



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

Council Session

Item G-1

Approving Minutes of December 22, 2015 City Council Regular Meeting

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CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

December 22, 2015

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska was conducted in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 100 East First Street, on December 22, 2015. Notice of the meeting was given in *The Grand Island Independent* on December 16, 2015.

Mayor Jeremy L. Jensen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following City Council members were present: Mitch Nickerson, Mark Stelk, Jeremy Jones, Chuck Haase, Julie Hehnke, Linna Dee Donaldson, Michelle Fitzke, Vaughn Minton, Roger Steele, and Mike Paulick. The following City Officials were present: City Administrator Marlan Ferguson, Assistant to the City Administrator Nicki Stoltenberg, Interim Finance Director William Clingman, Assistant City Attorney Stacy Nonhof, and Public Works Director John Collins.

Mayor Jensen introduced Community Youth Council member

INVOCATION was given by Pastor Sheri Lodel, Calvary Lutheran Church, 1304 North Custer Avenue followed by the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Jackson Richling, CYC member was present at the meeting. Jackson is a sophomore at Heartland Lutheran and is the son of Doug and Pam Richling. Jackson is a member of the speech team and Quiz Bowl. He is planning a career in the computer field and volunteers at CHI St. Francis Medical Center.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing on Request to Rezone Property Located at 1325 E. Airport Road from TA Transitional Agriculture to M2 Heavy Manufacturing (Larry & Faye Zmek). Regional Planning Director Chad Nabity reported that a request had been received from Larry & Faye Zmek to rezone approximately 12 acres of land south of Airport Road and east of St. Paul Road from TA Transitional Agriculture to M2 Heavy Manufacturing. The property is was formerly a rendering plant. Staff recommended approval.

Ron Depue, 308 N Locust, spoke in-favor of the rezone proposal.

Public Hearing on Acquisition of Public Utility Easement for Hall County Sanitary Sewer District 2 (SID 2) [Sinha]. Public Works Director John Collins reported that a permanent easement was needed from Deepak and Suhita Sinha in the amount of \$1,020.00 for Sanitary Sewer District 2 extension south along US Highway 281 to Interstate 80. Staff recommended approval. No public testimony was heard.

ORDINANCES:

Councilmember Donaldson moved “that the statutory rules requiring ordinances to be read by title on three different days are suspended and that ordinances numbered:

#9569 - Consideration of Request to Rezone Property Located at 1325 E. Airport Road from TA Transitional Agriculture to M2 Heavy Manufacturing (Larry & Faye Zmek)
#9570 – Consideration of Proposed Changes to the Salary Ordinance

be considered for passage on the same day upon reading by number only and that the City Clerk be permitted to call out the number of these ordinances on second reading and then upon final passage and call for a roll call vote on each reading and then upon final passage.” Councilmember Hehnke seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#9569 - Consideration of Request to Rezone Property Located at 1325 E. Airport Road from TA Transitional Agriculture to M2 Heavy Manufacturing (Larry & Faye Zmek)

Motion by Haase, second by Nickerson to approve Ordinance #9569.

City Clerk: Ordinance #9569 on first reading. All those in favor of the passage of this ordinance on first reading, answer roll call vote. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

City Clerk: Ordinance #9569 on second and final reading. All those in favor of the passage of this ordinance on second and final reading, answer roll call vote. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Mayor Jensen: By reason of the roll call votes on first reading and then upon second and final readings, Ordinance #9569 is declared to be lawfully adopted upon publication as required by law.

#9570 – Consideration of Proposed Changes to the Salary Ordinance

Human Resources Director Aaron Schmid reported that on January 1, 2016, the Nebraska minimum wage would increase from the current \$8.00 per hour to \$9.00 per hour. Also included in this Ordinance was to rename the Building and Planning Secretary positions to Administrative Assistants.

Motion by Donaldson, second by Paulick to approve Ordinance #9570.

City Clerk: Ordinance #9570 on first reading. All those in favor of the passage of this ordinance on first reading, answer roll call vote. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

City Clerk: Ordinance #9570 on second and final reading. All those in favor of the passage of this ordinance on second and final reading, answer roll call vote. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Mayor Jensen: By reason of the roll call votes on first reading and then upon second and final readings, Ordinance #9570 is declared to be lawfully adopted upon publication as required by law.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Paulick, second by Hehnke to approve the Consent Agenda. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Councilmember Stelk abstained from items G-11 and G-12.

