

CITY OF GRANT  
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**DATE** : May 6, 2008  
**TIME STARTED** : 7:00 p.m.  
**TIME ENDED** : 9:00 p.m.  
**MEMBERS PRESENT** : Councilmember Fogelson, Hinseth, Linner, Levitz,  
and Mayor Carr  
**MEMBERS ABSENT** : None

Staff members present: Acting City Attorney, Justin Bonestroo; City Engineer, Diane Hankee; City Treasurer, Bob Mikkelsen; and City Clerk, Kim Points

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Carr called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**SETTING THE AGENDA**

Item 10 B, Road Commissioner Report, was removed from the regular agenda and will be included under City Council Reports.

**Council Member Fogelson moved to approve the agenda as amended. Council Member Levitz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Bill List, \$54,876.72	Approved
April 8, 2008 City Council Meeting Minutes	Approved

**Council Member Levitz moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Council Member Hinseth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Joyce Welander, 83<sup>rd</sup> Street, came forward and stated the City Clean Up Day was a success even though it was postponed due to weather. She stated they collected a lot of trash and 25 people were present.

**BRUGGEMAN HOMES CONCEPT PLAN, JOHN SHARDLOW**

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2 Mr. John Shardlow, representative for Bruggeman Homes, came forward and stated he sent  
3 information to each Council Member regarding the concept plan. He advised there are utilities  
4 immediately adjacent to the property. He stated the project would be beneficial to the community.

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6 **STAFF REPORTS**

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8 **April 2008, City of Grant Police Report, Deputy Breana Fry** - The April 2008 Police Report was  
9 provided to be placed on file for review at City Hall. She noted there were 150 calls for service in  
10 April. She indicated that at this time, there has been no discussion regarding an additional turn lane  
11 at Jamaca and 75<sup>th</sup> and on Manning Avenue.

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14 **City Engineer, Diane Hankee** – City Engineer Hankee indicated her report for April 2008 was  
15 provided to be placed on file for review.

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17 **MPCA MS4 Permit, Public Information Meeting** – City Engineer Hankee advised the reason for  
18 the public meeting is to educate citizens and take questions on the City's storm water management  
19 plan.

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21 Mr. Craig Leiser came forward and stated he has seen and reviewed all the information. Each  
22 watershed district has the same concern. Drainage has to be managed and the City is doing that. The  
23 public information meeting is a formality but the requirement is that the City follows the watershed  
24 district rules regarding drainage. He commented on each watershed district noting the requirements  
25 for each are very similar and consistent.

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27 City Engineer Hankee advised the rules for each watershed district have been reviewed and  
28 comments to each have been sent on behalf of the City.

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30 City Engineer Hankee presented the information regarding NPDES Phase II 554 Permit noting the  
31 control measures, the annual report requirements and the current status of the City's MS4 Permit.

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33 **FEMA Notification Process** – City Engineer Hankee advised the City has been working on this for  
34 quite some time. She provided a summary and the background of the FEMA floodplain map  
35 revisions. She stated we are currently in the appeal process for proposed changes. The City can  
36 remove some smaller areas but it will take a lot of work to remove other areas. She stated she will  
37 work with the City if they want to appeal the proposed revisions.

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39 Mr. Leiser stated he did talk to the County and the DNR regarding this issue. The County did  
40 indicate they can provide aerial maps to residents that may be accepted by insurance carriers.

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42 City Engineer Hankee stated that some areas cannot be appealed. The issue really comes down to the  
43 lenders and how they use the new maps. The 90-day appeal process is in effect and now is the time  
44 to try and get some areas removed from the proposed changes. There will be another appeal process  
45 that will include a letter of map amendment (LOMA) submittals. She recommended they send out

1 letters to residents noting a draft of the letter was included in the Council packets. The information  
2 and maps will also be put on the City's website.

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4 The City Council directed staff to send out the informational letter to residents and also put all  
5 available information on the City's website. The Council also directed staff to delineate the areas that  
6 are currently eligible.

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8 Mr. Leiser advised the house itself must be in the floodplain area to meet the requirements for flood  
9 insurance. Property owners will have to provide that information to their insurance carriers.

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11 Council Member Fogelson noted that residents can also get a certificate of elevation to prove their  
12 house is not in the flood plain for insurance companies.

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14 **Jasmine Trail North Petition** – City Engineer Hankee recommended the City accept the petition for  
15 Jasmine Trail North and then order a feasibility study.

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17 **Council Member Hinseth moved to accept the petition for paving on Jasmine Trail North and**  
18 **order the feasibility study. Council Member Fogelson seconded the motion. Motion carried**  
19 **unanimously.**

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21 **Jeffery/83<sup>rd</sup>/Jody/Rolling Oaks Petition** – City Engineer Hankee advised the numbers are low on  
22 the petition so she could obtain proposals for a feasibility study and look at different options within  
23 the project. She recommended that she also work with the Road Commissioner on preliminary  
24 numbers relating to the assessments for the project.

