



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Council Session

Item G-1

Approving Minutes of February 23, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting

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CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

February 23, 2021

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 February 23, 2021. Notice of the meeting was given in *The Grand Island Independent* on February 17, 2021.

Mayor Roger G. Steele called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following City Council members were present: Michelle Fitzke, Mark Stelk, Bethany Guzinski, Mitch Nickerson, Chuck Haase, Vaughn Minton, Justin Scott, Maggie Mendoza and Mike Paulick. Councilmember Jason Conley was absent. The following City Officials were present: City Administrator Jerry Janulewicz, Deputy City Clerk Jill Granere, Finance Director Patrick Brown, Interim City Attorney Stacy Nonhof and Public Works Director John Collins.

SPECIAL ITEMS:

Approving Appointment of Maggie Mendoza to City Council Ward 2. Mayor Roger G. Steele had submitted the name of Maggie Mendoza for appointment as Councilmember to represent Ward 2.

Motion by Stelk, second by Guzinski to approve Maggie Mendoza to City Council Ward 2. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Administration of Oath of Office to Newly Appointed Councilmember – Ward 2. Mayor Steele administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Councilmember Maggie Mendoza - Ward 2.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing on Acquisition of Public Right-of-Way for Old Potash Highway Roadway Improvements; Project No. 2019-P-1 (NNN Grand Island NE Owner LP- 115 Wilmar Avenue and Northcott Company- 106 Wilmar Avenue). Public Works Director John Collins reported the Old Potash Highway Roadway Improvements was for improvements to Old Potash Highway, as well as intersecting roadways from North Road to Webb Road. He explained the interaction between the various traffic features is complex, so an overall master plan was created to ensure that the individual projects will function together and address other safety issues in these areas. The property owners have signed the necessary documents to grant the property. Staff recommended approval. No public testimony was heard.

Public Hearing on Acquisition of Public Right-of-Way for North Road- 13th Street to Highway 2 Roadway Improvements; Project No. 2019-P-5 (Kaelin- 4020 Cannon Road). Public Works Director John Collins reported that they are proposing a concrete curb and gutter roadway section with associated sidewalk, traffic control, drainage and related improvements needed to complete the project. Collins reported that a public right-of-way was needed to accommodate

intersection improvements for the North Road- 13th Street to Highway 2 Roadway Improvements. The property owner has signed the necessary document to grant the property. Staff recommended approval. No public testimony was heard.

Public Hearing on Acquisition of Public Utility Easement for North Road- 13th Street to Highway 2 Roadway Improvements; Project No. 2019-P-5 (Kaelin- 4020 Cannon Road and Carraher- 4001 Mason Avenue). Public Works Director John Collins reported that they are proposing a concrete curb and gutter roadway section with associated sidewalk, traffic control, drainage and related improvements needed to complete the project. Collins reported public utility easements were needed to accommodate the roadway improvements along North Road. The property owners have signed the necessary documents to grant the property. Staff recommended approval. No public testimony was heard.

Public Hearing on Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Response Round Three Activities. Planning Director Chad Nabity reported Grand Island became an Entitlement Community in September 2015. A large part of the planning process for this Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) model is the creation of the 3, 4 or 5-year Consolidated Plan, and the Annual Action Plan.

Nabity reported in response to the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19); the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program had notified Entitlement Community they will receive a formula allocation from the third round to be used specifically for the prevention of, preparation for, and response to COVID-19. Nabity reported the City has proposed the following:

- \$15,000- Program Administration
- \$100,000- Heartland United Way's COVID RELIEF & RECOVERY GRANT.
- \$59,063- Senior Citizen Industries- Response to Prepare for and Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 to LMI Seniors
- \$59,063- Hall County Community Collaborative Child Care Virtual Learning Centers

Staff recommended approval. 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:

#9818 - Consideration of Approving Salary Ordinance

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.

Human Resource Director Aaron Schmidt reported that the Wastewater Treatment Plant had experienced challenges over the years in recruiting and retaining leadership positions. The treatment plant had been searching for an Operations Engineer since September of 2020. To date, only 12 applicants had applied and none of them had met the education and/or experience qualifications. Schmidt reported the Plant Engineer position had experienced similar challenges and the current plant manager plans to retire this summer.

Schmidt reported he had reviewed data from the 2020 American Water Works Association's Compensation Survey for medium-sized water and wastewater utilities serving populations between 10,000 and 99,999. Based on the data they recommended they adjust the Plant Engineer position salary range to \$107,048 to \$149,507 annually and retitle the position to Assistant Public Works Director of Wastewater. They recommended adjusting the Operations Engineer position salary range to \$101,950 to \$142,400 annually.

Discussion was held regarding the title, Public Works Director John Collins explained it will attract applicants and if we don't fill the position we will not meet EPA Guidelines and will receive violations because they cannot meet the demand.

