



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

Council Session

Item G-1

Approving Minutes of July 27, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting

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CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

July 27, 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 July 27, 2021. Notice of the meeting was given in *The Grand Island Independent* on July 21, 2021.

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, Jason Conley, Bethany Guzinski, Maggie Mendoza, and Mitch Nickerson. Councilmembers Michelle Fitzke, Mark Stelk, Vaughn Minton, and Chuck Haase were absent. The following City Officials were present: City Administrator Jerry Janulewicz, City Clerk RaNae Edwards, Assistance Finance Director Brian Schultz, Interim City Attorney Stacy Nonhof and Public Works Director John Collins.

INVOCATION was given by Pastor Nathan Frew, Abundant Life Christian Center, 3411 West Fairley Avenue followed by the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing on Acquisition of Utility Easement at the Intersection of 18th Street & Illinois Avenue (Abandoned Blain Well Site) - Luevano & Medrano. Utilities Director Tim Luchsinger reported that a utility easement was needed at the intersection of 18th Street and Illinois Avenue in order to have access to install, upgrade, maintain, and repair power appurtenances, including power lines and transformers. The City had sold the abandoned Blain Well Site and requested the entire area be dedicated as a utility easement to allow the Utilities Department to access, operate, and maintain the existing utility infrastructure previously installed at this location. Staff recommended approval. No public testimony was heard.

Public Hearing on Acquisition of Utility Easement - 830 Bronze Road - Rhoads Enterprises, Inc. Utilities Director Tim Luchsinger reported that a utility easement was needed at 830 Bronze Road in order to have access to install, upgrade, maintain, and repair power appurtenances, including lines and transformers. Rhoads Enterprises, Inc. had requested a new electrical service for their new storage buildings. This easement would allow the Utilities Department to access, operate, and maintain the electrical infrastructure at this location. Staff recommended approval. No public testimony was heard.

Public Hearing on Proposed Blighted and Substandard Area 33 for approximately 210 Acres located West of Prairie Road North of Husker Highway (Innate Development, LLC). This item was pulled from the agenda at the request of the applicant.

Public Hearing on 2021-2022 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan. Community Development Administrator Amber Alvidrez reported that the City has a 5-year Consolidated Plan which was currently in place and covered the time period of 2019-2023. The Annual Action Plan breaks down the priorities and lists specific dollar amounts and which projects would be funded in the assigned year. A separate Annual Action Plan was prepared for

each Fiscal Year. Presented were the planned programs for the 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan. Staff recommended approval. No public testimony was heard.

ORDINANCES:

#9831 - Consideration of Approving Changes to Chapter 27 of the Grand Island City Code Relative to Procurement

Interim City Attorney Stacy Nonhof reported that this Ordinance would update Chapter 27 of the Grand Island City Code relative to procurement as presented at the June 27, 2021 City Council meeting and the July 13, 2021 Study Session. Staff recommended approval.

Discussion was held regarding limiting the length of contracts to 5 years and creating a purchasing policy.

Motion by Paulick, second by Guzinski to approve Ordinance #9831 on first reading only. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#9839 - Consideration of Approving Conveyance of Property to the Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs

City Administrator Jerry Janulewicz reported that to obtain funding from the National Cemetery Administration the State of Nebraska must demonstrate that the City of Grand Island would convey to the state the existing cemetery and additional lands upon the State's receipt of a grant opportunity letter from the National Cemetery Administration. Staff recommended approval.

Jay Vavricke, 2729 Brentwood Blvd. spoke in support.

Motion by Guzinski, second by Scott to approve Ordinance #9839 on first reading only. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

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

Approving Minutes of July 13, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting.

Approving Minutes of July 13, 2021 Budget Work Session.

Approving Minutes of July 13, 2021 Study Session.

Approving Minutes of July 19, 2021 Joint Health Department Meeting.

Approving Minutes of July 20, 2021 Study Session.

Approving Re-Appointment of Robert Thomas and Appointment of Erich Fruehling to the Tree Board.

#2021-170 - Approving Acquisition of Utility Easement at the Intersection of 18th Street & Illinois Avenue (Abandoned Blain Well Site) Luevano & Medrano.

#2021-171 - Approving Acquisition of Utility Easement - 830 Bronze Road - Rhoads Enterprises, Inc.

#2021-172 - Approving Bid Award for Edith Abbott Memorial Library – Air Handler Replacement with Jerry’s Sheet Metal of Grand Island, Nebraska in an Amount of \$667,200.00.

#2021-173 - Approving Recruiting Firm for Search to Fill City Attorney Position with Baker Tilley of St. Paul, Minnesota in an Amount of \$24,500.00.

