Grandview Plaza City Council

Met in Regular Session March 19, 2024 at 5:30 PM

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm, by Mayor Rick Geike. Present were council members, Marvin Edison, Tanya Thurn, Ron Woods, Art Potter and Harlan Lofthus. Also present were, Roger Unruh, Janet Young, Chief Peirano, Jeremy Bramwell, Luke Erichsen, WM Hutchinson, Honey Grant, Frank McGee, Mike and Carolyn Devlin, Renate White, Nate Butler, George Edmonson, Jay Copeland and Officer Nick Prather.

Harlan Lofthus made a motion to approve the February 20, 2024 minutes. Tanya Thurn seconded the motion. Motion carried, vote unanimous.

Nate Butler advised the council that Freedom Fest 2024 would be held July 3rd thru July 7th. Mr. Butler requested a $1500.00 donation for this year. Tanya Thurn made the motion to donate $1500.00 to the Freedom Fest 2024. Harlan Lofthus seconded the motion. Art Potter voted no and 4 yes votes. Motion carried.

Mike Devlin provided the council with a concession proposal for a food truck at 126 E. Flinthills. Marvin Edison made a motion to table any action until the April meeting. Mr. Devlin advised that he would have all the State permits required by that date. Harlan Loftus seconded the motion. Motion carried, vote unanimous. Mr. Devlin was advised that he would be required to pay a $100.00 vendor fee to receive a permit from the city.

Jay Copeland went over the costs and explained the renewal of the city insurance plan. Art Potter made a motion to approve renewing the city insurance for $61,329.00. Ronald Woods seconded the motion. Motion carried, vote unanimous..

Luke Erichsen advised the council of the following:

1. Advised the council that he would be getting asphalt to start working on potholes as soon as it is available.
2. Advised the council that he was going to get quotes to finish East Grandview Dr. to Castle St. and for Riverview.
3. Advised that he was working on a 5-year plan for street repair.

Jeremy Bramwell advised the council of the following:

1. The fire dept. responded to 15 medical calls, and 1 severe weather event.
2. Advised the council that the fire department had been trained and certified on the rescue tools.
3. Advised the council fire truck 642 is missing 2 SVCA tanks and masks. Advised that he a had located 2 packs (has 2 tanks and 1 mask) for $1500.00 each. Art Potter made a motion to purchase the 2 packs for a total of $3000.00. Harlan Lofthus seconded the motion. Motion carried, vote unanimous.
4. Advised the council that the storm siren was not working at the park. Advised that KaComm stated that it needed a new battery charger and batteries, total cost of $2615.35. Art Potter made a motion to approve the purchase. Harlan Lofthus seconded the motion. Motion carried, vote unanimous.

Chief Peirano advised the council of the following:

1. Advised that they responded to 522 calls for service in January.
2. Advised the council that the police needed faster internet to work with the new video system. Advised that Cox Business agreed to run fiber internet to the police department with a signed 3-year contract. Marvin Edison made a motion to sign the contract. Art Potter seconded the motion. Motion Carried, vote unanimous.

Janet Young advised the council of the following:

1. Advised the council that the Spring Clean Up was scheduled for April 6th.
2. Addressed 508 Janice. Harry May advised the council that he was working on getting it fixed up but needed guidance on what the city was requiring. After discussion. Art Potter made a motion to table adopting a resolution to start the demolition procedure, until the May council meeting. Ronald Woods seconded the motion. Tanya Thurn voted no, remaining 2 voted yes. Motion carried.
3. Advised council that the rate increase would not go on until next months bill. Advised that there were t 2 businesses that needed to be contacted about the increase in their bill.
4. Advised council that 305 Jay Street is an abandoned property and that the police department has been unable to make contact with the last known owner. Requested permission to have Matthew Imlay give the city a quote on cleaning up the property before it had a chance to grow up even more. Marvin Edison made a motion to approve that request. Ron Woods seconded the motion. Motion carried, vote unanimous.
5. Advised the council that 200 Tremont had a fire under the trailer and broken water lines. Advised the council that the current owner was advised to have the electrical and plumbing repaired immediately. As of this date, neither has been done. Advised the council that someone new had come in and advised they were buying it from the current owner. Advised the council that both subjects would be told that if the repairs had not been started by the next council meeting, that she would be requested a motion to start the demolition of that home.
6. Advised the council that she reached out to the Juneteenth contact and that they did not come and get an agenda request. Advised the council that a request had been sent in by the Sundown Salute project and that she would contact them and tell them they needed to appear in front of the council.
7. Requested to pay the volunteer firefighters quarterly instead of annually. Marvin Edison made a motion to approve the change in pay schedule. Harlan Lofthus seconded the motion. Motion carried, vote unanimous.
8. Advised the council that after the hail storm, the city has seen an influx of contractor signs and problems with these companies’ going door to door to try and sell their services. Advised the council that contact was made with 1 person who was going door to door and he was advised to cease that activity or the city would take criminal action. Advised the council that McGee Roofing had requested to go door to door and was told that they could not do that, and they could put their signs on a person’s property if given permission by that owner. The council advised that they did not want any person going door to door and wanted to make sure that these signs that are being posted are actual certified roofers.

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Harlan Loftus moved to approve the February expenditures, seconded Tanya Thurn. Motion carried, vote unanimous.

Harlan Lofthus moved to approve the February financial statement, seconded by Ron Woods. Motion carried, vote unanimous.

Art Potter made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Marvin Edison. Motion carried, vote unanimous.