



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Council Session

## Item G-1

### Approving Minutes of August 11, 2020 City Council Regular Meeting

Staff Contact: RaNae Edwards

CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

August 11, 2020

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 August 11, 2020. Notice of the meeting was given in *The Grand Island Independent* on August 5, 2020.

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, Mark Stelk, Jason Conley, Vaughn Minton, Julie Hehnke, Clay Schutz, Mitch Nickerson, and Chuck Haase. Councilmember Jeremy Jones was 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.

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

#2020-BE-2 - Consideration of Determining Benefits for Sanitary Sewer District No. 543; Willow Street. Public Works Director John Collins reported that Starostka Group Unlimited, Inc. of Grand Island, Nebraska was hired to perform work on Sanitary Sewer District No. 543 in the amount of \$402,798.85. Work was completed at a price of \$365,223.08; with additional costs of \$57,172.63. The costs for this project would be assessed to the adjacent property. Staff recommended approval.

Motion by Stelk, second by Schutz to approve Resolution #2020-BE-2. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Motion by Schutz, second by Hehnke to return to Regular Session. Motion adopted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing on Request from Amy J Schutte dba Bella Design & Decor, 110 East 3rd Street for a Class "C" Liquor License. City Clerk RaNae Edwards reported that an application for a Class "C" Liquor License had been received from Amy J. Schutte dba Bella Design & Decor, 110 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Ms. Edwards presented the following exhibits for the record: application submitted to the Liquor Control Commission and received by the City on July 20, 2020; notice to the general public of date, time, and place of hearing published on August 1, 2020; notice to the applicant of date, time, and place of hearing mailed on July 27, 2020. Staff recommended approval contingent upon final inspections. No public testimony was heard.

ORDINANCES:

Councilmember Minton moved "that the statutory rules requiring ordinances to be read by title on three different days are suspended and that ordinances numbered:

- #9780 - Consideration of Amending Grand Island City Code Section 2-21 - City Council Members Compensation
- #9781 - Consideration of Salary Ordinance
- #9782 - Consideration of Approving Benefits for Sanitary Sewer District No. 543; Willow Street

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.

- #9780 - Consideration of Amending Grand Island City Code Section 2-21 - City Council Members Compensation

Human Resources Director Aaron Schmid reported that a wage survey was completed in 2019 which included a review of Council compensation. Array responses indicated the midpoint compensation should be adjusted to eight thousand four hundred dollars (\$8,400.00). The proposed increase would become effective the first regular Council meeting in December with the seating of the next Council. Under current law, the filing fee for city council was based upon the salary in effect for council members as of November 30 of the year preceding the election. Staff made no recommendation.

Motion by Minton, second by Nickerson to approve Ordinance #9780.

Jay Vavricek, 2729 Brentwood Boulevard spoke in opposition. It was mentioned that there had been only 2 increases in the past 19 years. Several comments were made about this not being the right time for an increase.

City Clerk: Ordinance #9780 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 no. Motion failed.

- #9781 - Consideration of Salary Ordinance

Human Resources Director Aaron Schmid reported that a Salary Ordinance was presented each year as a part of the budget process. Wage changes presented were for bargaining units according to their respective labor agreements and negotiated wages. Average union changes range from zero to three percent. The Ordinance also included changes to the non-union positions. Changes reflected a one and one half percent increase along with classification specific adjustments. The adjustments were part of a three year plan to bring compensation closer to comparability of array cities. A one-half percent increase in pension contribution had been factored into the non-union rate calculations. Staff recommended approval.

Motion by Minton, second by Paulick to approve Ordinance #9781.

Jay Vavricek, 2729 Brentwood Boulevard spoke in support.

City Clerk: Ordinance #9781 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 #9781 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 Steele: By reason of the roll call votes on first reading and then upon second and final readings, Ordinance #9781 is declared to be lawfully adopted upon publication as required by law.

#9782 - Consideration of Approving Benefits for Sanitary Sewer District No. 543; Willow Street

This item was related to the above Board of Equalization item. Staff recommended approval.

Motion by Paulick, second by Minton to approve Ordinance #9782.

City Clerk: Ordinance #9782 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 #9782 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 Steele: By reason of the roll call votes on first reading and then upon second and final readings, Ordinance #9782 is declared to be lawfully adopted upon publication as required by law.

CONSENT AGENDA: Consent Agenda item G-3 was removed for further discussion. Motion by Paulick, second by Hehnke to approve the Consent Agenda excluding item G-3. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approving Minutes of July 27, 2020 Joint Health Department Meeting.

Approving Minutes of July 28, 2020 City Council Regular Meeting.

Approving Request of Fonner Park Exposition and Events Center, Inc. (Heartland Events Center) for Ratification of Nomination and Election of Board of Directors. City Clerk RaNae Edwards reported this was item was done yearly to ratify the nomination and election of the Board of Directors or the Heartland Events Center Board. Jay Vavricek, 2729 Brentwood Boulevard spoke in support.

