



City of Grand Island

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Council Session

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Approving Minutes of July 25, 2016 City Council Joint Health Meeting

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CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF JOINT HEALTH SPECIAL MEETING

July 25, 2016

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Special Joint Meeting of the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, the Hall County Board of Supervisors, the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners, the Merrick County Board of Commissioners, and the Central District Health Department was conducted at the Grand Island Public Library, 211 North Washington Street, Grand Island, Nebraska on July 25, 2016. Notice of the meeting was given in the *Grand Island Independent* on July 19, 2016.

Central District Health Department (CDHD) Health Director Teresa Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following Health Board members were present: Sandra Barrera, Brandon Bowley, Traci Dieckman, Jeremy Jones, Holly Solt, Jane Richardson and Tom Weller. Hall Co. Supervisors Jane Richardson, Gary Quandt, and Hall County Clerk Marla Conley; Merrick Co. Supervisor Tom Weller. The following Grand Island City Councilmembers were present: Linna Dee Donaldson, Julie Hehnke, Jeremy Jones, Vaughn Minton, Michelle Fitzke, Chuck Haase, Mitch Nickerson, Mayor Jeremy L. Jensen, City Administrator Marlan Ferguson, and City Clerk RaNae Edwards. Health Department employees: Teresa Anderson, Stephanie Bunner, Colette Evans, Jeremy Collinson, Amy Houser and Deborah Larson.

Year in Review. Central District Health Department (CDHD) Executive Director Teresa Anderson welcomed those attending and gave an overview of the CDHD. Presented was the CDHD mission statement which was: To protect and improve the health and wellbeing of our community. Their vision statement is: Healthy People, Healthy Communities. Their core values were: Communication, Optimal Health, Respect, and Excellence. Ms. Anderson stated the CDHD was working on becoming an accredited Health Department.

Stephanie Bunner with the CDHD presented the benefits of accreditation. Accreditation identifies strengths and areas of opportunity; strengthens & increases internal and external partnerships; provides accountability to external stakeholders; gives communities an active voice and role in addressing health issues; encourages health departments to prioritize and address long standing concerns. It acts as a “stimulus... for continuous quality improvement and performance management in (our) daily practice” and its competitiveness for funding opportunities. Ms. Anderson stated there were 3 other Health Departments within Nebraska that were accredited.

Health Educator Amy Houser talked about Walkability. She explained they had received a 1422 grant for Complete Streets. In November 2015 they held a Grand Island Walking & Biking Summit with 62 participants. The purpose was to create a community driven action plan for a more walkable and bikeable Grand Island. Complete Streets was identified as a top action item. The goal was to pass a Grand Island Complete Streets policy by December 2016. Complete streets are streets for everyone, no matter who they are or how they travel – motorists, transit riders, pedestrians, and cyclists. The solution to complete streets was to have a policy to ensure that the entire right-of-way is planned, designed, constructed, operated, and maintained to provide safe access to all users. Complete streets would look at all streets within the City.

Environmental Health Supervisor Jeremy Collinson commented on what they had been working on over the last year. The CDHD water testing laboratory was one of five certified labs in the

State of Nebraska. They do 16 water samples every week. Weekends, nights and holidays were busy for inspectors who check all mobile units along with special events throughout the City for food inspections. Mosquitos were low this year due to the dry weather. They check standing water every week. Currently they were not doing any fogging. West Nile was very low this year. To date there were no cases of the Zika virus acquired in the United States, but 1,400 cases reported of people who have traveled outside the United States and had caught the virus.

Teresa Anderson commented on the Community Health programs. Explained was the diabetes prevention program they were offering which had been very successful. They were working closely with Physicians and Clinics within the community regarding their medical electronic health records systems. The WIC program was mentioned with increasing numbers of participants. It's a federal program through the Department of Ag. Mentioned was the Immunization program which was able to provide vaccinations to refugees.

Health Project Supervisor Colette Evans gave an update on the Health Projects. Mentioned was the Every Woman Matters program. She stated they have health fairs in Grand Island every quarter. Mentioned was the VetSET Nebraska program which acclimates post 911 veterans into the community. September would have been the end of this program unless they receive additional funding. They had secured funding through March 2017 from the Veterans Administration.

Budget Overview. Teresa Anderson gave an overview of the 2016-2017 budget which was approved by the Health Board. This year's budget was \$3.9 million which was less than last years \$4.2 million. Revenue sources were presented with the City/County portion at 8% of total revenue. She stated they appreciated the local support. Most of the Federal dollars were for WIC, which were funds from the tobacco industry. Received was approximately \$260,000 per year for infrastructure. Expenses were reviewed with the majority of the expenses going toward personnel and operating and very little to capital.

Ms. Evans commented on the June 30, 2016 event for the veterans held at the CDHD. Mentioned was that there were 22 suicides everyday throughout the United States committed by veterans. Viewed was a video "Honoring Our Heroes".

City Administrator Marlan Ferguson thanked Jeremy Collinson for his help with getting information out about the food and beverage tax.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

RaNae Edwards
City Clerk