



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Council Session

## Item G-1

### Approving Minutes of August 30, 2022 City Council Special Meeting

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CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

August 30, 2022

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Special 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 August 30, 2022. Notice of the meeting was given in *The Grand Island Independent* on August 24, 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, Finance Director Patrick Brown, and Public Works Street Superintendent Shannon Callahan.

The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was said.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing on FY 2022-2023 Annual Single City Budget and the Annual Appropriations Bill. Finance Director Patrick Brown reported that the following was a comparison of the fiscal year 2023 proposed budget to the FY2022 adopted budget:

- The FY2023 budget appropriation is 8.8% or \$20,435,226 higher than the FY2022 adopted budget. The difference is mainly due to increase costs from inflation, delayed capital purchases from FY2022 (supply chain issues), and appropriation of American Rescue Plan funds of \$4,546,940 for potential project(s).
- All Funds Revenue projections for FY2023 increased 8.3% or \$16,200,412 over FY2022 budget.
- Overall the City's property tax valuation increased 5%. The City is requesting to increase its tax ask for Property Tax by 4% of which the City keeps 3% and the County gets an administration fee of 1%. Community Redevelopment Authority is requesting the same tax ask as FY2022 (\$745,146) and an additional 1% fee for Hall County's administration fee. The City's mill levy will decrease for the fourth straight year from 0.323600 to 0.319454.
- Total Sales Tax revenue is forecasted at \$24,085,936 for FY2023. It is a 10.4% or \$2,275,300 increase over FY2022 budget. The increase was due to the sustained increase in sales tax collections in the last year and quarter.
- All other revenue sources in the General Fund account for \$2,766,770 increase over FY2022 budget. A large portion of the increase is due to the rebalancing of revenues and costs between the General Fund and Enterprise Funds.
- Transfers decreased in the FY2023 by \$7,057,176 due to American Rescue Plan funds not being transferred (they have been including in budget authority to spend) and not transferring funds to Solid Waste for financing the improvements at the Transfer Station.

Costs have increased for the Transfer Station project therefore it will be forwarded to Council for approval along with proposed funding.

Reviewed were the additional FTE's and reclassifications along with Capital Improvement Projects. Staff recommended approval

Mary Berlie, 123 No. Locust Street gave a presentation and supported the Downtown Festoon Lighting funding. Jay Vavricek, 2729 Brentwood Blvd. spoke in support of the Festoon Lighting. No further public testimony was heard.

Public Hearing on FY 2022-2023 General Property and Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA) Tax Request. Finance Director Patrick Brown reported that the 2022 Valuations for the City of Grand Island increased over the 2021 valuation by \$194,988,808 or 5%. If the City applied the FY2021-2022 mill levy of 0.3441 to the new valuation of \$3,821,381,633, the City's Property Tax revenue would be \$13,149,374, a tax increase of \$669,594 over the prior year. The City and Community Redevelopment Authority tax ask for FY2023 was \$12,960,137.

If the City and CRA applied the FY2021-2022 Property Tax Ask to the new valuation there would be no tax increase and the mill levy would decrease to 0.3266 for the City and CRA. Staff recommended approval.

Jay Vavricek, 2729 Brentwood Blvd spoke in support of increasing the CRA budget. No further public testimony was heard.

Public Hearing on FY 2022-2023 Annual Budget for Parking District #2 (Ramp) Tax Request. Finance Director Patrick Brown reported that the 2022 Valuations for the Downtown Improvement District #2 (Ramp) increased over the 2021 valuation by \$9,762,744 or 17%. The Downtown Improvement District #2 (Ramp) was not requesting an increase in Property Tax thereby reducing the mill levy from 0.01409 to 0.01204. The Downtown Improvement District #2 (Ramp) Property Tax revenue request was \$8,080. Staff recommended approval. No public testimony was heard.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

RaNae Edwards  
City Clerk