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26 **Council Member Hinseth moved to accept the petition for Jeffery/83<sup>rd</sup>/Jody/Rolling Oaks and**  
27 **have the City Engineer do a detailed cost estimate for the neighborhood and make that**  
28 **available to residents. Council Member Linner seconded the motion. Motion carried**  
29 **unanimously.**

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31 **2008 Bituminous Patching RFQ** – City Engineer Hankee reviewed Miller's proposal and  
32 recommended the Council accept it. She noted the details of the proposal and mobilization fee.

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34 **Council Member Hinseth moved to accept the bid from Miller's, as presented. Council**  
35 **Member Fogelson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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37 **City Planner, Sherri Buss** – A report was provided in the Council packet for April 2008 City  
38 planning activities, to be placed on file for review.

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40 Council Member Hinseth referred to the report and clarified the date relating to the Stohkrich issue  
41 noting this has taken a lot of the Planner's time. He also commented on the escrow balances for Park  
42 Nursery and the Flug amended CUP application.

1 **Council Member Hinseth moved to require the Flug and Park Nursery escrows be increased by**  
2 **\$1,000 before any additional work is done by staff. Council Member Linner seconded the**  
3 **motion. Motion carried unanimously.**  
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5 Council Member Linner noted the Comp Plan committee completed the work on the Comp Plan and  
6 that the City would be scheduling a public meeting for the Comprehensive Plan in the near future.  
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8 **City Attorney, Nick Vivian** – City Attorney Vivian provided a report for April 2008 to be placed on  
9 file for review.  
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11 **Escrow Update** – Acting City Attorney Bonestroo advised seven of the nine delinquent escrow  
12 matters have been resolved. Two are still remaining and being worked on.  
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14 **Park Nursery Update** – Acting City Attorney Bonestroo stated City Attorney Vivian is meeting  
15 with the applicant and a formal recommendation regarding this issue would be made at the June  
16 Council meeting.  
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18 Council Member Hinseth referred to the Oakleigh Dock Association issue and noted it has been an  
19 ongoing agenda item since last October. He suggested the Council direct the City Clerk to advertise  
20 the property for lease and required the dock be moved by June 3, 2008 unless an agreement is in  
21 place.  
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23 Mayor Carr stated he would like to let staff do their jobs and suggested the dock not even be put out  
24 until an agreement is in place.  
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26 Council Member Linner agreed that the dock shall not be installed until an agreement is in place. She  
27 further stated she believes the issue with the structure on the city owned property to the north should  
28 be resolved even in the owner continues to be out of town.  
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30 Acting City Attorney Bonestroo advised a clear recommendation from staff would be made in June  
31 and the issue should be resolved by then.  
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33 Council Member Fogelson stated the City Attorney was in negotiations with the northern property  
34 owner before the property owner left town. The homeowner is scheduled to be back mid May. The  
35 City Attorney is working with him and the Oakleigh Dock Association to resolve the issues. He  
36 noted the City of Mahtomedi wants the City to resolve all issues before they look into the reported  
37 Neptune street drainage issues.  
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39 Council Member Hinseth suggested the City obtain RFQ's to take down the deck and restore the  
40 shoreline.  
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42 **Mayor Carr moved to prohibit the dock to be installed until a lease is in place and if so the dock**  
43 **will be red tagged or removed and a letter will also be written to Oakleigh Dock Association**  
44 **and the north property owner stating they cannot use the property until an agreement is in**  
45 **place. Council Member Linner seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council Member**  
46 **Hinseth voting nay and Council Member Fogelson abstaining.**

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2 **Building Inspector, Jack Kramer** – A report was from Building Inspector Kramer was provided for  
3 April 2008 to be placed on file for review.

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5 **Demolition Permit, Kim Linner** – Council Member Linner referred to the Building Inspector's  
6 report and the recommendation to establish a demolition permit at a flat fee of \$200.00.

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8 **Council Member Linner moved to allow the Building Inspector to use the current building**  
9 **permit application for a demolition permit, at a \$200 fee, subject to a brief review by the**  
10 **Building Official to determine if an ordinance needs to be drafted or it is covered by the State**  
11 **Building Code. Council Member Hinseth seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council**  
12 **Member Fogelson voting nay.**

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14 **Garbage, Trash - - City Requirements, Kim Linner** – Council Member Linner stated the Building  
15 Inspector would like direction from the Council regarding garbage and trash. The Building Inspector  
16 currently is trying to let property owners know about the restrictions and their responsibilities. She  
17 stated she provided the ordinances to Council that pertain to this issue and asked if the Council feels  
18 the City needs additional ordinances to cover this issue.

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20 Council Member Hinseth read the current Ordinance regarding this issue and stated the Building  
21 Inspector can enforce that part of the Ordinance.

