



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, December 17, 2013

Council Session

Item G-1

Approving Minutes of November 26, 2013 City Council Regular Meeting

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CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
November 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 November 26, 2013. Notice of the meeting was given in *The Grand Island Independent* on November 20, 2013.

Mayor Jay Vavricek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following City Council members were present: Bob Niemann, Chuck Haase, Julie Hehnke, Mitch Nickerson, Peg Gilbert, Mike Paulick and Vaughn Minton. Councilmembers John Gericke and Linna Dee Donaldson were absent. The following City Officials were present: City Administrator Mary Lou Brown, City Clerk RaNae Edwards, City Attorney Robert Sivick, City Treasurer and Finance Director Jaye Monter and Engineer and Public Works Director John Collins.

INVOCATION was given by Pastor Caroline Price-Gibson, First Presbyterian Church, 2103 West Anna Street followed by the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Vavricek introduced Community Youth Council member Kerrigan Anspauch.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

Presentation of Fire Department Citizen's Citation to Hanna Moeller, Megan Shafer, Angie Pollard, and Tiffany Landon. Fire Chief Cory Schmidt, EMS Division Chief Russ Blackburn and Paramedic Ryan Seaman presented Hanna Moeller, Megan Shafer, Angie Pollard, and Tiffany Landon with the Grand Island Fire Department's Citizen's Citation Award for their September 11, 2013 lifesaving efforts at Xenon International Academy.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing on Request to Rezone Property Located at 309 Shady Bend Circle from R1 Suburban Density Residential to RD Residential Development. Regional Planning Director Chad Nabity reported that this request was to rezone 2.55 acres located at 309 Shady Bend Circle from R1 Suburban Density Residential to RD Residential Development for the purpose of building ten duplexes (20 units). Staff recommended approval. Rick Ruzicka with the Hall County Housing Authority spoke in support. No public testimony was heard.

Public Hearing on Request for Budget Amendment to Community Development Block Grant #10-ED-10. Finance Director Jaye Monter reported that the City was awarded a grant for \$935,000 to provide sanitary and water extensions to Platte Valley Industrial Park-East. A budget amendment was received in July of 2012 to pave Blaine Street, which had been completed, with a balance of \$121,353 remaining. This budget amendment would move the remaining grant activity balance from the street improvement activities to water distribution and sanitary sewer activities. Staff recommended approval. No further public testimony was heard.

ORDINANCES:

#9459 – Consideration of Assessments for Sidewalk Repairs at 1141 Pleasant View Drive

Public Works Director John Collins reported this item was referred from the November 12, 2013 meeting, which would assess to the property owner at 1141 Pleasant View Drive \$550.00 for sidewalk repair.

Motion by Gilbert, second by Niemann to approve Ordinance #9459 on first reading. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#9460 – Consideration of Vacation of a Utility Easement Located in Woodland Park 12th Subdivision (Hastings Ventures, LLC)

Public Works Director John Collins reported this item was referred from the November 12, 2013 meeting. This ordinance would vacate two (2), twenty (20) feet wide drainage/utility easements running east and west through four lots located in Woodland Park 12th Subdivision

Motion by Niemann, second by Minton to approve Ordinance #9460 on first reading. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#9461 – Consideration of Amending Chapter 31 of the Grand Island City Code Relative to Signs

Building Department Director Craig Lewis reported that the proposed ordinance would amend City Code Section 31-25 to allow vacated street frontage to be included in the number of ground signs allowed. This would provide for an additional two signs requested by Grand Island Body Shop owner Fred Schritt. Additional revisions to City Code Chapter 31 reflected and clarified the intent and enforcement of the sign code.

Brad Mellema, director with the Grand Island Convention & Visitors Bureau and Caroline Mitchell spoke in support. Discussion was held concerning the brightness of signs with lights.

Motion by Niemann, second by Nickerson to approve Ordinance #9461 on first reading. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#9462 – Consideration of Request to Rezone Property Located at 309 Shady Bend Circle from R1 Suburban Density Residential to RD Residential Development

This item related to the aforementioned Public Hearing. Comments were made regarding drainage.

Motion by Gilbert, second by Hehnke to approve Ordinance #9462 on first reading. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

CONSENT AGENDA: Consent agenda items G-10, G-11 and G-13 were pulled for further discussion. Motion by Gilbert, second by Hehnke to approve the Consent Agenda excluding items G-10, G-11, and G-13. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approving Minutes of November 12, 2013 City Council Regular Meeting.

Approving Minutes of November 19, 2013 City Council Study Session.

#2013-377 – Approving Request for Budget Amendment to Community Development Block Grant #10-ED-10.

