

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025**

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, Karen Lowe, Mayor Pro-tem Kevin McLaughlin, and Mayor Bob Monetza.

Absent:

Others Present: City Manager Ashley Latsch, City Clerk Maria Boersma, Assistant City Manager Dana Kollewehr, Finance Director Emily Greene, Project Management Director Derek Gajdos, City Planner Brian Urquhart, and Water Filtration Plant Supervisor Eric Law.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPOINTMENTS

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDAS

25-148 Council Member Fritz moved, seconded by Council Member **Lowe**, to approve the agendas as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

FIRST CALL TO AUDIENCE

Richard Clapp, 217 Grand Ave: Commented on the history of deer population research/calling in the city.

Chris Roberts, 1625 Gladys Cir: Commented on the health of Grand Haven Forests and deer management.

Jason Valier, Muskegon: Commented on the desire to conduct performances in the streets with an amplified speaker.

Chad Fisk, 709 Lake Ave: Commented on long-term deer management in the city.

Patricia Johnson, 220 Sherman: Commented on deer management and concerns for health and safety.

Citizen, 505 Park: Commented on deer management.

Jeffrey Miller, 1120 S Harbor: Commented on long-term deer management and the destruction of local forests.

Edward Snider, 1616 Gladys Cir: Commented on deer overpopulation dating back to 2008.

Sophia Galbavi and Kari Taylor: Commented on damaged biodiversity in the city and deer overpopulation.

Cindy Warlock, 512 S 7th: Commented on forest restoration in Ottawa County parks.

Jerry Warlock, 512 S 7th: Commented on the restoration needs of Duncan Woods.

Mike Poort, 400 Duncan Ct: Commented on deer overpopulation and the need for deer management.

Jenny Roberts, 1321 Lake: Commented on the opportunity for deer management and a healthy forest.

Nancy O'Neil, 216 S Second St: Commented on the need for deer management because of traffic/pedestrian safety and forest health.

Karen VanDooren 1602 Gladys: Shared a story regarding deer overpopulation.

Kent, 1328 Lake Ave: Commented on the loss of forest undergrowth over the years and deer overpopulation.

Larry Scott, 1814 Gladys Cir: Commented on the loss of vegetation in city parks.

Greg Hagen, 198 Grand Ave: Commented on the long-term issues with deer overpopulation.

Peter Wilson, 322 N Second St: Commented on the potential for short-term rentals in the Centertown Overlay district.

Roger Bergman, 214 Washington: Commented on the need for residents to stop feeding deer in city parks.

Jim Hagen, 400 Lake: Commented on the need for a deer management plan.

Mark, 1844 Doris Ave: Commented on deer overpopulation and dune erosion due to forest damage.

PRESENTATION

The Board of Light and Power General Manager presented an update from the Board of Light and Power (BLP). The BLP will be working on finding future sites, funding sources, and feasibility for a potential community solar garden. Projects scheduled for 2025/2026 were shared with the City Council. More information on programs offered by the BLP can be found on their website at ghblp.org

CONSENT AGENDA.

25-149 Approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of August 4, 2025.

25-150 Approve the bill's memo in the amount of \$2,739,258.34.

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25-151 Approve a resolution to appoint Tahlor Carlen as Officer Delegate, Michael England as Officer Alternate, and Andy Cannon as Employee Delegate to the 2025 MERS Annual Conference.

25-152 Approve a resolution to award the contract authorizing Task Order 22, Task 32, CCR Data Collection Work Plan, to HDR of Ann Arbor, Michigan in the not to exceed budgeted amount of \$263,570.00, contingent upon approval by the Board of Light and Power.

25-153 Approve a resolution to award the contract authorizing Task Order 23, Task 33, PFAS Data Collection Work Plan, to HDR of Ann Arbor, Michigan in the not to exceed budgeted amount of \$169,090.00.

