



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Council Session

Item G1

Approving Minutes of February 26, 2013 City Council Regular Meeting

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CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
February 26, 2013

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 26, 2013. Notice of the meeting was given in *The Grand Island Independent* on February 20, 2013.

Mayor Jay Vavricek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following City Council members were present: Bob Niemann, Linna Dee Donaldson, Chuck Haase, Julie Hehnke, Mitch Nickerson, John Gericke, Scott Dugan, Mike Paulick, and Vaughn Minton. Councilmember Peg Gilbert was absent. The following City Officials were present: City Administrator Mary Lou Brown, Acting City Clerk Brenda Sutherland, City Attorney Robert Sivick, Interim Public Works Director Terry Brown and Finance Director Jaye Monter.

INVOCATION was given by Father Tim Raasch, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 422 West 2nd Street and Dan Naranjo, All Faiths Funeral Home, 2929 South Locust Street followed by the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Vavricek introduced Community Youth Council member Rebecca Riley, a sophomore at Grand Island Central Catholic and adult sponsor Jennifer Cramer.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

Presentation of the "Mayor's Builder Award" to Fonner Park. Mayor Vavricek presented the "Mayor's Builder Award" to Fonner Park. Executive Director Hugh Minor was present and gave a history of Fonner Park.

Recognition of the Grand Island Senior High Wrestling Team for Class "A" State Wrestling Championship. Mayor Vavricek and the City Council recognized Grand Island Senior High Wrestling Team and their coach Mike Schadwinkel for their Class "A" State wrestling championship. The coach introduced members of the Wrestling team.

RESOLUTIONS:

#2013-54 – Consideration of Honorary Naming of Capital Avenue; Broadwell Avenue to Webb Road – "Veterans Memorial Avenue". Interim Public Works Director Terry Brown reported that a request had been made to have the section of Capital Avenue from Broadwell Avenue to Webb Road be given the honorary name of "Veterans Memorial Avenue".

Members from the public that asked to speak on the topic were as follows:

Dave Ziola, 1925 W. 11th, Grand Island, NE,
Gary Quandt, 609 W. 14th, Grand Island, NE
Marlan Ferguson, 2808 Apache Rd., Grand Island, NE

In addition, The Mayor asked Cindy Johnson from The Chamber of Commerce to join Marlan Ferguson in his comments and also Pam Lancaster from the County Board. All spoke in favor.

Motion by Gericke, second by Niemann to approve Resolution #2013-54. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

ORDINANCE:

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

#9421 – Consideration of Creation of Storm Sewer Improvement District No. 2013-1, Summerfield Subdivisions

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.

Interim Public Works Director Terry Brown reported that the developer of the Summerfield Subdivision has a desire to move forward with selling other lots in the subdivision for development. Drainage has been an issue in this subdivision as backwater from Moores Creek has caused damage to homeowner property and before he moved forward with the rest of the project there was an interest in creating the storm sewer improvement district to alleviate the problem. The cost to the homeowner would be \$500 and could be spread over seven years. A presentation was made by Matt Rief of Olsson and Associates. Matt has been the project manager/engineer who has worked on this project for years.

Members of the public who spoke in support of the topic were as follows:

Greg Baxter, 2121 Monitor Rd., Grand Island, NE (developer)
Bob Arends, 1542 Warbler Circle, Grand Island, NE
Maurice Grudzinski, 3903 Partridge Circle, Grand Island, NE
Buhrl Gilpin, 3904 Partridge Circle, Grand Island, NE

Members of the public who spoke in opposition were as follows:

Catherine Kenna, 3841 Meadowlark Circle, Grand Island, NE
Michelle Brisnehan, 3927 Partridge Circle, Grand Island, NE

David Willis, 1609 Summerfield Ave., Grand Island, NE was neutral to this topic but wanted information about how it would affect his property.

Motion by Nickerson to approve Ordinance #9421 – died for lack of a second.

Motion by Dugan, second by Hehnke to deny Ordinance #9421.

City Clerk: Ordinance #9421 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 Minton, Dugan, Gericke, Nickerson, Hehnke, Haase, Donaldson, and Niemann voted aye. Councilmember Paulick voted no. Motion adopted.

CONSENT AGENDA: Consent Agenda items G-6 and G-10 were removed from the agenda for further discussion. Motion by Donaldson, second by Niemann to approve the Consent Agenda excluding items G-6 and G-10. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

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Approving Minutes of February 19, 2013 City Council Study Session/Special Meeting.

Approving Appointment of Michael Corman to South Locust Business Improvement District 2012.

Approving Appointment of Ryan Waind to Business Improvement District #6.

#2013-47 – Approving Bid Award for Water Main Project 2013-W-1 – Clark Street at the Union Pacific Railroad Tracks with Van Kirk Brothers Construction of Sutton, NE in an Amount of \$79,798.50.

#2013-48 – Approving Contract for Concession Stand Operations at the Veterans Athletic Field Complex with Rathjen & Son Enterprises, Inc. dba The Snow of Grand Island, NE for three years. Parks and Recreation Director Todd McCoy reported that proposal had been received in January for the concession stand operations at the Veterans Athletic Field Complex. One proposal had been received which met the requirements of the proposal. The Snow had the contract last year and staff recommended approving the contract for another three years. Discussion was held concerning improvements of the building by The Snow. Henry Rathjen answered questions on the improvements they planned to make.

Motion by Dugan, second by Nickerson to approve Resolution #2013-48. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2013-49 – Approving Bid Award for Golf Course Irrigation Variable Frequency Drive with The Sprinkler Company of Stanton, NE in an Amount of \$43,599.98.

#2013-50 – Approving State Bid Award for (1) 2013 2500 HD Chevrolet Silverado 4x4 Pickup for the Streets Division of the Public Works Department with Husker Auto Group of Lincoln, NE in an Amount of \$44,033.00.

#2013-51 – Approving State Bid Award for (1) 2013 F-150 Ford 4x2 Pickup for the Streets Division of the Public Works Department with Sid Dillon of Crete, NE in an Amount of \$20,621.00.

#2013-52 – Approving Extension of Residency Requirement Date for Fire Chief Cory Schmidt. City Administrator Mary Lou Brown reported that the City Personnel Rules required Department Directors to live within 12 miles of the city limits within six months of their hiring date. Fire

Chief Schmidt was hired on October 1, 2012 and his six months would be up on April 1, 2013. He is in the process of building a new home north of Grand Island and requested an extension of six months to meet the residency requirement.

Comments were made by a few Councilmembers of the importance of Department Directors living in Grand Island and being part of the community.

Motion by Haase to deny Resolution #2013-52. Motion died due to lack of a second.

Motion by Nickerson, second by Minton to approve Resolution #2013-52. Upon roll call vote, Councilmembers Minton, Paulick, Gericke, Nickerson, Haase, and Niemann voted aye. Councilmembers Dugan, Hehnke, and Donaldson voted no. Motion adopted.

#2013-53 – Approving Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with NDOR and Olsson Associates for Engineering Consulting Services Related to Capital Avenue Widening – Webb Road to Broadwell Avenue.

#2013-55 – Approving Bid Award for (15) Protective Transport Systems with Jack's Uniform and Equipment of South Sioux City, IA in an Amount of \$24,009.97.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Motion by Dugan, second by Nickerson to approve the Claims for the period of February 13, 2013 through February 26, 2013, for a total amount of \$4,969,958.09. Unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Brenda Sutherland
Acting City Clerk