



# **City of Grand Island**

**Tuesday, March 14, 2023**

**Council Session**

## **Item G-1**

### **Approving Minutes of February 28, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting**

**Staff Contact: RaNae Edwards**

## CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

### MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

February 28, 2023

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 February 28, 2023. Notice of the meeting was given in *The Grand Island Independent* on February 22, 2023.

Mayor Roger G. Steele called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following City Council members were present: Maggie Mendoza, Bethany Guzinski, Chuck Haase, Jack Sheard, Michelle Fitzke, Mark Stelk, Mitch Nickerson, Doug Lanfear and Jason Conley. Councilmember Mike Paulick was absent. The following City Officials were present: City Clerk RaNae Edwards, Interim City Administration/City Attorney Laura McAloon, Finance Director Patrick Brown, Stacy Nonhof, Assistant City Attorney, and Interim Public Works Director Keith Kurz.

INVOCATION was given by Pastor Jeremy Reagen, Solid Rock Baptist Church, 3221 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street followed by the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

#### PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

Recognition of Grand Island Senior High Boys Bowling Team for Class "A" State Championship. Mayor Steele and the City Council recognized the Grand Island Senior High Boys Bowling Team for their Class "A" State Championship and special recognition was given to Kaden Kuusela for his State Singles Championship. Present were the Bowling team and their coaches.

Presentation by Central Community College for Infrastructure Funding. Dr. Matt Gotschall, CCC College President presented a preliminary plan for improvement at the Grand Island campus and mentioned their interest in partnering with the City on the cost to install certain infrastructure improvements. Requested was the amount of \$500,000 plus a potential for an additional \$50,000 contribution to the Grand Island campus.

Mr. Gotschall answered questions regarding ARPA Funds and that these improvements would bring in more students. Cost of the project was brought forward. Finance Director Patrick Brown answered questions regarding the use of ARPA Funds.

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing on Request from Simple Kitchen, LLC dba Chocolate Bar, 116 West 3rd Street for a Class "CK" Liquor License. City Clerk RaNae Edwards reported that an application for a Class "CK" Liquor License had been received from Simple Kitchen, LLC dba Chocolate Bar, 116 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Ms. Edwards presented the following exhibits for the record: application submitted to the Liquor Control Commission and received by the City on February 1, 2023; notice to the general public of date, time, and place of hearing published on February 18, 2023;

notice to the applicant of date, time, and place of hearing mailed on February 1, 2023. Staff recommended approval contingent upon final inspections and completing a state approved alcohol server/seller training program. Angela Dowd, 2140 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Boelus, Nebraska was present to answer questions. No further public testimony was heard.

Public Hearing on Request from Wish Nebraska, Inc. for a Conditional Use Permit to allow for an 88' Monopole located at 1515 East 4th Street. Building Department Director Craig Lewis reported that an application for a Conditional Use Permit was received from Wish Nebraska, Inc. for an 80' monopole telecommunication tower with an 8' lighting rod attached for a total of 88' at 1515 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Staff recommended approval. No public testimony was heard.

Public Hearing on Acquisition of Public Right-of-Way for Claude Road; Faidley Avenue to State Street; Project No. 2022-P-4 (Sagewood Phase II, LLC- 1921 Sagewood Avenue). Interim Public Works Director Keith Kurz reported that public right-of-way was needed to accommodate the new Claude Road section from the proposed 18<sup>th</sup> Street, which was scheduled to be built this coming spring, to State Street. The property owner had signed the necessary documents to grant the property. Staff recommended approval. No public testimony was heard.

#### ORDINANCES:

Councilmember Fitzke moved “that the statutory rules requiring ordinances to be read by title on three different days are suspended and that ordinances numbered:

#9917 - Consideration of Amending Grand Island City Code Section 31-25.1 Relative to Development Signs

#9918 - 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 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 failed.

#9917 - Consideration of Amending Grand Island City Code Section 31-25.1 Relative to Development Signs

Building Department Director Craig Lewis reported that the proposed ordinance change to 31-25 would increase the square footage of development signs from 200 square feet to 450 square feet. Staff recommended approval.

Motion by Guzinski, second by Lanfear to approve Ordinance #9917.

