



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

Council Session

Item F-6

#9835 - Consideration of Approving Changes to Chapter 2 of the Grand Island City Code Relative to Public Works Director Job Description

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Stacy R. Nonhof, Interim City Attorney
Meeting: June 22, 2021
Subject: Amend City Code §2-41
Presenter(s): Stacy R. Nonhof, Interim City Attorney

Background

Currently, the City Engineer/Public Works Director is not required by City Code to be a licensed professional engineer with the State of Nebraska.

Discussion

The purpose of this ordinance is to bring Section 2-41 of City Code into compliance with State Statute. State Statute requires that the duties of the City Engineer/Public Works Director be done by a licensed professional engineer. The changes proposed will bring City Code into compliance with State Statute and require that the Public Works Director create the engineering standards for the City of Grand Island.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends approval of Ordinance No. 9835.

Sample Motion

Move to approve Ordinance No. 9835.

ORDINANCE NO. 9835

An ordinance to amend Chapter 2 of Grand Island City Code; to amend Section 2-41; to clarify and/or make general corrections to various code sections, to repeal any ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; and to provide for publication and the effective date of this ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. Section 2-41 of the Grand Island City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

§2-41. City Engineer / Public Works Director; Duties; Compensation

There is hereby created the office and position of City Engineer / Public Works Director, hereafter referred to as "Public Works Director". This position shall be a licensed professional engineer with the State of Nebraska appointed by the mayor, with the approval of a majority of the city council.

Among the duties required of the Public Works Director shall be making estimates of the cost of labor and material which may be done or furnished by contract with the city and make all surveys, estimates and calculations necessary to be made for the establishment of grades, the building of culverts, sewers, bridges, curbing, gutters, and the repair and improvement of streets.

The Public Works Director shall make a record of the minutes of their surveys and of all work done for the city, including sewers and sewerage systems and accurately make such plats, sections, profiles and maps as may be necessary in the prosecution of any public work, which shall be public records and belong to the city and be turned over to his or her successor.

The Public Works Director shall establish standards, ensure enforcement of those standards and may make any exceptions to those standards as warranted in their professional opinion. The standards shall be on file with the Public Works Department.

In addition to the duties specifically set forth above, the Public Works Director shall perform such other duties as the city council may require or are required by law.

The salary of the position of Public Works Director shall be established by ordinance.

SECTION 2. Any ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be, and hereby are, repealed.

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
June 17, 2021	☐ City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. (Cont.)

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in force and take effect from and after its passage and publication, within fifteen days in one issue of the Grand Island Independent as provided by law.

Enacted: June 22, 2021.

Roger G. Steele, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk