



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

Council Session

## Item G-8

**#2023-76 - Appointment of City's Representative of the Nebraska  
Municipal Power Pool**

Staff Contact: Tim Luchsinger

# Council Agenda Memo

**From:** Tim Luchsinger, Utilities Director

**Meeting:** March 28, 2023

**Subject:** Appointment of City's Representatives at the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool

**Presenter(s):** Tim Luchsinger, Utilities Director

## Background

Grand Island has been a member of the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool (NMPP) since it was formed in 1975. The primary goal of the organization is to develop means by which the state's municipal electric utilities could cooperate in developing electric power supply. That organization has since grown to include nearly 200 municipal electric utilities not only in Nebraska, but also from Colorado, Kansas, North Dakota, Wyoming, and Iowa, and has also expanded its scope of services to include wholesale power supply, transmissions services, power marketing, natural gas supply, load aggregation and bulk purchasing, computer programming services and other services specifically designed to serve municipal utilities. NMPP is also the parent company of the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN), which is one of our partners in the Public Power Generating Agency (PPGA), the interlocal agency created for the Whelan Energy Center Unit 2 power plant in Hastings. Grand Island was a charter member of NMPP and has had a representative on the Members Council since the organization's creation. I have served as the City of Grand Island's representative since 2011.

## Discussion

With my retirement in April, I will no longer be available to represent the City at that organization. NMPP is requesting that Grand Island continue its participation in NMPP and formally appoint a replacement and alternate representative. It is recommended that Assistant Utilities Director Travis Burdett, the current alternate representative, be designated as the replacement representative to the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool. It is also recommended that Assistant Utilities Director Lynn Mayhew be designated as the alternate representative. After my retirement, Mr. Burdett and Mr. Mayhew will be the longest serving senior managers in the Department. Mr. Burdett and Mr. Mayhew both have the specific experience and knowledge to best serve Grand Island as the City's representatives at NMPP.

NMPP bylaws require the appointment of representatives to be done by the represented city's governing board, therefore, these recommended appointments are submitted to the City Council for their consideration. **Please note, this item will supersede the item submitted at the March 14, 2023 meeting, which incorrectly referenced the NMPP board of Directors instead of the Members' Council.**

### **Alternatives**

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

### **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that the Council appoint Travis Burdett as the representative, and Lynn Mayhew as the alternate representative, for the City of Grand Island at the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool.

### **Sample Motion**

Move to approve appointment of Travis Burdett as the representative, and Lynn Mayhew as the alternate representative, for the City of Grand Island at the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool.

RESOLUTION 2023-76

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island has had a representative on the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool's (NMPP) Members' Council since its creation in 1975; and

WHEREAS, Tim Luchsinger, the City's current representative, is retiring in April and will no longer be able to fulfill this role; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that Assistant Utilities Director Travis Burdett, the current alternate representative, be designated as the replacement representative and that Assistant Utilities Director Lynn Mayhew be designated as the alternate representative; and

WHEREAS, this supersedes Resolution 2023-64.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that Tavis Burdett be designated as the replacement NMPP representative and Lynn Mayhew be designated as the alternate representative.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, March 28, 2023.

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Roger G. Steele, Mayor

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
March 24, 2023	☐ City Attorney