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**DATE** : August 6, 2013  
**TIME STARTED** : 7:10 p.m.  
**TIME ENDED** : 8:47 p.m.  
**MEMBERS PRESENT** : Councilmember Bohnen, Tronrud, Huber, Lobin and Mayor Carr  
**MEMBERS ABSENT** : None

Staff members present: City Attorney, Nick Vivian; City Planner, Jennifer Haskamp; City Treasurer, Sharon Schwarze; and Administrator/Clerk, Kim Points

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Carr called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**SETTING THE AGENDA**

Item 10C, GRP Tractor Parade, was added under New Business.

**Council Member Bohnen moved to approve the agenda, as amended. Council Member Huber seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

July 2, 2013 City Council Meeting Minutes	Approved
Bill List, \$71,814.26	Approved
Miller Excavating, Gravel, \$16,896.70	Approved
M.J. Raleigh Trucking, Gravel, \$28,878.44	Approved
Washington County Sheriff's Department, 1 <sup>st</sup> Half Contract, \$55,070.62	Approved
Kline Bros. Excavating, Road Maintenance, \$14,755.00	Approved

**Council Member Bohnen moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Council Member Lobin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

**COUNCIL VACANCY**

**Resolution No. 2013-17, Appointment to City Council** – Mayor Carr provided the background on this issue noting Mr. Scott Fogelson resigned from the City Council. This has happened before in Grant and the City Council has to fill the vacancy. Appointment options include Mr. Dan Potter, Mr. Dennis Kaup and Mr. David Tronrud. The regular election will start in about a year and then voters will decide who is on the City Council.

Council Member Bohnen stated an application process should have been utilized for the appointment.

Council Member Huber stated this had been done before in Grant as a vacancy has occurred a number of times. Folks will have the right to re-elect. Elections should prevail and he would have preferred a special election to fill the seat.

**Council Member Bohnen moved to appoint Mr. Dan Potter to the City Council. Council Member Lobin seconded the motion.**

Mayor Carr agreed Mr. Potter would be good but he is unsure about voting for him as he provided a candidate.

Council Member Huber stated he respects Mr. Potter but is concerned as he decided not to run again. The Council as a whole was elected to use their judgment and put someone in that reflects the attitudes of the voters.

Council Member Bohnen stated he believes Mr. Potter is looking to serve the City of Grant again.

**Motion failed with Council Member Huber and Mayor Carr voting nay.**

**Council Member Lobin moved to appoint Mr. David Tronrud to the City Council. Mayor Carr seconded the motion.**

Mayor Carr stated he has known Mr. Tronrud for a while and there was some talk about that. Grant is a small community and there are currently residents and even friends of the City Council members that serve the City and get paid for that, which is fine as we are a small community and everyone works together.

**Motion carried with Council Member Bohnen voting nay and Council Member Huber abstaining.**

**Mayor Carr moved to adopt Resolution No. 2013-17, appointing David Tronrud to the City Council. Council Member Lobin seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council Member Bohnen voting nay and Council Member Huber abstaining.**

**Oath of Office** - City Attorney Vivian administered the Oath of Office to Mr. David Tronrud.

1 **PUBLIC INPUT**

2 There were no public input items.

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4 **CONCEPT PLAN REVIEW, PRIVATE ART STUDIO, 10390 118<sup>TH</sup> STREET, CAMI**  
5 **MENDLIK**

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7 Ms. Cami Mendlik came forward and provided the background noting she is looking to purchase a  
8 property in Grant and have art classes on site. It is a 14 acre property and it already has a studio on  
9 site.

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11 City Planner Haskamp referred to the information provided in the packet and advised she looked for  
12 similar uses. It appears a COC would be required as a CUP would be for a more intense use of the  
13 property.

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15 It was the consensus of the Council that Ms. Mendlik could move forward with a COC application  
16 and include the specific sign request in that application.

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18 **CONCEPT PLAN REVIEW, DEVELOPMENT PLAN, 6550 JASMINE AVENUE, STUART**  
19 **GRUBB**

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21 City Planner Haskamp provided the background information noting a pre-application meeting was  
22 held with Mr. Grubb at the City office. There were questions about the development plan relating to  
23 access, CUP requirements, number of lots, etc. She advised the plan included in the packets is  
24 different that the plan reviewed during the pre-application meeting and the plan now includes phases.

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26 City Planner Haskamp stated preliminary questions relating to the development plan include 1)  
27 density requirements 2) Cul-de-sac issues that would include the recommendation to pave 3) minor  
28 subdivision application would not apply as there are three lots proposed 3) CUP ordinance  
29 clarification regarding the requirement of a principal structure prior to the accessory buildings and 4)  
30 caretakers quarters are currently not allowed per City ordinance.

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32 Mayor Carr stated the City prefers straighter lot lines and he is also concerned about a cul-de-sac. He  
33 questioned whether or not the density had previously been used as well as easements and wetlands.

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35 Council Member Bohnen asked for confirmation regarding lot one and lot two. He stated the house  
36 being torn down would have to coincide with a barn being built. He stated the lots can be combined  
37 to determine how many horses are allowed. An acre is taken off for the homestead and then one  
38 horse per two grazeable acres is allowed.

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40 Council Member Huber stated it appears there is room for a house with the proper setbacks. He also  
41 asked for straighter lines and inquired about a timeline for the development.

