



# **City of Grand Island**

**Tuesday, December 18, 2018**

**Council Session**

## **Item G-1**

### **Approving Minutes of December 4, 2018 City Council Regular Meeting**

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# CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

## MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

December 4, 2018

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 4, 2018. Notice of the meeting was given in *The Grand Island Independent* on November 28, 2018.

Mayor Jeremy L. Jensen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following city Council members were present: Mark Stelk, Jeremy Jones, Chuck Haase, Julie Hehnke, Linna Dee Donaldson, Michelle Fitzke, Vaughn Minton, Roger Steele, Mitch Nickerson and Mike Paulick. The following City Officials were present: City Administrator Marlan Ferguson, City Clerk Pro Tem Norma Hernandez, Finance Director Patrick Brown, City Attorney Jerry Janulewicz, and Public Works Director John Collins.

INVOCATION was given by Pastor Julio Venegas, Abundant Life Christian Center, 3411 West Faidley Ave followed by the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

### PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

Recognition of Service of Councilmember Linna Dee Donaldson: Mayor Jensen presented Councilmember Linna Dee Donaldson with a plaque and recognized her service to the community as Councilmember for Ward 3.

Recognition of Service of Councilmember Roger Steele: Mayor Jensen presented Councilmember Roger Steele with a plaque and recognized his service to the community as Councilmember for Ward 2.

Recognition of Service of Mayor Jeremy L Jensen: City Administrator Marlan Ferguson presented Mayor Jensen with a plaque and recognized his service to the community as Mayor.

### SPECIAL ITEMS:

Approving Minutes of November 20, 2018 City Council Regular Meeting. Motion by Stelk, second by Hehnke to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2018 City Council meeting. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approving Payment of Claims for the Period of November 21, 2018 through December 4, 2018: Motion by Minton, second by Fitzke to approve the payment of claims for the period of November 21, 2018 through December 4, 2018 for a total amount of \$5,312,375.53. Unanimously approved.

Acceptance of Election Certificate: Motion by Donaldson, second by Paulick to accept the Election Certificate for the November 6, 2018 General Election. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Comments by Outgoing Elected Official Councilmember Linna Dee Donaldson: Council Donaldson stated it was a great honor to serve for 8 years on council. Mentioned that residents of Grand Island were in good hands with this Administration and members of the Council along with the department directors and their staff.

Comments by Outgoing Elected Official Councilmember Roger Steele: Council Steele stated having worked with Council and Administration, he assures the people of Grand Island that there is a pre-eminent governing body with the present city representatives. Thanked all City Employees for working hard every day and having the best intentions for the people of Grand Island.

Comments by Outgoing Elected Official Mayor Jeremy L. Jensen: Reflected on his journey as Mayor and how much of an honor it has been. He mentioned the number of director's meetings he attended and how he felt a sense of relief sitting in those meetings, knowing that all the directors and staff do such a good job and the importance of each one's roles that contribute to running the City organizations. Thanked everyone for their support.

Recess: A brief Recess was taken at 7:29 pm for the transition to the new governing body.

Council reconvened at 7:43 p.m.

Administration of Oath to Newly Elected Mayor and Councilmembers: City Attorney Jerry Janulewicz administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Mayor Roger Steele. Mr. Janulewicz then administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Councilmembers Clay Schutz – Ward 2 and Jason Conley – Ward 3, and returning Councilmembers Vaughn Minton – Ward 1, Mitchell Nickerson – Ward 4, and Michelle Fitzke – Ward 5.

Seating of Newly Elected Councilmembers followed by Roll Call: The following members were present: Mayor Roger Steele, Councilmembers Chuck Haase, Mitch Nickerson, Julie Hehnke, Clay Schutz, Vaughn Minton, Jason Conley, Mark Stelk, Jeremy Jones, Michelle Fitzke and Mike Paulick.

Comments by Newly Elected Officials: Councilmember's Clay Schutz, Jason Conley, Vaughn Minton, Mitchell Nickerson and Michelle Fitzke each thanked the citizens of Grand Island for the opportunity to represent them and looked forward to moving forward.

Comments by New Mayor Roger Steele: Stated that Grand Island must stand together and overcome anything that challenges the community, Grand Island is a community that stands for the ideal that all people should be treated with respect and is proud of our city government and employees. Stated he is proud to be the Mayor of Grand Island.

Election of City Council President: City Clerk Pro Tem Norma Hernandez reported that the City Council was required to elect one Councilmember to the office of Council President. The term is for a one-year period. The Council President automatically assumes the duties of the Mayor in the event that the Mayor is absent or otherwise unable to fulfill his/her 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 will prepare,

distribute, and count ballots. Nominations to fill the vacancy are in order. A second is not required on nominations.

Councilmember Paulick nominated Chuck Haase. Councilmember Fitzke nominated Councilmember Vaughn Minton. There were no further nominations.