25-154 Approve a resolution to approve Change Order #5 to TL Contracting for the Coal Removal project in the not to exceed budgeted amount of \$108,040.40 contingent upon approval by the Board of Light and Power.

Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem **McLaughlin**, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

25-155 Mayor Pro-tem **McLaughlin** moved, seconded by Council Member **Fritz**, to approve a final resolution to amend the zoning ordinance to permit short-term rentals by Special Land Use in the Centertown Overlay of the Neighborhood Mixed-Use District.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Monetza opened a Public Hearing to receive comments regarding a resolution to approve and adopt the Brownfield Plan for the 224 Washington project, located at 224 Washington Avenue, Grand Haven, MI 49417, for a period of 20 years.

Assistant City Manager Dana Kolleyher introduced the potential redevelopment project at 224 Washington (the old Grand Haven Jewelry property). The first floor of the property would be commercial, and the upper levels would be seven residential units. Some of the seven residential units would be attainable housing based on the requirements the State of Michigan has established for attaining a housing TIF and Brownfield plan. The term of the request is for a period of 20 years. The proposed project would not be possible without the approval of the requested economic incentives.

Jim Hagen, 400 Lake: Shared a desire for more information regarding parking for the project.

After hearing no further comments, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor Monetza opened a Public Hearing to receive comments regarding a resolution to establish an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District at 224 Washington Avenue, parcel #70-03-20-436-011, with a legal description of W 43 FT OF n 58 FT LOT 243 & W 43 FT LOT 244 ORIGINAL PLAT, and to establish a finding that it is an obsolete property in an area characterized by obsolete commercial property or commercial housing pursuant to Section 3(1)a of the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (PA146 of 2000).

The attorney for the developer shared that the assessor for the City determined that 224 Washington met the qualifications to be determined functionally obsolete.

After hearing no further comments, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

25-156 Council Member Fritz moved, seconded by Council Member Lowe, to approve a resolution to amend and update the Board of Light and Power's Purchasing Policy, pursuant to Section 14.4 of the Grand Haven City Charter.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Fritz, Lowe, Monetza.

Nays: McLaughlin.

This motion carried.

25-157 Mayor Pro-tem McLaughlin moved, seconded by Council Member Fritz, to approve a bid proposal of \$137,240.00 from Parkway Electric of Holland, Michigan, for the materials and

labor to replace three variable frequency drive units at the Northwest Ottawa Water Systems (NOWS) Lake Michigan Pump Station.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

REPORT BY CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Lowe shared that the City Council approved a Forest Management Plan, and the Council has appropriated money to combat various tree diseases. Deer management is a component of the plan that was passed, and the Council approved the purchase of a drone to research the deer population numbers. Council Member Lowe stated that she chose not to attend the Special Work Session where the deer census population results were presented because the presentation materials were not included in the City Council packet or sent to the City Council to review prior to the meeting.

Council Member Fritz thanked the organizers for Walk the Beat and Pedro's Pig Roast for hosting great events.

Mayor Pro-tem McLaughlin thanked the Walk the Beat Committee for their work to help control patrons in each individual participating establishment, and shared that the City should create a Social District along the Beechtree corridor.

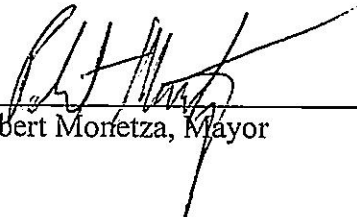
Mayor Monetza thanked the organizers for the Walk the Beat and their work to place the event on the East side of town.


CITY MANAGER REPORT

CALL TO AUDIENCE SECOND OPPORTUNITY

ADJOURNMENT

After hearing no further business, Mayor Monetza adjourned the meeting at 9:38 p.m.



