

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 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 Kollwehr, Finance Director Emily Greene, Public Works Director Michael England, City Planner Brian Urquhart, and Human Resources Manager Tahlor Heft.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NEW APPOINTMENTS

26-175 Mayor Pro-tem **Dora** moved, seconded by Council Member **Lyon**, to appoint the following:

Carole Walker, Musical Fountain Committee, term ending June 30, 2030.
Bill Ellingboe, Planning Commission, term ending June 30, 2027.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDAS

26-176 Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Council Member **Kallio**, to approve the agendas as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

FIRST CALL TO AUDIENCE

Jeffrey Miller, 1120 S Harbor: Commented on the Board of Light and Power.

Jim Hagen, 400 Lake: Commented on E-bikes and trails.

PRESENTATION

City Manager Ashley Latsch presented an update on the progress of the current City Council goals. With the start of the new fiscal year on July 1, numerous projects have begun and are in various stages of completion. Outside of capital plan projects, the current fiscal year budget included funding for the forest management plan and extra payments to MERS for the closed pension program.

CONSENT AGENDA.

26-177 Approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of August 3, 2026.

26-178 Approve the bills memo in the amount of \$3,329,298.71. **Attachment A**

26-179 Approve Tahlor Heft as Officer Delegate and Jordyn Berends as Employee Delegate to the 2026 MERS Annual Conference.

26-180 Approve a grant application to the Michigan Department of Treasury Fire Equipment Grant Program in the amount of \$50,000.00 with no local match, for the purchase of new fire gear, SCBA masks and thermal imaging cameras.

26-181 Approve the proposal of \$55,350.00 from Fishbeck of Grand Rapids, Michigan for engineering services required to complete the regulatory-required five-year Water Reliability Study of the Northwest Ottawa Water Treatment Plant.

26-182 Approve the terms of MDOT AERO Sponsor Grant 2026-0673 in the amount of \$91,295.63 with no local match, for the replacement of two runway end identifier lighting systems, hangar painting, replacement gas nozzles, and static discharge reels.

26-183 Approve a resolution to distribute the updated Centertown Vision Plan.

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

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

26-184 Council Member **Kallio** moved, seconded by Council Member **Fritz**, to approve a proposal with Abonmarche in the budgeted amount of \$128,500.00 for engineering services to line approximately 4,680 feet of water main along Ferry Street from Robbins Road to Grant Avenue.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

26-185 Mayor Pro-tem **Dora** moved, seconded by Council Member **Lyon**, to approve a proposal with Abonmarche in the budgeted amount of \$50,500.00 for design and construction engineering services to improve the Oakes Avenue Lift Station.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

26-186 Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Council Member **Lyon**, to approve a new event request to allow the Grand Haven Lighthouse Conservancy to host a volunteer appreciation luncheon at Escanaba Park on September 19, 2026.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

26-187 Mayor Pro-tem **Dora** moved, seconded by Council Member **Fritz**, to approve the use of Central Park for event displays from September 30, 2026, to November 1, 2026, for the Grand Haven Main Street DDA's annual Bones About Town.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

26-188 Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Council Member **Kallio**, to approve a proposal with Abonmarche in the budgeted amount of \$21,500.00 for design and construction engineering for the 4 Edwards Retaining Wall Project.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

REPORT BY CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Lyon attended Walk the Beat and has enjoyed seeing the event grow.

Council Member Fritz attended Walk the Beat and shared that it was a great event, expressed a desire to create design standards for buildings downtown to create a uniform small-town atmosphere, and would like to see signage prohibiting E-bikes on the trails in Duncan Park and Mulligan's Hollow.

Council Member Kallio attended the Purple Hearts Ceremony and shared that it was a beautiful and touching event, attended the ribbon cutting at the Lighthouse and thanked everyone who helped make opening it up to the public possible, and would also like to see uniform design standards for buildings downtown and would like to see the Historic Conservation District Commission utilized.

Mayor Pro-tem Dora shared that there is a list of materials that are allowed to be used for buildings downtown and would like the Planning Commission to look at it if it needs updating. Mayor Pro-tem Dora attended the Purple Hearts ceremony and shared that it was a wonderful event, attended the ribbon cutting for the lighthouse, shared that the sidewalk sales were busy, and that Jeepfest was well attended.

Mayor Monetza attended the Purple Heart Ceremony and the ribbon cutting ceremony for the lighthouse. Mayor Monetza also cautioned about how prescriptive the city makes requirements for new and renovated buildings downtown. Cohesion is good, but not if it is too restrictive.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Latsch shared that the Annual Labor Day Bridge Walk will be taking place Monday, September 7, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. The event will begin at the 3rd Street Bridge.

CALL TO AUDIENCE SECOND OPPORTUNITY

Jeffrey Miller, 1120 S Harbor: Eulogy for former City Council Member and Board of Light and Power Member, John Nasser, was read.