City Clerk Pro Tem Norma Hernandez called for the first ballot. It was reported that Councilmember Minton received 6 votes and Councilmember Haase had received 4. Mayor Steele declared Councilmember Minton the new Council President for 2019.

Motion by Haase, second by Paulick to cast a unanimous vote for Vaughn Minton.

At this time Councilmember, Mike Paulick vacated the meeting.

#### BOARD OF EQUALIZATION:

Consideration of Determining Benefits for Sanitary Sewer District No. 540T; West US Highway 30 and Engleman Road / West Park Plaza Sanitary Sewer Extension – this Agenda Item (D-1) was pulled from the Council Agenda.

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public hearing on Acquisition of Utility Easement in Section 26-11-10; Northeast Corner of Husker Highway & Engleman Road (Indianhead Golf Club, LLC). Public Works Director John Collins reported that acquisition of a public utility easement was needed to aid in providing utilities to the area North of Husker Highway and East of Engleman Road. The easement will allow access for the construction, operation, maintenance, extension, repair, replacement, and removal of utility appurtenances within the easement. Staff recommended approval. No public testimony was heard.

#### ORDINANCES:

Planning Director, Chad Nabity, reported that this is a one residential lot that would be added to the City as a result of this annexation. This property is located north of North Lane (in Westwood Park Mobile Home Park) and west of Engleman Road. The Planning Commission did recommend approval of this.

#9714 - Consideration of Approving Annexation of Property Located at 2610 So. Engleman Road (Rowe Second Subdivision) (Second Reading)

Motion by Stelk, second by Minton to approve Ordinance #9714.

City Clerk Pro Tem Norma Hernandez: Ordinance #9714 on second reading. All those in favor of the passage of this ordinance on second reading, answer roll call vote. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

CONSENT AGENDA: Consent agenda item #G-8 (2018-364) was pulled until the next Council Meeting scheduled for December 18, 2018. Item #G-9 (#2018-365) was pulled from the agenda for further discussion.

Motion by Jones, second by Hehnke to approve the Consent Agenda excluding item #G-8 (2018-364) and G-9 (#2018-365). Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2018-357 - Approving Surety Bonds for Mayor and City Councilmembers

#2018-358 - Approving Outage Management System between the City of Grand Island Utilities Department and Open Systems International, Inc.

#2018-359 - Approving Update of the Designated Depositories List

#2018-360 - Approving Maintenance Agreement No. 12 Renewal with the Nebraska Department of Transportation for Calendar Year 2019

#2018-361 - Approving Award of Snow Removal Operations- Downtown Parking Lots

#2018-362 - Approving Acquisition of Utility Easement in Section 26-11-10; Northeast Corner of Husker Highway & Engleman Road (Indianhead Golf Club, LLC)

#2018-363 - Approving Temporary Construction Easement in Section 26-11-10; Northeast Corner of Husker Highway & Engleman Road (Indianhead Golf Club, LLC)

#2018-366 - Approving Purchase of Herman Miller Line Furniture for Edith Abbott Memorial Library Renovation

#2018-367 - Approving Purchase of Multiple Manufacturers' Furniture for Edith Abbott Memorial Library Renovation

#2018-368 - Approving the Purchase of Radio Transmission Equipment for 911 Center

#2018-369 - Approving Purchase of an Articulated Wheel Loader for the Heartland Public Shooting Park

Public Works Director, John Collins, spoke in support of item G-9 - #2018-365 - Amending the 2018/2019 Fee Schedule Regarding Parking Fees; Director John Collins discussed the Chamber parking lot and parking ramp fees that are not being charged, and establishing the fee schedule.

Motion by Nickerson to approve with clarification from Chief Falldorf stating there is a fee on first level of parking ramp that will be attained, parking permits sold by police department. Confusion of the signs in parking ramp comes from the signs stating designated spots for parking with a permit, but there is no designated spots on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> level, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> levels are free.- second by Jones to approve Resolution #2018-365. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

## RESOLUTIONS:

#2018-370 - Consideration of Approving Appointment of RaNae Edwards MMC as City Clerk.  
Motion by Hehnke, second by Stelk to approve Resolution #2018-370. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2018-371 - Consideration of Approving Appointment of Patrick Brown as Treasurer/Finance Director.

Motion by Minton, second by Fitzke to approve Resolution #2018-371. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2018-372 - Consideration of Approving the Appointment of Jerry Janulewicz as City Attorney

Motion by Jones, second by Minton to approve Resolution #2018-372. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2018-373 - Consideration of Approving Appointment of John Collins P.E. as Engineer/Public Works Director

Motion by Hehnke, second by Stelk to approve Resolution #2018-373. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2018-374 - Consideration of Approving Contract with Brent Clark as Assistant City Administrator

Motion by Nickerson, second by Minton to approve Resolution #2018-374. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.