Robert Monetza, Mayor

Maria Boersma, City Clerk

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Attachment A

To: Ashley Latsch, City Manager
From: Emily Greene, Finance Director *ELA*
CM Date:

08.18.25

RE: Bills From Payables Warrant

NEW FUND NUMBER	FUND NAME	WARRANT 08.06.25	ACH WARRANT 08.13.25	WARRANT 08.13.25	CREDIT CARD WARRANT 08.12.25	TOTALS
101	General Fund	\$44,205.38	\$51,032.46	\$89,326.19	\$16,648.47	\$111,886.31
151	Cemetery Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
202	Major Street Fund	\$835.90	\$49,770.37	\$1,136.11	\$0.00	\$50,606.27
203	Local Street Fund	\$298.01	\$2,314.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,612.64
225	Land Acquisition Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
242	Brfd LSRRF TIF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
243	Brownfield Redevelopment Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
244	Econ. Dev. Corp. Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
245	Downtown TIF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
246	GLTIF Spec Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
248	Main St Dist Dev	\$4,270.06	\$78.00	\$10,000.00	\$994.04	\$5,342.10
272	UTGO Inf Spec Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
273	LTGO Bond Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
274	2015 UTGO Bond Rev	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
276	LightHouse Maintenance Fund	\$401.76	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$401.76
278	Community Land Trust	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
310	Assessment Bond Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
351	Operating Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
352	Brownfield TIF Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
355	GLTIF Debt Serv Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
369	Building Auth Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
372	UTGO Inf Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
373	LTGO Debt	\$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
384	2020 LTGO Bond - Warber Drain	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
394	Downtown TIF Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
401	Public Improvements Fund	\$0.00	\$4,366.00	\$70,676.75	\$0.00	\$4,366.00
402	Fire Truck Replacement Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
403	Brownfield TIF Const	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
404	Downtown TIF Const.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
410	Harbor Island	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
455	GL TIF Construction Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
456	UTGO Inf Construction Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
457	LTGO Bond Construction Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
458	2015 UTGO Bond Inf Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
469	Building Auth. Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
508	North Ottawa Rec Authority	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$543.10	\$543.10
509	Sewer Authority Operations	\$74,243.38	\$20,075.80	\$295.14	\$153.68	\$94,472.86
509	Sewer Authority SL Force Mn	\$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
509	GH/SL SA-2013 Debt	\$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
509	GH/SL SA-Local Lift Station Debt	\$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
510	NOWS Operating	\$42,191.33	\$19,842.09	\$1,370.30	\$0.00	\$62,033.42
510	NOWS Plant Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
510	NOWS Replacement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
535	Housing Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
572	Chinook Pier Rental Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
581	Airpark Fund	\$1,221.47	\$9,008.03	\$189.71	\$0.00	\$10,229.50
590	City Sewer Fund	\$1,192.79	\$14,203.38	\$4,601.96	\$447.15	\$15,843.32
591	City Water Fund	\$2,987.57	\$25,404.87	\$12,303.74	\$254.95	\$28,647.39
594	City Marina Fund	\$4,619.53	\$1,753.07	\$1,726.48	\$422.64	\$6,795.24
597	City Boat Launch Fund	\$40.05	\$385.63	\$982.24	\$32.28	\$457.96
661	Motorpool Fund	\$1,814.48	\$25,355.31	\$5,316.97	\$738.96	\$27,909.75
677	Self Insurance Fund	\$0.00	\$96,100.75	\$1,777.00	\$0.00	\$96,100.75
678	OPEB/Retiree Benefits Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$43,985.66	\$0.00	\$0.00
679	Health Benefit Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$91.80	\$10.34	\$10.34
701	Trust & Agency Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
703	Tax Collection Fund	\$0.00	\$1,483,959.44	\$489,750.14	\$0.00	\$1,483,959.44
704	Payroll Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$178,321.71	\$1,803,650.83	\$737,040.19	\$20,245.61	\$2,739,258.34

\$2,739,258.34 Total Approved Bills

\$1,580,070.53 Minus eligible bills for release without prior approval: including Utility,

\$1,159,187.81 Retirement, Insurance, Health Benefit, and Tax Collection Funds