



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Council Session

Item G-1

Approving Minutes of February 25, 2014 City Council Regular Meeting

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CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
February 25, 2014

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 25, 2014. Notice of the meeting was given in *The Grand Island Independent* on February 19, 2014.

Mayor Jay Vavricek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following City Council members were present: Kent Mann, Linna Dee Donaldson, Chuck Haase, Julie Hehnke, Mitch Nickerson, Peg Gilbert, John Gericke, Mark Stelk, Mike Paulick, and Vaughn Minton. 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 City Engineer and Public Works Director John Collins.

INVOCATION was given by Father Todd Philipsen, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 518 West State Street followed by the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Vavricek introduced Community Youth Council member Joe Huston and board member Ramona Otto.

PRESENTATION AND PROCLAMATION:

Proclamation “Habitat for Humanity – Build a Dream Day” February 28, 2014. Mayor Vavricek proclaimed February 28, 2014 as “Habitat for Humanity – Build a Dream Day”. Dana Jelinek with Habitat for Humanity was present to receive the proclamation.

Recognition of Crane Trust Nature Center. Mayor Vavricek recognized the Crane Trust Nature Center for their leadership in promoting Central Nebraska and the upcoming spring migration of the sandhill cranes. Chuck Cooper, President and CEO of the Crane Trust Nature Center was present for the recognition and mentioned a video that would be aired on April 25, 2014 on PBS and throughout the nation.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing on Acquisition of Utility Easement Located at 1011 Claude Road (Morrison Enterprises, LLC). Utilities Director Tim Luchsinger reported that acquisition of a utility easement located at 1011 Claude Road was needed in order to have access to install, upgrade, maintain, and repair power appurtenances, including lines and transformers for the purpose of providing a loop or two-way feed to all transformers at this location. Staff recommended approval. No public testimony was heard.

Public Hearing on Acquisition of Utility Easement in Vlach Subdivision (Vlach Properties, LLC). Public Works Director John Collins reported that acquisition of a utility easement located in the Vlach Subdivision was needed in order to install and maintain utilities for Street Improvement District No. 1260; Webb Road – South Webb Road extending north from Stolley

Park Road to Union Pacific Railroad Tracks. Staff recommended approval. No public testimony was heard.

CONSENT AGENDA: Consent Agenda item G-10 was removed for further discussion. Motion by Donaldson, second by Paulick to approve the Consent Agenda excluding item G-10. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approving Minutes of February 11, 2014 City Council Regular Meeting.

Approving Minutes of February 18, 2014 City Council Study Session.

Approving Appointments of Councilmembers Kent Mann and Chuck Haase to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Board.

Approving Appointment of Councilmember Mike Paulick to the Building Code Advisory Board.

Approving Request for Liquor Manager Designation for Jeff Deline, 3721 West Capital Avenue, Apt. A301 with Ruby Tuesday, 3429 West 13th Street.

#2014-29 – Approving Acquisition of Utility Easement Located at 1011 Claude Road (Morrison Enterprises, LLC).

#2014-30 – Approving Bid Award for Mark V HMI Upgrades at Platte Generating Station, Fall of 2014 with GE Energy Control Solutions of Longmont, CO in an Amount of \$150,934.27.

#2014-31 – Approving Bid Award for Burdick Pump Station High Service Pump #2 Recondition with Engineered Pump Services of Mukwonago, WI in an Amount of \$34,607.61.

#2014-32 – Approving Change Order #1 – Utility Management System with Mainsaver Software Inc. of San Diego, CA for an Increase of \$26,040.00 and a Revised Contract Amount of \$235,360.00.

#2014-33 – Approving Agreement with Olsson Associates for Construction Engineering Services for the Various Locations in Grand Island (Resurfacing) Project in an Amount of \$305,106.99. Public Works Director John Collins reported that this was a change order with Olsson Associates for a federal project. Discussion was held concerning the 80% match. Project Manager Scott Greipenstroh explained the fixed fee of \$34,000 and stated the state would fund \$275,000 of the \$305,000 total cost of the project. Anything above the total cost of the project would be the responsibility of the City.

Motion by Gilbert, second by Haase to approve Resolution #2014-33. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2014-34 – Approving Acquisition of Utility Easement in Vlach Subdivision (Vlach Properties, LLC).

#2014-35 – Approving Temporary Construction Easement for Street Improvement District No. 1260; Webb Road (Vlach Properties, LLC) in an Amount of \$4,048.00.

#2014-36 – Approving Contract for Soft Drink Service for Aquatic Facilities with PepsiCo Food Service of Grand Island, NE.

RESOLUTIONS:

#2014-37 - Consideration of Approving Change Order #1 – Air Quality Control System (AQCS) at Platte Generating Station, AMEC. Utilities Director Tim Luchsinger reported that AMEC of Tucker, GA was awarded the contract for Air Quality Control System at Platte Generating Station. Change Order #1 was needed to replace switchgear cabinets and breakers in an amount of \$896,510.00 and a revised contract amount of \$42,085,841.00. Comments were made concerning an impact on rates. Mr. Luchsinger stated no rate change would be needed.

Motion by Haase, second by Minton to approve Resolution #2014-37. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2014-38 – Consideration of Approving Coal Supply for Platte Generating Station – 87,000 Tons for 2014 and 335,000 Tons for 2015. Utilities Director Tim Luchsinger reported that the City Electric Department through Western Fuels Association invited bids for 87,000 tons of coal for the remainder of 2014, and the year 2015 Coal Supply. Cloud Peak Energy from the Cordero Rojo Mines submitted bids in accordance with terms and contract specifications. Staff recommended approving the contract with Cloud Peak Energy.

Comments were made by Council concerning the efficiency in the market place and the benefit to rate payers.

Motion by Haase, second by Paulick to approve Resolution #2014-38. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2014-39 – Consideration of Approving Applications for Civic and Community Center Financing Fund Grant. Finance Director Jaye Monter reported that the City of Grand Island would seek the opportunity to apply for a \$1,125,000 grant from the Civic and Community Center Financing Fund from the State of Nebraska's Department of Economic Development (DED) Department. Two applications would be submitted: the Veterans Athletic Field Complex Expansion and the Island Oasis Water Park Expansion and Facility Update. Staff recommended approval.

Discussion was held concerning the ongoing costs to support these projects. Ms. Monter stated funding for these projects would be included in the 2015 budget. Parks & Recreation Director Todd McCoy stated they estimated \$75,000 additional costs for the Veterans Field and \$50,000 additional costs for the Water Park per year. City Administrator Mary Lou Brown stated indirect impacts would benefit the City from the Veterans Field with additional tournaments bringing in more people who would pay sales tax, hotel tax, food and beverage tax. Ms. Monter stated only one project would be funded by DED.

Motion by Minton, second by Nickerson to approve Resolution #2014-39. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Motion by Gilbert, second by Minton to approve the Claims for the period of February 12, 2014 through February 25, 2014, for a total amount of \$6,587,476.98. Unanimously approved. Councilmember Hehnke abstained from claim #69313 in the amount of \$281.25. Comments were made regarding the purchase of a tablet by the Legal Department.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Gilbert, second by Nickerson to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:09 p.m. for the purpose of a strategy session with respect to pending litigation and labor negotiations with IBEW Local 1507, Utilities, Wastewater, Finance, and Service Clerical. Unanimously approved.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Motion by Gilbert, second by Stelk to return to Regular Session at 9:23 p.m. Unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

RaNae Edwards
City Clerk