



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

Council Session

Item G-1

Approving Minutes of March 9, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting

Staff Contact: RaNae Edwards

CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

March 9, 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 March 9, 2021. Notice of the meeting was given in *The Grand Island Independent* on March 3, 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, City Clerk RaNae Edwards, Finance Director Patrick Brown, Interim City Attorney Stacy Nonhof and Public Works Director John Collins.

PRESENTATION:

Budget Review. Finance Director Patrick Brown reported that the sales tax receipts for the General Fund for fiscal year 2021 were down 2.5% or \$148,000 as compared to FY 2020. However they were higher than 2018-2019 FY year.

Property Tax revenue for FY 2021 was 59.2% more than the same period last year. Licenses & Permits receipts were up 43.6% over the same period last year. Motor vehicle sales tax revenue continued to be strong and was up 22.7% or \$206,000 for FY 2021. Franchise fees were continually going down over the past few years. He stated they had captured over \$3.5 million of the Cares Act in 2020. Mentioned was the Revenue Less Expenses report for the General Fund which was for 5 months. He stated Capital Projects were moving along as expected. During budget meetings they would be talking about FTE's.

Discussion was held regarding the Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) and the article in the paper on Sunday to increase the size to 100,000 people instead of 50,000. Cares Act was mentioned with a discussion to be brought forward for property tax relief.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing on Acquisition of Drainage/Utility Easements in Section 12, Township 11 N, Range 10- 3812 West 13th Street (Blender, LLC) and Millennial Estates- 1449 Stonewood Avenue & 1435 Stonewood Avenue (Starostka Group Unlimited, Inc.). Public Works Director John Collins reported that public easements were needed to accommodate drainage and utilities for development within Millennial Estates Subdivision. This subdivision was located north of 13th Street, between North Road and US Highway 281. Staff recommended approval. No public testimony was heard.

Public Hearing on Dedication of Right-of-Way for North Road- US Highway 30 to Old Potash Highway Roadway Improvements; Project No. 2019-P-12. Public Works Director John Collins reported that to allow for the improvements to the southern portion of North Road from US Highway 30 to Old Potash Highway it was required that current property be dedicated by the City of Grand Island as right-of-way. This ROW dedication would allow for a concrete curb and gutter roadway section with associated sidewalk, traffic control, drainage and all other related improvements to complete the project. 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 (Nagel- 1905 N North Road). Public Works Director John Collins reported that Public right-of-way was needed to accommodate intersection improvements for the North Road- 13th Street to Highway 2 Roadway Improvements; Project No. 2019-P-5. Staff recommended approval. No public testimony was heard.

CONSENT AGENDA: Consent Agenda item G-7 (Resolution #2021-46) was removed for further discussion. Motion by Paulick, second by Guzinski to approve the Consent Agenda excluding item G-7. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

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#2021-41 - Approving Bid Award - Precipitator, Bottom Ash and Boiler Industrial Cleaning at Platte Generating Station - Spring 2021 with Meylan Enterprises, Inc. of Omaha, Nebraska in an Amount of \$196,311.99.

#2021-42 - Approving Bid Award - Boiler Inspection and Repair at Platte Generating Station - Spring 2021 with Locke AMI, LLC of Olathe, Kansas in an Amount of \$90,158.00.

#2021-43 - Approving Platte Generating Station Coal Combustion Residual (CCR) Groundwater Services Task 17 with HDR Engineering with HDR Engineering, Inc. of Omaha, Nebraska in an Amount not to exceed \$39,900.00.

#2021-44 - Approving Emergency Procurement of Generator Fuel Oil from Bosselman Energy in an Amount of \$212,983.13; Sapp Bros. in an Amount of \$332,539.06; and Aurora Co-op in an Amount of \$56,806.95.

#2021-45 - Approving Request from St. Mary's Cathedral for Permission to Use City Streets and State Highway for the 2021 Divine Mercy Sunday Procession.

#2021-46 - Approving Transit Scheduling Software from RouteMatch Software, LLC of Atlanta, Georgia in an Amount of \$184,805.00. Transit Program Manager Charley Falmlen reported that the State of Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) issued a Request for Qualifications on January 13, 2020 for the purpose of prequalifying contractors to provide Transit Scheduling Software. Per Federal Transit Administration regulations, the City of Grand Island could participate in the State of Nebraska's group procurements for the purpose of obtaining equipment and services. Total cost of the Transit Scheduling Software from RouteMatch Software, LLC

was \$184,804.00. This software would allow for contactless transactions and improved availability of service.

Motion by Nickerson, second by Stelk to approve Resolution #2021-46. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2021-47 - Approving Acquisition of Drainage/Utility Easements in Section 12, Township 11 N, Range 10- 3812 West 13th Street (Blender, LLC) and Millennial Estates- 1449 Stonewood Avenue & 1435 Stonewood Avenue (Starostka Group Unlimited, Inc.).

#2021-48 - Approving Contract Renewal 1 of 2 for Annual Pavement Markings for the Streets Division of Public Works with Straight-Line Striping, Inc. of Grand Island, Nebraska in an Amount of \$128,905.50.

#2021-49 - Approving Dedication of Right-of-Way for North Road- US Highway 30 to Old Potash Highway Roadway Improvements; Project No. 2019-P-12.

#2021-50 - Approving Acquisition of Public Right-of-Way for North Road- 13th Street to Highway 2 Roadway Improvements; Project No. 2019-P-5 (Nagel- 1905 N North Road).

#2021-51 - Approving Temporary Construction Easements for North Road- 13th Street to Highway 2 Roadway Improvements; Project No. 2019-P-5.

#2021-52 - Approving Subordination Request for 209 S. Cherokee Avenue (Betti Dugger).

#2021-53 - Approving Interlocal Agreement with Hall County for Ambulance Service in an Amount of \$225,223.00 from July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022.

RESOLUTION:

#2021-54 – Consideration of Approving the SAFER Grant Application. Fire Chief Cory Schmidt reported that the Department of Homeland Security’s Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant program was created to provide funding to fire departments to help them increase or maintain the number of trained, “front line” firefighters available in their communities. The SAFER grant would pay for three firefighters’ wages and benefits for a three-year period for a total of approximately \$831,000. Unlike previous years, there wasn’t a local cost share requirement or a commitment to retain the firefighters once the grant period runs out. Staff recommended approval.

Discussion was held concerning paying for these positions once the grant ends. Chief Schmidt answered questions concerning long distance transfers, adding an additional ambulance and fire truck and cost savings on overtime.

Motion by Paulick, second by Fitzke to approve Resolution #2021-54. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Motion by Minton, second by Guzinski to approve the payment of claims for the period of February 24, 2021 through March 9, 2021 for a total amount of \$3,407,793.64. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

RaNae Edwards
City Clerk