#2013-378 – Approving Supplemental Agreement No. 3 with NDOR and Olsson Associates for Engineering Consulting Services Related to Capital Avenue Widening – Webb Road to Broadwell Avenue in an Amount of \$113,217.28.

#2013-379 – Approving Supplemental Agreement No. 4 with NDOR and Olsson Associates for Engineering Consulting Services Related to Capital Avenue Widening – Webb Road to Broadwell Avenue in an Amount of \$160,012.00.

#2013-380 – Approving Bid Award for Fuel Dispenser Removal & Installation for the Fleet Services Division with Yant Equipment, Inc. of Grand Island, NE in an Amount of \$21,552.44.

#2013-381 – Approving Final Payment for the Crossing Surface Installation Agreement with Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway Company for Improvements at the Broadwell Avenue/BNSF Railroad Crossing in an Amount of \$44,040.43.

#2013-382 – Approving Final Payment for Blaine Street Paving Project No. 2012-P-2; Wildwood Drive to Schimmer Drive with Gehring Construction & Ready Mix Co. of Columbus, NE in an Amount of \$43,438.48.

#2013-383 – Approving Government Services Administration (GSA) Contract Purchase for One (1) Global Positioning System (GPS) for the Wastewater Division of the Public Works Department from Seiler Instruments of Omaha, NE in an Amount of \$31,779.67.

#2013-384 – Approving State Bid Award for (1) 2014 Ford Taurus for the Fire Department from Anderson Ford of Lincoln, NE in an Amount of \$25,719.00. Fire Chief Cory Schmidt reported this all-wheel drive vehicle would replace an older staff car. Discussion was held regarding maintenance and mileage of the current vehicle.

Motion by Nickerson, second by Minton to approve Resolution #2013-384. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2013-385 – Approving State Bid Award for (2) 2014 Ford F150 1/2 Ton Pickups for the Parks and Recreation Department from Anderson Ford Lincoln Mercury of Lincoln, NE in an Amount of \$36,117.00. Parks and Recreation Director Todd McCoy reported these vehicles would replace two pickups in the Parks Department. Discussion was held regarding the maintenance of the current vehicles.

Motion by Haase, second by Niemann to approve Resolution #2013-385. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2013-386 – Approving Change Order #1 Precipitator, Bottom Ash, Boiler Industrial Cleaning 2013/2014 Outage with Meylan Enterprises, Inc. of Omaha, NE for an Increase of \$8,508.64 and a Revised Contract Amount of \$86,238.79.

#2013-387 – Approving Southwest Power Pool Market Participation Agreement. Utilities Director Tim Luchsinger reported that the Grand Island Electric Department recently began participation in the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) Energy Imbalance Service (EIS) market. This regional market was the current method that Nebraska utilities used to buy and sell power, and allowed Grand Island to sell excess generation and purchase lower cost power when available. This market would be changing to the Integrated Market (IM) starting March 1, 2014.

Discussion was held regarding the competitiveness in the market. Wind energy was mentioned.

Motion by Haase, second by Niemann to approve Resolution #2013-387. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2013-388 – Approving Bid Award for Water System – Well Field Control Modifications with Huffman Engineering, Inc. of Lincoln, NE in an Amount of \$43,121.00.

RESOLUTIONS:

#2013-373 – Consideration of Approving Declaration of a Site Known as Redevelopment Area 14 Located on the East Side of North Webb Road between 13th Street and Faidley Avenue. Regional Planning Director Chad Nabity reported this item had been referred from the November 12, 2013 Council meeting. Keith Marvin from David City and Ron Depue, 308 N. Locust Street spoke in support.

Discussion was held regarding the buffer zone, TIF financing in this area and drive ways.

Motion by Haase, second by Nickerson to approve Resolution #2013-373. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2013-376 – Consideration of Approving Settlement Offer in Kortum vs City of Grand Island. City Attorney Robert Sivick reported this item had been pulled from the November 12, 2013 Council meeting. Settlement discussions had taken place and a proposed settlement amount of \$141,500.00 was brought forward for Council consideration. Discussion was held regarding confusion in following state statutes in this matter.

Motion by Gilbert, second by Minton to approve Resolution #2013-376. Upon roll call vote, Councilmembers Minton, Paulick, Gilbert, Nickerson, Hehnke, Donaldson, and Niemann voted aye. Councilmember Haase voted no. Motion adopted.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Motion by Gilbert, second by Paulick to approve the Claims for the period of November 13, 2013 through November 26, 2013, for a total amount of \$6,120,486.66. Unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

RaNae Edwards
City Clerk