

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026**

The Regular Meeting of the Grand Haven City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Bob Monetza in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 519 Washington Ave.

Present: Council Members Mike Fritz, Sarah Kallio, Erin Lyon, Mayor Pro-tem Mike Dora, and Mayor Bob Monetza.

Absent: None.

Others Present: City Manager Ashley Latsch, City Clerk Maria Boersma, Assistant City Manager Dana Kollewehr, Public Works Director Michael England, and Waterfront & Events Manager Brian Jarosz.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPOINTMENTS

26-054 Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Council Member **Kallio**, to appoint Paige Howland to the Human Relations Commission with a term ending June 30, 2026.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDAS

Mayor Pro-tem **Dora** moved, seconded by Council Member **Fritz**, to approve the agendas as presented.

26-055 Mayor Pro-tem **Dora** moved, seconded by Council Member **Lyon**, to amend the agendas by moving Consent Agenda Item D to New Business Item D.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

26-056 Mayor Pro-tem **Dora** moved, seconded by Council Member **Fritz**, to approve the agendas as amended.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

FIRST CALL TO AUDIENCE

Chris Petras: Thanked City Council for their support of the First Annual Tri-Cities Purple Heart Commemoration Ceremony.

Jim Hagen, 400 Lake: Commented on the Mulligan's Hollow Ski Bowl Association Capital Project and requested it to be included in the Master Parks & Recreation Plan.

PRESENTATIONS

Steven TerMolen of the Human Relations Commission presented the Women's History Month Proclamation.

CONSENT AGENDA.

26-057 Approve the Special Work Session and the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2026.

26-058 Approve the bill's memo in the amount of \$1,511,463.89. **Attachment A**

26-059 Approve the terms of the MDOT AERO Sponsor Grant 2026-0298, in the amount of \$53,491.00, for crack sealing and pavement remarking of the taxiways and apron, with the exception of Runway 18/36, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

26-060 Approve a proclamation recognizing March as Women's History Month in the City of Grand Haven. **Attachment B**

Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Council Member **Kallio**, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

26-061 Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem **Dora**, to approve the First Annual Tri-Cities Purple Heart Commemoration Ceremony in Escanaba Park on National Purple Heart Day, August 7, 2026, contingent upon support from the Parks and Recreation Board.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

26-062 Council Member **Kallio** moved, seconded by Council Member **Fritz**, to approve an application for the DNR Waterways Grant Program for improvements to the Flahive Boat Launch in the amount of \$163,813.00 with a 1:1 local match.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

26-063 Mayor Pro-tem **Dora** moved, seconded by Council Member **Fritz**, to approve a resolution of intent to enter into a license agreement with the future property owners of 605 Leggatt Street for access to the driveway constructed within the adjacent City Right of Way.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

26-064 Council Member **Lyon**, moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem **Dora**, to approve the 2026-2027 City Council Strategic Priorities.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

REPORT BY CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Fritz wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day, and City Clerk Maria Boersma a Happy Birthday.

Council Member Kallio shared that she attended the Michigan Municipal League's (MML) Capital Conference (CapCon) and that it was a valuable educational and networking experience.

Council Member Lyon shared that she attended CapCon and enjoyed the presentation given during the Women's Luncheon that focused on women in small businesses.

Mayor Pro-tem Dora shared that he attended the most recent MSDDA and Centertown meetings and that he enjoyed attending CapCon and speaking with our State Senator, Roger Victory.

Mayor Monetza shared that long-term community member and volunteer James Porenta passed away. James most recently served as the Chair of the Community Center Board. Mayor Monetza attended CapCon and found it to be a valuable educational and networking experience.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Latsch reminded everyone of the April City Council Schedule; Regular meetings will be held on April 13th and 27th, and the Budget Work Session will be held on April 15th.

CALL TO AUDIENCE SECOND OPPORTUNITY

Nate Farkas: Thanked City Council for their assistance with 605 Leggatt Street.

ADJOURNMENT

After hearing no further business, Mayor Monetza adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.



Robert Monetza, Mayor



Maria Boersma, City Clerk

Attachment A

To: Ashley Latsch, City Manager
From: Emily Greene, Finance Director *ELG*
CM Date:
RE: Bills From Payables Warrant

