



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, December 27, 2016

Council Session

## Item G-1

### Approving Minutes of December 13, 2016 City Council Regular Meeting

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CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

December 13, 2016

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 13, 2016. Notice of the meeting was given in *The Grand Island Independent* on December 7, 2016.

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, City Clerk RaNae Edwards, Finance Director Renae Griffiths, City Attorney Jerry Janulewicz, and Public Works Director John Collins.

Mayor Jensen introduced Community Youth Council member Myah Mattke.

INVOCATION was given by Pastor Nathan Frew, Abundant Life Christian Center, 3411 West Faidley Avenue followed by the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

SPECIAL ITEMS:

Recognition of Grand Island Wastewater Division Awards at Fall Conference. Mayor Jensen and the City Council recognized the Grand Island Wastewater Division for receiving the Nebraska Water Environmental Association (NWEA) Scott Wilbur Outstanding Facility Award, Scott Wilbur Large Facility Best in Class Award, Scott Wilbur Innovative Award, and the Silver Safety Award during the 2016 American Public Works Association (APWA), Nebraska Water Environment Association (NWEA), and American Water Works Association (AWWA) Fall Conference. Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor Marvin Strong was present to explain the awards.

Approving Minutes of November 22, 2016 City Council Regular Meeting. Motion by Donaldson, second by Hehnke to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2016 City Council meeting. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approving Minutes of December 6, 2016 City Council Study Session. Motion by Paulick, second by Minton to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2016 City Council Study Session. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Acceptance of Election Certificate: Motion by Donaldson, second by Nickerson to accept the Election Certificate for the November 8, 2016 General Election. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Administration of Oath to Re-Elected Councilmembers: City Clerk RaNae Edwards administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Councilmembers Jeremy Jones – Ward 1, Mark Stelk – Ward 2, Julie Hehnke – Ward 3, Mike Paulick – Ward 4, and Chuck Haase – Ward 5.

Comments by Re-Elected Officials:

Councilmember's Jeremy Jones, Mark Stelk, Julie Hehnke, Mike Paulick, and Chuck Haase commented on the upcoming year and balancing next year's budget, the opportunity to serve another four years, and thanked the support of the community.

Election of City Council President: Mayor Jeremy Jensen reported that the City Council was required to elect one Councilmember to the office of Council President for a term of one year and that the Council President automatically assumed the duties of the Mayor in the event that the Mayor was absent or otherwise unable to fulfill his duties. Nebraska law allows the election of the Council President to be by secret ballot. The total number of votes for each candidate; however, must be stated and recorded in the Minutes. Past practice has included a run-off election between the top two nominees, if necessary. The City Clerk prepared and distributed ballots.

Councilmember Haase nominated Councilmember Minton. Councilmember Hehnke nominated Councilmember Donaldson.

Motion by Paulick, second by Stelk to close the nominations for Council President. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

City Clerk RaNae Edwards called for the first ballot. It was reported that Councilmember Minton had received 5 votes and Councilmember Donaldson had received 5 votes. Upon the second ballot, Councilmember Minton received 6 votes and Councilmember Donaldson received 4 votes. Mayor Jensen declared Councilmember Minton the new Council President for 2017.

Motion by Haase, second by Stelk for unanimous support for Councilmember Minton as Council President for 2017. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing on Acquisition of Utility Easement located at 3820 Warbler Road (JoAnn K. Oseka). Utilities Director Tim Luchsinger reported that acquisition of a utility easement located at 3820 Warbler Road was needed in order to have access to install, upgrade, maintain, and repair power appurtenances, including lines and transformers. This easement would allow the Utilities Department to continue to have the right to operate and maintain the electrical infrastructure as it presently exists. Staff recommended approval. No public testimony was heard.

Public Hearing on Acquisition of Utility Easement located at 235 Roberts Street (Steve Nd Beckie Glause). Utilities Director Tim Luchsinger reported that acquisition of a utility easement located at 235 Roberts Street was needed in order to have access to install, upgrade, maintain, and repair power appurtenances, including lines and transformers. This easement would allow the Utilities Department to install, operate, and maintain the pad-mounted transformer and high voltage power lines necessary to serve the Verizon Wireless facility. Staff recommended approval. No public testimony was heard.