Motion by Paulick, second by Fitzke to approve Ordinance #9818.

Deputy City Clerk: Ordinance #9818 on first reading. All those in favor of the passage of this ordinance on first reading, answer roll call vote. Upon roll call vote, Councilmembers Fitzke, Guzinski, Mendoza, Minton, Nickerson, Paulick, Scott and Stelk voted aye. Councilmember Haase voted no. Motion adopted.

Deputy City Clerk: Ordinance #9818 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, Councilmembers Fitzke, Guzinski, Mendoza, Minton, Nickerson, Paulick, Scott and Stelk voted aye. Councilmember Haase voted no. Motion adopted.

Mayor Steele: By reason of the roll call votes on first reading and then upon second and final readings, Ordinance #9818 is declared to be lawfully adopted upon publication as required by law.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Paulick, second by Guzinski to approve the Consent Agenda. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

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Approving Preliminary Plat for Copper Creek Estates Subdivision.

#2021-26 - Approving Final Plat and Subdivision Agreement for Iglesia Eban-Ezer Subdivision.
It was noted that Iglesia De Dios Eben-Ezer, a Nebraska Non-Profit Corporation and Home Federal Savings & Loan Association of Grand Island, beneficiary and Arend R. Baack, owners, had submitted the Final Plat and Subdivision Agreement for Iglesia Eban-Ezer Subdivision

located west of Capital Trail Court and north of Capital Avenue in Grand Island, Nebraska (2 lots, 14.91 acres).

#2021-27 - Approving Final Plat and Subdivision Agreement for NuView Second Subdivision. It was noted that Eliseo Calderon, owner, had submitted the Final Plat and Subdivision Agreement for NuView Second Subdivision located east of Saint Paul Road and north of 9th Street in Grand Island, Nebraska (2 lots, 0.75 acres).

#2021-28 - Approving Acquisition of Public Right-of-Way for Old Potash Highway Roadway Improvements; Project No. 2019-P-1 (NNN Grand Island NE Owner LP- 115 Wilmar Avenue and Northcott Company- 106 Wilmar Avenue).

#2021-29 - Approving Temporary Construction Easement for Old Potash Highway Roadway Improvements; Project No. 2019-P-1 (NNN Grand Island NE Owner LP- R & D Investments, LLC- 115 Wilmar Avenue and Northcott Company- 106 Wilmar Avenue).

#2021-30 - Approving Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with NDOT for the Grand Island Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GIAMPO) for the 2017 Fiscal Year Transportation Planning Program to reallocate the amount of \$233.85 to HDR Engineering, Inc..

#2021-31 - Approving Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with NDOT for the Grand Island Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GIAMPO) for the 2018 Fiscal Year Transportation Planning Program to reallocate the amount of \$7,460.36 to HDR Engineering, Inc.

#2021-32 - Approving Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with NDOT for the Grand Island Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GIAMPO) for the 2019 Fiscal Year Transportation Planning Program to reallocate the amount of \$22,275.50 to HDR Engineering, Inc.

#2021-33 - Approving Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with NDOT for the Grand Island Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GIAMPO) for the 2020 Fiscal Year Transportation Planning Program to reallocate the amount of \$3,875.28 to HDR Engineering, Inc.

#2021-34 - Approving Amendment No. 2 to Engineering Consulting Agreement for North Road- 13th Street to Highway 2 Roadway Improvements; Project No. 2019-P-5 with JEO Consulting Group, Inc. of Grand Island, Nebraska for an increase of \$423,520.00 and a Revised Contract Amount of \$1,708,450.00.

#2021-35 - Approving Acquisition of Public Right-of-Way for North Road- 13th Street to Highway 2 Roadway Improvements; Project No. 2019-P-5 (Kaelin- 4020 Cannon Road).

#2021-36 - Approving Acquisition of Public Utility Easement for North Road- 13th Street to Highway 2 Roadway Improvements; Project No. 2019-P-5 (Kaelin- 4020 Cannon Road and Carraher- 4001 Mason Avenue).

#2021-37 - Approving Temporary Construction Easements for North Road- 13th Street to Highway 2 Roadway Improvements; Project No. 2019-P-5.

#2021-38 - Approving Bid Award for Concrete Pavement and Storm Sewer Repairs for 2021 with Morten Construction LLC of Kearney, Nebraska in the amount of \$772,950.00.

#2021-39 - Approving the Submission of the Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Response Round Three Activities.

#2021-40 - DELL Computer Equipment Replacement for 2021fiscal year in the amount of \$49,586.00.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Motion by Minton, second by Fitzke to approve the payment of claims for the period of February 10, 2021 through February 23, 2021 for a total amount of \$4,349,479.01. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Jill Granere
Deputy City Clerk