



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Council Session

Item G-1

Approving Minutes of December 17, 2019 City Council Regular Meeting

Staff Contact: RaNae Edwards

CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

December 17, 2019

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 17, 2019. Notice of the meeting was given in *The Grand Island Independent* on December 11, 2019.

Mayor Roger G. Steele called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following City Council members were present: Mike Paulick, Justin Scott, Jeremy Jones, Mark Stelk, Jason Conley, Julie Hehnke, Mitch Nickerson, and Chuck Haase. Councilmembers Clay Schutz and Vaughn Minton were absent. The following City Officials were present: City Administrator Jerry Janulewicz, City Clerk RaNae Edwards, Finance Director Patrick Brown, Interim City Attorney Stacy Nonhof, and Public Works Director John Collins.

The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was said.

Mayor Steele introduced Community Youth Council member Amy Ruiz.

SPECIAL ITEMS:

Election of City Council President: City Clerk RaNae Edwards 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 Stelk nominated Councilmember Paulick. Councilmember Jones nominated Councilmember Haase. Councilmember Haase asked that he not be considered. There were no further nominations.

City Clerk RaNae Edwards called for the ballot. It was reported that Councilmember Paulick received 7 votes. City Clerk RaNae Edwards declared Councilmember Paulick the new Council President for 2020.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION: Motion by Haase, second by Paulick to adjourn to the Board of Equalization. Motion adopted.

#2019-BE-7 - Consideration of Determining Re-establishment of Tap Fees for Subdivided Lots in Bosselville Fifth Subdivision- Sanitary Sewer District No. 530T. Public Works Director John

Collins reported that a tract of land owned by Bosselman, Inc. had been subdivided into five (5) lots. It was recommended the connection fee be split between the current five (5) lots and the parcel west of Lot 1, based on the redistribution of land. Staff recommended approval.

Motion by Haase, second by Hehnke to approve Resolution #2019-BE-7. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Motion by Paulick, second by Conley to return to Regular Session. Motion adopted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing on the Annual Report by Grand Island Area Economic Development Corp./Citizens Advisory Review Committee on the EDC Program Plan. Mike Schuster, Chairman of the Citizen Advisory Review Committee (CARC) stated the CARC had met and recommended approval of the EDC Annual Report. Dave Taylor, President of the Grand Island Area Economic Development Corporation (GIAEDC) gave the annual report. Staff recommended approval. No further public testimony was heard.

Public Hearing on Acquisition of Utility Easement - 3309 Husker Highway - GI Hospital Real Estate, LLC. Utilities Director Tim Luchsinger reported that acquisition of a utility easement located at 3309 Husker Highway was needed in order to have access to install, upgrade, maintain, and repair power appurtenances, including lines and transformers. GI Hospital Real Estate, LLC had requested a back-up electrical service for the new Grand Island Regional Hospital located at 3533 Prairieview Street. A new three-phase underground pad-mount switch would be installed along the east side of Ring Road (private drive) to accommodate the new back-up electrical service. The proposed easement tract would allow the Utilities Department to install, access, operate and maintain the electrical infrastructure at this location. Staff recommended approval. No public testimony was heard.

CONSENT AGENDA: Consent Agenda item G-26 (Resolution #2019-348) was pulled for further discussion. Motion by Haase, second by Nickerson to approve the Consent Agenda excluding item G-26. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approving Minutes of November 26, 2019 City Council Regular Meeting.

Approving Minutes of December 10, 2019 City Council Study Session.

Approving Councilmembers Appointments to Boards and Commissions.

Approving Re-Appointments to the Electrical Board.

Approving Re-Appointments to the Mechanical Examining Board.

Approving Appointments to the Plumbers Examining Board.

#2019-357 - Approving Acquisition of Utility Easement - 3309 Husker Highway - GI Hospital Real Estate, LLC.

#2019-358 - Approving Bid Award - Burdick Generating Station Cooling Water Piping Changes with The Diamond Engineering Company of Grand Island, Nebraska in an Amount of \$199,331.09.

#2019-359 - Approving Change Order #1 for Water Main Project 2018-W-10 - Custer Avenue from State Street to Capital Avenue with Van Kirk Brothers Contracting of Sutton, Nebraska for a Deduction of \$9,971.35 and a revised Contract Amount of \$385,4401.00.

#2019-360 - Approving State Bid Award for One (1) 2020 Ford F250 XLT Crew Cab 4x4 for the Solid Waste Division of the Public Works Department from Anderson Auto Group of Lincoln, Nebraska in an Amount of \$35,784.00.

#2019-361 - Approving Award of Landfill Grade Software for the Solid Waste Division of the Public Works Department with RDO Integrated Controls of Bloomington, Minnesota in an Amount of \$54,569.00.

#2019-362 - Approving Bid Award of One (1) 2020 Solid Waste Transfer Trailer for the Solid Waste Division of the Public Works Department from Wilkens Industries of Morris, Minnesota in an Amount of \$61,124.00.

#2019-363 - Approving Purchase of a New John Deere Motor Grader for the Streets Division of the Public Works Department from Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. of Grand Island, Nebraska in an Amount of \$262,000.00.

#2019-364 - Approving Maintenance Agreement No. 12 Renewal with the Nebraska Department of Transportation for Calendar Year 2020.

#2019-365 - Approving Certificate of Final Completion for Furnishing Components for "EIMCO® Type C3D-Full Trough Skimmer Clarifier Mechanism; Project No. 2019-WWTP-1 with Ovivo USA, LLC of Salt Lake City, Utah.

#2019-366 - Approving Certificate of Final Completion for Final Clarifier No. 3 Rehabilitation; Project No. 2019-WWTP-2 with Fab Tech Wastewater Solutions, LLC of Fallon, Missouri.