Public Hearing on Acquisition of Utility Easement located at 163 "A" Road (Galen and Tamera Gerdes). Utilities Director Tim Luchsinger reported that acquisition of a utility easement located

at 163 "A" Road was needed in order to have access to install, upgrade, maintain, and repair power appurtenances, including lines and transformers. This easement would allow the Utilities Department to install, operate, and maintain the high voltage power lines and transformer necessary to serve the new home in rural Merrick County. 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:

#9615 - Consideration of Amending the Salary Ordinance

#9616 - Consideration of Amending Grand Island City Code Chapter 17-35, Disposal by Unlicensed Person

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 Nickerson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#9615 - Consideration of Amending the Salary Ordinance

Human Resources Director Aaron Schmid reported that Ordinance #9615 would reclassify the non-union position of GIS Coordinator-PW from non-exempt to exempt. The pay scale would remain unchanged. Discussion was held regarding comparing this position with other cities.

Motion by Stelk, second by Fitzke to approve Ordinance #9615.

City Clerk: Ordinance #9615 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 #9615 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 #9615 is declared to be lawfully adopted upon publication as required by law.

#9616 - Consideration of Amending Grand Island City Code Chapter 17-35, Disposal by Unlicensed Person

Police Chief Robert Falldorf reported that Ordinance #9616 would change the Grand Island City Code Section 17-35 with regards to disposal of waste at the City disposal facilities by unlicensed persons to assist with effective enforcement and clarify vague language. Comments were made regarding enforcement.

Motion by Haase, second by Hehnke to approve Ordinance #9616.

City Clerk: Ordinance #9616 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 #9616 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 #9616 is declared to be lawfully adopted upon publication as required by law.

CONSENT AGENDA: Consent Agenda items G-9 and G-13 (Resolution #2016-300 and #2016-304) were pulled for further discussion. Motion by Jones, second by Stelk to approve the Consent Agenda excluding items G-9 and G-13. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2016-292 - Approving Acquisition of Utility Easement - 3820 Warbler Road (JoAnn K. Oseka).

#2016-293 - Approving Acquisition of Utility Easement - 235 Roberts Street (Steve and Beckie Glause).

#2016-294 - Approving Acquisition of Utility Easement - 163 "A" Road - 1/2 Mile East of Gunbarrel Road (Galen and Tamera Gerdes).

#2016-295 - Approving Bid Award for Auxiliary Boiler Re-Tube at Platte Generating Station with Rasmussen Mechanical Services, Inc. of Council Bluffs, Iowa in an Amount of \$310,309.00.

#2016-296 - Approving Bid Award for Gas Turbine #3 Bearing Replacement with General Electric International, Inc. of Omaha, Nebraska in an Amount of \$87,848.07.

#2016-297 - Approving ARC Flash Hazard Analysis - 2017 at Platte Generating Station and Burdick Station with JEO Consulting Group of Norfolk, Nebraska in an Amount of \$29,171.00.

#2016-298 - Approving Bid Award for Control Room HVAC at Platte Generating Station with Rutts Heating and AC, Inc. of Hastings, Nebraska in an Amount of \$309,348.00.

#2016-299 - Approving Certificate of Final Completion for Water Main Project 2015-W-1 - Pine Street at the UP Tracks with Van Kirk Brothers Contracting of Sutton, Nebraska.

#2016-300 - Approving Lease Purchase of Three (3) Heavy Duty Tractors for the Streets Division of the Public Works Department with Titan Machinery of Grand Island, Nebraska in an Amount of \$260,426.12. Public Works Director John Collins reported that proposals had been

received for three heavy duty tractors. Comments were made by Council regarding the cost. Public Works Superintendent Shannon Callahan answered questions regarding the cost and maintenance. She stated that by buying three tractors at one time there was a cost savings. She also commented on the ag market and that next year these tractors would cost more.

Motion by Paulick, second by Steele to deny Resolution #2016-300. Upon roll call vote, Councilmembers Paulick, Hehnke, and Stelk voted aye. Councilmembers Steele, Minton, Fitzke, Donaldson, Haase, Jones, and Nickerson voted no. Motion failed.

