

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 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, and Marina & Events Manager Brian Jarosz,

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPOINTMENTS

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDAS

25-138 Council Member Lowe moved, seconded by Council Member Fritz, to approve the agendas as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

FIRST CALL TO AUDIENCE

Patricia Eppler, Esquire for the Grand Haven Elks Lodge: Commented on the new event being proposed in item 11C.

Jim Hagen, 400 Lake: Commented on the potential for Community Solar.

Chris Weavers, JW's: Commented on the potential inclusion of short-term rentals in the Centertown Overlay District.

John Steinbach, Steinbach Crossings: Thanked the City for their work regarding the potential changes to the Centertown Overlay District.

Peter Wilson, 322 N Second: Commented on the potential changes to the Centertown Overlay District and read a letter from Kevin Healey of the Kitchen Company.

PRESENTATION

Chris Petras introduced the history of Purple Heart Day. Mayor Monetza presented the Proclamation designating the City of Grand Haven as a Purple Heart Community.

CONSENT AGENDA.

25-139 Approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2025.

25-140 Approve the bill's memo in the amount of \$3,269,094.52.

Attachment A

25-141 Approve a proclamation recognizing August 7, 2025, as Purple Heart Day in the City of Grand Haven.

25-142 Approve an amendment to the Election Equipment Agreement between the City of Grand Haven and Ottawa County, which was originally approved in 2018.

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

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Monetza opened a Public Hearing to receive comments regarding a resolution to vacate a portion of the right-of-way between 233 Washington Ave. (parcel #70-03-20-432-017), an approved condition of the Planned Development, pursuant to Chapter 32, Article IV of the Code of Ordinances.

City Manager Ashley Latsch introduced the item and discussed the necessity to vacate the alley for the Residence Inn project to move forward.

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

25-143 Council Member **Lowe** moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem **McLaughlin**, to approve a resolution to vacate a portion of the right-of-way between 233 Washington Ave. (parcel #70-03-20-432-017), an approved condition of the Planned Development, pursuant to Chapter 32, Article IV of the Code of Ordinances.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

25-144 Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Council Member **Lowe**, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Ottawa County for use and maintenance of parking lot 24.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-tem **McLaughlin** moved, seconded by Council Member **Lowe**, to approve an introductory 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.

25-145 Council Member **Lowe** moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem **McLaughlin**, to amend Section 7, 3a of the amendment to read, "Usable floor area on the first floor of buildings fronting on 7th Street and Washington Avenue in the Centertown Overlay district must be 100 percent retail/commercial."

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

25-146 Mayor Pro-tem **McLaughlin** moved, seconded by Council Member **Lowe**, to approve an introductory 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 as amended.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

25-147 Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem **McLaughlin**, to approve a new event request from the Grand Haven Elks Lodge to host a Pulaski Days celebration on September 27th, 2025, utilizing the Southern half-block of 3rd Street in front of their building at 15 South 3rd Street, Grand Haven, Michigan 49417.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

REPORT BY CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Fritz thanked everyone involved for a fantastic Coast Guard Festival.

Mayor Pro-tem McLaughlin shared that the Coast Guard Festival was a great week, and he had a lot of fun participating in his last parade as a Council Member.

Council Member Lowe thanked the Coast Guard Festival Board, Tracy Riley, Department of Public Safety, and the Department of Public Works for their efforts to bring the Coast Guard Festival together.

Mayor Monetza thanked City staff and the Coast Guard Festival for their work to put on the festival, and shared that he was honored to speak at the Memorial Service.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Latsch thanked the Public Safety team, Public Works team, and the Seasonal Marina crew for their hard work during the Coast Guard Festival. The Tall Ships will be mooring along the Sea Wall starting August 7, 2025.

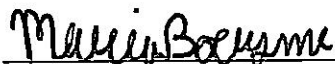
CALL TO AUDIENCE SECOND OPPORTUNITY

Jim Hagen, 400 Lake: Requested an update on what is happening with the Diesel Plant Project.

ADJOURNMENT

After hearing no further business, Mayor Monetza adjourned the meeting at 8:24 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
CM Date:
RE: Bills From Payables Warrant

07.21.25

NEW FUND NUMBER	FUND NAME	WARRANT 07.09.25	ACH WARRANT 07.16.25	WARRANT 07.16.25	CREDIT CARD WARRANT 07.15.25	TOTALS
101	General Fund	\$18,466.06	\$20,698.59	\$20,505.48	\$14,303.32	\$73,973.45
151	Cemetery Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
202	Major Street Fund	\$32,031.43	\$269.90	\$0.00	-\$131.58	\$32,169.75
203	Local Street Fund	\$19,744.34	\$269.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,014.24
225	Land Acquisition Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
242	Brld 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	\$2,175.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$923.80	\$3,099.26
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	LighHouse Maintenance Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
278	Community Land Trust	\$11,622.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,622.88
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	\$67,207.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$733.42	\$67,940.54
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	\$293.64	\$293.64
509	Sewer Authority Operations	\$22,705.18	\$3,829.71	\$0.00	\$1,142.05	\$27,676.94
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	\$5,414.89	\$8,627.99	\$70.50	\$0.00	\$15,113.38
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	\$190.78	\$83.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$274.55
590	City Sewer Fund	\$9,742.81	\$14,595.77	\$8.54	\$0.00	\$24,347.12
591	City Water Fund	\$1,463.57	\$210.78	\$119,238.63	\$312.25	\$121,225.23
594	City Marina Fund	\$855.21	\$1,174.31	\$94.00	\$495.73	\$2,619.25
597	City Boat Launch Fund	\$40.01	\$58.76	\$0.00	\$81.10	\$179.87
661	Motorpool Fund	\$1,598.74	\$22,407.49	\$60,243.00	\$1,503.43	\$85,752.66
677	Self Insurance Fund	\$2,700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,700.00
678	OPEB/Retiree Benefits Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
679	Health Benefit Fund	\$1,084.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,084.18
701	Trust & Agency Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
703	Tax Collection Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
704	Payroll Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$198,042.66	\$72,226.97	\$200,660.15	\$19,657.16	\$490,586.94

\$490,586.94 Total Approved Bills

\$3,784.18 Minus eligible bills for release without prior approval: including Utility,
\$486,802.76 Retirement, Insurance, Health Benefit, and Tax Collection Funds