**CITY OF GRANT**
**WORKSHOP MINUTES**

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| **DATE** | **: September 1, 2026** |
| **TIME STARTED** | **: 5:05 p.m.** |
| **TIME ENDED** | **: 6:17 p.m.** |
| **MEMBERS PRESENT** | **: Councilmembers Cremona, Rog, Anderson, Cornett and Mayor Giefer** |
| **MEMBERS ABSENT** | **: None** |

Staff members present: City Engineer Veronica Kubicek, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer Lacey Smieja, Roads Supervisor Ken Johnson.

The workshop meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Mayor Giefer.

## ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

### PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION OF DRAFT 2027-2031 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

City engineer Veronica Kubicek presented the draft Capital Road Improvement Plan. The draft plan identifies the infrastructure improvements and maintenance investments over the next five (5) years needed to maintain public streets, safety, and ensure the continued delivery of municipal services.

City Roads Supervisor Ken Johnson was also present and weighed in on the plan.

Further review and refinement will be completed in the coming weeks which will include further review of street maintenance and reconstruction priorities with the Roads Supervisor as well as further budgetary and capacity review with Administrator Smieja.

### PRELIMINARY 2027 BUDGET/LEVY DISCUSSION

City Administrator Lacey Smieja presented options for the 2027 budget and levy. She indicated one of the options was to incorporate some budget increases based on past actual spending, general increases in cost of items and services and some funding for future capital projects (roads). The second option included increases for items previously discussed such as renting a new office space, hiring a second employee, and implementing a new plan for gravel road maintenance.

Administrator Smieja presented information Administrator Smieja said the hope is that a one-time large increase in the budget and levy would hopefully get the City started on long term improvements for City services, and that after this one-time large increase, more modest increases would be required in future years. She also pointed out that historically, the City of Grant has had one of the lowest City tax rates in the state, and the increase in the levy likely wouldn't change that a whole lot.

Administrator Smieja said she is still reviewing historical financial data and will likely have updates to bring to future Council meetings. She reminded the Council that they may lower the levy amount prior to certifying it to property taxes for 2027, but they cannot increase it after it is set. The Council agreed with the approach of a one-time larger than usual increase in the City budget and property tax levy.

Workshop discussion and meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

These minutes were considered and approved at the regular Council Meeting on October 6, 2026.

Lacey L. Smieja
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

Jeff Giefer
Mayor