

GRAND MEADOW COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 11, 2025 @ 6:00 PM
GRAND MEADOW CITY HALL

Present: Mayor Tim Fenton, Councilor Blayne Stejskal, Councilor Isaac Tangen, Councilor Caden Fruth, Councilor Thomas Oehlke, City Administrator James Christian, GMAAS Director Lori Brogan, GMFD Chief Joe Gehling, Irene Jones,

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Fenton called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CONSENT AGENDA: Christian noted that the applicant for the chicken permit at 408 2nd St NE had not submitted the required documentation of notification of neighbors, so that item could be removed from the agenda. Tangen motioned to approve the consent agenda with that change, Fruth 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

- A. Approve additions & corrections to the agenda
- B. Approve July regular meeting minutes
- C. Approve General Fund payments in the amount of \$69,975.88

3. OPEN FORUM: Mayor Fenton asked if there was anyone to speak in the open forum. There was none.

4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. Library – There was no meeting in the past month, nothing to report
- B. Ambulance – Report provided. Director Brogan discussed some upcoming equipment needs for the GMAAS and some financing options.
- C. Public Works – Report provided. Stejskal inquired about the street sealing on the south end of July; Christian responded that the contractor is backed up due to weather earlier in the year but that it would still take place this year. Stejskal asked about spraying the weeds on the streets. Christian replied that the guy who normally does it has picked up the chemicals but hasn't gotten to it yet. Fenton asked if the crews could mow closer to the creek at Pine Lawn; Christian responded that they get as close as they can with the mower but he would take a look at options.
- D. Police – Report provided. Christian presented the quote to outfit the new squad. After discussion about trade in, Tangen motioned to approve the installation and the equipment, Fruth 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. Fire – Report provided. Gehling discussed lift assist calls at the assisted living and the future purchase of turnout gear later in the year. Gehling also discussed some upcoming equipment maintenance. Gehling also discussed upcoming landing zone training with Mayo 1 late August or early September.
- F. City Clerk – No report.
- G. City Administrator – Report provided. Christian discussed the budget, and said he was waiting on some numbers from the County. Christian stated that he would have the numbers to Council by the next meeting. Discussion was held about a pickleball court at Veterans Memorial Park; Christian was writing a grant for that. Christian also discussed that he was looking into the state Solar on Public Building Programs, and would update Council on that in the future.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- A. None

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Liquor Licenses:

1. The Diner- Stejskal motioned to approve the on-sale liquor license for The Diner, Fruth 2nd Motion passed unanimously.
2. St Finbarr Catholic Church (Temporary – September 7, 2025)- Tangen motioned to approve the temporary liquor license (one day only) for St Finbarr’s Church, Fruth 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Permits:

1. 515 Elliot – Deck- Oehlke presented the permit application for a deck and stated that it met all setback requirements. Stejskal motioned to approve the permit, Oehlke 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

7. ADJOURN: Tangen motioned to adjourn, Fruth 2nd. Motion passed unanimously at 6:36 pm.