#2019- 367- Approving Certificate of Final Completion for Diffuser Replacement; Project No. 2019-WWTP-3 with Environmental Dynamics International, Inc. of Columbia, Missouri.

#2019-368 - Approving Certificate of Final Completion for the 2019 Asphalt Resurfacing Project No. 2019-AC-1 with Gary Smith Construction Co., Inc. of Grand Island, Nebraska.

#2019-369 - Approving Certificate of Final Completion for Capital Avenue Widening- Webb Road to Broadwell Avenue; Project No. URB-5436(5) with Paulsen, Inc. of Cozad, Nebraska.

#2019-370 - Approving Certificate of Final Completion for Sidewalk District No. 1- 2019; 13th Street with Carlos Guerrero Construction of Grand Island, Nebraska.

#2019-371 - Approving 2018-2019 Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report for Community Development Block Grant Funding.

#2019-372 - Approving CDBG Public Service Grant Award to the Salvation Army.

#2019-373 - Approving Change Order #5 for the GI Veteran's Athletic Field Construction Phase 2 with Nemaha Landscape Construction, Inc. of Lincoln, Nebraska for a Decrease of \$3,772.00 and a Revised Contract Amount of \$5,778,181.10.

#2019-374 - Approving Purchase of One (1) Tractor for the Parks Division of the Parks and Recreation Department from Titan Machinery of Grand Island, Nebraska in an Amount of \$63,636.52.

#2019-375 - Approving Purchase of Two (2) New 72" Mowers, Two (2) New Field Drag Units and One (1) New Utility Vehicle for the Parks Division of the Parks and Recreation Department from Midwest Turf and Irrigation of Omaha, Nebraska in an Amount of \$116,775.00.

#2019-348 - Approving Wastewater Cost of Service Based Rates and Amending Fee Schedule Adopted July 9, 2019. Public Works Director John Collins answered questions regarding the airport and employee expenses that had been transferred from the General Fund to the Wastewater Enterprise fund. Finance Director Patrick Brown explained the transfer was due to budget shortages in the General Fund. Mr. Collins stated this rate fee increase would take place over five years.

Motion by Paulick, second by Jones to approve Resolution #2019-348. Upon roll call vote, Councilmembers Haase, Nickerson, Hehnke, Conley, Stelk, Jones, and Paulick voted aye. Councilmember Scott voted no. Motion adopted.

RESOLUTIONS:

#2019-376 - Consideration of Approving Re-established Tap Fees for Subdivided Lots in Bosselville Fifth Subdivision- Sanitary Sewer District No. 530T. This item was related to the aforementioned Public Hearing. Staff recommended approval.

Motion by Haase, second by Paulick to approve Resolution #2019-376. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2019-377 - Consideration of Approving the Annual Report by the Grand Island Area Economic Development Corp/Citizens Advisory Review Committee on the EDC Program Plan. This item was related to the aforementioned Public Hearing. Staff recommended approval. It was requested that the jobs be included in the Annual Report by year. Mr. Taylor explained the process of bringing businesses to Grand Island.

Motion by Hehnke, second by Stelk to approve Resolution #2019-377. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2019-378 - Consideration of Approving Funding for the Grand Island Area Economic Development Program Plan. Economic Development President Dave Taylor presented the application for funding \$350,000 to the Grand Island Area Economic Development Corporation. Staff recommended approval.

Motion by Nickerson, second by Stelk to approve Resolution #2019-378. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2019-379 - Consideration of Approving Memorandum of Agreement for the Transfer of the Veterans Home Cemetery to the City of Grand Island. City Administrator Jerry Janulewicz reported that in March of 2016, the City Council approved a Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) with the Nebraska Department of Administrative Services (“DAS”) that provided for a transfer of lands and buildings comprising the Nebraska State Veterans Home at Grand Island. The MOA provided that the agricultural land, referred to as the Phase I lands, would initially be conveyed to the City and the remaining property, consisting of the cemetery and the buildings and immediate campus lands, would be offered to the City as Phase II and transferred upon mutually agreeable terms. Through further investigation and due diligence, City Administration determined that acceptance of the Veterans Home buildings and campus lands would not be in the City’s best interests due to the financial burden that would be imposed upon the City, its residents, and taxpayers.

The Veterans Home Cemetery consists of approximately 10 acres together with related small buildings and facilities. The expense of maintaining the Cemetery, either through additional city staff and equipment or by private contractor, could be paid using rental income received from leasing the remaining agricultural lands transferred to the City in Phase I. Staff recommended approval.

Don Smith, 304 Pleasant Drive and Jay Vavricek, 2729 Brentwood Blvd. asked the Council to delay this decision until more information could be gathered concerning a State Veterans Cemetery. Don Shuda, 8206 North 110 Road, Dannebrog, Nebraska stated a State Veterans Cemetery had to meet national standards and would be funded by the State/Federal Government not the City of Grand Island. This would take several years to accomplish. He state in the southwest corner of the City Cemetery there was a veterans section but nobody knew about it.

City Administrator Jerry Janulewicz commented on the bill being drafted by Senator Quick regarding the Veterans Cemetery being a State Veterans Cemetery. Mr. Shuda stated in order for a State Veterans Cemetery the state would need another 20 acres. Mr. Janulewicz commented on the time line. Parks & Recreation Director Todd McCoy stated there were about 80 spaces left in the current cemetery.

Motion by Paulick, second by Hehnke to approve Resolution #2019-379. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Motion by Haase, second by Hehnke to approve the payment of claims for the period of November 27, 2019 through December 17, 2019 for a total amount of \$5,246,088.83. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

RaNae Edwards
City Clerk