

June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 General Meeting was called to order at 5:40 pm by Mayor Darren Maday with council members Sheila Denton, Ken Felion, Adam Steuer, Kevin Schleining and clerk, Kathy Leet. Also in attendance was Larry Cain.

Motion by Ken, second by Adam to approve the minutes from the May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 General Meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Sheila, second by Adam to approve paying the May bills. Including previously approved 1<sup>st</sup> responder bill for refresher for \$525.00 to Safety and Security Consultation Specialists. Motion carried.

Firemen's Hog Roast and Reunion was cancelled due to the pandemic and restrictions associated with the Covid-19.

Motion by Ken, second by Kevin to approve the building permit for Doug Scheff for a garage. Motion carried.

Motion by Adam, second by Sheila to approve the building permit for Mike Hinz to move in a Pro Shed. Motion carried.

Motion by Ken, second by Adam to bill Martin Co. Hwy half of the Beemer bill in the amount of \$4,134.00 and forget about the deductible. Motion carried.

After council read through the Ordinance #36 draft Ken approved it with a second by Sheila. It will get posted for 10 days and become final at next meeting. Motion carried.

Clerk will contact Derrick about getting input on updating nuisance ordinance to a misdemeanor charge and about using a conditional use along with building permits.

Motion by Ken, second by Sheila to saw out concrete in plow shed and put crushed concrete in spot for now. Motion carried.

Motion by Kevin, second by Ken to have Midwest Garage Doors install new opener in fire hall with remotes for \$1,200.00. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

### June Bills

Darren Maday	124.68	Mayor
Kevin Schleining	78.50	Council/clerk
Adam Steuer	78.50	Council
Ken Felion	78.50	Council
Sheila Denton	78.49	Council
Dale Strauser	127.45	Mowing
Joseph Nygaard	692.65	W & WW Operator
Kathy Leet	1,046.29	Clerk
EFTPS	462.32	Payroll Expense
MN Revenue	28.00	Payroll Expense
PERA	296.63	Payroll Expense
General Fund	523.90	Payroll Expense
Federated Rural Electric	856.00	Electricity (estimate)
Intuit	14.96	Payroll expense
BevComm	126.52	Telephone
Waste Management	464.64	Recycling
Beemer	4,933.00	Pond
Beemer	3,073.00	Lift station impeller
Beemer	180.00	Pull pump to get info
Beemer	225.00	Pull pump in lift station
DeWar Electric	2,544.43	Install outside lights
Midwest Garage Doors	1,200.00	New garage opener
Krahmer Shaffer& Edmundson	547.50	Legal
Gopher One Call	2.70	Locates
Photo Press	40.46	Lot for sale ad
CFS	42.02	Spray
First Independent Bank	4,350.00	Water Tower payment
Hawkins	1,315.67	Chemical
Granada C Store	26.91	Fuel

### AGENDA

Abigail  
Derrick Greiner

Building permit for Karl Vlieger shed, Holly Snyder for a deck and garage.

Building permit for Maday Farms for approximately 100,000 bu bin.

Letter from Traci Schultz.

Fire Department needs 5 new batteries for equipment can the purchase them? Water truck needs possible alternator Eric is going to work on truck.

Ordinance #36

Federal Signal needs payment for the parts for siren in the amount of \$14,210.00. Motion needed.

Gary Shumski

Schleining's variance permit

Taplin's shop

June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Special Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Mayor Darren Maday with council members Sheila Denton, Ken Felion, Kevin Schleininger and clerk, Kathy Leet. Adam Steuer was absent.

Motion was made by Ken, second by Sheila to approve a donation of \$200.00 to the GHEC Post Prom committee. Motion carried.

Motion by Sheila, second by Ken to adopt a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan to develop guidance for unique risks and hazards of COVID-19. Motion carried.

Meet adjourned at 7:22 pm.

July 2020 Utility Fund Statement May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 Balance \$ 31,407.15

	Income	
Water Sales	\$ 1,227.81	
Unapplied	116.35	
Waste water sales	851.59	
Recycling	187.00	
Capital Replacement	175.00	
Tax	1.72	
Late fee	20.00	
County Warrant	491.00	Score
County Warrant	4,134.00	½ of fire Hydrant from County

May 2020 Bills Paid

Federated Rural Electric	324.00	Electricity
Kathy Leet	473.25	Clerk
Joseph Nygaard	692.65	Water/WW Operator
Minnesota Revenue	28.00	Payroll Expenses
General Fund	505.20	Payroll Expenses
Waste Management	464.64	Recycling
Utility Consultants	417.00	Testing
Gopher State One Call	6.75	Locates
MN Rural Water	320.00	Membership
MN Dept. of Health	369.00	Water Connections

Total Deposits	\$ 7,204.47
Total Expenses	\$ 3,600.49
June 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2020 Balance	\$ 35,011.13



## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### Savings

411205 General	321.90
781580 EC Dev	52,010.18
781599 CP	24,331.26
781601 Utility	30,034.51
846962 Emergency	4,788.57

### Economic Development

#40657	6,800.50
#40767	8,920.15
#28339	7,971.86
#802916	7,738.94

### C. D.'s

#### Well

#37985	5,186.67
#804405	6,020.30
#25843	5,441.09
#29337	7,961.46
#40660	32,774.99
#40531	14,020.01

#### General

#40529	48,430.26
#27832	16,858.38
#40768	18,061.54

#### Ambulance

#34880	3,654.75
#39924	2,300.33

### Fire Truck

#40591	7,561.93
#39923	2,300.33

### Capital Projects

#803964	17,455.49
#40658	12,593.55
#39921	11,519.33

### Street Equipment

#802919	15,477.92
#40592	15,872.05

### Street Improvements

#30422	20,889.98
#40659	12,593.55

### Waste water

#30420	41,780.08
#40656	25,187.14
#40532	14,020.01

June 26, 2020

Granada City Council,

I hope you will read through this entire letter and take into consideration my perspective on the issues that have occurred.

I have been listening to the City Council Minutes.

- There are a few things I would like to address.

First, regarding our corner lot. Questions were asked and comments were made; *"Were people really cutting the corner? I can't believe it was that big of an issue."*

- The answer to this is yes. Year after year we would end up with a rut on that corner. I recall having to fix this yearly by filling it in with dirt and planting grass seed. As was mentioned during a City Hall meeting, the corner is plenty wide for vehicles to travel on. We do not understand why it is an issue for people to keep their vehicles on the blacktop.
- Something specific that I would like to note. Bruce Hiatt driving his semi on 2nd Street has NEVER been an issue. For members of the City Council to speculate on things like this is completely unprofessional. Comments like this can lead to false rumors and issues between members of our town. This isn't fair to anyone involved.
- To our knowledge, over the past few years, the main cause of our corner being cut has come from people pulling large trailers carrying lawn equipment, racecars, etc. It's not always trailers. General vehicles tend to cut the corner as well.
- For the current year, we are aware that both a car and motorcycle have cut the corner.
- We take great pride in making our home and yard look nice. For some reason, this seems to be an issue with certain residents in our town.

The second thing I want to address is the conversations that I have heard while listening to the City Council meeting recordings.

- As you know, we have lived in this town for many years. Some of the comments made are disheartening.
- City Council members should act in the best interest of the town. In fairness, this should be done by putting aside any personal issues with residents of the town.
- It is unfair for City Council members to judge people and try to predict their motives without discussing the issue with the resident first.
- I have heard many things in these recordings that many would agree are unacceptable comments from a City Council member. These are only the comments made while the meetings have been recorded. I am afraid to even imagine the comments that were made during these meetings before Mr. Cain began recording them.

My third and topic that I would like to address is communication.

- To be frank, communication within our town is poor. We could use improvements in a lot of ways with communication whether it's due to specific issues, city-wide maintenance, or general city news.

- We received no prior warning or communication before receiving a letter in the mail from the city attorney.
- Since then, we have cooperated with the decisions made by the city for us to remove the boulders from the corner as well as the timbers lining the alley.
- To our knowledge, we have no way of knowing what the rules and ordinances are within the city. We don't understand which things need a permit and which do not.
  - From a City Council perspective, you may make the argument that any work done should be discussed with the City Council before progressing.
  - If this is the case, that is understandable. However, this should be communicated to the entire town. As I mentioned before, we have lived in this town for a long time which has included different Mayors and Council members. Specific rules may not always be as obvious to us residents as they are to Council members.
- Is there any place we can find a list of ordinances for this town so that we can avoid situations like this in the future?
  - Is there any public documentation that residents of the town can view?
- I stumbled across the website that included the City Council Minutes while searching for our city ordinances.
  - Specifically, I wanted to find the rules that pertain to burning within city limits. We often have to shut our windows due to our neighbors burning various materials.

Hopefully, this will help shed some light on things from our perspective.

For myself, this has been especially frustrating as none of you thought to reach out to me. This has felt like a targeted fight with Terry. We aren't looking to fight with our City Council. We have shown this by complying with your decision that we needed to move our boulders and remove the timbers from the alley.

We appreciate that our Mayor, Darren Maday was willing to help us move the boulders as we did not have the equipment to do so ourselves. In the end, the direct discussion that Darren and Terry had ended up allowing both sides to peacefully resolve the situation.

Unfortunately, a lot of time took place between the initial complaint during the City Council meetings and a resolution occurring.

If the simple gesture of reaching out to us personally at the beginning was taken, this could have been resolved early without all of the negative and hurtful comments that were made during your City Council meetings.

Traci Schultz