



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Council Session

Item F-1

#9844 - Consideration of Approving FY2021-2022 Annual Single City Budget and the Annual Appropriations Bill

Staff Contact: Patrick Brown

Council Agenda Memo

From: Patrick Brown, Finance Director

Meeting: September 14, 2021

Subject: Consideration of Approving FY2021-2022 Annual Single City Budget and Annual Appropriations Bill

Presenter(s): Patrick Brown, Finance Director

Background

The public hearing for the FY2021-2022 Annual Single was held on September 7, 2021 at 7:00pm at City Hall Council Chambers.

Discussion

The “Notice of Budget Hearing and Budget Summary” was published in the Grand Island Independent on September 3, 2021. It is appropriate at this time to solicit public comment.

The following is a comparison of the fiscal year 2022 proposed budget to the FY2021 amended budget:

- The FY2022 budget appropriation is 7% or \$17,956,562 lower than the FY2021 amended budget. The difference is mainly due to the weather event that occurred in February of 2021.
- The City requested the same tax ask for Property Tax which in turn decreased the mill levy from 0.34445 to 0.32359. Community Redevelopment Authority kept the same mill levy resulting in a \$45k tax ask increase. The total mill levy will decrease from 0.3650 to 0.3441.
- Total Sales Tax revenue is forecasted at \$21,810,636 for FY2022. It is a 22.5% increase over FY2021 budget. The increase was due to the uncertainty of the pandemic and how it would affect sales tax during the 2021 fiscal year. Sales Tax receipts came in much higher than anticipated which in turn increases our forecast for FY2022. Currently with one month of Sales Tax revenues still due, we are at 118% of FY2021 budget.
- The General Fund is adding two full time equivalents (FTE's) staff members. They are a Grants Administrator and an Interpreter/Translator. The Grants Administrator will be located in the Finance Department and will be funded by

administrative fees associated with grants. The Interpreter/Translator will be located at the Customer Service (Utility Billing) location at 1306 W 3rd. This position will be funded by the Enterprise Funds.

- The General Fund Fire/Ambulance Department applied for a grant to hire three firefighter/EMT/Paramedics. The status of the grant is still pending however budget authority is being established in case the City is awarded the grant. The grant would pay for three firefighters for three years at 100% reimbursement.
- The Streets Division will be adding an Equipment Operator position (one FTE).
- The Transfer Station is adding a 0.25 FTE for help on Saturdays.
- Transfer increases in the FY2022 budget include moving the \$4.5m to Wastewater for the Airport Sewer Project (American Rescue Plan funds), loaning \$2.7m to Solid Waste Fund to finance the Transfer Station upgrade, and a \$217k increase to other budgeted entities.
- General Fund Personnel Services for FY2022 increased 7% due to step increases, COLA, and the addition of five FTE's (of which three are for budget authority only). Operating expenses increased 5.7% for the General Fund over FY2021 budget.
- Overall the FY2021-2022 budget is \$6,588,247 less than the amended FY2020-2021 budget resulting in a 2.5% decrease. The proposed FY2021-2022 budget is \$260,185,039 and the FY2020-2021 amended budget is \$266,773,286.

ORDINANCE NO. 9844

An ordinance known as “The Annual Appropriation Bill” of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, to adopt the proposed budget statement pursuant to the Nebraska Budget Act, for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022 to provide for severability; 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. That after complying with all procedures required by law, the budget presented and set forth in the budget statement was approved as the Annual Appropriation Bill for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. All sums of money, total all funds of \$260,185,039, contained in the budget statement are appropriated for the necessary expenses and liabilities of the City of Grand Island.

SECTION 2. A copy of the budget statement shall be forwarded as provided by law to the Auditor of Public Accounts, State of Nebraska and to the County Clerk of Hall County, Nebraska, for use by the levying authority.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection or any other portion of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed separate, distinct and independent, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 4. 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.

Approved as to Form	by _____
September 13, 2021	City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. 9844 (Cont.)

SECTION 5. 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: September 14, 2021

Roger G. Steele, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk