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DATE : February 6, 2018
TIME STARTED : 5:00 p.m.
TIME ENDED : 5:50 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT : Councilmember Carr, Kaup, Sederstrom
Lanoux and Mayor Huber
MEMBERS ABSENT : None

Staff members present: City Attorney, Dave Snyder; City Planner, Jennifer Swanson; and Administrator/Clerk, Kim Points

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT

(1) Mr. Gary Bauman, 10600 Joliet Avenue, came forward and commented on the City’s storm water plan and taxes that are paid to the Watershed District.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SETTING THE AGENDA

Council Member Lanoux moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Comprehensive Plan Language Addition and Expungement. Council Member Sederstrom seconded the motion. Motion failed with Council Member Carr, Kaup and Mayor Huber voting nay.

City Attorney Snyder advised Council Members should be recognized by the Mayor when speaking and it is best to know what is being proposed to the agenda prior to the agenda being finalized.

Council Member Carr moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Council Member Kaup seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council Member Lanoux and Sederstrom voting nay.

CONSENT AGENDA

January 2, 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes	Approved
January, 2018 Bill List, \$44,611.66	Approved
Washington County Sheriff, July-December 2017 Police Services, \$61,493.51	Approved

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Stillwater Area Hockey Association, Premises
Permit, Cozzies

Approved

Council Member Carr moved to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Council Member Kaup seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council Member Lanoux and Sederstrom voting nay.

STAFF AGENDA ITEMS

City Engineer, Brad Reifsteck (no action items)

City Planner, Jennifer Swanson (no action items)

City Attorney, Dave Snyder

Consideration of Amendment to Town Hall Use Policy – City Attorney Snyder reviewed a memo relating to a recommendation from the City’s legal representative for the Defendants in the pending litigation of *Lawrence Lanoux and Loren Sederstrom v. Jeff Huber, Kim Points, Tom Carr, Denny Kaup, John Rog, Jeff Schafer, Jerry Helander, and Robert Tufty, in their respective capacity as officials for the City of Grant, Minnesota*, Wash. Cnty. Dist. Ct. File No. 82-CV18-352.

City Attorney Snyder advised one of the claims asserted by the Plaintiffs in this litigation is that the City should allow use of Town Hall to be used by a variety of groups. He recommended the City amend the policies and procedures concerning the use of Town Hall to prohibit any group from using Town Hall.

Council Member Lanoux moved to allow all citizens of Grant have the use of Town Hall. Council Member Sederstrom seconded the motion. Motion failed with Council Member Carr, Kaup and Mayor Huber voting nay.

Council Member Carr moved to approve the amendment to Town Hall Use, as presented. Council Member Kaup seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council Member Lanoux and Sederstrom voting nay.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Franchise Extension Agreement – Mayor Huber provided the background on this issue advising the Cable Commission has recommended approval of the extension.

Per the Cable Commission, proposed deal points for negotiation were submitted to Comcast in October, 2017, and Comcast was to respond in December. Comcast has not yet responded, and the Commission and Comcast agreed that extending the franchise would allow Comcast to respond and negotiations to proceed informally.

1 The Cable Commission believes this simple extension of the current franchise expiration will allow
2 both parties to continue informal negotiations for the next couple of months without being put at a
3 disadvantage. The extension preserves your right to use the I-NET, and preserves existing support
4 and channels for local cable programming. It does not harm the communities in any way.
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6 **Mayor Huber moved to approve the Franchise Extension Agreement, as presented. Council**
7 **Member Carr seconded the motion.**
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9 City Attorney Snyder advised he would be happy to get an opinion on the cable services that is
10 provided to Cable Commissioners but he is not permitted to do research on questions from individual
11 Council Members. The City Council directs work to the consultants. He noted it was his
12 understanding that the cable provided is necessary as part of the job as a Commissioner.
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14 **Council Member Lanoux made a friendly amendment to the motion that the City withdraw**
15 **from the Cable Commission to get a competitive bid for cable services.**
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17 **Mayor Huber rejected the friendly amendment. Motion carried with Council Member Lanoux**
18 **voting nay and Council Member Sederstrom abstaining.**
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20 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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22 There was no unfinished business.
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24 **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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26 **Staff Updates (updates from Staff, no action taken)**
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28 **Council Updates/Future Agenda Items (no action taken)**
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30 **Language for Clearing Brush** – This item was not placed on a future agenda.
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32 **Reconsideration of Combining Planning and Engineering Services** – This item was not placed on a
33 future agenda.
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39 These minutes were considered and approved at the regular Council Meeting March 6, 2018.
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45 Kim Points, Administrator/Clerk

Jeff Huber, Mayor

APPROVED