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23 Council Member Linner stated she will give those Ordinances to the Building Inspector with  
24 direction from Council to enforce the current ordinances.

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26 **OLD BUSINESS**

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28 **Ordinance Codification Update, Kim Linner** – Council Member Linner updated the Council  
29 regarding the Ordinance Codification project noting that she, Council Member Fogelson and Kevin  
30 Fernandez did meet and go through the legal manuscript. She gave an example of the types of issues  
31 they are reviewing within the document.

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33 Council Member Fogelson stated he believes they can go forward with the issues consulting with the  
34 City Attorney and then schedule a meeting with Municode.

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36 **Hugo Joint Powers Agreement, Brad Hinseth** – Council Member Hinseth referred to a draft of the  
37 Hugo Joint Powers Agreement that was distributed to the Council. He stated he has talked to the  
38 Public Works Director for the City of Hugo. They are proposing the City of Grant pay one-third of  
39 the costs for the paving project on Goodview. He stated he has made it very clear to them all along  
40 that the City is not interested in paving that portion of the road and the City would consider allowing it  
41 to be paved but not paying for it or having Grant residents assessed for it.

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43 Council Member Fogelson stated another issue is the traffic and speed on the road would increase if it  
44 were paved reducing safety on that roadway.

1 The Council agreed that the City of Hugo has to get support from Grant residents that live along  
2 Goodview Avenue to pave the road.

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4 Council Member Hinseth noted the City is currently operating under a verbal agreement with the City  
5 of Hugo up to Article 5 within the proposed Joint Powers Agreement.

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7 **NEW BUSINESS**

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9 **2008 Town Hall Maintenance Project** – Council Member Linner referred to a proposal for the 2008  
10 Town Hall Maintenance project included in the Council packets. She requested approval to obtain  
11 quotes for site work at Town Hall this year.

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13 The Council determined the quotes would include optional pricing for the flag pole, bench and  
14 planter.

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16 Ms. Joyce Welander came forward and commented on the proposed project, drainage and the cost  
17 noting the City does not need a flag pole or benches.

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19 **Council Member Linner moved to continue with the 2008 Maintenance Project for drainage  
20 and obtain quotes for the project. Council Member Fogelson seconded the motion. Motion  
21 carried unanimously.**

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23 **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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25 **City Council Reports:**

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27 Road Commissioner Hinseth stated brushing is currently being done in various neighborhoods.  
28 There was an incident in which residents tried to keep the brusher from doing his job. He asked that  
29 residents brush their road frontage four feet back if you do not want the City's brusher to do it.

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31 Road Commissioner Hinseth advised dust control was scheduled for the week of May 14 but he is  
32 going to ask the vendor to postpone it a week due to the weather.

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34 Road Commissioner Hinseth advised the City is still not on a regular grading schedule due to the  
35 weather. He asked residents be patient noting grading will be done as soon as possible. Pot hole  
36 repair is currently being done in the Indian Hills area then will be done up and down Keats Avenue.

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38 Council Member Hinseth stated there is currently a rumor that the Council has a list of 50-some horse  
39 owners that the City Council is targeting. He stated in no uncertain terms that is untrue. He noted  
40 three of the five Council Members are horse owners and horses are good for the City of Grant.  
41 Council Member Fogelson stated there was a picnic planning meeting. The picnic is scheduled for  
42 June 28. There will be food, games, exhibits, music and a tractor and car show. The picnic is  
43 scheduled for a four hour time period. He stated there has been a lot of support from local businesses  
44 and asked that citizens contact him about cars and tractors to display.

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1 Council Member Linner stated the spring City newsletter was mailed out. If anyone did not receive  
2 one please contact the City Clerk.

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4 Council Member Linner advised there is a Grant Trail Rangers meeting next Tuesday. She was  
5 invited to speak at the meeting and noted other Council Members are invited to attend. The meeting  
6 is considered posted for more than two Council Members to attend as it is being announced at a  
7 regular scheduled Council meeting.

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9 Mayor Carr stated he and Council Member Fogelson met with other community Mayors regarding  
10 cooperation of recreational facilities in the area. He also advised he is meeting with the County about  
11 the Axdahl access issue on May 13.

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13 Council Member Hinseth advised the Hwy 17 and 36 design meeting has been postponed until next  
14 month.

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16 **COMMUNITY CALENDAR MAY 6 THROUGH MAY 31, 2008:**

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18 **Jasmine Avenue Paving Project, Special Meeting, Tuesday, May 13, 2008, Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.**

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20 **Planning Commission Meeting, Monday, May 19, 2008, Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.**

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22 **Memorial Day, City Office Closed, Monday, May 26, 2008**

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24 **ADJOURN**

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26 **There being no further business, Council Member Linner moved to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.**  
27 **Council Member Levitz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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30 These minutes were considered and approved at the regular Council Meeting, June 3, 2008.

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36 Kim Points, City Clerk

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Tom Carr, Mayor