



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Council Session

Item -1

Approving Minutes of November 23, 2020 Special City Council Meeting

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CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

November 23, 2020

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Special 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 November 23, 2020. Notice of the meeting was given in *The Grand Island Independent* on November 19, 2020.

Mayor Roger G. Steele called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following City Council members were present: Mike Paulick, Mark Stelk, Jason Conley, Vaughn Minton, Julie Hehnke, Clay Schutz, Mitch Nickerson, Justin Scott, 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.

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:

#9803 – Consideration of Approving City Code Amendments to Chapter 2 – Establishing a City Board of Health

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.

City Administrator Jerry Janulewicz reported that Nebraska Revised Statute §16-238 provided that a city of the first class may make regulations to prevent the introduction and spread of contagious, infectious, or malignant diseases into the city. The statute further provided that in cities organized under a mayor-council form of government, “a board of health shall be created consisting of five members: the mayor, who shall be chairperson; a physician, who shall be medical adviser; the chief of police, who shall be secretary and quarantine officer; the president of the city council; and one other member.

If approved and enacted by the City Council, the Ordinance would establish a City Board of Health. That Board would be able to meet and consider recommendations to be made to the City Council concerning health related matters, in particular, recommendations concerning the current Novel Coronavirus pandemic.

Jay Vavricek, 2729 Brentwood Boulevard asked questions concerning the board's term of office, appointments, residency, removal from the board, will this be an advisory board, and will it follow the open meetings laws.

Adam Condon, 2504 West 4th Street spoke in opposition.

Discussion was held concerning the difference between the City Board of Health and the Central District Health Department (CDHD). Mr. Janulewicz stated the CDHD was unable to make certain public health decisions that the City Board of Health could. This board would meet on an as needed basis to make recommendations to the City Council.

Motion by Schutz, second by Stelk to approve Ordinance #9803.

City Clerk: Ordinance #9803 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 #9803 on second and final reading. All those in favor of this 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 #9803 is declared to be lawfully adopted upon publication as required by law.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

RaNae Edwards
City Clerk