03.16.26

FUND NUMBER	FUND NAME	WARRANT 03.11.26	ACH WARRANT 03.11.26	CREDIT CARD WARRANT 03.10.26	TOTALS
101	General Fund	\$33,717.54	\$22,885.65	\$4,305.30	\$56,603.19
151	Cemetery Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
202	Major Street Fund	\$21,786.58	\$2.22	\$416.00	\$21,788.80
203	Local Street Fund	\$0.00	\$2.22	\$415.99	\$2.22
235	Public Safety Millage Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
242	Brfd LBRF TIF Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
243	Brownfield Redevelopment Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
244	Economic Development Corp Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
245	Downtown TIF Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
246	Brownfield TIF GL Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
248	Grand Haven Main Street DDA Fund	\$549.71	\$75.92	\$136.78	\$625.63
272	2008/17 UTGO Inf Bond Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
273	2014 LTGO Bond Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
274	2015 UTGO Bond Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
276	LightHouse Maintenance Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
278	Community Land Trust Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
352	Brownfield TIF Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
372	2008/17 UTGO Inf Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$789,341.00	\$0.00	\$789,341.00
373	2014 LTGO Bond Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
374	2015 UTGO Bond Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
375	Public Safety Bond Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
384	2020 LTGO Bond - Warber Drain Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
394	Downtown TIF Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
401	Public Improvements Fund	\$0.00	\$4,207.50	\$0.00	\$4,207.50
402	Fire Truck Replacement Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
410	Harbor Island Remediation Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
435	Public Safety Capital Project Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
456	2008/17 UTGO Inf Construction Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
457	2014 LTGO Construction Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
458	2015 UTGO Construction Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
508	North Ottawa Recreation Authority	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$794.80	\$0.00
509	Sewer Authority Operating	\$88.59	\$0.00	\$129.29	\$88.59
509	Sewer Authority SL Force Main	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
509	Sewer Authority Plant Mod	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
509	GH/SL SA-2013 Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
509	GH/SL SA-SLPS/Force Main Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
509	GH/SL SA-Local Lift Station Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
509	GH/SL SA-2018 Plant Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
510	NOWS Operating	\$28,807.40	\$566,083.81	\$0.00	\$594,891.21
510	NOWS Plant Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
510	NOWS Replacement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
581	Airport Fund	\$156.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$156.16
590	City Sewer Fund	\$132.04	\$7.17	-\$274.04	\$139.21
591	City Water Fund	\$11,577.36	\$266.32	\$484.56	\$11,843.68
594	Marina Fund	\$13,701.22	\$131.95	\$1,636.77	\$13,833.17
597	Boat Launch Fund	\$525.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$525.00
661	Motor Pool Fund	\$5,550.63	\$757.15	\$0.00	\$6,307.78
677	Self Insurance Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
678	OPEB/Retiree Benefits Fund	\$3,065.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,065.30
679	Health Benefits Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
701	Trust & Agency Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
703	Tax Collection Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
704	Payroll Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$119,657.53	\$1,383,760.91	\$8,045.45	\$1,511,463.89

\$1,511,463.89 Total Approved Bills
\$3,065.30 Minus eligible bills for release without prior approval: including Utility
\$1,508,398.59 Retirement, Insurance, Health Benefit, and Tax Collection Funds

Attachment B

CITY OF GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN PROCLAMATION WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, throughout history, women have made significant contributions to society in fields such as science, politics, education, business, conservation, and the arts; and

WHEREAS, *Women's History Month* is an opportunity to honor and celebrate the achievements of women past and present who have helped shape our community, state, and nation; and

WHEREAS, Grand Haven has been home to remarkable women whose leadership and pioneering spirit helped build and enrich our community, including:

- **Amanda White Ferry**, an early community leader whose life and work supported the city's founding and civic development; and
- **Mary A. White**, a pioneering educator recognized as the first teacher in Grand Haven, who helped establish its earliest schools and Sunday schools; and
- **Mary Rawlinson Creason**, a pioneering aviator and the first female pilot employed by the State of Michigan, founder of Ottawa Air Training and Transport, and a celebrated aviation educator; and
- **Erin Lyon and Sarah Kallio**, dedicated members of the Grand Haven City Council whose leadership, service, and advocacy shape policies and programs that benefit all residents of our community.
- And all **women of Grand Haven**—past and present—whose leadership, labor, advocacy, creativity, compassion, and perseverance have strengthened our families, institutions, neighborhoods, and civic life, often in ways both visible and unseen.

WHEREAS, women throughout Grand Haven's history have served and continue to serve in leadership roles across all sectors of community life — from education and public service to business, culture, conservation, and civic advocacy — helping ensure that diverse voices shape a more equitable and inclusive future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Haven proudly acknowledges the contributions of women who have influenced the growth, resilience, and prosperity of our community through their dedication, innovation, courage, and compassion; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the contributions of women throughout history inspires future generations to pursue equality, service, and excellence in all fields of endeavor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the *City of Grand Haven* does hereby proclaim the month of March as Women's History Month, in celebration of the strength, vision, and accomplishments of women in Grand Haven and beyond, and encourages all citizens to honor their invaluable contributions throughout history.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby affix my signature and the seal of the City of Grand Haven on this 16th day of March 2026.

Robert Monetza
Mayor, City of Grand Haven