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43 Mayor Carr added that access to a road can be shared but shared driveways are not allowed.

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45 **STAFF AGENDA ITEMS**

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**City Engineer, Phil Olson – No action items.**

**City Planner, Jennifer Haskamp**

**Resolution No. 2013-19, Rosell Minor Subdivision** – City Planner Haskamp provided the background on the minor subdivision and reviewed the staff report as well as recommendation for approval based on conditions.

Mayor Carr stated he believes there is a CUP on that property for a church.

City Attorney Vivian advised if there is a CUP and it is not being used it is abandoned.

City Planner Haskamp advised if there is a CUP it is associated with the entire lot. A subdivision would invalidate the CUP.

**Council Member Bohnen moved to adopt Resolution No. 2013-19, as presented. Council Member Huber seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

**City Attorney, Nick Vivian - No action items.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution No. 2013-18, City of Grant Investment Policy (Initial Review) City Treasurer, Sharon Schwarze** – City Treasurer Scwharze advised she is working with the City Investment Advisor on the investment policy. He requested this be delayed until next month.

Mayor Carr asked for information regarding the debt service fund relating to investments.

Council Member Huber asked for a recommendation regarding investing some of the City’s reserves.

City Treasurer Schwarze advised she will look into that and prepay penalties also. The investment policy will be on the September meeting agenda.

**Council Endorsement of Craig Leiser reappointment to Brown’s Creek Watershed District, Administrator/Clerk** – Mr. Craig Leiser is seeking reappointment to the Brown’s Creek Watershed District.

**Mayor Carr moved to endorse Mr. Leiser for reappointment to the Brown’s Creek Watershed District. Council Member Bohnen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

**GRP Tractor Parade, Bill David** – Mr. Bill David came forward and stated the fourth annual Tractor Parade is being held on Saturday, September 7, one week earlier than usual. The date changed due to a conflict with Octoberfest. He noted sign up is from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. The

1 parade will depart at Noon from the Gaushaus and circle Town Hall. Everyone is invited and  
2 encouraged to attend.

### 3 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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6 **City Website Update, Mayor Carr** – A comment received is difficulty in downloading files as well  
7 as having the ordinances all in one file.

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9 **Town Hall Hand Pump** – Council Member Huber stated the well does need to be capped. The well  
10 itself is very shallow and lends itself to pollution and bacteria. Bids were obtained for approval.

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12 **Council Member Bohnen moved to accept the bid from McCollugh, as presented. Council**  
13 **Member Lobin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

### 14 DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### 15 **City Council Reports:**

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19 Council Member Bohnen advised road counts have been taken on Jasmine in relation to the Hilton  
20 Trail closure if the City ends up having to go back to the state regarding repairs.

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22 Mayor Carr stated the Charter Commission has requested cable reimbursement to record meetings and  
23 a \$100 deposit for use of the Mahtomedi City Hall for meetings. He stated this will be on the  
24 September agenda and requested a legal opinion regarding specific Charter expenditures, per state  
25 statute.

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27 Council Member Huber stated the dry hydrant has been repaired again. The design has been modified  
28 so it should not be hit again. He advised he is working with the Cable Commission on expenditures  
29 for furniture and lighting in Town Hall. Any improvements made will go to the Cable Commission  
30 prior to Council approval. Newsletter articles are needed. Please submit all articles in a Word File  
31 only. Articles should be geared toward the positive aspects of Grant. He requested articles be  
32 submitted at the September Council meeting.

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34 Council Member Bohnen read an email regarding brushing that causes a disturbance to wild life in  
35 Grant. He stated the road corners need to get mowed as it is a safety issue.

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37 Council Member Huber stated public safety takes precedence.

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39 Mayor Carr stated the City can try to mow in that area more often so the wildlife does not nest there.

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41 **2013 City Council Goals** – Mayor Carr stated grooms men quarters have been talked about at the last  
42 couple meetings. He was open to discussions to try and help horse farms and he thought it should be  
43 looked at. However, he does not believe the City should move forward on this now because it would  
44 have to be an allowable use for everyone that is problematic. He stated he had good intentions but  
45 there were some issues and then there was an editorial in the paper about this issue.

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Council Member Bohnen stated he believes it would be a good thing for Grant to offer property owners and would like to move forward.

Council Member Lobin asked if the City knows how many people want them and would it be limited to horse farms? She also asked what would happen if people already have them and they are not up to code.

Council Member Huber stated planning dollars are involved and there is a limited benefit for a limited number of property owners.

**Staff Reports** – Staff updates were included in the Council packets.

City Attorney Vivian verbally updated the Council on legal activities for the month of July.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR AUGUST 7 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2013:**

**Mahtomedi Public Schools Board Meeting, Thursday, August 8, 2013, Mahtomedi District Education Center, 7:00 p.m.**

**Stillwater Public Schools Board Meeting, Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013, Stillwater City Hall, 7:00 p.m.**

**Washington County Commissioners Meeting, Tuesdays, Government Center, 9:00 a.m.**

**ADJOURN**

**There being no further business, Council Member Bohnen moved to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. Council Member Lobin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

These minutes were considered and approved at the regular Council Meeting September 3, 2013.

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Kim Points, Administrator/Clerk

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Tom Carr, Mayor