

CITY OF GRANT
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DATE : October 5, 2021
TIME STARTED : 7:00 p.m.
TIME ENDED : 7:50 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT : Councilmember Carr, Rog, Giefer, Schafer and Mayor Huber
MEMBERS ABSENT : None

Staff members present: City Attorney, Dave Snyder; City Engineer, Brad Reifsteck; City Treasurer, Sharon Schwarze; and Administrator/Clerk, Kim Points

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT

No one was present for public input.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SETTING THE AGENDA

Council Member Schafer moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Council Member Rog seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

September 7, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes	Approved
September 2021 Bill List, \$74,996.50	Approved
City Doe NOT Waive Monetary Limits on Tort Liability	Approved

Council Member Rog moved to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Council Member Giefer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

STAFF AGENDA ITEMS

City Engineer, Brad Reifsteck

1 **Consideration of Neighborhood Petition** – City Engineer Reifsteck advised that in March 2020 a
2 petition was filed with the City Clerk for roadway improvements in the residential area known as
3 Pine Tree Estates. The petition filed was requesting the existing gravel roadways be paved.

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5 The Council authorized the completion of a feasibility report. The report was completed and accepted
6 by Council at the regular meeting on July 7th, 2020.

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8 At the time of accepting the feasibility report the residents did not have at least 50% of the parcel
9 owners in favor of the improvements, meeting the minimum requirement of the City’s Special
10 Assessment Policy. For this reason, the Council decided not to move forward with the project and did
11 not order the public hearing for the improvements, the next step in the special assessment process.

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13 Most recently the residents have filed the attached letter with the City Clerk requesting the City
14 Council move forward with plans and specifications based on requested changes to the project limits.

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16 The revised project limits eliminate a small portion of the original project limits along 99th St Cir N
17 and includes eliminating parcels 32, 33, 34 from the paving initiative.

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19 It is staff’s opinion that eliminating a small portion of the project is not in the best interest of the city
20 and does not follow the original intent of the 1st petition filed with the clerk. In fact, the resolution
21 following the acceptance of the feasibility report puts the onus on the petitioners to submit a 2nd
22 petition with support of more than 50% of buildable units within the project limits. The project limits
23 are clearly defined in the resolution and original petition as follows:

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- Heron Avenue N
 - 101st Street N
 - 99th Street N
 - 99th Street Circle N
 - 99th Street Court N
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31 If the City were to decide to eliminate a small segment of roadway it potentially puts the city at risk
32 for not properly following the MS429 process.

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34 With that said, it is our recommendation to Council to not move forward with plans and specifications
35 as requested in the letter.

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37 **Council Member Giefer moved to not move the project forward, as presented. Council**
38 **Member Schafer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.**

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40 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2021-12, Adopting Reduced Speed Limits on City Owned**
41 **Streets** – City Engineer Reifsteck advised in August 2019 the State Legislature and Governor Walz
42 signed into law the authority to allow cities to set speed limits for local roads.

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44 A technical memorandum was prepared by Chuck Rickart, WSB Traffic Engineer, “Speed Limit
45 Policy Considerations” explaining the process and procedures for establishing speed limit policy. A
46 few highlights include:

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- 2 • Grant has several posted speed limits on local street in the city that were set based on MnDOT
- 3 speed studies or on County or State roadways. At this time, if speed limits are not posted on a
- 4 street the statutory speed is 30 mph in an urban district, 35 mph in a rural residential district
- 5 and 55 mph on all other roadways.
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- 7 • Should the City Council determine that they would be in favor of reducing speed limits on
- 8 local street the following alternatives could be considered based on the Minnesota State
- 9 Statutes.
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 - 11 ○ Alt 1 – Adopt speed limits on local residential streets without doing any studies.
 - 12 ○ Alt 2 – Adopt speed limits on selected local city streets based on, at a minimum, a
 - 13 safety, engineering, and traffic analysis.
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15 Should the Council determine that they would be in favor of reducing speed limits on local street the

16 following steps are required:

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- 18 1. Approve a speed limit policy and resolution adopting the reduced speed limits on local
- 19 roadways.
- 20 2. Prepare an implementation signing plan.
- 21 3. Prepare a communication Plan informing the community on the speed limit changes.
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23 **Council Member Rog moved to adopt speed limits on local residential streets based on**

24 **Minnesota State Statutes. Council Member Schafer seconded the motion. Motion carried**

25 **unanimously by a roll call vote.**

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27 **City Planner, Jennifer Swanson (no action items)**

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29 **City Attorney, Dave Snyder (no action items)**

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31 **NEW BUSINESS**

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33 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2021-13, Adopting the 2040 City of Grant Comprehensive Plan**

34 **– Staff advised the Metropolitan Council has accepted and approved the updated City of Grant**

35 **Comprehensive Plan. The City Council must now official adopt the plan as outlined in Resolution**

36 **No. 2021-13.**

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38 **Council Member Rog moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-13, as presented. Council Member**

39 **Schafer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.**

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41 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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43 There was no unfinished business.

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45 **DISCUSSION ITEMS (no action taken)**

1 **Staff Updates (updates from Staff, no action taken)**

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3 **City Council Reports/Future Agenda Items**

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5 **COMMUNITY CALENDAR OCTOBER 6 THROUGH NOVEMBER 2, 2021:**

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7 **Mahtomedi Public Schools Board Meeting, Thursday, October 14th and 28th, Mahtomedi**
8 **District Education Center, 7:00 p.m.**

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10 **Stillwater Public Schools Board Meeting, Thursday, October 14th, Stillwater City Hall, 7:00**
11 **p.m.**

12 **Hwy 36 at Lake Elmo Avenue Project Introduction Thursday, October 14th, Washington**
13 **County Public Works North Shop, 6:00 p.m.**

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15 **Grant City Council Meeting, Monday, November 1, 7:00 p.m.**

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17 **Mahtomedi School District Special Election, Tuesday, November 2, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

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19 **Washington County Commissioners Meeting, Tuesdays, Government Center, 9:00 a.m.**

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21 **ADJOURNMENT**

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23 **Council Member Rog moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Council Member Carr**
24 **seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.**

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26 **These minutes were considered and approved at the regular Council Meeting November 1, 2021.**

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32 **Kim Points, Administrator/Clerk**

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32 **Jeff Huber, Mayor**