



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, July 22, 2014

Council Session - Corrected

Item G-1

Approving Minutes of July 8, 2014 City Council Regular Meeting

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CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

July 8, 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 July 8, 2014. Notice of the meeting was given in *The Grand Island Independent* on July 2, 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, and Vaughn Minton. Councilmember Mike Paulick 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 City Engineer and Public Works Director John Collins.

INVOCATION was given by Pastor Scott Friesen, Berean Bible Church, 4116 West Capital Avenue followed by the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing on Acquisition of Utility Easement located at 4395 Gold Core Drive – TNS Holdings, L.L.C. (Rich & Sons). Utilities Director Tim Luchsinger reported that acquisition of a utility easement located at 4395 Gold Core Drive was needed in order to have access to install, upgrade, maintain, and repair power appurtenances, including lines and transformers. The easement would be used to locate new cable, conduit, and a pad-mounted transformer to provide electricity to the new facility at Rich & Sons Camper Sales. Staff recommended approval. No public testimony was heard.

Public Hearing Approving Acquisition of Right-of-Way for Capital Avenue Widening – Webb Road to Broadwell Avenue. Public Works Director John Collins reported that acquisition of right-of-way for the Capital Avenue – Webb Road to Broadwell Avenue Widening Project was needed to accommodate the public utilities and a widened roadway along Capital Avenue. Staff recommended approval. No public testimony was heard.

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

Approving Minutes of June 24, 2014 City Council Regular Meeting.

Approving Minutes of June 24, 2014 City Council Study Session.

Approving Minutes of July 1, 2014 City Council Study Session.

Approving Request for Liquor Manager Designation for Brett Klanecky, 3617 Curran Avenue, Apt. 5 with Pizza Hut, 1608 South Locust Street and 707 N. Diers Avenue.

#2014-184 - Approving Acquisition of Utility Easement - 4395 Gold Core Drive - TNS Holdings, L.L.C. (Rich & Sons).

#2014-185 - Approving Agreement with Nebraska Game & Parks for Youth Bow Hunting Program at the Platte River Wellfield. Utilities Director Tim Luchsinger reported that the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission recently approached the City to participate in their youth hunter education program by allowing eligible youth hunters and their mentors to utilize the Platte River Wellfield for archery hunting. Jeremy Atkins, 2115 Sherwood Road spoke in support but was concerned about the number and location of the participants in the area. He owns property to the north, abutting the wellfield and wanted to see some controls on where the participants were allowed to hunt.

Discussion was held regarding the area that would be open to hunt. Mr. Luchsinger stated the NE Game & Parks Commission has a lot of experience in these types of programs and in the past had coordinated with adjoining land owners. The length of the contract was questioned. Mr. Luchsinger stated there was no term limit. Concerns were raised regarding the number of participants. Mr. Luchsinger stated access to the wellfield would be controlled by the Utilities Department. Assistant City Attorney Stacy Nonhof answered questions concerning the contract. This contract was specifically for bow hunting.

Motion by Gilbert, second by Nickerson to approve Resolution #2014-185. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2014-186 - Approving Agreement for Temporary Construction Easement & Leasehold Agreements for Capital Avenue Widening – Webb Road to Broadwell Avenue.

#2014-187 - Approving Agreement with NDOR for the Grand Island Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GIAMPO) for the 2015 Fiscal Year Transportation Planning Program.

#2014-188 - Approving Acquisition of Right-of-Way for Capital Avenue Widening – Webb Road to Broadwell Avenue.

#2014-189 - Approving Renewal of Life Insurance Policy.

RESOLUTIONS:

#2014-190 - Consideration of Approving City of Grand Island Corporate Card Credit Agreement with Bank of America. Finance Director Jaye Monter reported that as presented in the July 1, 2014 study session, every year the City of Grand Island pays over \$100 million to outside vendors. By switching to the proposed credit card program and capturing even 10% of that spending it would provide the City with an estimated \$170,000 in rebate or cash back.

Motion by Minton, second by Nickerson to approve Resolution #2014-190.

Discussion was held regarding transactional limits on each card along with listing vendors on the schedule of bills. Ms. Monter stated the City Procurement Code would be followed.

Motion by Haase to amend the motion and set a transactional limit of \$2,500 per transaction on each card. The motion failed to be considered by lack of a second.

Additional remarks were made regarding the program. Upon roll call vote for the original motion, Councilmembers Minton, Stelk, Gericke, Gilbert, Nickerson, Hehnke, Donaldson, and Mann voted aye. Councilmember Haase voted no. Motion adopted.

#2014-191 - Consideration of Forgiving Liens on Real Property Located at 808 West 5th Street. City Attorney Robert Sivick reported that the City had entered into an agreement with Juanita Roman on June 20, 1990 for a rehabilitation loan in the amount of \$15,000.00 for her property located at 808 West 5th Street. Ms. Roman passed away on December 30, 2001 and the property was passed on to her sons, Robert and Francisco Roman. William Ziller would like to acquire the property to rehabilitate it and was requesting the City forgive the liens attached to this property in the amount of \$15,595.00.

Motion by Donaldson, second by Hehnke to approve Resolution #2014-191. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2014-192 - Consideration of Designating No Parking on Both Sides of Stolley Park Road, from US Highway 281 to South Locust Street. Public Works Director John Collins reported that upon discussion by the City Council and citizens at the June 24, 2014 Study Session, the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department recommended the designation of No Parking on both sides of Stolley Park Road, from US Highway 281 to South Locust Street. The No Parking restriction would make for a safer roadway by leaving it unencumbered by parked vehicles.

Paul Wicht, 1708 Jerry Drive and Trudy Janulewicz, 414 West Stolley Park Road spoke in opposition. Waunita McGowan, 2909 Circle Drive spoke in support.

Comments were made regarding this being the first step in making this road safer. School zones were mentioned along with events at Stolley Park and speed limits. Mr. Collins stated it was possible to have temporary parking for special events. If approved implementation would start as soon as signs were acquired. Striping of this street would depend on weather and school issues. A lengthy discussion was held regarding school parking zones.

Motion by Gilbert, second by Minton to approve Resolution #2014-192. Upon roll call vote, Councilmembers Minton, Stelk, Gilbert, Nickerson, Hehnke, Haase, Donaldson, and Mann voted aye. Councilmember Gericke voted no. Motion adopted.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Motion by Gilbert, second by Gericke to approve the Claims for the period of June 25, 2014 through July 8, 2014, for a total amount of \$4,927,781.03. Councilmember President Haase questioned a claim in the amount of \$29,200 to Jerry's Sheet Metal for damage to the Heartland Events Center. Unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

RaNae Edwards
City Clerk