



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, December 17, 2013

Council Session

Item G-2

Approving Minutes of December 3, 2013 City Council Regular Meeting

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CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
December 3, 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 December 3, 2013. Notice of the meeting was given in *The Grand Island Independent* on November 27, 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, Peg Gilbert, John Gericke, and Mike Paulick. Councilmember Vaughn Minton was absent. The following City Officials were present: City Administrator Mary Lou Brown, City Clerk RaNae Edwards, Treasurer and Finance Director Jaye Monter, City Attorney Robert Sivick, and Engineer and Public Works Director John Collins.

INVOCATION was given by Pastor Matthew Fowler, Faith United Methodist Church, 724 West 12th Street followed by the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

Recognition of Todd Morgan, Fire Captain with the Fire Department for 25 Years of Service with the City of Grand Island. The Mayor and City Council recognized Fire Captain Todd Morgan for 25 years of service with the City of Grand Island. Fire Chief Cory Schmidt introduced Fire Captain Todd Morgan. Mr. Morgan and his wife were present for the recognition.

SPECIAL ITEMS:

ELECTION OF CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Mayor Vavricek reported that the City Council was required to elect one Councilmember to the office of Council President for a term of one year and that the Council President automatically assumed the duties of the Mayor in the event that the Mayor was absent or otherwise unable to fulfill his duties. Councilmember Gilbert nominated Chuck Haase and Councilmember Nickerson nominated Vaughn Minton.

City Clerk RaNae Edwards called for the first ballot. It was reported that Councilmember Haase had received 6 votes, Councilmember Minton had received 1 vote, and Councilmember Paulick had received 1 vote which was rejected because he had not been nominated.

Mayor Vavricek declared Councilmember Chuck Haase the new Council President for 2014.

Motion by Gilbert, second by Niemann to make the vote a unanimous one for Councilmember Haase as City Council President for 2014. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

ORDINANCE:

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

- #9459 – Consideration of Assessments for Sidewalk Repairs at 1141 Pleasant View Drive
- #9460 – Consideration of Vacation of a Utility Easement Located in Woodland Park 12th Subdivision (Hastings Ventures, LLC)
- #9461 – Consideration of Amending Chapter 31 of the Grand Island City Code Relative to Signs
- #9462 – Consideration of Request to Rezone Property Located at 309 Shady Bend Circle from R1 Suburban Density Residential to RD Residential Development

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.

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

Public Works Director John Collins reported this item was the second and final reading that would assess to the property owner at 1141 Pleasant View Drive \$550.00 for sidewalk repair.

Motion by Donaldson, second by Niemann to approve Ordinance #9459.

City Clerk: Ordinance #9459 on second and final reading. All those in favor of the passage of this ordinance on second and final reading, answer roll call vote. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Mayor Vavricek: By reason of the roll call votes on second reading and then upon final passage, Ordinance #9459 is declared to be lawfully adopted upon publication as required by law.

- #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 the second and final reading that 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 Haase, second by Niemann to approve Ordinance #9460.

City Clerk: Ordinance #9460 on second and final reading. All those in favor of the passage of this ordinance on second and final reading, answer roll call vote. Upon roll call vote, Councilmembers Paulick, Gericke, Gilbert, Nickerson, Hehnke, Haase, and Donaldson voted aye. Councilmember Niemann voted no. Motion adopted.

Mayor Vavricek: By reason of the roll call votes on second reading and then upon final passage, Ordinance #9460 is declared to be lawfully adopted upon publication as required by law.

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

Building Department Director Craig Lewis reported this item was the second and final reading that 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.

Motion by Nickerson, second by Gericke to approve Ordinance #9461.

City Clerk: Ordinance #9461 on second and final reading. All those in favor of the passage of this ordinance on second and final reading, answer roll call vote. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Mayor Vavricek: By reason of the roll call votes on second reading and then upon final passage, Ordinance #9461 is declared to be lawfully adopted upon publication as required by law.

#9462 – Consideration of 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 this item was the second and final reading that would rezone property located at 309 Shady Bend Circle from R1 Suburban Density Residential to RD Residential Development.

Motion by Gericke, second by Hehnke to approve Ordinance #9462.

City Clerk: Ordinance #9462 on second and final reading. All those in favor of the passage of this ordinance on second and final reading, answer roll call vote. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Mayor Vavricek: By reason of the roll call votes on second reading and then upon final passage, Ordinance #9462 is declared to be lawfully adopted upon publication as required by law.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

RaNae Edwards
City Clerk