



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, August 21, 2012

Special Meeting

Item G2

Approving Minutes of July 24, 2012 City Council Study Session

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CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

July 24, 2012

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Study Session 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 July 24, 2012. Notice of the meeting was given in the *Grand Island Independent* on July 18, 2012.

Mayor Jay Vavricek called the meeting to order at 9:15 p.m. The following Councilmembers were present: Chuck Haase, Larry Carney, Bob Niemann, Kirk Ramsey, Peg Gilbert, Mitch Nickerson, Linna Dee Donaldson, Scott Dugan, Vaughn Minton, and John Gericke. The following City Officials were present: City Clerk RaNae Edwards, City Attorney Bob Sivick, Public Works Director John Collins and Finance Director Jaye Monter.

SPECIAL ITEMS:

Presentation of 2013 Wastewater Budget. Public Works Director John Collins reviewed the Wastewater Budget 2013 Enterprise Fund. There were 27 full time and 3 seasonal employees in the Wastewater Division. Operating revenue funding sources was \$29,793,935. General operations were \$3,740,338. Treatment Plant, compost & capital was \$7,610,308. Collection and capital was \$15,435,846. Expenditure totals for general, treatment, and collections was \$26,786,492. An ending cash balance was \$8,531,981.

Reviewed were the following 2013 Wastewater Capital Projects for a 2013 budget for total improvements of \$18,527,952

- Wildwood Subdivision – Sanitary Sewer District No. 528
- Sanitary Sewer Extension; US Hwy 281 to I-80
- Platte Valley Industrial Park – East
- Lift Station No. 7 Repairs/Improvements
- North Interceptor – Phase 1A, Phase 1B, Phase 2
- South and West Interceptor
- 4th St. to 5th/Eddy to Vine
- Westwood Subdivision
- Husker Highway Sanitary Sewer Extension
- Annual Sewer Rehabilitation
- Sewer Districts

The following Treatment Plant projects for the 2013 budget were presented:

- Capital Outlay
- Aeration Basin
- Headworks
- Final Clarifier Repair
- Third Primary and Fourth Secondary Clarifier

- Automation

Mr. Collins gave an overview of the Wastewater Treatment Plant progress. Leadership was in place. Introduced was Plant Engineer Marvin Strong.

Discussion on Grand Generation Center Funding. Finance Director Jaye Monter reported that additional funding for the Grand Generation Center (GGC) would change the Capital Improvement Projects Fund total for the budget year 2012-2013 from \$4,744,067 to \$4,532,157, an addition of \$38,090 for the Grand Generation Center and a decrease in the cost estimate of the City Hall HVAC system of \$25,000.

Pam Lancaster, 2809 Apache Road spoke concerning the 1/2 cent sales tax and the funding mentioned in several documents back in 2004. She stated \$100,000 would be given annually to the GGC.

Gary Quandt, 609 West 14th Street spoke in support. He stated he thought the GGC was receiving \$100,000 annually but found out the funding had been decreasing. He said the seniors were important to the community.

Mayor Vavricek clarified that there had not been a Councilmember approved by the City Council to serve as liaison for the City on the GGC board for many years.

Comments were made regarding the elimination of funds to all out-side agencies over a 5 year period of time. Mentioned was that the GGC paid \$1.00 per year rent for the building which was owned by the City. Building Department Director Craig Lewis commented on city staff time dealing with the GGC building. Comments were made by Council that the City should take care of the building which would be a capital project.

Mayor Vavricek commented on the historical records in the packet that referenced money spent and earmarked for the GGC.

Theresa Engelhardt, Executive Director of the Grand Generation Center explained the private funds for the expansion of the Center. Mentioned was the need for a new roof and parking lot repair which was more money than the GGC could raise.

Discussion was held regarding the Lease Agreement with GGC for upkeep and maintenance to the building. Mayor Vavricek suggested Councilmember Carney continue a dialogue with the County, GGC and the City.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

RaNae Edwards
City Clerk