



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Council Session

Item G-1

Approving Minutes of May 10, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting

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CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
May 10, 2022

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 May 10, 2022. Notice of the meeting was given in *The Grand Island Independent* on May 4, 2022.

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, Interim City Attorney Stacy Nonhof, Assistant Finance Director Brian Schultz, and Public Works Director John Collins.

INVOCATION was given by Pastor Sheri Lodel, Calvary Lutheran Church, 1304 North Custer Avenue followed by the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing on Renewal of the City's Economic Development Program. City Administrator Jerry Janulewicz reported that a ballot question must be presented to the City electors at the November 2022 General Election if the City Council desires to extend the City's Economic Development Plan. The current plan would expire on September 30, 2023. Reviewed were the changes to the current plan. Staff recommended approval. The following people spoke in support:

- Will Armstrong, 2424 South Locust Street, Suite B
- Laban Njuguna, 222 North Walnut Street
- Jay Vavricek, 2729 Brentwood Blvd.
- Saffron Buettner, 918 South Vine Street
- April Sundberg, 402 Switchgrass Street
- Chris Kotulak, 5066 Ft. Kearney Road

No further 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 ordinances numbered:

- #9879 - Consideration of Vacation of Public Utility Easement in Lot 2 of Pedcor Subdivision- (City of Grand Island) (Second & Final Reading)
- #9880 - Consideration of Approving Salary Ordinance (Second & Final Reading)

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 these ordinances 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.

#9879 - Consideration of Vacation of Public Utility Easement in Lot 2 of Pedcor Subdivision- (City of Grand Island)

Public Works Director John Collins reported that due to the construction of a new sanitary sewer buffer tank that would extend the useful life of existing Lift Station No. 28 by effectively improving its peak capacity, an easement vacation was necessary. Staff recommended approval.

Motion by Guzinski, second by Paulick to approve Ordinance #9879 on second and final reading.

City Clerk: Ordinance #9879 on second and final reading. All those in favor of the passage of this ordinance on second and final reading, answer roll call vote. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#9880 - Consideration of Approving Salary Ordinance

Human Resources Director Aaron Schimd reported that the proposed salary ordinance would amend the salary range of the non-union position of Police Chief. Current Police Chief, Robert Falldorf, had submitted his retirement letter after 35+ years of service to the Grand Island Police Department. Chief Falldorf’s last day with the department would be January 13, 2023. In an effort to ensure a smooth transition of leadership, Administration would like to begin a search for a new replacement. An initial step in the process was to conduct a wage survey. Based on the results, Administration was proposing to amend the salary range from \$48,789.10/\$76,635.30 to \$62,428.60/\$83,854.80 hourly or \$101,481.33/\$159,401.42 to \$129,851.49/\$174,417.98 annually.

Motion by Paulick, second by Stelk to approve Ordinance #9880 on second and final reading.

City Clerk: Ordinance #9880 on second and final reading. All those in favor of the passage of this ordinance on second and final reading, answer roll call vote. Upon roll call vote, Councilmembers Nickerson, Mendoza, Guzinski, Minton, Conley, Stelk, Fitzke, Scott, and Paulick voted aye. Councilmember Haase voted no. Motion adopted.

CONSENT AGENDA: Consent Agenda items G-8 and G-9 (Resolutions #2022-128 and #2022-129) were removed for further discussion. Motion by Paulick, second by Minton to approve the Consent Agenda excluding items G-8 and G-9. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approving Minutes of April 26, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting.

Approving Minutes of April 26, 2022 City Council Study Session.

Approving Request from Besi & Zeki LLC dba Napolis Italian Restaurant for a Change of Location from 3421 Conestoga Drive to 3333 Ramada Road – Liquor License I-102784.

#2022-124 - Considering the Adoption of the 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

#2022-125 - Approving Award of Proposal for Sludge Dewatering Polymer with Consolidated Water Solutions of Omaha, Nebraska in an Amount of \$2.20 per pound.

#2022-126 - Approving Amendment No. 1 to Distribution Transformers Contract with Wesco Distribution, Inc. to Extend the Contract through December 31, 2023.

#2022-127 - Approving Amendment No. 4 to the Energy Management Agreement with Tenaska Power Services to buy surplus capacity from June 2023 through May 2028.

#2022-128 - Approving Agreement for Densel's Dream Sculpture with Grand Island Partnership for the Arts, Inc., Placzek Studios Inc., and the City of Grand Island. City Administrator Jerry Janulewicz reported that the Grand Island Partnership for the Arts, Inc. (GIPA) obtained public funding for the commission and installation of an artwork to honor Densel Rasmussen, to be located near the intersection of US Highway 281 and South Webb Road on land the City obtained from the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT). The land was acquired at no cost to be used for highway beautification purposes following City Council approval of Resolution #2019-310 granting preliminary approval for acquisition the 0.373 acre parcel and, in December 2020, the City Council granted final approval for acquisition of the property.

City Administration, GIPA, and Placzek Studios, Inc. negotiated terms of a proposed agreement providing for construction and installation of the artwork to be donated to the City upon completion and acceptance by the City Council. The artwork would be displayed for at least 30 years provided, however, it may be removed from public display if it becomes unsuitable for display for reasons such as damage or deterioration. The proposed Public Artwork Donation Agreement sets forth the respective rights of the Artist and City regarding reproduction and use of images of the work. GIPA will establish an endowment fund at the Grand Island Community Foundation for periodic cleaning and maintenance expense.

Steve Anderson, 1523 Stagecoach Road answered questions regarding the artwork. He stated the work would hopefully start before the State Fair.

Motion by Stelk, second by Guzinski to approve Resolution #2022-128. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2022-129 - Approving Changes to the Waiver Fine Schedule. Interim City Attorney Stacy Nonhof reported that this change would be for Animal Abandonment fine from \$25.00 to \$200.00. The purpose of this change was to make people think twice before they abandon their animal at the Central Nebraska Humane Society. She stated the fine would be a criminal offense

and the fees would not go to the Human Society but would be filed with the County Court and those fees would go to the School District.

Motion by Nickerson, second by Guzinski to approve Resolution #2022-129. Upon roll call vote, Councilmembers Nickerson, Mendoza, Guzinski, Minton, Conley, Stelk, Fitzke, and Scott voted aye. Councilmembers Haase and Paulick voted no. Motion adopted.

#2022-130 - Approving Amendment #2 to Subrecipient Agreement 2019-6 CV with Heartland United Way.

#2022-131 - Approving CDBG-2021-3 Subrecipient Agreement with YMCA.

RESOLUTIONS:

#2022-132 - Consideration of Approving Election for Consideration of an Economic Development Program. This item was related to the Public Hearing.

Motion by Nickerson, second by Paulick to approve Resolution #2022-132. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2022-133 - Consideration of Approving Changes to Speed Limit Resolution No. 2018-300. Public Works Director John Collins reported that due to the improvements to Nebraska Highway 2 the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) had requested a decrease of speed limit. Staff recommended approval. Discussion was held regarding this being a NDOT requirement.

Motion by Minton, second by Conley to approve Resolution #2022-133. 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 April 27, 2022 through May 10, 2022 for a total amount of \$3,491,029.07. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

RaNae Edwards
City Clerk