City Clerk: Ordinance #9917 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 #9917 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 #9917 is declared to be lawfully adopted upon publication as required by law.

#### #9918 - Consideration of Approving Salary Ordinance

Human Resources Director Aaron Schmid reported that the Public Works Director/City Engineer position had been vacant since May 31, 2022. After review of the position requirements and salary range, it was recommended to increase the salary range. Administration was recommending an increase of the salary range to \$84,134.60 - \$108,173.10 hourly or \$175,000.00 - \$225,000.00 annually. The proposed increase would seek to attract candidates who meet the knowledge, skills and abilities of the position. Staff recommended approval.

Motion by Guzinski, second by Lanfear to approve Ordinance #9918.

Discussion was held concerning the salary range from other comparable cities. Interim Public Works Director Keith Kurz commented on the PE Engineering designation.

Motion by Nickerson, second by Lanfear to amend the salary range from \$84,134.60/\$108,173.10 to \$72,500/\$93,500. Upon roll call vote, Councilmembers Nickerson and Haase, vote aye. Councilmembers Conley, Lanfear, Stelk, Fitzke, Sheard, Guzinski, and Mendoza voted no. Motion failed.

City Clerk: Ordinance #9918 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 Conley, Lanfear, Stelk, Fitzke, Sheard, Guzinski, and Mendoza voted aye. Councilmembers Nickerson and Haase voted no. Motion adopted.

City Clerk: Ordinance #9918 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 Conley, Lanfear, Stelk, Fitzke, Sheard, Guzinski, and Mendoza voted aye. Councilmembers Nickerson and Haase voted no. Motion adopted.

Mayor Steele: By reason of the roll call votes on first reading and then upon second and final readings, Ordinance #9918 is declared to be lawfully adopted upon publication as required by law.

CONSENT AGENDA: Consent agenda items G-18 and G-21 (Resolutions #2023-54 and #2023-56) were removed for further discussion. Motion by Stelk, second by Lanfear to approve the Consent Agenda excluding items G-18 and G-21. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

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#2023-37 - Approving Request from Simple Kitchen, LLC dba Chocolate Bar, 116 West 3rd Street for a Class "CK" Liquor License and Liquor Manager Designation for Angela Dowd, 2140 2nd Avenue, Boelus, NE.

#2023-38 - Approving Amendment to the Farmers National Company Manager Agreement to add Acquired Land in 2022.

#2023-39 - Approving Bid Award for Asphalt Hot-Mix 2023 with J.I.L. Asphalt Paving Co. of Grand Island, Nebraska and Gary Smith Construction Co. of Grand Island, Nebraska for Various Amounts.

#2023-40 - Approving Bid Award for Concrete Ready-Mix for 2023 with Gerhold Concrete Company, Inc. of Grand Island, Nebraska and Consolidated Concrete Co. of Grand Island, Nebraska for Various Amounts.

#2023-41 - Bid Award for Annual Pavement Markings 2023 with Straight-Line Striping of Grand Island, Nebraska in an Amount of \$138,564.00.

#2023-42 - Approving Bid Award for Curb Ramp Project No. 2023-CR-1 with Galvan Construction, Inc. of Grand Island, Nebraska in an Amount of \$184,148.50.

#2023-43 - Approving Bid Award for the 2023 Asphalt Resurfacing Project No. 2023-AC-1 with Gary Smith Construction Co., Inc. of Grand Island, Nebraska in an Amount of \$738,832.37.

#2023-44 - Approving Bid Award for Concrete Pavement and Storm Sewer Repairs for 2023 with The Diamond Engineering Co. of Grand Island, Nebraska in an Amount of \$868,122.50.

#2023-45 - Approving Purchase of One (1) New F150, Four-Wheel Drive Pick-up for the Streets Division of the Public Works Department from Anderson Ford of Lincoln, Nebraska in an Amount of \$41,298.00.

#2023-46 - Approving Acquisition of Public Right-of-Way for Claude Road; Faidley Avenue to State Street; Project No. 2022-P-4 (Sagewood Phase II, LLC- 1921 Sagewood Avenue) in an Amount of \$140,000.00.

