



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

Council Session

Item G-1

Approving Minutes of December 14, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting

Staff Contact: RaNae Edwards

CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

December 14, 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 December 14, 2021. Notice of the meeting was given in *The Grand Island Independent* on December 8, 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, Michelle Fitzke, Mark Stelk, Jason Conley, Vaughn Minton, Bethany Guzinski, Maggie Mendoza, Mitch Nickerson, and Chuck Haase. 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.

INVOCATION was given by Pastor Scott Jones, Third City Christian Church, 4100 West 13th Street followed by the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

SPECIAL ITEMS:

Election of City Council President: City Clerk RaNae Edwards reported that the City Council was required to elect one Councilmember to the office of Council President. The term is for a one-year period. The Council President automatically assumes the duties of the Mayor in the event that the Mayor is absent or otherwise unable to fulfill his/her duties. Nebraska law allows the election of the Council President to be by secret ballot. The total number of votes for each candidate; however, must be stated and recorded in the Minutes. Past practice has included a run-off election between the top two nominees, if necessary. The City Clerk will prepare, distribute, and count ballots. Nominations to fill the vacancy are in order. A second is not required on nominations.

Councilmember Nickerson nominated Councilmember Minton. Councilmember Paulick moved to close the nominations, second by Guzinski. Upon roll call vote all voted aye. Motion adopted.

City Clerk RaNae Edwards called for the ballot. It was reported that Councilmember Minton received 10 votes. City Clerk RaNae Edwards declared Councilmember Minton the new Council President for 2022.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing on Acquisition of Utility Easement - 1910 West 9th Street (Crossroads Center). Utilities Director Tim Luchsinger reported that a utility easement was needed at 1910 West 9th Street in order to have access to install, upgrade, maintain, and repair power appurtenances, including lines and transformers. Crossroads Center was in the process of upgrading electrical service for their existing building. The proposed 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 Acquisition of Utility Easement - 1602 W. 2nd St (Raymond O'Connor). Utilities Director Tim Luchsinger reported that a utility easement was needed at 1602 West 2nd Street in order to have access to install, upgrade, maintain, and repair power appurtenances, including lines and transformers. B & R Stores, Inc. had requested a new electrical service for a car charging station located along the north side of the Super Saver parking lot located at 3rd Street and Broadwell Avenue. The proposed 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 Acquisition of Utility Easement - 3225 W. Wildwood Drive (42 Grand Island, LP). Utilities Director Tim Luchsinger reported that a utility easement was needed at 3225 W. Wildwood Drive in order to have access to install, upgrade, maintain, and repair power appurtenances, including lines and transformers. 42 Grand Island, LP had requested a new electrical service to the new Federal Express building. The proposed 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 Acquisition of Permanent Sanitary Sewer and Lift Station Easements for Central Nebraska Regional Airport Sanitary Sewer Collection System Rehabilitation; Project No. 2017-S-4 (Hall County and Hall County Airport). Public Works Director John Collins reported public sanitary sewer and lift station easements were needed to accommodate Central Nebraska Regional Airport Sanitary Sewer Collection System Rehabilitation; Project No. 2017-S-4. The public sanitary sewer and lift station easements would allow for the construction, operation, maintenance, extension, repair, replacement, and removal of material within the easements. Staff recommended approval. No public testimony was heard.

Public Hearing on the Annual Report by Grand Island Area Economic Development Corp./Citizens Advisory Review Committee on the EDC Program Plan. Dave Koubek, 1622 Stagecoach Road reported that the Citizen Advisory Review Committee had been conducting regular meetings during the last six months as required by the City Code and Nebraska Statutes. The committee received the annual report from the Economic Development Corporation at its meeting December 2, 2021 and voted to forward it to City Council. EDC President Dave Taylor gave the Annual Report. 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 ordinance numbered:

#9865 - Consideration of Amending Chapter 35 of the Grand Island City Code Relative to Groundwater Control Area Boundaries

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 this ordinance 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.

Utilities Director Tim Luchsinger reported the proposed ordinance would amend City Code Chapter 35, Article VIII, Sec. 35-86 to remove lands east of Garland Street and Blaine Street from Groundwater Control Area #3 and would specify that recreational use of surface waters is not prohibited by city code. Staff recommended approval.

Motion by Guzinski, second by Nickerson to approve Ordinance #9865.

City Clerk: Ordinance #9865 on first reading. All those in favor of the passage of this ordinance on first reading, answer roll call vote. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

City Clerk: Ordinance #9865 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, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Mayor Steele: By reason of the roll call votes on first reading and then upon second and final readings, Ordinance #9865 is declared to be lawfully adopted upon publication as required by law.

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

Approving Minutes of November 23, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting.

#2021-339 - Approving Acquisition of Utility Easement - 1910 West 9th Street (Crossroads Center).

#2021-340 - Approving Acquisition of Utility Easement - 1602 W. 2nd St (Raymond O'Connor).

#2021-341 - Approving Acquisition of Utility Easement - 3225 W. Wildwood Dr (42 Grand Island, LP).

#2021-342 - Approving Bottom Ash System Upgrades at Platte Generating Station with UCC Environmental of Waukegan, Illinois in an Amount not to exceed \$1,980,700.00.

#2021-343 - Approving New South Central Area Law Enforcement Area (SCALES) Interlocal Agreement for Police Services.

#2021-344 - Approving Acquisition of Permanent Sanitary Sewer and Lift Station Easements for Central Nebraska Regional Airport Sanitary Sewer Collection System Rehabilitation; Project No. 2017-S-4 (Hall County and Hall County Airport).

#2021-345 - Approving 2021 Public Transit Vehicle Provider with Davey Coach Sales, Inc. of Sedalia, Colorado.

#2021-346 - Renewing Approval of Sole Source Designation for Flygt Equipment and Repairs at the Wastewater Treatment Plant with Electric Pump, Inc. of Des Moines, Iowa.

#2021-3347 - Approving Amendment No. 2 to for Transfer Station Operations and Facility Improvements with SCS Engineers of Omaha, Nebraska for an Increase of \$412,336.25 and a Revised Contract Amount of \$493,356.25.

#2021-348 - Approving Caterpillar D8T Low Ground Pressure Waste Handler Arrangement Dozer Comprehensive Maintenance for the Solid Waste Division of the Public Works Department with NMC of Doniphan, Nebraska in an Amount of \$101,774.54.

#2021-349 - Approving Change Order No. 3 for Old Potash Highway Roadway Improvements; Project No. 2019-P-1 with Starostka Group Unlimited, Inc. of Grand Island, Nebraska for an Increase of 515,026.74 and a Revised Contract Amount of \$11,905,300.15.

#2021-350 - Approving Purchase of Trojan Items for UV System at the Wastewater Treatment Plant from MC² Inc. of Omaha, Nebraska in an Amount of \$50,119.37.

#2021-351 - Approving Opioid Litigation Settlement.

#2021-352 - Approving Purchase of Three (3) 60" Mowers for Use in the Cemetery Division from Pro Power of Grand Island, Nebraska in an Amount of \$39,438.09.

#2021-353 - Approving Purchase of Two (2) Bobcat Universal Units for Use in the Park Division from Central Nebraska Bobcat of Grand Island, Nebraska in an Amount of \$87,723.42.

#2021-354 - Approving Renewal of State Patrol Building Lease at Heartland Public Shooting Park with the Nebraska State Patrol in an Amount of \$1,020.00 per year.

#2021-355 - Approving Submission of the 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation and Review Report to HUD.

#2021-356 - Approving Pioneer Consortium Fiduciary Agent Change.

RESOLUTIONS:

#2021-357 - Consideration of Approving the Annual Report by Grand Island Area Economic Development Corp./Citizens Advisory Review Committee on the EDC Program Plan. This item was related to the aforementioned Public Hearing. Discussion was held regarding drainage.

Motion by Stelk, second by Paulick to approve Resolution #2021-345. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2021-346 - Consideration of Approving Funding for the Grand Island Area Economic Development Program Plan. EDC President Dave Taylor reported the Grand Island Area Economic Development Corporation and the Citizen's Review Committee approved the request for payment of \$350,000.00. Funding would be used for the inbound and outbound marketing and business recruitment initiatives.

Motion by Haase, second by Nickerson to approve Resolution #2021-346. 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 November 24, 2021 through December 14, 2021 for a total amount of \$6,459,048.40. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

RaNae Edwards
City Clerk