



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Council Session

Item G-1

Approving Minutes of December 28, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting

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CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

December 28, 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 28, 2021. Notice of the meeting was given in *The Grand Island Independent* on December 22, 2021.

Mayor Roger G. Steele called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following City Council members were present: Mike Paulick, Michelle Fitzke, Mark Stelk, Jason Conley, Vaughn Minton, Bethany Guzinski, Mitch Nickerson, and Chuck Haase. Councilmembers Justin Scott and Maggie Mendoza were 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.

INVOCATION was given by Pastor Trevon Buchanan, Stolley Park Church of Christ, 2822 West Stolley Park Road followed by the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing on Acquisition of Utility Easement - 3957 Silver Road (Automotive Specialties). Utilities Director Tim Luchsinger reported that a utility easement was needed at 3957 Silver Road in order to have access to install, upgrade, maintain, and repair power appurtenances, including lines and transformers. Automotive Specialties Service and Sales, LLC had requested a new electrical service for a new 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 - 3625 W. Old Potash (Hornady Family). Utilities Director Tim Luchsinger reported that a utility easement was needed at 3625 W. Old Potash in order to have access to install, upgrade, maintain, and repair power appurtenances, including lines and transformers. Horandy Manufacturing was in the process of expanding their Manufacturing Plant. 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.

RESOLUTION:

#2021-369 - Approving Memorandum of Understanding to the Labor Contract between the City of Grand Island and the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Grand Island Lodge No. 24 Bargaining Unit. Human Resources Director Aaron Schmid reported that the Police Department would like to increase the lateral hiring incentive program to \$5,000 along with the 50 hours of compensatory time and step placement based on prior agency. Additionally, the department would like to offer a referral incentive to existing Officers who successfully recruit applicants.

The proposal was to offer \$300 incentive towards the referral of one non-certified applicant that makes the Civil Service eligibility list. A \$500 incentive for the referral of two or more non-certified applicants that make the eligibility list. A \$500 incentive for the referral of one or more certified applicants that make the eligibility list. Lastly, a \$1,700 incentive if one or more of the referred applicants is hired.

Discussion was held regarding an expiration date on the MOU. Mr. Schmid stated this would expire at the end of the union contract in 2022.

Motion by Stelk, second by Nickerson to approve Resolution #2021-369. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

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:

- #9866 - Consideration of Amending Grand Island City Code Chapters 18 and 26 Relative to Mechanical and Plumbing Regulations
- #9867 - Consideration of Approving Salary Ordinance

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.

- #9866 - Consideration of Amending Grand Island City Code Chapters 18 and 26 Relative to Mechanical and Plumbing Regulations

Building Department Director Craig Lewis reported that the City Council in November of 2020 approved continuing education for plumbing licenses, this amendment would require continuing education for Mechanical licenses. The amendment would also modify scope of services to allow plumbers to continue to provide services on boilers, refrigeration, and hydronics as defined in the Mechanical code. Staff recommended approval.

Mr. Lewis answered questions regarding the continuing education requirements.

Motion by Haase, second by Paulick to approve Ordinance #9866.

City Clerk: Ordinance #9866 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 #9866 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 #9866 is declared to be lawfully adopted upon publication as required by law.

#9867 - Consideration of Approving Salary Ordinance

Human Resources Director Aaron Schmid reported that this item would change the salary ordinance to reflect the changes just approved by Resolution #2021-369 relative to the Police Department.

Discussion was held regarding the amount of the incentive and the number of vacancies. Chief Falldorf stated they needed the officers and this would help.

Motion by Conley, second by Fitzke to approve Ordinance #9867.

City Clerk: Ordinance #9867 on first reading. All those in favor of the passage of this ordinance on first reading, answer roll call vote. Upon roll call vote, Councilmembers Haase, Nickerson, Minton, Conley, Stelk, Fitzke, and Paulick voted aye. Councilmember Guzinski voted no. Motion adopted.

City Clerk: Ordinance #9867 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 Councilmembers Haase, Nickerson, Minton, Conley, Stelk, Fitzke, and Paulick voted aye. Councilmember Guzinski voted no. Motion adopted.

Mayor Steele: By reason of the roll call votes on first reading and then upon second and final readings, Ordinance #9867 is declared to be lawfully adopted upon publication as required by law.

CONSENT AGENDA: Consent item G-13 (Resolution #2021-363) was pulled for further discussion. Motion by Paulick, second by Minton to approve the Consent Agenda excluding item G-13. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approving Minutes of December 14, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting.

Approving Councilmembers Appointments to Boards and Commissions.

Approving Re-Appointment of Brandon Bowley to the Central District Health Board.

Approving Appointment of Russ Canfield to the Building Code Advisory Board.

Approving Re-Appointments to the Electrical Board.

Approving Re-Appointments to the Mechanical Examining Board.

Approving Re-Appointments to the Plumbing Board.

Approving Request from Misty McDaniel, 508 8th Ave #49, Kearney, Nebraska for Liquor Manager Designation with Smoker Friendly 015, 802 West 2nd Street.

#2021-359 - Approving Acquisition of Utility Easement - 3957 Silver Rd (Automotive Specialties).

#2021-360 - Approving Acquisition of Utility Easement - 3625 W. Old Potash (Hornady Family).

#2021-361 - Approving Bid Award - 115 kV Pole Inspection and Preservation Services with Intec Services, Inc. of Fort Collins, Colorado in and Amount of \$271,570.00.

#2021-362 - Approving PGS Coal Combustion Residual (CCR) Groundwater Services Task 18 with HDR Engineering, Inc. of Omaha, Nebraska in an Amount not to exceed \$13,580.00.

#2021-363 - Approving Purchase of 2022 Police Fleet Vehicles from Anderson Auto Group of Lincoln, Nebraska in an Amount of \$242,476.00. Police Chief Robert Falldorf reported the Police Department had budget authority under Capital Outlay for the purchase of seven (7) 2022 Police fleet vehicles. The Department was replacing higher mile vehicles from the marked Patrol Division fleet on our regular vehicle rotation. The Department was requesting to purchase the seven (7) 2022 Police Interceptor Utility vehicles under State contract #15418 OC from Anderson Auto Group, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Discussion was held regarding hybrid vehicles and the cost.

Motion by Haase, second by Nickerson to approve Resolution #2021-363. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2021-364 - Approving Maintenance Agreement No. 12 Renewal with the Nebraska Department of Transportation for Calendar Year 2022.

#2021-365 - Approving Change Order No. 1 for Bridge Joint Repairs 2020-2021 with Wilke Contracting Corp. of Kearney, Nebraska to extend the completion date from December 31, 2021 to April 30, 2022.

#2021-366 - Approving Bid Award for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation- Various Locations; Project No. 2021-S-12 with The Diamond Engineering Company of Grand Island, Nebraska in an Amount of \$172,213.20.

#2021-367 - Approving Amending the Grand Island Public Library Job Classification from Custodian to Maintenance Worker 1.

#2021-368 - Approving Self Checkout System for the Library with Bibliotheca in an Amount of \$56,465.00.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Motion by Minton, second by Stelk to approve the payment of claims for the period of December 15, 2021 through December 28, 2021 for a total amount of \$5,485,700.79. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

RaNae Edwards
City Clerk