

GRAND MEADOW COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 13, 2025 @ 6:00 PM  
GRAND MEADOW CITY HALL

Present: Mayor Tim Fenton, Councilor Blayne Stejskal, Councilor Isaac Tangen, Councilor Caden Fruth, City Administrator James Christian, City Clerk Chris Hyrkas, Irene Jones, Linda Kreutzman, Sherry Thorson

Absent: Councilor Thomas Oehlke

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

2. PUBLIC HEARING: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING GRAND MEADOW CITY CODE XV LAND USAGE – REZONING PID 25.001.0630 (1XX 1<sup>ST</sup> AVE SE) FROM INDUSTRIAL TO C-1 CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT: Mayor Fenton suspended the regular meeting to open the public hearing. Christian explained that Steve and Elaine Iverson requested to have their shop located at the intersection of 1<sup>st</sup> St SE and 1<sup>st</sup> Ave SE rezoned from Industrial to C-1 Central Business District, as the new classification would have less restrictions on property uses. Fenton asked if there was anyone that would like to speak to the matter, and there was none. Tangen motioned to close the public hearing, Fruth 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously at 6:02 pm.

3. CONSENT AGENDA: Tangen motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, Fruth 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

- A. Approve additions & corrections to the agenda
- B. Approve September regular meeting minutes and September special meeting minutes
- C. Approve General Fund payments in the amount of \$138,312.74

4. OPEN FORUM: Sherry Thorson came forward with a number of concerns about Pine Lawn Park. She stated that she pulls weeds out there and piles them up and wants the crew to pick them up. Christian responded that he has asked her previously to not pile them up but throw them in the grass and they will get mulched up by the mower. Thorson also had complaints about pet feces, weeds along curbs,

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. Library – Report provided, no questions from Council.
- B. Ambulance – Report provided. Stejskal asked if the ambulance service was up to date with reimbursing the City for costs; Christian stated that they were behind but waiting for the Board to approve payment.
- C. Public Works – Report provided. Christian updated Council on upcoming road patching projects.
- D. Police – Report provided. Christian reported that the new squad was in service and as soon as the old squad was put back together it would go up for auction with the other surplus equipment.
- E. Fire – Report provided. Stejskal asked Fruth about the lift assist situation at the Assisted Living; Fruth replied that the issues they had been having slowed down for a time but the

frequency was increasing again, and they have not paid their bills yet. Christian stated that the unpaid charges would be assessed to the property taxes if they haven't paid by the end of the year.

- F. City Clerk: Hyrkas asked Council if they were still ok with her going on ambulance calls during working hours, and Council agreed that since the office is covered by Christian in her absence it was a good thing.
- G. City Administrator – Report provided. Christian presented the delinquent utility accounts and explained that he would send letters to those customers informing them that the unpaid charges remaining at the end of the year would be assessed to their property taxes. Christian also asked Council to schedule a budget workshop with Mike Bubany for 5 pm on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Tangen inquired about the interest rate on the City's 4M investment fund; Christian responded that the rate had recently dropped due to the Fed cut but was still around 4%. After discussion, Tangen motioned to move up to \$575,000 to the 4m Fund, Fruth 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously. Christian invited Council members to attend the dedication of the Jason B. Meyer Memorial Highway, the stretch of US 63 between Racine and Highway 16 on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Christian also updated Council on the cleanup progress of 317 Main St. N, noting the vehicles had been removed and that junk cleanup was scheduled for the next week.

## 6. OLD BUSINESS

- A. None

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution 2025-011: Resolution Accepting Grant Navigator Funding – LMC – Stejskal motioned to pass resolution 2025-11, Tangen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Resolution 2025-012: Resolution Approving The Change Of Zoning Classification – Tangen motioned to pass resolution 2025-12, Stejskal 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. Resolution 2025-013: Resolution Approving A Cooperative Agreement Between The State Of Minnesota And The City Of Grand Meadow – Public Shore Fishing Structures - Tangen motioned to pass resolution 2025-13, Fruth 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. Resolution 2025-014: Resolution Authorizing Application For A Polling Place Accessibility Grant - Stejskal motioned to pass resolution 2025-11, Tangen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. Payoff of Municipal Bond 2017A - \$137,087.21 – Christian asked for approval to pay off the 2017A Bond early to save on interest and get it off the books. Tangen motioned to approve payoff of the 2017A Bond, Stejskal 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. Permits
  1. 312 3<sup>rd</sup> St NE – Ground-mounted Solar - Tangen motioned to approve the permit for ground-mounted solar at 312 3<sup>rd</sup> St NE, Stejskal 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.
  2. 308 Grand Ave E – Fence - Christian explained that this was an after-the-fact approval, as the homeowner hadn't gotten a permit before construction, but that the fence did meet all requirements. Stejskal motioned to approve the permit, Tangen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.
  3. 135 Main St S – Shed – Stejskal motioned to approve the permit for a shed at 135 Main St S, Fruth 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.
  4. 523 Main St S – Porch – Tangen motioned to approve the construction of an enclosed porch at 523 Main St S, Fruth 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

5. 515 Glynn Ave NE – New Home Construction – Tangen motioned to approve the permit for construction of a new home 515 Glynn Ave NE, Fruth 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

8. ADJOURN: Fruth motioned to adjourn, Tangen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.