



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

Council Session

Item I-4

**#2018-169 - Consideration of Appointment of Patrick Brown for
Finance Director/City Treasurer**

Staff Contact: Aaron Schmid, Human Resources Director

Council Agenda Memo

From: Mayor Jeremy Jensen

Meeting: June 12, 2018

Subject: Appointment of Patrick Brown as Finance Director/City Treasurer

Presenter(s): Mayor Jeremy Jensen

Background

The search for a new Finance Director/City Treasurer began in February of 2018. During this time, Billy Clingman has served as the Interim Finance Director/City Treasurer during the search. The recruitment process was conducted by the City's Human Resources Department. The selection process included involvement from various City Staff, a City Council member, the Interim Finance Director and the City Administrator.

Under Neb. Rev. Stat., §16-308 and Grand Island City Code, §2-30, the office of, Finance Director/City Treasurer for the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, is an appointed position. The position is appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Council and serves through the Mayor's term.

Discussion

I am pleased to present Patrick Brown as my choice for appointment to the Finance Director/City Treasurer position.

Brown most recently served as an auditor for Revenue Recovery Group since 2017. His responsibilities included managing a caseload of 25-30 audits for different municipalities sales, use, lodging, admissions, OPT and other taxes/fees.

Prior to serving as an auditor, Brown was a revenue and licensing officer for the City of Boulder, CO., a deputy director of finance/revenue manager for the City of Centennial, CO., a revenue manager for the City of Arvada, CO., and a tax auditor supervisor for the State of Arkansas. At the City of Boulder, Brown managed the licensing and tax audit staff, worked with senior management on strategic direction of the city and was involved with various tax code changes, regulations, and interpretations. When managing at the City of Centennial, Brown was responsible for all city revenue sources, including

sales/tax use administration and audit, establishing short and long-range priorities and preparing revenue budgets.

Brown earned a bachelor's degree in business administration – management from Kansas State University.

As the finance director, Brown will oversee Information Technology and the Finance divisions. In addition, he will serve as a liaison between the city and various community boards, will be in charge of the day-to-day operations of the city's finances, and will lead the budget process.

Brown will have a starting salary of \$104,539.35 annually and is anticipated to start on July 16, 2018.

Patrick will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to our team that will complement our current efforts of refocusing on long-range financial planning. We are very fortunate to have this opportunity, and I believe his leadership will position us for the accelerating growth I expect Grand Island to experience over the next decade.

Finally, I would also like to express my appreciation to Billy Clingman for continuing to represent the City Of Grand Island as the Interim Finance Director/City Treasurer during the candidate search.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

I recommend the approval of Patrick Brown as the Finance Director/City Treasurer.

Sample Motion

Move to approve Patrick Brown as the Finance Director/City Treasurer.

RESOLUTION 2018-169

WHEREAS, under Neb. Rev. Stat., §16-308, the office of Finance Director/City Treasurer, for the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, is an appointed position; and

WHEREAS, under Grand Island City Code, §2-30, the office of Finance Director/City Treasurer, for the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, is an appointed position; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, with the approval of the City Council, may appoint the position of Finance Director/City Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, this position appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council shall hold the position to which they may be appointed until the end of the Mayor's term of office; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Brown has accepted the offer and is prepared to start work on July 16, 2018 at Step 5 of the Finance Director/City Treasurer salary table of \$104,539.35.

WHEREAS, this position appointed by the Mayor may be removed at any time by the Mayor with approval of a majority of the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that Patrick Brown is hereby duly appointed the Finance Director/City Treasurer for the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, until the end of the Mayor's term of office.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, June 12, 2018.

Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
June 8, 2018	☐ City Attorney