CLOSED SESSION

Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Council Member **Kallio**, to enter Closed Session at 8:35 p.m. to consider a periodic personnel evaluation pursuant to Section 8(1)(a) of the Open Meetings Act at the written request of the employee.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

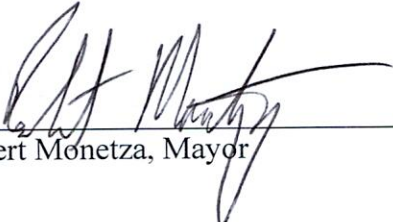
Council Member **Kallio** moved, seconded by Council Member **Lyon**, to exit Closed Session at 8:59 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

After hearing no further business, Mayor Monetza adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.


Robert Monetza, Mayor


Maria Boersma, City Clerk

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Attachement A

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

08.17.26

FUND NUMBER	FUND NAME	WARRANT 08.05.26	ACH WARRANT 08.05.226	WARRANT 08.12.26	ACH WARRANT 08.12.26	CREDIT CARD WARRANT 08.11.26	TOTALS
101	General Fund	\$82,573.99	\$0.00	\$76,731.74	\$112,581.67	\$11,887.58	\$283,774.98
151	Cemetery Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
202	Major Street Fund	\$8,793.97	\$0.00	\$940.19	\$21,793.20	\$0.00	\$31,527.36
203	Local Street Fund	\$3,350.77	\$0.00	\$92.19	\$4,554.91	\$0.00	\$7,997.87
235	Public Safety Millage Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
242	Brfd LBRF TIF Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
243	Brownfield Redevelopment Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
244	Economic Development Corp Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
245	Downtown TIF Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
246	Brownfield TIF GL Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
248	Grand Haven Main Street DDA Fund	\$2,908.78	\$0.00	\$19,524.00	\$1,801.61	\$610.69	\$24,645.08
272	2008/17 UTGO Inf Bond Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
273	2014 LTGO Bond Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
274	2015 UTGO Bond Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
276	LightHouse Maintenance Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
278	Community Land Trust Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
352	Brownfield TIF Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
372	2008/17 UTGO Inf Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
373	2014 LTGO Bond Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
374	2015 UTGO Bond Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
375	Public Safety Bond Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
384	2020 LTGO Bond - Warber Drain Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
394	Downtown TIF Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
401	Public Improvements Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21,093.75	\$0.00	\$34.94	\$21,128.69
402	Fire Truck Replacement Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
410	Harbor Island Remediation Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,100.00	\$602,703.16	\$162.14	\$604,965.30
435	Public Safety Capital Project Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
456	2008/17 UTGO Inf Construction Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
457	2014 LTGO Construction Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
458	2015 UTGO Construction Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
508	North Ottawa Recreation Authority	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$109.95	\$109.95
509	Sewer Authority Operating	\$11,857.65	\$0.00	\$125.25	\$3,291.10	\$2,478.06	\$17,752.06
509	Sewer Authority SL Force Main	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
509	Sewer Authority Plant Mod	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
509	GH/SL SA-2013 Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
509	GH/SL SA-SLPS/Force Main Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
509	GH/SL SA-Local Lift Station Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
509	GH/SL SA-2018 Plant Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
510	NOWS Operating	\$4,617.27	\$0.00	\$6,330.08	\$1,663.82	\$0.00	\$12,611.17
510	NOWS Plant Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
510	NOWS Replacement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
581	Airport Fund	\$56.09	\$0.00	\$3,017.17	\$16,425.76	\$0.00	\$19,499.02
590	City Sewer Fund	\$538.72	\$0.00	\$113.18	\$89,273.28	\$0.00	\$89,925.18
591	City Water Fund	\$813.51	\$0.00	\$322.41	\$135,702.37	\$0.00	\$136,838.29
594	Marina Fund	\$481.33	\$0.00	\$1,161.72	\$2,453.87	\$537.47	\$4,634.39
597	Boat Launch Fund	\$40.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.01
661	Motor Pool Fund	\$1,386.02	\$0.00	\$5,184.56	\$30,574.40	\$0.00	\$37,144.98
677	Self Insurance Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,544.00	\$0.00	\$5,544.00
678	OPEB/Retiree Benefits Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
679	Health Benefits Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$91.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$91.80
701	Trust & Agency Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
703	Tax Collection Fund	\$529,385.68	\$1,501,682.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,031,068.58
704	Payroll Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$646,803.79	\$1,501,682.90	\$136,828.04	\$1,028,163.15	\$15,820.83	\$3,329,298.71

\$3,329,298.71 Total Approved Bills
~~\$2,036,704.38~~ Minus eligible bills for release without prior approval: including Utility,
~~\$1,292,594.33~~ Retirement, Insurance, Health Benefit, and Tax Collection Funds