#2021-174 - Approving State Fair Emergency Medical Service Agreement.

#2021-175 - Approving Advanced EMS Training Field Experience Agreement with Union College of Lincoln, Nebraska.

#2021-176 - Approving Certificate of Final Completion for Chip Seal Project No. 2021-CS-1 with Topkote, Inc. of Yankton, South Dakota.

#2021-177 - Approving Request from the YMCA for Permission to Use City Streets, Hike/Bike Trail, and State Highway for the 2021 Nebraska State Fair Marathons.

#2021-178 - Approving Amendment No. 4 for Wastewater Treatment Plant Laboratory, Operations Control Center, and Administrative Building Renovation Consulting Services for Project No. 2017-WWTP-2 with HDR Engineering, Inc. of Omaha, Nebraska for an Increase of \$13,800.00 and a Revised Contract Amount of \$550,867.00.

#2021-179 - Approving Agreement with NDOT-Intermodal Planning Division for the Grand Island Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GIAMPO) for the 2022 Fiscal Year TRANSIT, Section 5305, Transportation Planning Program.

#2021-180 - Approving JBS Trail Extension Construction with the Diamond Engineering Co. of Grand Island, Nebraska in an Amount of \$618,752.16.

#2021-181 - Approving Nebraska DOT Agreement to Construct Trail in State Right-of-Way.

#2021-182 - Approving 2021-2022 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan.

#2021-183 - Approving 2021 Police Department Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Application and MOU.

#2021-184 - Approving Change Order No. 1 for Tri-City Drug and Safe Streets Task Force (TCDSSTF) New Location Office Set Up with Stump Construction, Inc. of Grand Island, Nebraska for an Increase of \$15,618.55 and a Revised Contract Amount of \$78,116.55.

RESOLUTIONS:

#2021-185 - Consideration of Approving Proposed Blighted and Substandard Area 33 for approximately 210 Acres located West of Prairie Road North of Husker Highway (Innate Development, LLC). This item was pulled from the agenda at the request of the applicant.

#2021-186 - Consideration of Approving Inclusive Playground Project Donated at Ryder Park. Parks and Recreation Director Todd McCoy reported that the City was approached by students and staff from the Central Community College Occupational Therapy Class with the idea of raising funds to building a new community inclusive playground at Ryder Park. The playground was anticipated to cost over \$1 million and be completely funded with private donations. Part of the fundraising plan was to include approximately \$250,000 endowment to cover annual cost maintenance of the equipment. Staff recommended approval.

Dr. Kalli Watson, 1109 Belgrade Court, Plattsmouth, Nebraska spoke in support. Dean Morris, 321 Pintail Circle, Hastings, Nebraska answered questions regarding fund raising.

Motion by Nickerson, second by Conley⁷ to approve Resolution #2021-186. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2021-187 - Consideration of Approving MOU with the Grand Island Children's Museum, Inc. City Administrator Jerry Janulewicz reported that the Grand Island Children's Museum, Inc. recently contacted the city and indicated a desire to acquire an option to rent the City-owned former Nebraska Guard Amory Building on Old Potash Highway at a nominal annual rental amount. In addition to the nominal rent, the Museum would be required to complete substantial capital improvements to the building, such as new HVAC and upgrades to the electric, and other building systems as needed to adapt it for use as a children's museum. The Museum was requesting City Council approval of a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding for an option to lease the building and grounds. Staff recommended approval.

Dana Rosacker, 206 South Lincoln Avenue representing the Grand Island Children's Museum presented a PowerPoint. Amy Price, 1104 West Division Street answered questions regarding on-going costs, fees, and foundation giving. Jay Vavricek, 2729 Brentwood Blvd. spoke in support.

Motion by Paulick, second by Nickerson to approve Resolution #2021-187. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2021-188 - Consideration of Accepting Gift of Crane Sculptures and Assignment of License Rights from the Grand Island Public Library Foundation. City Administrator Jerry Janulewicz reported that the Grand Island Public Library Foundation had provided funding for and purchased five, custom built, life-size Sandhill Crane bronze sculptures to be installed in the Public Library Entrance Plaza by the creator Gary Staab and Staab Studios, Inc. to be donated and gifted jointly to the City of Grand Island and the Grand Island Public Library Board. Staff recommended approval.

Motion by Scott, second by Conley to approve Resolution #2021-188. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Motion by Guzinski, second by Mendoza to approve the payment of claims for the period of July 14, 2021 through July 27, 2021 for a total amount of \$5,813,088.01. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

RaNae Edwards
City Clerk