#2023-47 - Approving Temporary Construction Easement for Claude Road; Faidley Avenue to State Street; Project No. 2022-P-4 (Sagewood Phase II, LLC- 19121 Sagewood Avenue) in an Amount of \$2,400.00.

#2023-48 - Approving Purchase of a New 14' Vee Box Bulk Salt Spreader for the Streets Division of the Public Works Department from Henderson Products, Inc. of Manchester, Iowa in an Amount of \$36,288.20.

#2023-49 - Approving Award of Professional Engineering Consulting Services for Storm Water Modeling Project with Olsson, Inc. of Grand Island, Nebraska in an Amount not to exceed \$89,400.00.

#2023-50 - Approving PGS Coal Combustion Residual (CCR) Groundwater Services - Task 21 with HDR Engineering of Omaha, Nebraska in an Amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

#2023-51 - Approving Emergency Procurement of Burdick Station CO2 Fire Suppression System in an Amount not to exceed \$200,000.00.

#2023-52 - Approving Bid Award for Water Main Project 2023-W-1 with Myers Construction, Inc. of Broken Bow, Nebraska in an Amount of \$285,378.13.

#2023-53 - Approving Change Order #1 for New Restroom Facilities for Ryder and George Parks with CXT, Inc. of Dallas, Texas for an Increase of \$16,000.00 an a Revised Contract Amount of \$511,910.00.

#2023-54 - Approving RFP for a New Playground at Lincoln Park with Creative Sites, LLC of Omaha, Nebraska in an Amount of \$178,000.00. Parks and Recreation Director Todd McCoy stated this was for the purchase of new playground equipment at Lincoln Park.

Motion by Nickerson, second by Lanfear to approve Resolution #2023-54. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2023-55 - Approving RFQ for Ryder Park Parking Lot Hard Surfacing with Olsson of Grand Island, Nebraska in an Amount of \$44,000.00.

#2023-56 - Approving Amendment to Executive Recruitment Services Contract Agreement with Government Professional Services, LLC of Monument, Colorado to include the Utilities Director Position for an Additional Cost of \$16,500.00. Human Resources Director Aaron Schmid reported with the announcement of the retirement of Utilities Director Tim Luchsinger effective April 6, 2023, it was staff's recommendation that the Utilities Director position be added to the recruitment services contract with Government Professional Services. Discussion was held regarding hiring internally.

Motion by Lanfear, second by Guzinski to approve Resolution #2023-56. Upon roll call vote, Councilmembers Conley, Lanfear, Stelk, Fitzke, Sheard, Guzinski, and Mendoza voted aye. Councilmembers Nickerson and Haase voted no. Motion adopted.

#2023-57 - Approving Addition to the Fee Schedule for Joint Trenching Installations at a cost of \$2.40 per lineal foot.

#2023-58 - Approving Addendum to the East Central 911 Interlocal Agreement.

### REQUESTS AND REFERRALS:

Consideration of Approving the Request from Wish Nebraska, Inc. for a Conditional Use Permit to allow for an 88' Monopole located at 1515 East 4th Street. This item was related to the aforementioned Public Hearing.

Motion by Nickerson, second by Stelk to approve the request for a Conditional Use Permit from Wish Nebraska, Inc.. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Consideration of Approving Grant Application to ICMA/Gates Foundation for Economic Mobility Opportunities. Interim City Administrator Laura McAllon reported that on February 1, 2023 the International City Managers Association (ICMA) announced a partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to provide up to \$30,000 in grant funding to ten selected cities regionally distributed across the United States. The grant program was called the Economic Mobility and Opportunity (EMO) Cohort and Grant. ICMA described the Grant as an opportunity for ICMA members “to receive training, technical assistance, and funding to inform policies and effect conditions that promote overall well-being and upward mobility for their residents.” Both the Finance Director and City Attorney are members of ICMA, which enables the City to apply for the grant funding. Staff recommended approval.

Motion by Lanfear, second by Gudzinski to approve the Grant Application to ICMA/Gates Foundation for Economic Mobility Opportunities. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

### PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Motion by Fitzke, second by Lanfear to approve the payment of claims for the period of February 15, 2023 through February 28, 2023 for a total amount of \$6,279,351.33. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

RaNae Edwards  
City Clerk