Approving Minutes of December 8, 2015 City Council Regular Meeting.

Approving Councilmember Appointments to Boards and Commissions.

Approving Re-Appointments of Denise Kozel, Kent Sundberg, Brady Blauhorn, Terry Klanecky, Kurt Griess, and Craig Lewis to the Electrical Board.

Approving Re-Appointments of Loran Peterson, Greg Geis, Mike McElroy, Mike Myers, Todd Bredthauer, Tom O'Neill, Russ Shaw, and Craig Lewis to the Mechanical Examining Board.

Approving Re-Appointments of Verne Penas, Mike Bailey, Jennifer Herman, and David Scoggins to the Plumbers Examining Board.

Approving Appointment of Ralph Bradley to the Law Enforcement Co-Location Committee.

Approving Liquor Manager Designation for Steven Roker, 4821 Bear Creek Road, Lincoln, NE for Walgreens #12538, 1230 N. Webb Road and Walgreens #03467, 1515 West 2nd Street.

#2015-341 - Approving Acquisition of Public Utility Easement for Hall County Sanitary Sewer District 2 (SID 2) [Sinha].

#2015-342 - Approving Corrected Compensation Amount for Temporary Construction Easement for Hall County Sanitary Sewer District 2 (SID 2) [Bosselman Oil, Inc.] in the Amount of \$5,610.00.

#2015-343 - Approving Second Contract Renewal of Annual Pavement Markings 2014 for the Streets Division of the Public Works Department with Straight-Line Striping, Inc. of Grand Island, NE in an Amount of \$77,918.00.

#2015-344 - Approving Agreement with General Collection Co., Inc. of Grand Island, NE for Ambulance Collections Services.

#2015-345 - Approving Agreement with Credit Management Services, Inc. of Grand Island, NE for Utility Collections Services.

REQUEST AND REFERRALS:

Consideration of Forwarding Blighted and Substandard Area #19 (Mark Otto – Premier Home Sales) to the Hall County Regional Planning Commission. Regional Planning Director Chad Naby reported that Mark Otto had a study done for approximately 11.94 acres of property in southeast Grand Island located north of U.S. Highway 34 and east of Locust Street. Staff recommended approval.

Ron Depue, 308 N Locust, spoke in-favor of the study.

Motion by Haase, second by Donaldson to approve forwarding Blighted and Substandard Area #19 to the Regional Planning Commission. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

RESOLUTIONS:

#2015-346 - Consideration of Appointment of Renae Griffiths as Finance Director/City Treasurer. Mayor Jensen recommended the appointment of Renae Griffiths as Finance Director/City Treasurer.

Motion by Haase, second by Paulick to approve Resolution #2015-346. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2015-347 - Consideration of Resolution for Proposed Ballot Measure for Food and Beverage Tax. City Administrator Marlan Ferguson reported that proposed ballot measure would be included in the May 10, 2016 primary election for the continuation and expansion of the existing 1 1/2% tax on all food and beverage. The expansion of the tax includes the sale of all food and beverages presently subject to sales tax including alcohol, along with food and non-alcoholic beverages.

Motion by Stelk, second by Nickerson to approve Resolution #2015-347. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2015-348 - Consideration of Resolution to Transfer the Veterans Home Property from the State of Nebraska to the City of Grand Island. City Administrator Marlan Ferguson reported that the proposal allows the State to execute a Quitclaim Deed for the portion of the Veterans Home real estate presently used for agricultural and recreational purposes along with the Veterans Cemetery. The approval will also serve as the City's formal commitment to the transfer of ownership of the Veterans Home and allow both State and City officials to begin working on necessary details to accomplish the complete transfer sometime in the next several years.

Mayor Jensen also clarified that the reacquisition of the property has been the priority; the redevelopment of the property is the next phase of the process.

Motion by Donaldson, second by Haase to approve Resolution #2015-348. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Motion by Donaldson, second by Hehnke to approve the Claims for the period of December 9, 2015 through December 22, 2015, for a total amount of \$6,151,954.26. Unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Nicki Stoltenberg
Assistant to the City Administrator