIRPORT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. The following roll call vote was taken: Aye: Adams, Erkkila, Schlauderaff, McInerney, Millis. Nay: None, whereby the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT:**

12. Consider authorizing Community Development Director Rob Mattei, to travel out-of state to attend the Business Retention and Expansion course offered by the International Economic Development Council on November 17-18.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ADAMS, SECOND BY COUNCILMAN McINERNEY, TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, ROB MATTEI, TO TRAVEL OUT OF STATE TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS RETENTION AND EXPANSION COURSE OFFERED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 17 AND 18, 2008. The following roll call vote was taken: Erkkila, Schlauderaff, McInerney, Adams, Millis. Nay: None, motion passed.**

**GOLF COURSE:**

13. Consider entering into an agreement with Partners & Sirney Architects for Pre-design architectural services at a fee not-to-exceed \$18,073.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN SCHLAUDERAFF, SECOND BY COUNCILMAN ERKKILA, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PARTNERS & SIRNEY ARCHITECTS FOR PRE-DESIGN ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES AT A FEE NOT-TO-EXCEED \$18,073, FUNDS TO COME FROM THE GENERAL FUND BALANCE. The following roll call voted was taken: Aye: Schlauderaff, McInerney, Adams, Erkkila, Millis. Nay: None, motion passed.**

**ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:**

14. Consider approving the submittal of a grant request to Iron Range Resources for the construction of CP 2007-10, 33<sup>rd</sup> Street SE, in an amount of \$300,000.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN SCHLAUDERAFF, SECOND BY COUNCILMAN ERKKILA, TO APPROVE THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT REQUEST TO THE IRON RANGE RESOURCES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CP 2007-10, 33<sup>RD</sup> STREET SE, IN AN AMOUNT OF \$300,000. The following roll call vote was taken: Aye: McInerney, Adams, Erkkila, Schlauderaff, Millis. Nay: None, motion passed.**

15. Consider authorizing the summer internship for Ryan Miskovich at a rate of \$13.76 through Search Resources beginning 5/28/08 through 8/31/08.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN McINERNEY, SECOND BY COUNCILMAN ADAMS, TO APPROVE SUMMER INTERNSHIP FOR RYAN MISKOVICH AT A RATE OF \$13,76 THROUGH SEARCH RESOURCES BEGINNING 5/28/08 THROUGH 8/31/08. The following roll call vote was taken: Adams, Erkkila, Schlauderaff, McInerney, Millis. Opposed: None, motion passed.**

**ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT:**

16. Consider issuing a temporary on-sale 3.2 malt liquor license to Tall Timber Days for summer event to be held on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>; waive the license fee, allow band to play until 12:00 a.m. during August 2<sup>nd</sup> festival, and continue serving beer until 12:00 midnight.

The Council discussed the request and noted concerns of setting precedence if they approved waiving the fee, therefore, were in consensus not to waive the \$25.00 fee. Police Chief Serfling noted his concerns regarding noise issues and assured the Council that Police officers will be available if an issue arises.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ERKKILA, SECOND BY COUNCILMAN McINERNEY, TO:**

- **ISSUE A TEMPORARY ON-SALE 3.2 MALT LIQUOR LICENSE TO TALL TIMBER DAYS FOR SUMMER EVENT TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup>;**
- **ALLOW BAND TO PLAY UNTIL 12:00 A.M. DURING THE AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup> FESTIVAL; AND**
- **AUTHORIZE THE SERVING OF BEER UNTIL 12:00 MIDNIGHT.**

**The following roll call vote was taken: Aye: Erkkila, Schlauderaff, McInerney, Adams, Millis. Nay: None, motion passed.**

17. Consider the appointment of John Linder to the position of Training/Equipment Assistant with the City of Grand Rapids effective July 1, 2008 with a monthly salary of \$215.07.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN McINERNEY, SECOND BY COUNCILMAN SCHLAUDERAFF, TO APPOINT JOHN LINDER TO THE POSITION OF TRAINING/EQUIPMENT ASSISTANT WITH THE CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008 WITH A MONTHLY SALARY OF \$221.52. The following roll call vote was taken: Aye: Schlauderaff, McInerney, Adams, Erkkila, Millis. Nay: None, motion passed.**

18. Consider accepting the resignation of Shawn Graeber from the Fire Inspector position effective midnight May 31, 2008.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ERKKILA, SECOND BY COUNCILMAN ADAMS, TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF SHAWN GRAEBER FROM THE FIRE INSPECTOR POSITION EFFECTIVE MIDNIGHT MAY 31, 2008. The following voted in favor thereof: McInerney, Adams, Erkkila, Schlauderaff, Millis. Opposed: None, motion passed.**

19. Consider the appointment of Mr. Travis Cole to the position of Building/Fire Inspector.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ADAMS, SECOND BY COUNCILMAN ERKKILA, TO APPOINT MR. TRAVIS COLE TO THE POSITION OF BUILDING/FIRE INSPECTOR EFFECTIVE JUNE 16, 2008 AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$41,500.00. The following roll call vote was taken: Aye: McInerney, Adams, Erkkila, Schlauderaff, Millis. Nay: None, motion passed.**

20. Consider approving out-of-class pay at a rate of \$19.0922 for Everett Baumgarner when working in the capacity of temporary Airport Operations/Maintenance Coordinator.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN McINERNEY, SECOND BY COUNCILMAN SCHLAUDERAFF, TO APPROVE THE OUT-OF-CLASS PAY FOR EVERETT BAUMGARNER WHEN WORKING IN THE CAPACITY OF TEMPORARY AIRPORT OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR AT A RATE OF \$19.0922/HOUR. The following roll call vote was taken: Aye: Adams, Erkkila, Schlauderaff, McInerney, Millis. Nay: None, motion passed.**