Motion by Minton, second by Nickerson to approve Resolution #2016-300. Upon roll call vote, Councilmembers Steele, Minton, Fitzke, Donaldson, Hehnke, Haase, Jones, Stelk, and Nickerson voted aye. Councilmember Paulick voted no. Motion adopted.

#2016-301 - Approving Amendment to Maintenance Services for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Programming at the Wastewater Treatment Plant with Interstate Industrial Instrumentation, Inc. of Omaha, Nebraska in an Amount of \$18,910.07 and startup costs not to exceed \$6,295.00.

#2016-302 - Approving Award of Sanitary Sewer Collection System Mobile Flow Meters for the Wastewater Division of the Public Works Department from the Minnesota State bid from gpm of Blair, Nebraska in an Amount of \$19,802.00.

#2016-303 - Approving Bid Award for Adams Street Paving Project No. 2016-P-2 with The Diamond Engineering Co. of Grand Island, Nebraska in an Amount of \$1,050,993.15.

#2016-304 - Approving CDBG Contract #2016-4 with Downtown Business Improvement District for Small Business Rental Assistance Program. Community Development Specialist Charley Falmlen explained the Small Business Rental Assistance program. Discussion was held regarding the process of the CDBG contract and what it covered. Ms. Falmlen stated that the rental assistance would be made available to qualifying businesses in Blighted and Substandard Area #1, which included the Downtown Business Improvement District.

Motion by Nickerson, second by Donaldson to approve Resolution #2016-304. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2016-305 - Approving CDBG Contract #2016-6 with Grand Island Habitat for Humanity for Lot Acquisition Support.

#2016-306 - Approving Bid Award for the Furnishing and Installation of a New Restroom/Concession Building for the Veteran's Athletic Soccer Field with Mid Plains Construction Company of Grand Island, Nebraska in an Amount of \$239,750.00.

#### REQUESTS AND REFERRALS:

Consideration of Forwarding Blighted and Substandard Area #20 (Pat O'Neill - O'Neill Wood Resources) to the Hall County Regional Planning Commission. Regional Planning Director Chad

Nabity reported that Pat O’Neill – O’Neill Wood Resources had submitted a Blighted and Substandard Study for an area west of Grand Island at the Cornhusker Army Ammunition Plant. Mr. O’Neill has an existing business (O’Neill Transportation and Equipment) on the site and would proceed with further development of the property if the area could be declared blighted and substandard.

Ron Depue, 308 North Locust Street, attorney for Mr. O’Neill spoke in support. Comments were made regarding the notification of the School District. Mr. Nabity explained the process of contacting the School District.

Motion by Minton, second by Fitzke to approve the request from Pat O’Neill to forward Blighted and Substandard Area #20 to the Hall County Regional Planning Commission. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

RESOLUTIONS:

#2016-307 - Consideration of Transferring Funds from the General Fund to the Golf Course Fund. Finance Director Renae Griffiths reported that the golf course fund as of September 30, 2016 had a negative cash balance of \$58,000 and would increase due to the winter months with little cash flow. It was recommended to transfer from the general fund to the golf course fund \$200,000 based on prior year cash activity.

Discussion was held regarding the amount of money being transferred. Parks and Recreation Director Todd McCoy answered questions regarding the expenses for the golf Course. He stated during the winter months they didn’t have the revenue coming in like during the summer months but still had to pay expenses such as salaries. This past year they did not have the amount of revenues as in previous years due to the cold spring. He suggested that the Council look at this fund during budget discussions to decide whether it should stay as an enterprise fund.

Motion by Steele, second by Haase to approve Resolution #2016-307. Upon roll call vote, Councilmembers Steele, Minton, Fitzke, Haase, Jones, Stelk, and Nickerson voted aye. Councilmembers Paulick, Donaldson, and Hehnke voted no. Motion adopted.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Motion by Donaldson, second by Minton to approve the Claims for the period of November 23, 2016 through December 13, 2016 for a total amount of \$5,831,012.06. Upon roll call vote, Councilmembers Steele, Minton, Fitzke, Donaldson, Hehnke, Haase, Jones, Stelk, and Nickerson voted aye. Councilmember Paulick abstained. Motion adopted.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

RaNae Edwards  
City Clerk