Motion by Stelk, second by Schutz to approve. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2020-181 - Approving Request from Amy J Schutte, LLC dba Bella Design & Decor, 110 East 3rd Street, for a Class "C" Liquor License.

#2020-182 - Approving Bid Award - Electrostatic Precipitator Controls Upgrade with The Babcock & Wilcox Company of Newport News, Virginia in an Amount of \$177,790.80.

#2020-183 - Approving Bid Award - Precipitator Bottom Ash & Industrial Cleaning at Platte Generating Station - Fall 2020 with AIMS Companies of Scottsdale, Arizona in an Amount of \$163,346.25.

#2020-184 - Approving PGS Coal Combustion Residual (CCR) Groundwater Services - Task #15 with HDR Engineering, Inc. in an Amount no to exceed \$35,600.00.

#2020-185 - Approving Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Grand Island and the Union Local No. 1597, IBEW, AFL-CIO (Utilities Department).

#2020-186 - Approving Annual Payment for Utility Billing Software Support with N. Harris Computer Corporation dba Advanced Utility Systems of Chicago, Illinois in an Amount of \$86,270.69.

#2020-187 - Approving Amendment No. 2 to Engineering Consulting Agreement for Sanitary Sewer Collection System Rehabilitation– Downtown; Project No. 2019-S-1, Phase II with Olsson, Inc. of Grand Island, Nebraska for an Increase of \$35,888.00 and a Revised Contract Amount of \$178,801.00.

#2020-188 - Approving 2019 Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Response Amendment.

#2020-189 - Approving Subordination Request for Tom and Cindy Tjaden located at 114 Cherokee Avenue.

RESOLUITONS:

#2020-190 - Consideration of Approving FY 2020-2021 Annual Budget for Railside Business Improvement District and Setting Date for Board of Equalization. Finance Director Patrick Brown reported that the City had received the 2020-2021 budget that provided for a total special assessment of \$119,985.06 within the Railside Business Improvement District. It was recommended that the Board of Equalization on the proposed assessments be set for September 8, 2020.

Jay Vavricek, 2729 Brentwood Boulevard spoke in support. Amos Anson representing the Railside Business Improvement District answered questions regarding what effort had taken place on the north side of the tracks. He explained they would have to create a district or expand the Railside district. Kara Lemburg, 1507 West 1<sup>st</sup> Street stated since the pandemic they had lost 3 businesses downtown. Cindy Johnson representing the Chamber of Commerce commented on the changes since COVID-19 and the challenges for all businesses in Grand Island.

Motion by Hehnke, second by Paulick to approve Resolution #2020-190. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2020-191 - Consideration of Approving FY 2020-2021 Annual Budget for Fonner Park Business Improvement District and Setting Date for Board of Equalization. Finance Director Patrick Brown reported that the City had received the 2020-2021 budget that provided for a total special assessment of \$49,490.00 within the Fonner Park Business Improvement District. It was

recommended that the Board of Equalization on the proposed assessments be set for September 8, 2020.

Motion by Minton, second by Paulick to approve Resolution #2020-191. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2020-192 - Consideration of Approving FY 2020-2021 Annual Budget for South Locust Street Business Improvement District and Setting Date for Board of Equalization. Finance Director Patrick Brown reported that the City had received the 2020-2021 budget that provided for a total special assessment of \$93,233.00 within the South Locust Street Business Improvement District. It was recommended that the Board of Equalization on the proposed assessments be set for September 8, 2020.

Motion by Paulick, second by Minton to approve Resolution #2020-192. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Motion by Minton, second by Conley to approve the payment of claims for the period of July 29, 2020 through August 11, 2020 for a total amount of \$4,778,117.91. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

SPECIAL ITEMS:

Review of Capital Equipment, Parks Projects, and Overall Budget Discussion. Finance Director Patrick Brown presented the Capital Improvement 400 Funds. Public Works Capital projects totaled \$1,585,500.00. The 410 Fund included Capital equipment which was for computers - \$50,000.00; Fire - \$1,202,000.00; Police – 524,315.00; Emergency Management – 87,000.00; Streets Capital equipment - \$877,702.00; Library – 720,000.00; and Parks Department Capital equipment and golf - \$393,300.00 for a total of \$3,854,317.00 in the 410 Fund.

Fire Chief Cory Schmidt answered questions regarding Fire Station 2 expansion which was for dorms. He stated on August 26, 2020 there would be an open house at the new Fire Station 4. Library Director Steve Fosselman answered questions regarding the new HVAC system that was needed at the library.

Reviewed were the Parks projects for 2021 totaling \$1,612,500; 2022 - \$1,475,000; and 2023 - \$1,050,000. Parks and Recreation Director Todd McCoy answered questions regarding adding roads to the old cemetery. He stated asphaltting the new cemetery was pretty much done. The plan for Stolley Park was to replace the wading pool with a splash pad in 2022. Mr. Brown stated sales tax was down 7.3% for July. All revenues were down for the month of July but not as much as expected which was encouraging.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

RaNae Edwards  
City Clerk