Grandview Plaza City Council

Met in Regular Session August 19, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm, by Ronald Woods. Present were council members, Marvin Edison, Tanya Thurn, Art Potter and Harlan Lofthus. Also present were, Janet Young, Roger Unruh, Chief Peirano, Antonio Castillo, Luke Erichsen, Officer Nick Prather, Dan Hoffman, Silas Keim, Meggan Erichsen, Samantha Boyd, Roger Lanning, Ron Leonard, David Lacy, WM Hutchinson, William Bonjour, Ashley Bonjour, John Day, Cassie Prather, Stephani Newlon, and Joseph Thurn. Mayor Rick Geike was not present.

Tanya Thurn made a motion to approve the July 15, 2025 and August 6, 2025 minutes. Harlan Lofthus seconded the motion. Motion carried, vote unanimous.

Dan Hoffman presented the budget to the council. Open public hearing opened up at 5:30 pm, no one present had any questions. Open Public hearing closed at 5:31 pm.

Luke Erichsen advised the council of the following:

1. Advised the council that Comm-Tronix has the telemetry up and running.
2. Advised the council that a water pump at the pump house was overheating. Request a motion to approve the purchase of a new water pump for $5100.00 from Topeka Electric Motor. Art Potter made a motion to approve the purchase. Tanya Thurn seconded the motion. Motion carried, vote unanimous.
3. Advised the council that once he received new pump he will send in the old pump to see if it can be re-purposed. And will continue to rotate pumps out.

Antonio Castillo advised the council of the following:

1. The fire dept. responded to 15 medical calls, 13 fire calls, and 1 hazmat. Total of 29 calls.
2. Advised the council that the fire department was able to train with the Junction City Fire department and would continue to do so.
3. Advised the council that the National Emergency Reporting System was updating their reporting system and that the current software that the fire department utilizes will no long work. Provided a quote for Image Trend totally $9030.00 original cost to start up, and a $4300.00 annual renewal fee. Tanya Thurn made a motion to approve the quote as written; Harlan Lofthus seconded the motion. Motion carried, vote unanimous.

Chief Peirano advised the council of the following:

1. Advised that they responded to 417 calls for service in July. Advised that the officers have been working on blights.
2. Presented Officer Nick Prather with 5-year plaque.

Janet Young advised the council of the following:

1. Advised the council that Silas Keim had put in his 2-week notice. Requested a motion to 1. Move Tina Ortega to full time and give her a $2.00/hr raise. Art Potter made the motion to approve request. Harlan Lofthus seconded the motion. Motion carried, vote unanimous. 2. To open the hiring process to find a replacement for Silas. Motion made by Marvin Edison to start process. Seconded by Art Potter. Motion carried, vote unanimous.
2. Advised the council that Chief Peirano, Officer Boyd, Luke Erichsen and herself had all been out to Susanna Richies property at 837 Plaza. All the trees hanging over the residence are on her property.
3. Advised council that Roger Lanning, owner of 816 Robert had hired Mark Pearson to demo that residence and a 2nd residence he owns at 819 Janice. Council provided Mr. Lanning until the September 16, 2025 meeting to have progress on the demo process. Requested that the council make a motion that Mr. Lanning have both 816 Robert and 819 Janice mowed within a week or the city go in and cut it. Harlan Lofthus made the motion that Mr. Lanning has 1 week to have the properties mowed or the city go in and do it. Seconded by Marvin Edison. Motion carried, vote unanimous.
4. Ron Leonard appeared on behalf of 104 Tremont. Mr. Leonard advised the council that his brother was the actual owner of that property and that he needed time to fix it up. Possibly to rent out. Harlan Lofthus made a motion to move this to the October 21, 2025 meeting. Seconded by Marvin Edison. Motion carried, vote unanimous.
5. Ashley Bonjour and William Bonjour appeared on behalf of 506 Janice. Advised that the remaining debris would be gone when they leveled out property and placed concrete pad. Council approved no further action.
6. Hank Macklin appeared on behalf of 149 Byrd. Council provided with photographs taken on day of inspection by Janet Young and Jeremy Bramwell. After discussion about the state of the residence, Tanya Thurn made motion to open the bid for demolition provided by Colin Glessner. Marvin Edison seconded the motion. Motion carried, vote unanimous. Bid was opened. Mr. Glessner bid was to clear lot and demo trailer for $3500.00. Tanya Thurn made the motion to approve the bid as written. Marvin Edison seconded the motion. Motion carried, vote unanimous. Mr. Macklin advised he would be hiring an attorney.
7. Advised the council that the owners of 513 Janice had advised them that they were going to get home repaired and sold, however nothing has been done and it is now back in complete disarray. Advised council that they had already deemed the structure unsafe or dangerous or abandoned with Resolution 24-02. Requested a motion to send the owners a certified letter advising them to be at September council meeting to address the condemnation of the property. Art Potter made the motion to send them a certified letter. Harlan Lofthus seconded the motion. Motion carried, vote unanimous.

Marvin Edison moved to approve the July expenditures, seconded by Tanya Thurn. Motion carried, vote unanimous.

Tanya Thurn moved to approve the July financial statement, seconded by Harlan Lofthus. Motion carried, vote unanimous.

Silas Keim addressed the council concerning what he believed to be a blight nuisance with the property behind Susan Richie’s residence.

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