**VERIFIED CLAIMS:**

21. Consider approving the verified claims for the period May 6, 2008 through May 19, 2008, in the total amount of \$738,872.54 of which \$300,000 are investments.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ADAMS, SECOND BY COUNCILMAN McINERNEY, TO APPROVE THE VERIFIED CLAIMS AS PRESENTED:**

ASV, INC.	500.16	GRAND ITASCA CLINIC	318.33
ACHESON TIRE COMPANY INC	370.48	GRAND ITASCA HOSPITAL	511.34
AMERIPRIDE LINEN & APPAREL	106.18	GRAND RAPIDS CITY PAYROLL	184,516.93
DALE ANDERSON	85.35	GRAND RAPIDS JAYCEES	840.00
AUTO VALUE -GRAND RAPIDS	350.80	GRAND RAPIDS NEWSPAPERS INC	1,028.10
AVAYA FINANCIAL SERVICES	143.13	GRAND RAPIDS STATE BANK	5.10
BP/AMOCO	166.98	HAWKINSON CONSTRUCTION CO INC	1,143.10
LEAGUE OF MN CITIES INS TRUST	500.00	HAY GROUP INC	840.00
BLOOMERS GARDEN CENTER	15.96	HUSKY SPRING	100.73
BURGGRAF'S ACE HARDWARE INC	1,713.19	ICTV	4,470.97
CAKE KINGDOM	32.94	INDUSTRIAL LUBRICANT COMPANY	56.64
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	51.09	ITASCA COUNTY FARM SERVICE	103.84
CASPER CONSTRUCTION INC	66,761.78	ITASCA COUNTY TREASURER	26,198.91
CLAREY'S SAFETY EQUIPMENT INC	64.97	K-MART CORPORATION	163.09
CLUSIAU SALES & RENTAL	99.94	KENNEDY & GRAVEN	1,918.00
COLE HARDWARE INC	340.35	L&M SUPPLY	935.04
CONNECTING POINT TECHNOLOGIES	824.33	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	294.22
D.C.R. COMMUNICATIONS INC	30.00	LITTLE FALLS MACHINE INC	841.83
DAMBERG.SCOTT.GERZINA.WAGNER	2,732.99	MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT INC	213.44
DAVIS OIL	156.19	MARKETPLACE FOODS	57.30
DEER RIVER PUBLISHING	33.39	MINNESOTA DEPT OF ADMN	352.81
LYNN DEGRIO	90.90	MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES	45.63
EARL F. ANDERSEN & ASSOCIATES	553.53	MN PUBLIC EMPLOYEES INS PROG	29,654.22
EARTHGRAINS -FERGUS FALLS	31.46	MN STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM	363.99
ERICKSON'S ITASCA LUMBER INC	53.68	MINNESOTA SALES & USE TAX	5,059.17
FASTENAL COMPANY	121.14	MINUTEMAN PRESS	14.62
STEVEN FLAHERTY	15.00	NEOPOST INC	1,000.00
G & K SERVICES	64.16	NORD AUTO PARTS	21.08
GALL'S INC	839.87	NORTH COUNTRY VET CLINIC	117.00
GENERAL PET SUPPLY	35.00	NORTHERN BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	829.64

NORTHLAND MACHINES	247.08	LEIGH SERFLING/PETTY CASH	500.00
NORTHSIDE LUMBER COMPANY	18.64	STAR	225.00
NORTRAX EQUIPMENT COMPANY	43.93	SIM SUPPLY INC	154.88
OFFICE NORTH INC	141.61	SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION INC	323.69
OFFICE OUTFITTER	223.63	STOKES PRINTING COMPANY	6.55
OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL #49	21,970.00	TDS Metrocom	1,852.53
OPTION CARE	730.32	TAUTGES REDPATH & CO LTD	35,485.68
THOMAS J. PAGEL	1,785.93	TOONSTRA PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICE	250.00
PEPSI-COLA	338.40	TREASURE BAY PRINTING INC	288.62
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION	4,425.11	U.S. BANK	402.50
P.U.C.	9,975.99	UNITED BUILDING CENTERS	228.13
QWEST	402.86	UNITED RENTALS NORTHWEST INC	247.99
RCB COLLECTIONS	96.00	VIKING ELECTRIC SUPPLY INC	12.23
RANGE BUILDING MAINTENANCE	539.69	VISA	935.70
RAPIDS AUTO WASH	28.00	VISIT GRAND RAPIDS	12,501.62
RAPIDS BODY SHOP	532.50	WASTE MANAGEMENT	1,041.36
RAPIDS ELECTRIC INC	90.91	WAYNE'S RADIATOR	38.44
RAPIDS WELDING SUPPLY INC	30.00	WELLS FARGO -GRAND RAPIDS	300,000.00
REGENCE BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	132.00	WENGER CORPORATION	188.51
RURAL CELLULAR CORPORATION	152.20	RYAN WHITING	258.90
SEH-RCM	600.00	ZEE SERVICE COMPANY	169.23
SANDSTROM COMPANY INC	1,714.66	ROCKHURST UNIVERSITY	199.00
SCENIC RANGE NEWS	35.00	TNT FIREWORKS	350.00
SECURITY ACCESS CONTROL	57.51		

**The following roll call vote was taken: Aye: Erkkila, Schlauderaff, McInerney, Adams, Millis; Nay: None, motion passed.**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Karen Alto, Interim City Clerk